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## Rules of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

### 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.

## I.

### CONFERENCE ROLLS.

#### (a) CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL.

- |                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1858 William W. Redman      | 1884 William A. Wise      |
| 1862 George S. Conaway      | 1884 Edmund H. Derrickson |
| 1866 James Esgate           | 1884 Thomas N. Given      |
| 1868 Cornelius W. Prettyman | 1884 Daniel F. McFaul     |
| 1869 Philip H. Rawlins      | 1884 William F. Dawson    |
| 1870 Joseph A. Arters       | 1885 James M. Mitchell    |
| 1870 Adam Stengle           | 1885 James W. Easley      |
| 1870 George E. Reed         | 1885 Robert Watt          |
| 1871 William E. Tomkinson   | 1885 James D. Reese       |
| 1871 Levin W. Layfield      | 1885 George W. Bowman     |
| 1871 Thomas H. Harding      | 1885 Daniel H. Willis     |
| 1871 Franz O. B. Wallin     | 1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield |
| 1872 John P. Otis           | 1885 Oscar L. Martin      |
| 1873 Robert Roe             | 1886 George E. Wood       |
| 1873 Frank C. MacSorley     | 1886 William W. Sharp     |
| 1873 William M. Greene      | 1886 William R. Mowbray   |
| 1875 Walter W. White        | 1886 Henry S. Dulaney     |
| 1876 George W. Townsend     | 1886 William G. Koons     |
| 1876 Louis E. Barrett       | 1886 Clinton T. Wyatt     |
| 1876 Wilbur F. Corkran      | 1886 James T. Prouse      |
| 1876 John M. Collins        | 1886 Benjamin F. Jester   |
| 1876 Thomas E. Terry        | 1886 William P. Taylor    |
| 1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker    | 1887 Zach H. Webster      |
| 1878 Robert K. Stephenson   | 1887 James H. Wilson      |
| 1878 Howard T. Quigg        | 1887 Harvey W. Ewing      |
| 1878 Gordon R. Neese        | 1888 George T. Alderson   |
| 1879 Olin S. Walton         | 1888 John F. Anderson     |
| 1879 Alfred Smith           | 1888 Frank F. Carpenter   |
| 1879 Joshua M. Lindale      | 1888 William P. Compton   |
| 1881 Frederick J. Cochran   | 1888 Wesley W. Chaires    |
| 1881 Louis P. Corkran       | 1888 Warren Burr          |
| 1881 Sewall N. Pilchard     | 1888 Joshua W. Gray       |
| 1882 Allison P. Prettyman   | 1888 George W. Stallings  |
| 1882 Charles H. Williams    | 1889 Vinal E. Hills       |
| 1883 William B. Guthrie     | 1889 Truston C. Smoot     |
| 1883 George L. Hardesty     | 1889 James W. Fogle       |
| 1883 Vaughan S. Collins     | 1890 George W. Bounds     |
|                             | 1890 Melvin D. Nutter     |
|                             | 1890 Julius A. Brewington |
|                             | 1891 Edwin Gardner        |
|                             | 1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan  |
|                             | 1891 George A. Cooke      |
|                             | 1891 George P. Jones      |

1892 Van P. Northrup  
 1892 William S. H. Williams  
 1892 William O. Hurst  
 1892 Theodore F. Beauchamp  
 1892 Clarence W. Strickland

1893 William L. White  
 1893 John P. Outten  
 1893 James T. Richardson

1894 Henry G. Budd  
 1894 John H. Beauchamp  
 1894 Charles W. Moore

1895 Edward H. Collins  
 1895 Daniel J. Givan  
 1895 Thomas R. Van Dyke

1896 Luther E. Poole  
 1896 George P. Smith  
 1896 Leolan Jackson  
 1896 John W. R. Sumwalt

1897 John W. Prettyman  
 1897 Thomas S. Holt  
 1897 William O. Bennett  
 1897 Harry Taylor

1898 Omar E. Jones  
 1898 John W. Jones  
 1898 Frederick X. Moore  
 1898 Hugh B. Kelso  
 1898 George R. Ellis

1899 Edward H. Dashiell  
 1899 John L. Johnson  
 1899 George W. Dawson

1900 Howard Davis  
 1900 Clarence N. Jones  
 1900 William C. Poole  
 1900 Frank N. Faulkner  
 1900 Goldsborough W. Hastings  
 1900 William E. Greenfield  
 1900 John A. Hudson

1902 Milton McCann  
 1902 William E. Matthews  
 1902 George C. Williams  
 1902 James H. Gardner  
 1902 Oram T. Baynard  
 1902 James W. Colona  
 1902 Edward H. Marshall

1903 Arthur W. Goodhand  
 1903 George S. Thomas  
 1903 Walter E. Gunby  
 1903 William E. Habbart  
 1903 Charles T. Jones  
 1903 Joseph T. Herson

1904 Joseph A. Buckson  
 1904 John M. Kelso  
 1904 Edwin B. Taylor

1905 Lewis B. Morgan  
 1905 Elwood W. Jones  
 1905 Daniel J. Ford  
 1905 Jesse C. McCoy

1906 Daniel Wilson  
 1906 William G. Harris  
 1906 John L. Sparklin  
 1906 John H. Warren  
 1906 Emory W. McDowell  
 1906 Carlisle L. Hubbard  
 1906 Henry W. Hoiter

1907 William H. Briggs  
 1907 Tilghman Smith  
 1907 Oden E. James  
 1907 John R. Bicking  
 1907 Cyrus P. Keene  
 1907 William H. Revelle  
 1907 Ransom P. Nichols

1908 John W. Sutton  
 1908 Leonard White  
 1908 James T. Price

1909 John J. Bunting  
 1909 Edgar C. Prettyman  
 1909 Frank Herson

1910 John C. B. Hopkins  
 1910 Melvin E. Wheatley  
 1910 Thomas J. Sard  
 1910 Harry C. Shipley  
 1910 Harry E. Reed

1911 Oren B. Rice  
 1911 David J. Moore  
 1911 Charles W. Spry

1912 George S. Allen  
 1912 Olie H. Connelly  
 1912 George E. Sterling  
 1912 George F. Newton  
 1912 Ivanhoe Willis  
 1912 George W. Williams

1913 Disston W. Jacobs  
 1913 James A. Leach  
 1913 Zach W. Wells  
 1913 John W. Chappell

1914 Frank White  
 1914 Norman C. Benson  
 1914 Marion W. Marine  
 1914 Essell P. Thomas

1915 Ralph C. Jones  
 1915 Luther M. Broadway  
 1915 John L. Prettyman  
 1915 Claude W. Clark

1916 Roy T. Thawley  
 1916 Charles C. Harris  
 1916 Lester E. Windsor  
 1916 Otis B. Reed

1917 Walter A. Hearn  
 1917 Blanchard P. Moore  
 1917 Charles H. Atkins  
 1917 William T. McGuire  
 1917 William S. Grant

1917 Harry D. West  
 1917 William F. Godwin

1918 William H. Alderson  
 1918 Wade H. Cummings  
 1918 Edmund W. Henvis  
 1918 Robert S. Hodgson  
 1918 Willard V. Moore  
 1918 John T. Rowleson  
 1918 John W. Wootten  
 1918 August F. Zimmermann

1919 Earl M. Shockley  
 1919 John H. Whedbee

(b) ALPHABETICAL ROLL AND DIRECTORY.

Note:—In column headed "Relation," the following abbreviations are used: "E" denotes Elder; "D," Deacon; "P," Probationer; "R," Retired; "Sy," Supernumerary.

The figures in the first column indicate the year of admission on trial; those in the last column, the year of appointment or relation.

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1888 Alderson, G. T.	E Chestertown, Md.	1
1918 Alderson, W. H.	P Somewhere in France	2
1912 Allen, G. S.	E Powellville, Md.	2
1888 Anderson, J. F.	E Mt. Lebanon (P.O. Rockland, Md.)	1
1870 Arters, J. A.	R Chestertown, Md.	9
1917 Atkins, C. H.	D Lincoln, Del.	2
1876 Barrett, L. E.	R Chestertown, Md.	1
1902 Baynard, O. T.	E Rehoboth, Del.	2
1892 Beauchamp, T. F.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1894 Beauchamp, J. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1897 Bennett, W. O.	E Berlin, Md.	2
1914 Benson, N. C.	E Greenwood, Del.	1
1907 Bicking, J. R.	E New Castle, Del.	2
1890 Bounds, G. W.	E Richardson Park, Del.	3
1885 Bowman, G. W.	R Laurel, Del.	14
1890 Brewington, J. A.	E Westover, Md.	1
1907 Briggs, W. H.	E Selbyville, Del.	4
1915 Broadway, L. M.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1904 Buckson, J. A.	E Whitesville, Del.	5
1894 Budd, H. G.	E Dover, Del.	9
1909 Bunting, J. J.	E Ridgely, Md.	2
1888 Burr, Warren	E Harrington, Del.	2
1888 Carpenter, F. F.	E Laurel, Del.	4
1888 Chaires, W. W.	E Bozman, Md.	4
1913 Chappell, J. W.	D Red Cross Hospital	2
1915 Clark, C. W.	D Brack Ex (P.O. Marshallton, Del.)	2
1881 Cochran, F. J.	E Hockessin, Del.	2
1876 Collins, J. M.	R 1607 W. 13th St., Wilm., Del.	15
1883 Collins, V. S.	E Salisbury, Md.	3
1895 Collins, E. H.	E North East, Md.	1
1902 Colona, J. W.	E Dover, Del.	2
1888 Compton, W. P.	R 6726 Lansdown Ave., Phila., Pa.	7
1862 Conaway, G. S.	R Smyrna, Del.	14
1912 Connelly, O. H.	E Roxana, Del.	3
1891 Cooke, G. A.	R 311 S. Jackson St., Wilm., Del.	3

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1876 Corkran, W. F.	E Crisfield, Md.	2
1881 Corkran, L. P.	R Sudlersville, Md.	3
1918 Cummings, W. H.	P Ebenezer (P. O. Newark, Del.)	2
1899 Dashiell, E. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	5
1900 Davis, Howard	E Chaplain in U. S. Army	2
1884 Dawson, W. F.	E Tangier, Va.	2
1899 Dawson, G. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	7
1884 Derrickson, E. H.	E Odessa, Del.	2
1886 Dulaney, H. S.	E Felton, Del.	3
1885 Easley, J. W.	R Dover, Del.	1
1898 Ellis, G. R.	E Magnolia, Del.	3
1866 Esgate, James	R Los Angeles, California	34
1887 Ewing, H. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1900 Faulkner, F. N.	E Delmar, Del.	7
1889 Fogle, J. W.	R Seaford, Del.	2
1905 Ford, D. J.	E Frankford, Del.	1
1891 Gardner, Edwin	E Chestertown, Md. (Pomona)	3
1902 Gardner, J. H.	E Seaford, Del.	2
1891 Geoghegan, J. H.	E Bethel Circuit (P.O. Pivot, Md.)	1
1895 Givan, D. J.	E Milton, Del.	3
1884 Given, T. N.	E Lewisville, Pa. (St. John's)	2
1917 Godwin, W. F.	D Bishopville, Md.	2
1903 Goodhand, A. W.	E Still Pond, Md.	2
1917 Grant, W. S.	D Houston, Del.	4
1888 Gray, J. W.	E Charlestown, Md.	2
1873 Greene, W. M.	R Wyoming, Del.	16
1900 Greenfield, W. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1903 Gunby, W. E.	E Cambridge, Md.	2
1883 Guthrie, W. B.	E Kenton, Del.	3
1903 Habbart, W. E.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1883 Hardesty, G. L.	R Seaford, Del.	6
1871 Harding, T. H.	R Wilmington, Del.	13
1906 Harris, W. G.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1916 Harris, C. C.	D Wilmington, Del.	2
1900 Hastings, G. W.	E Perryville, Md.	1
1917 Hearn, W. A.	D Somewhere in France	2
1918 Hervis, E. W.	P At School	1
1903 Herson, J. T.	E Salisbury, Md.	4
1909 Herson, Frank	E Newark, Del.	2
1889 Hills, V. E.	E Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1918 Hodgson, R. S.	P At School	2
1876 Hoeffcker, E. L.	R Bellevue, Md.	2
1897 Holt, T. S.	R Federalsburg, Md.	8
1906 Holter, H. W.	E Ocean View, Del.	1
1910 Hopkins, J. C. B.	E Hebron, Md.	1
1906 Hubbard, C. L.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1900 Hudson, J. A.	E Chester-Bethel (P.O. Boothwyn, Pa.)	1
1892 Hurst, W. O.	E Phoebus, Va.	1

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1896	Jackson, Leolan . . . . . E Princess Anne, Md. . . . .	3
1913	Jacobs, D. W. . . . . E Bridgeville, Del. . . . .	2
1907	James, O. E. . . . . E Red Lion, Del. . . . .	1
1886	Jester, B. F. . . . . R Wilmington, Del. . . . .	3
1899	Johnson, J. L. . . . . E Crisfield, Md. . . . .	2
1891	Jones, G. P. . . . . E Elkton, Md. . . . .	5
1898	Jones, J. W. . . . . E Cape Charles, Va. . . . .	1
1898	Jones, O. E. . . . . E Lewes, Del. . . . .	5
1900	Jones, C. N. . . . . E Clayton, Del. . . . .	4
1903	Jones, C. T. . . . . E Tilghman's, Md. . . . .	3
1905	Jones, E. W. . . . . E Wilmington, Del. . . . .	4
1915	Jones, R. C. . . . . D At School . . . . .	2
1907	Keene, C. P. . . . . E Over Seas . . . . .	1
1898	Kelso, H. B. . . . . E Mt. Pleasant (P.O.Edgemoor,Del.)	4
1904	Kelso, J. M. . . . . E Crapo, Md. . . . .	2
1886	Koons, W. G. . . . . R Rising Sun, Md. . . . .	4
1871	Layfield, L. W. . . . . E Delaware City, Del. . . . .	1
1913	Leach, J. A. . . . . E Greensboro, Md. . . . .	1
1879	Lindale, J. M. . . . . R Wye Mills, Md. . . . .	3
1902	McCann, Milton . . . . . E Smyrna, Del. . . . .	1
1905	McCoy, J. C. . . . . E Zion, (P. O. North East, Md.)	5
1906	McDowell, E. W. . . . . E Hillsboro, Md. . . . .	3
1884	McFaul, D. F. . . . . R Wilmington, Del. . . . .	2
1917	McGuire, W. T. . . . . P At School . . . . .	2
1873	MacSorley, F. C. . . . . E Federalsburg, Md. . . . .	5
1914	Marine, M. W. . . . . E Stockton, Md. . . . .	2
1902	Marshall, E. H. . . . . E Georgetown, Del. . . . .	1
1885	Martin, O. L. . . . . E White Haven, Md. . . . .	1
1902	Matthews, W. E. . . . . E Cordova, Md. . . . .	3
1885	Mitchell, J. M. . . . . R Millington, Md. . . . .	2
1894	Moore, C. W. . . . . E Hurlock, Md. . . . .	2
1898	Moore, F. X. . . . . E Port Deposit, Md. . . . .	5
1911	Moore, D. J. . . . . E Millington, Md. . . . .	2
1917	Moore, B. P. . . . . D Church Creek, Md. . . . .	2
1918	Moore, W. V. . . . . P At School . . . . .	1
1905	Morgan, L. B. . . . . E Chincoteague, Va. . . . .	6
1886	Mowbray, W. R. . . . . E Dover, Del. . . . .	4
1878	Neese, G. R. . . . . E Marshallton, Del. . . . .	1
1912	Newton, G. F. . . . . E Cherry Hill, Md. . . . .	1
1907	Nichols, R. P. . . . . E Smyrna, Del. . . . .	1
1892	Northrup, V. P. . . . . E Middletown, Del. . . . .	2
1890	Nutter, M. D. . . . . E Chesapeake City, Md. . . . .	6
1872	Otis, J. P. . . . . R Cedars, Del. . . . .	1
1893	Outten, J. P. . . . . E Deal's Island, Md. . . . .	3
1881	Pilchard, S. N. . . . . E Georgetown, Del. . . . .	2
1896	Poole, L. E. . . . . E Snow Hill, Md. . . . .	5
1900	Poole, W. C. . . . . E Parsonburg, Md. . . . .	2
1868	Prettyman, C. W. . . . . R Carlisle, Pa. . . . .	4

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1882	Prettyman, A. P. . . . . R Galena, Md. . . . .	3
1897	Prettyman, J. W. . . . . E Sharptown, Md. . . . .	2
1909	Prettyman, E. C. . . . . E Wilmington, Del. . . . .	5
1915	Prettyman, J. L. . . . . E Millsboro, Del. . . . .	1
1908	Price, J. T. . . . . E Camden, Del. . . . .	3
1886	Prouse, J. T. . . . . R Edgemoor, Del. . . . .	7
1878	Quigg, H. T. . . . . E Newport, Del. . . . .	2
1869	Rawlins, P. H. . . . . R Seaford, Del. . . . .	9
1858	Redman, W. W. . . . . R Greenwood, Del. . . . .	29
1870	Reed, G. E. . . . . E Harrisburg, Pa. . . . .	4
1910	Reed, H. E. . . . . E Rising Sun, Md. . . . .	3
1916	Reed, O. B. . . . . D Church Hill, Md. . . . .	2
1885	Reese, J. D. . . . . R Magnolia, Del. . . . .	1
1907	Revelle, W. H. . . . . E Somerset (P. O. Chance, Md.)	2
1911	Rice, O. B. . . . . E Mt. Vernon, Md. . . . .	2
1893	Richardson, J. T. . . . . E Preston, Md. . . . .	4
1873	Roe, Robert . . . . . R Oxford, Md. . . . .	8
1918	Rowlenson, J. T. . . . . P Crumpton, Md. . . . .	2
1910	Sard, T. J. . . . . E Wilmington, Del. . . . .	2
1886	Sharp, W. W. . . . . E Frederica, Del. . . . .	4
1910	Shiple, H. C. . . . . E Wyoming, Del. . . . .	
1919	Shockley, E. M. . . . . P Bayside, Md. . . . .	1
1879	Smith, Alfred . . . . . R Wyoming, Del. . . . .	3
1896	Smith, G. P. . . . . E Cheswold, Del. . . . .	3
1907	Smith, Tilghman . . . . . E East New Market, Md. . . . .	2
1889	Smoot, T. C. . . . . E Rock Hall, Md. . . . .	2
1906	Sparklin, J. L. . . . . E Wyoming, Del. . . . .	1
1911	Spry, C. W. . . . . E Farmington, Del. . . . .	2
1888	Stallings, G. W. . . . . E Marydel, Md. . . . .	2
1870	Stengle, Adam . . . . . R Wilmington, Del. . . . .	5
1878	Stephenson, R. K. . . . . E Milford, Del. . . . .	4
1912	Sterling, G. E. . . . . E Fairmount, Md. . . . .	1
1892	Strickland, C. W. . . . . E Dagsboro, Del. . . . .	1
1896	Sumwalt, J. W. R. . . . . E Wilmington, Del. . . . .	1
1885	Sunfield, E. C. . . . . E Wilmington, Del. . . . .	1
1908	Sutton, J. W. . . . . E Hopewell, Md. . . . .	2
1886	Taylor, W. P. . . . . E Grace (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)	2
1904	Taylor, E. B. . . . . E Nanticoke, Md. . . . .	1
1897	Taylor, Harry . . . . . E Bethel, Del. . . . .	2
1916	Thawley, R. T. . . . . D At School . . . . .	2
1876	Terry, T. E. . . . . R Bridgeville, Del. . . . .	5
1903	Thomas, G. S. . . . . E Kent Is. (P.O. Stevensville, Md.)	5
1914	Thomas, E. P. . . . . E Ocean City, Md. . . . .	2
1871	Tomkinson, W. E. . . . . R Rehoboth Beach, Del. . . . .	21
1876	Townsend, G. W. . . . . R Ridley Park, Pa. . . . .	5
1895	Van Dyke, T. R. . . . . E Cecilton, Md. . . . .	1
1871	Wallin, F. O. B. . . . . R Sweden . . . . .	19
1879	Walton, O. S. . . . . R Red Lion, Del. . . . .	14

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1906 Warren, J. H.	E Seaford, Del.	2
1885 Watt, Robert	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1887 Webster, Z. H.	E Townsend, Del.	1
1913 Wells, Z. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	3
1917 West, H. D.	P Fairlee, Md.	2
1910 Wheatley, M. E.	E Centreville, Md.	1
1919 Whedbee, J. H.	P Trappe, Md.	1
1875 White, W. W.	R Salisbury, Md.	1
1893 White, W. L.	E Easton, Md.	6
1908 White, Leonard	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1914 White, Frank	E Galena, Md.	3
1882 Williams, C. H.	R Snow Hill, Md.	6
1892 Williams, W. S. H.	R Georgetown, Del.	3
1902 Williams, G. C.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1912 Williams, G. W.	E Queenstown, Md.	1
1885 Willis, D. H.	R Cambridge, Md.	7
1912 Willis, Ivanhoe	E St. George's, Del.	3
1887 Wilson, J. H.	E Colora, Md.	1
1906 Wilson, Daniel	E Onancock, Va.	1
1916 Windsor, L. E.	D Mt. Pleasant (P. O. Laurel, Del.)	2
1884 Wise, W. A.	E Smyrna, Del.	4
1886 Wood, G. E.	E Girdletree, Md.	1
1918 Wootten, J. W.	P Fruitland, Md.	1
1886 Wyatt, C. T.	E Denton, Md.	4
1918 Zimmerman, A. F.	P Nassau, Del.	2

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Adams, R. H.	Wilmington, Del.	5
Atkinson, W. F.	Zoar (P. O. Georgetown, Del.)	1
Barrett, T. S.	Ellendale, Del.	3
Byrd, E. M.	Elliott's Island, Md.	2
Brisbin, Frank	Quantico, Md.	1
Buckson, W. C.	Canterbury (P. O. Viola, Del.)	1
Conaway, W. N.	Burrsville, Md.	4
Covington, Henry	Salem Ct. (P. O. Centreville, Md.)	4
Derrickson, J. L.	Ewell, Md.	1
Dixon, T. S.	Ayres' Chpl. (P.O. Leemont, Va.)	2
Elzey, R. C.	Gumboro, Del.	2
Gehman, G. T.	Hickman (P. O. Dover, Del.)	1
Gilbert, Webster	Cedars, Del.	1
Graham, J. T.	Mardela Springs, Md.	1
Hanby, S. L.	Royal Oak, Md.	1
Horner, W. B.	Oxford, Md.	1
Hubbard, E. L.	Beckwith & Spedden (P. O. Cornersville, Md.)	5
Hudson, C. H.	Williamsburg, Md.	2

Name.	Appointment.	Year
Kelley, J. P.	Galestown (P. O. Seaford, Del.)	3
Lindale, J. M.	Wye Mills, Md.	2
McCann, W. M.	Hillcrest, Del.	1
McLain, L. T.	Leipsic, Del.	1
Mills, R. W.	Blades, Del.	2
Parker, J. E.	Marion, Md.	2
Pardee, Thomas	Vienna, Md.	1
Prettyman, A. P.	Sassafras (P. O. Galena, Md.)	2
Prettyman, D. B.	Pocomoke Circuit (P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.)	1
Sharpless, C. D.	Henderson, Md.	3
Short, W. D.	Claymont, Del.	1
Smith, H. D.	Edge Moor, Del.	1
Thornton, J. H.	Reliance (P. O. Oak Grove, Del.)	1
Travers, Alonzo	Armory (P. O. Dover, Del.)	1
Vandermuelin, C. A.	Newark, Md.	1
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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.  
Earl M. Shockley, John H. Whedbee.  
(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.  
None.
6. Who have been Continued on Trial?  
(a) In Studies of First Year.  
William H. Alderson, Robert S. Hodgson, Willard V. Moore, August F. Zimmerman.  
(b) In Studies of Second Year.  
Wade H. Cummings, John W. Chappell, Edmund W. Henvis, William T. McGuire, John T. Rowlenon, Harry D. West, John W. Wootten.  
(c) In Studies of Third Year.  
None.  
(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.  
Walter A. Hearn.
7. Who have been Discontinued?  
Raymond W. Cooke, at his own request; Joseph A. Pignatiello.
8. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?  
(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.  
Charles H. Atkins, William F. Godwin, William S. Grant, Blanchard P. Moore.  
(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.  
None.

9. What Members are in Studies of Third Year.  
(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.  
Charles H. Atkins, William F. Godwin, William S. Grant, Blanchard P. Moore.  
(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.  
Claude W. Clark, Ralph C. Jones, Roy T. Thawley.
10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?  
Charles C. Harris, Otis B. Reed, Lester E. Windsor.
11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?  
(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.  
Luther M. Broadway, John L. Prettyman, Charles W. Spry.  
(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) As Local Preachers.  
None.  
(b) Under Missionary Rule.  
None.  
(c) Under the Seminary Rule.  
None.
13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?  
(a) As Local Deacons.  
Levin T. McLain.  
(b) Under Missionary Rule.  
None.
14. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?  
It was strictly done in open Conference.
15. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?  
J. H. Bickford, Pittsburgh; H. F. Randolph, Baltimore; L. I. McDougle, Baltimore.
16. Who have Died?  
Ralph T. Coursey, Wilmer Jaggard, William H. Kenney, Emerson P. Roberts.
17. Who have been Located at their own Request?  
W. M. McCann.
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?  
None.
24. Who are the Retired Ministers?  
J. A. Arters, L. E. Barrett, G. W. Bowman, J. M. Collins, G. S. Conaway, W. P. Compton, G. A. Cooke, L. P. Corkran, J. W. Easley, James Esgate, J. W. Fogle, W. M. Green, T. H. Harding, G. L. Hardesty, E. L. Hoffecker, T. S. Holt, B. F. Jester, W. G. Koons, J. M. Lindale, D. F. McFaul, J. M. Mitchell, J. P. Otis, C. W. Prettyman, A. P. Prettyman, J. T. Prouse, P. H. Rawlins, W. W. Redman, J. D. Reese, Robert Roe, Alfred Smith, Adam Stengle, T. E. Terry, W. E. Tomkinson, G. W. Townsend, O. S. Walton, F. O. B. Wallin, W. W. White, C. H. Williams, W. S. H. Williams, D. H. Willis.
25. Who are the Triers of Appeals?  
R. K. Stephenson, T. F. Beauchamp, F. F. Carpenter, G. T. Alderson, T. E. Terry.  
Reserves:—H. W. Ewing, E. L. Hoffecker.
26. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?  
See Report.
27. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?  
See Report.
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?  
\$74,599.
- (b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?  
\$12,633.

31. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?  
\$39,202.
32. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?  
\$24,208.
- (b) How has it been Applied?  
See Report of Board of Stewards.
33. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?  
\$22,000.
34. What amount has been paid by the Conference Treasurer to the Board of Conference Claimants for Connectional Relief?  
\$615.
35. Where are the Preachers Stationed?  
See List of Appointments.
36. Where shall the Next Conference be held?  
Grace Church, Wilmington.

## VI.

## APPOINTMENTS.

## DOVER DISTRICT.

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

Armory & Asbury, (Sup.) Alonzo Travers P. O. Dover, Del.	Hooper's Island, To be supplied P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.
Beckwith & Spedden, (Sup.) E. L. Hubbard P. O. Cambridge, Md.	Houston, Del., W. S. Grant
Bethel, Del. Harry Taylor	Hurlock, Md., C. W. Moore
Blades & Epworth (Sup.) R. W. Mills P. O. Blades, Del.	Lakesville, Md., To be supplied P. O. Golden Hill, Md.
Bridgeville, Del., D. W. Jacobs	Laurel, Del., F. F. Carpenter
Cambridge, Md. W. E. Gunby	Leipsic, Del., (Sup.) L. T. McLain
Camden, Del., J. T. Price	Lewes, Del., O. E. Jones
Canterbury, (Sup.) W. C. Buckson P. O. Viola, Del.	Lincoln, Del., C. H. Atkins
Church Creek & Taylor's Island, B. P. Moore P. O. Church Creek, Md.	Little Creek, Del. (Sup.) R. H. Wilson Magnolia & Barratt's Chapel, G. R. Ellis P. O. Magnolia, Del.
Crapo, Md. J. M. Kelso	Milford, Del., R. K. Stephenson
Dover, Del. J. W. Colona	Milford Neck & Williamsville, To be supplied P. O. Milford Neck, Del.
East New Market, Md., Tilghman Smith	Millsboro, Del., J. L. Prettyman
Ellendale, Del. (Sup.) T. S. Barrett	Milton, Del., D. J. Givan
Elliott's Island, Md., (Sup.) E. M. Byrd	Mt. Pleasant, Del., L. E. Windsor P. O. Laurel, Del.
Farmington, Del., C. W. Spry	Nassau, Del., A. F. Zimmerman
Federalsburg, Md., F. C. MacSorley	Rehoboth, Del., O. T. Baynard
Felton, Del., H. S. Dulaney	Reliance, (Sup.) J. H. Thornton P. O. Oak Grove, Del.
Frederica, Del., W. W. Sharp	Salem, Md., To be supplied
Galestown & McKendree, (Sup.) J. P. Kelley	Seaford, Del., J. H. Warren
P. O. Seaford, Del.	Seaford Circuit, J. H. Gardner P. O. Seaford, Del.
Georgetown, Del. S. N. Pilchard	Vienna, Md. Thomas Pardee
Georgetown Circuit, E. H. Marshall	Williamsburg, Md. (Sup.) C. H. Hudson
P. O. Georgetown, Del.	Wyoming, Del., J. L. Sparklin
Greenwood, Del. N. C. Benson	Zoar Circuit, (Sup.) W. F. Atkinson P. O. Georgetown, Del.
Harrington, Del. Warren Burr	
Hickman & Epworth, (Sup.) Gilbert Gehman	
P. O. Hickman, Md.	

## EASTON DISTRICT.

W. A. Wise, District Superintendent, (P. O. Smyrna, Del.)

Bayside, P. O. Sherwood, Md.	E. M. Shockley	Middletown, Del., V. P. Northrup
Bozman, Md.,	W. W. Chaires	Millington & Dulaney, D. J. Moore P. O. Millington, Md.
Burrsville, Md., (Sup.) W. N. Conaway	W. N. Conaway	Odessa, Del., E. H. Derrickson
Cecilton, Md.,	T. R. VanDyke	Oxford, Md. (Sup.) W. B. Horner
Centreville, Md.,	M. E. Wheatley	Pomona, P. O. Chestertown, Md.
Chestertown, Md.,	G. T. Alderson	Preston, Md., J. T. Richardson
Cheswold, Del.,	G. P. Smith	Queenstown, Md., G. W. Williams
Church Hill, Md.,	O. B. Reed	Ridgely, Md., J. J. Bunting
Clayton, Del.,	C. N. Jones	Rockhall, Md., T. C. Smoot
Concord, P. O. Hobbs, Md.	To be supplied	Royal Oak, Md., S. L. Hanby
Cordova, Md.,	W. E. Matthews	St. Michaels, Md., To be supplied Salem Circuit, (Sup.) Henry Covington P. O. Centreville, Md.
Crumpton, Md.,	J. T. Rowleson	Sassafras, (Sup.) A. P. Prettyman P. O. Galena, Md.
Denton, Md.,	C. T. Wyatt	Smyrna, Del., R. P. Nichols
Easton, Md.,	W. L. White	Smyrna Circuit, To be supplied P. O. Smyrna, Del.
Fairlee, Md.,	H. D. West	Still Pond, Md., A. W. Goodhand
Galena, Md.,	Frank White	Sudlersville, Md., To be supplied
Greensboro, Md.,	J. A. Leach	Tilghman's, Md., C. T. Jones
Henderson, Md., (Sup.) C. D. Sharpless	C. D. Sharpless	Townsend, Del., Z. H. Webster
Hillsboro, Md.,	E. W. McDowell	Trappe, Md., J. H. Whedbee
Kent Island, P. O. Stevensville, Md.	G. S. Thomas	Wye Mills, Md. (Sup.) J. M. Lindale
Kenton, Del.,	W. B. Guthrie	
Marydel, Md.,	G. W. Stallings	

## SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Vaughan S. Collins, District Superintendent, (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)

Annamessex, P. O. Crisfield, Md.	To be supplied	Dagsboro & St. Georges, C. W. Strickland P. O. Dagsboro, Del.
Ayres, Chapel, (Sup.) T. S. Dixon	(Sup.) T. S. Dixon	Deal's Island, Md., J. P. Outten
P. O. Leemont, Va.	P. O. Leemont, Va.	Delmar, Del., F. N. Faulkner
Berlin, Md.,	W. O. Bennett	Fairmount, Md., G. E. Sterling
Bishopville, Md.,	W. F. Godwin	Frankford, Del., D. J. Ford
Cape Charles, Va.,	J. W. Jones	Fruitland, Md., J. W. Wootten
Chincoteague, Va.,	L. B. Morgan	Girdletree, Md., G. E. Wood
Claremont, Va.,	To be supplied	Gumboro, Del., (Sup.) R. C. Elzey
Crisfield, Md.:		Hebron, Md., J. C. B. Hopkins
Asbury,	W. F. Corkran	Holland's Is., Md., To be supplied
Immanuel,	J. L. Johnson	

Mardela Springs, Md., (Sup.) J. T. Graham	Roxana, Del., St. Peters, P. O. Oriolé, Md.	O. H. Connelly To be supplied
Marion, Md., (Sup.) J. E. Parker	Salisbury, Md.:	
Mt. Vernon, Md., Nanticoke, Md., Newark, Md., (Sup.) C. A. Vandermuelen	Asbury, Grace & Stengle, Selbyville, Del., Sharptown, Md., Smith Island, (Sup.) J. L. Derrickson	J. T. Herson W. P. Taylor W. H. Briggs J. W. Prettyman
Ocean City, Md., Ocean View & Millville, H. W. Holter P. O. Ocean View, Del.		
Onancock, Va., Parsonburg, Md., Phoebus, Va., Pittsville, Md. Pocomoke City, Md., Pocomoke Ct. (Sup.) D. B. Prettyman P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.	Daniel Wilson W. C. Poole W. O. Hurst To be supplied V. E. Hills D. B. Prettyman	
Powellville, Md., Princess Anne, Md., Quantico, Md., (Sup.) Frank Brisbin	G. S. Allen Leolan Jackson Frank Brisbin	
	Snow Hill, Md., Somerset, P. O. Chance, Md. Stockton, Md., Tangier, Va., Venton, Md., Westover, Md., Whitesville, Del., White Haven, Md.,	L. E. Poole W. H. Revelle M. W. Marine W. F. Dawson To be supplied J. A. Brewington J. A. Buckson O. L. Martin

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

Bethel Circuit, P. O. Pivot, Md.	J. H. Geoghegan	Kirkwood, P. O. Red Lion, Del.	(Sup.) O. S. Walton
Charlestown, Md., Cherry Hill, P. O. Elkton, Md.	J. W. Gray G. F. Newton	Marshallton, Del., Mt. Lebanon, P. O. Rockland, Del.	G. R. Neese J. F. Anderson
Chesapeake City, Md., Chester-Bethel, P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.	M. D. Nutter J. A. Hudson	Mt. Pleasant, P. O. Edgemoor, Del.	H. B. Kelso
Christiana, Del., (Sup.) John White Claymont, Del., (Sup.) W. D. Short Colora, Md., Delaware City & Port Penn, P. O. Delaware City, Del.	John White W. D. Short J. H. Wilson L. W. Layfield	Newark, Del., New Castle, Del., Newport & Stanton, P. O. Newport, Del.	Frank Herson J. R. Bicking H. T. Quigg
Ebenezer, P. O. Newark, Del.	W. H. Cummings	Northeast, Md., Perryville, Md., Port Deposit, Md., Red Lion, Del., Rising Sun, Md., St. George's & Summit, Ivanhoe Willis	E. H. Collins G. W. Hastings F. X. Moore O. E. James H. E. Reed
Elk Mills, Md., Elk Neck, P. O. North East, Md.	To be supplied To be supplied	St. John's, P. O. Lewisville, Pa.	
Elkton, Md., Hockessin, Del., Hopewell, Md.,	G. P. Jones F. J. Cochran J. W. Sutton		

Zion Circuit, P. O. North East, Md.	J. C. McCoy	Harrison Street, Hillcrest, (Sup.) Italian Mission, Kingswood, Madeley, McCabe, Mt. Salem, Richardson Park, Scott, Silverbrook, St. Paul's, Trtnity, (Sup.) Union, Wesley,	W. E. Habbart W. M. McCann To be supplied C. C. Harris L. M. Broadway G. C. Williams Leonard White G. W. Bounds T. J. Sard E. W. Jones C. L. Hubbard R. H. Adams H. W. Ewing Z. W. Wells
Wilmington: Asbury, Brandywine, Brack-Ex, P. O. Marshallton, Del. Cedars, (Sup.) Cookman, Eastlake, Edgemoore, (Sup.) Epworth, Grace,	G. W. Dawson W. E. Greenfield C. W. Clark Webster Gilbert W. G. Harris E. C. Sunfield H. D. Smith T. F. Beauchamp J. W. R. Sumwalt		

- H. G. Budd, President, Wesley Collegiate Institute, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.
- J. H. Beauchamp, Secretary, Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, Asbury Quarterly Conference.
- E. H. Dashiell, Secretary, Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference.
- E. C. Prettyman, Superintendent of the Peninsula District of the Maryland-Delaware Anti-Saloon League, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference.
- G. E. Reed, President, National Society for Broader Education, Grace Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.
- C. P. Keen, Secretary, Anti-Saloon League for Over Seas duty, Asbury Quarterly Conference, Salisbury, Md.
- Howard Davis, Chaplain in the United States Army, Bridgeville Quarterly Conference.
- W. A. Hearn, Y. M. C. A. work with United States Army, Somewhere in France, Grace Quarterly Conference.
- Milton McCann, Field Secretary of the Board of Sunday Schools, Asbury Quarterly Conference, Smyrna, Del.
- W. Hulburd Alderson, Soldier in the United States Army.
- R. T. Thawley, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.
- W. T. McGuire, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.
- R. S. Hodgson, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.
- R. C. Jones, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.
- W. V. Moore, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.
- E. W. Hervis, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.



VII.  
JOURNAL.

FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—The Wilmington Annual Conference convened for its Fifty-first Session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Chestertown, Md., March 26, 1919, at 8:30 A. M.

**PRESIDING OFFICER.**—Bishop William F. McDowell of Washington, D. C., as presiding officer, called the Conference to order.

**LORD'S SUPPER.**—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Bishop McDowell, assisted by the pastor of the church and several elders.

**ROLL CALL.**—The Secretary of the previous Conference called the roll, one hundred and forty-one members and probationers responding to their names.

**DECEASED MEMBERS.**—The Conference arose and stood while the names of our recently deceased brethren were called, after which appropriate hymns were sung.

**ORGANIZATION:—Secretary.**—On motion of W. R. Mowbray, Diss-ton W. Jacobs was unanimously elected Secretary, and named as his assistants J. R. Bicking and Tilghman Smith.

**Treasurer.**—J. J. Bunting, V. E. Hills and T. J. Sard were nominated for Treasurer of the Conference, and the following tellers were appointed:—Tilghman Smith, E. H. Derrickson, W. O. Bennett and J. H. Beauchamp. On motion of Robert Watt the Conference voted that the nominee receiving a plurality of votes be declared elected. The vote resulted as follows:—V. E. Hills, 60 votes; J. J. Bunting, 42 votes; T. J. Sard, 39 votes, and V. E. Hills was declared elected, and he named as his assistants, J. T. Richardson, E. W. McDowell, W. H. Revelle, W. P. Taylor, J. J. Bunting, E. C. Prettyman, Daniel Wilson, J. L. Sparklin, L. B. Morgan, E. B. Taylor, T. J. Sard, H. D. West, C. H. Atkins and J. L. Prettyman.

**Statistician.**—W. E. Gunby was unanimously elected Statistician, naming as his assistants, J. H. Geoghegan, A. W. Goodhand, W. M. McCann, G. R. Ellis, M. W. Marine, G. S. Thomas, N. C. Benson, R. P. Nichols, G. E. Sterling, J. W. Wootten, Leolan Jackson, J. M. Kelso and H. B. Kelso.

**Bar of Conference:**—The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the tenth row of pews from the chancel.

**Postmaster:**—J. T. Prouse was unanimously elected postmaster.

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM.**—The program of the Conference as printed was made the official program, subject to modification when deemed necessary.

**HOUR OF ADJOURNMENT.**—The hour for adjournment of the morning sessions was fixed at 12 o'clock Noon.

**QUESTION 2.**—The Second Question, "Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences"? was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer into this Conference of John W. R. Sumwalt from the Pittsburgh Conference; Harvey W. Ewing from the West Virginia Conference; George W. Williams from the Blue-Ridge Atlantic Conference; Thomas R. VanDyke from the Baltimore Conference, and Henry W. Holter from the Northwest Indiana Conference, and the first three named, together with Carlisle L. Hubbard and Frank Herson, were introduced to the Conference.

**DELAWARE BOXING LAW.**—On motion of G. T. Alderson, L. E. Barrett and Alfred Smith were appointed a committee to prepare and send a telegram to the President of the Delaware Senate protesting against the passage of the Boxing Law now before that body. G. T. Alderson was later added to this committee and named chairman.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—The following were nominated by the District Superintendents as ministerial members of the Conference Board of Stewards:—Dover District, F. C. MacSorley; Easton District, E. H. Derrickson; Salisbury District, W. O. Hurst; Wilmington District, E. W. Jones, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

**DRAFTS.**—Charles R. Oaten, representing the Board of Conference Claimants, was introduced and addressed the Conference, presenting a draft for \$200. The Bishop presented a draft from the Methodist Book Concern for \$2,550. Both drafts were ordered in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Robert A. Brooks was introduced as the representative of the Methodist Book Concern and addressed the Conference.

**STANDING COMMITTEES.**—W. A. Wise presented and read nominations for standing committees and they were confirmed.

**CONFERENCE RELATIONS.**—The following were nominated and confirmed as members of the Committee on Conference Relations:—E. W. McDowell, F. N. Faulkner, G. W. Dawson and G. S. Thomas.

**ADDRESS BY BISHOP.**—The Bishop briefly addressed the Conference.

**REPORTS.**—On motion of C. W. Prettyman, it was ordered that the Pastors' reports to Treasurer and Statistician be handed in as originally prepared.

**QUESTION 14.**—The Fourteenth Question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. W. A. Wise, Superintendent of the Easton District, was called, his character passed and he read a report

of the work of the District. The Effective Elders of this District were called, their characters passed, and they reported having presented the disciplinary benevolences as well as having pro-rated ministerial support.

**CHANGE OF RELATION.**—On motion of W. A. Wise, the relation of L. E. Barrett and J. D. Reese was changed from Effective to Retired, at their own request. The case of J. D. Reese was referred to the Board of Stewards.

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

**QUESTION 14.**—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. W. R. Mowbray, Superintendent of the Dover District, was called, his character passed, and he read a report of the work of the District. The Effective Elders of this District were called, their characters passed and they gave satisfactory reports of their work.

**METHODIST REVIEW.**—W. P. Taylor was nominated and appointed agent for the "Methodist Review".

**PHOTOGRAPH OF BISHOP.**—The Secretary presented to the Conference for its use a cut of the photograph of Bishop McDowell.

**BARRETT'S CHAPEL.**—After F. J. Cochran reported that the Barrett's Chapel endowment fund had not been returned by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension to the Conference Trustees, on motion of E. L. Hoffecker the Conference re-affirmed the resolution of last year regarding this fund.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—After announcements and the singing of the doxology Conference adjourned, W. E. Tomkinson 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.

**ROLL CALL.**—The Secretary called the roll, and on motion of W. A. Wise, Conference discontinued the roll calls.

**APPORTIONMENTS TO DISTRICTS.**—It was ordered, on motion of V. S. Collins, that no apportionments for the several charges on the respective districts be presented to the Conference at such time as the District Superintendents are not present to take part in the discussion.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY.**—On motion of E. H. Dashiell, the report of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission was made the order of the day for 9:45 o'clock Saturday morning. On motion of Robert Watt the report of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock, Friday morning.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—An executive session was ordered immediately after the reading of the Journal, Friday morning, by motion of V. S. Collins.

**QUESTION 14.**—The Fourteenth Question was resumed. Robert Watt, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, was called, his character passed and he read his report. The Effective Elders of the District were called, their characters passed, and they gave satisfactory reports of their work.

V. S. Collins, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, was called, his character passed and he presented and read a report of the work of the District. The Effective Elders of this District were called, their characters passed, and they, too, gave satisfactory reports of their work.

**CHANGE OF RELATION.**—On motion of their District Superintendents and at their own request, the relation of W. W. White, J. P. Otis and J. W. Easley was changed from Effective to Retired, and the case of W. W. White was referred to the Board of Stewards.

**QUESTION 14.**—The Effective Elders in special service were called and their characters passed.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Harry P. Bennett, Circulation Manager of "The Christian Advocate", Thomas R. Van Dyke and Rev. J. L. Ward of Christ Methodist Protestant Church, Chestertown, Md., were introduced, the first named addressing the Conference.

**SECRETARY WORK.**—On motion of the Secretary, a committee consisting of E. H. Dashiell, G. T. Alderson, C. T. Wyatt, W. A. Wise and R. K. Stephenson, was appointed to confer with him looking toward placing his work on a business-like basis.

**QUESTION 25.**—The Twenty-fifth Question, "Who are the Triers of Appeals?" was taken up. Bishop McDowell nominated R. K. Stephenson, T. F. Beauchamp, F. F. Carpenter, G. T. Alderson and T. E. Terry. Reserves:—E. L. Hoffecker and H. W. Ewing; and they were approved by the Conference.

**QUESTION 36.**—The Thirty-sixth Question, "Where shall the Next Conference be held?" was taken up. Through its pastor, J. W. R. Sumwalt, Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., invited the Conference to hold its next annual session in said church, requesting the privilege of entertaining the ministerial body without cost to the Conference, and leaving the Bureau of Sessions free to entertain the Lay Electoral Conference as they may deem wise. By a rising vote, the invitation was accepted.

**SURPLUS FUNDS.**—The retiring Treasurer, J. W. Colona, reported \$151.08 surplus monies in his possession. On motion of E. H. Dashiell, \$125 of this amount was ordered paid to the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund, and the balance to be left in the Treasury as an emergency fund.

**EPISCOPAL FUND.**—Announcement was made of apportionments for Episcopal Fund totaling, \$3871, same being distributed as follows:—Dov-

er District, \$873; Easton District, \$815; Salisbury District, \$982; Wilmington District, \$1201, and they were approved.

**EXCUSED.**—R. K. Stephenson and J. W. Colona were excused to attend a funeral. J. W. Easley was excused.

**EXTENSION OF TIME.**—Time was extended on motion of W. E. Tomkinson.

**MINISTERIAL TRUSTEES OF W. C. I.**—For the purpose of resolving the Conference session into a corporate session and the election of six ministerial trustees of Wesley Collegiate Institute, the Chair was assumed by R. K. Stephenson, Vice-President of the Board of Trustees of said Institute. F. C. MacSorley, C. T. Wyatt, E. L. Hoffecker, R. K. Stephenson, J. T. Herson and W. E. Gunby were nominated, and they were elected for a term of three years.

**CHAIR.**—After the adjournment of the corporate session, at the request of Bishop McDowell, R. K. Stephenson presided while announcements were made and Conference adjourned, C. W. Prettyman pronouncing the benediction.

### THIRD SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

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

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

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Mrs. William F. McDowell and Dr. M. E. Swartz, Area Secretary of the Centenary, were introduced to the Conference.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—Conference entered into executive session, and G. W. Dawson and W. P. Taylor were appointed doorkeepers.

**QUESTION 11.**—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Luther M. Broadway, John L. Prettyman and Charles W. Spry were called, their characters passed, they gave report of their work, the registrar reported 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 Fourth Year?" was taken up. Charles C. Harris, Otis B. Reed and Lester E. Windsor were called, their characters passed, they gave report of their work, the Registrar reported and, on motion, they were advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year. Claude W. Clark, Roy T. Thawley and Ralph C. Jones were called, their characters passed, the first named gave a report of his work, the Registrar reported and, on motion, they were continued in the Studies of the Third Year.

**QUESTION 8.**—The Eighth Question, "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Charles H. Atkins, William F. Goodwin, William S. Grant and Blanchard P. Moore were called, their char-

acters passed, they gave a report of their work, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented and the Committee recommended. (See Fourth Session for complete action—"Opening".)

Harry D. West, William T. McGuire and John W. Chappell were called, their characters passed, the first named gave a report of his work, the Registrar reported and, on motion, they were Continued on Trial in the Studies of the Second Year.

Walter A. Hearn was called, his character passed, and he was Continued on Trial in Studies of the Fourth Year, and on motion of V. S. Collins, Bishop McDowell was requested, if possible, to make suitable arrangements for his reception into Full Membership.

Joseph A. Pignatiello was called and he was discontinued.

**QUESTION 6.**—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Wade H. Cummings, Edmund W. Henvis, John T. Rowleson and John W. Wootten were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and they were Continued on Trial and advanced to the Studies of the Second Year.

August F. Zimmerman, William H. Alderson, Willard V. Moore and Robert S. Hodgson were called, their characters passed, the first named gave a report of his work, the Registrar reported, and they were Continued on Trial in Studies of the First Year.

Raymond W. Cooke was called and, at his own request, he was discontinued.

**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 Earl M. Shockley and John H. Whedbee and they were introduced to the Conference, after which they retired from the session. The Registrar reported, the Superintendents represented, the Committee recommended, and they were Received on Trial and placed in Studies of the First Year.

**QUESTION 13.**—The Thirteenth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up. The Secretary read the recommendation in due form of Levin T. McLain for Elder's Orders under the Local Rule. The Registrar reported, the Superintendent represented and he was elected to Elder's Orders.

**QUESTION 17.**—The Seventeenth Question, "Who have been located at their own Request?" was taken up. V. S. Collins presented and read the request of W. Miller McCann for a Certificate of Location, and on motion of Robert Watt the request was granted.

**CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.**—G. C. Williams presented and read the following nominations for Managers of the Wilmington Conference Education Society to serve for a term of three years:—Ministerial, R. P. Nichols and F. F. Carpenter; Lay, A. B. Magee and E. J. Winder, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

**REPORT.**—The report of the Secretary of the Wilmington Conference Education Society was ordered printed in the minutes without being read in Conference session.

**OFFICIAL VISITORS.**—The following Official Visitors were nominated and elected:—Dickinson—J. J. Bunting, W. H. Briggs, John M. Kelso and T. N. Rawlins; Drew—F. F. Carpenter and James H. Gardner; Wesley Collegiate Institute—J. W. Colona, C. M. Woore and L. M. Price; Goucher—G. P. Jones and G. S. Thomas; Morgan College—J. P. Outten and J. L. Johnson; Princess Anne Academy—V. E. Hills and W. O. Bennett.

**CASE OF MRS. R. T. COURSEY.**—On motion of Alfred Smith, the case of Mrs. R. T. Coursey was referred to the Board of Stewards with the recommendation for an appropriation of \$200.

**BLADES' REPORT MONIES.**—The Rev. R. Ward Mills, Pastor of Blades, being prevented, on account of a contagious disease, from remitting his benevolent money to the amount of \$150 to the Treasurer, on motion of Robert Watt the cabinet was ordered to underwrite this sum.

**DISPOSITION OF PROPERTIES.**—The District Superintendents were instructed to dispose of Harmony Church on Easton District, church properties at Redden on Dover District and at Box Iron on Salisbury District in accordance with their best judgments.

The Conference approved the action of V. S. Collins, District Superintendent of Salisbury District, in the sale of the parsonage property at Holland's Island.

**COLLECTION.**—A special collection for the purpose of increasing the fund available for the Conference Claimants, to be taken at a time later determined, was ordered on motion of H. G. Budd.

**ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The order of the day for the hearing of the report of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society was postponed.

**CENTENARY.**—Dr. Morris E. Swartz, Area Secretary of the Centenary addressed the Conference. The following resolution was presented and read by Robert Watt and adopted:—

WHEREAS, at the last session of our Conference we, by formal resolution, created a Centenary Commission for our Conference; and,

WHEREAS, we endorsed the Centenary movement and called upon our ministers and people to co-operate in said movement, including the matter of Christian Stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the time has come when we are called upon to present the financial side of the Centenary; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we hereby accept the allotment and pledge our earnest endeavor to reach it.

We earnestly ask the Centenary Commission to stress the importance of a permanent program, believing that we will thus avoid the danger of an unpleasant aftermath in the nature of a slump in our benevolent receipts.

We pledge anew our loyalty to the Centenary Movement and will use our utmost endeavor to continue our campaign for tithers, making our minimum goal at least 50% of our enrolled membership.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—W. W. Davis, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, Dan B. Brummitt, Editor of "The Epworth Herald", Dr. J. H. Morgan, President of Dickinson College, J. L. Settles of the Illinois Conference, representing the Commission on Finance, Charles E. Ely of the Baltimore Conference, representing the Rural Department of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension and Dr. James W. Marshall, Vice-President of Ocean Grove Camp-Meeting Association, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.**—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson, Bishop McDowell appointed V. E. Hills, C. W. Prettyman and C. T. Wyatt a committee on finance and they were confirmed.

**EXCUSED.**—G. C. Williams and F. J. Cochran were excused from further attending the sessions of this Conference.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—It was ordered that after announcements Conference be adjourned. Announcements were made, doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, T. E. Terry pronouncing the benediction.

#### FOURTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. Just previous to the conclusion of the devotional service the Bishop addressed the class, consisting of Charles H. Atkins, William F. Godwin, William S. Grant and Blanchard P. Moore, and, upon giving satisfactory answers to the usual disciplinary questions asked preparatory for admission into full membership, they were so admitted and elected to Deacon's Orders and advanced to the Studies of the Third Year.

**JOURNAL.**—The Journal of Friday morning's session was read and approved.

**ENDOWMENT REPORT.**—E. H. Dashiell, Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, read his report and it was adopted. The following resolutions were presented and adopted:—

WHEREAS, the funds at present available for the care of the retired ministers, their widows and orphans, are distressingly inadequate to the need; and

WHEREAS, many of the churches of the Conference have failed to provide in full, and some to make any provision at all, for their proportion on the Claimants' Endowment; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we earnestly request and affectionately urge every charge which has not done so to make provision for the payment of its quota in full; and be it further

RESOLVED, that our Endowment Commission be authorized to publish in this year's Minutes a full list by Districts of the charges, showing their standing in relation to this Fund; also a list of ministerial subscriptions.

**SECRETARY.**—On motion of Robert Watt, Conference requested the appointment of E. H. Dashiell as Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission.

**INTRODUCTION.**—R. L. Reamy, Field Secretary of "The Methodist", was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**Methodist:**—The following resolution was read and adopted:—

RESOLVED, that we recognize "The Methodist" as the paper that represents the local work of the Area;

That we recommend that the campaign for subscriptions be conducted during the month from April 20th to May 15th, 1919, and

That we put forth our best effort to secure at least 4000 new subscribers within our Conference.

**QUESTION 24.**—The Twenty-fourth Question, "Who are the Retired Ministers?" was taken up. G. A. Cooke was called, his character passed and his relation continued.

**WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY & CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.**—The postponed order of the day was announced, and J. H. Beauchamp, Corresponding Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, read his report and it was adopted.

**APPORTIONMENT—W. C. M. & CHURCH EXT. SO.**—The motion of G. T. Alderson that the same amounts be apportioned for the support of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society to the several districts as were apportioned last year, and that the District Superintendents be instructed to make the distribution to the respective charges, and an amendment to this motion made by Dr. Watt suggesting that all monies received within the bounds of a charge be credited on the apportionment, were substituted by a motion of Tilghman Smith, ordering the same amount as last year be apportioned to the Conference and distributed to the districts in accordance with the judgment of the District Superintendents.

All monies received within the bounds of a charge were ordered credited on the apportionment of that charge, by motion of Robert Watt.

**EXCUSED.**—H. W. Ewing, W. H. Briggs, H. W. Holter and G. S. Allen were excused. The Treasurer and his assistants were excused from attending the afternoon's session.

**EXTENSION OF TIME.**—On motion of C. T. Wyatt, time was extended.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**—It was ordered, on motion of W. E. Tomkinson, that when we adjourn we do so to meet at two o'clock this afternoon.

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.**—C. T. Wyatt introduced and read the following resolutions and they were adopted:—

RESOLVED, that the Conference elect at this session the Treasurer and Auditor for next year's session and that hereafter at each session of the Conference the Treasurer and Auditor be elected for the succeeding session.

RESOLVED, that within ninety days after the adjournment of this session of the Conference the Treasurer submit to the Auditor his report as presented to the Conference together with his receipts from the Benevolent Boards for the sums due them severally, and a statement of the funds remaining in his hands, if any. The Auditor shall thereupon audit the report and receipts, and if they are found to be correct he shall deliver the accounts and funds (if any) to the Treasurer elect.

RESOLVED, that the pastors be required to see that their reports for the Conference Treasurer be placed in his hands properly made out not later than the first day of the Conference session.

RESOLVED, that the Auditor elected be chairman of the Conference Auditing Committee for the next Conference year.

**ELECTION OF TREASURER AND AUDITOR.**—V. E. Hills was nominated and elected Treasurer of the Conference for next year. W. H. Briggs was nominated and elected Auditor of Conference accounts for next year.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made, doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, J. M. Collins pronouncing the benediction:

#### FIFTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

**OPENING.**—At 2 o'clock Conference convened in devotional services, Bishop McDowell presiding.

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

**CHANGE OF RELATION.**—On motion of W. A. Wise, the relation of J. M. Lindale was changed from Effective to Retired, at his own request. The relation of E. C. Sunfield was changed from Retired to Effective, at his own request.

**THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.**—E. L. Hoffecker presented and read the following resolution and it was adopted:—

WHEREAS, "The Christian Advocate", general organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is in this new day not only our effective agency in every division of church work, but is recognized throughout the connection as an indispensable factor in the prosecution of the Centenary campaign; and,

WHEREAS, under its present editorial management "The Christian Advocate" has won a place of pre-eminence in the world of religious journalism by taking aggressive leadership in all moral reforms; and,

WHEREAS, it rings true on the great issues now before our country, our churches and the world, since it sounds no false note on the subject of temperance, patriotism, the unification of the Church, North and South, the Roman hierarchy and other questions of world interest; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Wilmington Conference hereby pledges its co-operation in all efforts to place this great church paper in the last Methodist home within the bounds of our Conference.

**BOLSHEVISM.**—The following resolutions were presented and read by J. J. Bunting, and they were adopted:—

WHEREAS, the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church is a body of men who believe in the Holy Word of God, and hold dear life and liberty, and are convinced that an equitable ownership of property, and that the sanctity of marriage are necessary for the well-being of the state; and,

WHEREAS, there has arisen in Europe an "ism" that surely is making for the downfall of things dear and established in the state, church, and home; and by propaganda Bolshevism on every side is lifting its ugly and bloody head in our own land; and,

WHEREAS, this propaganda is being conducted by the medium of an authorized Methodist publication; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this Conference in session assembled does condemn Bolshevism, and hold that its doctrines and methods of the violation of property rights, inflicting of capital punishment without any semblance of a trial, and the nationalization of women, are contrary to the laws of love, of justice, and of God; and,

That we the members of said Conference commend, and pledge our full support to the editor of "The Christian Advocate" in his battle against this terrible evil, and endorse his editorial in the issue of March 13, 1919, and we call on all church papers and preachers, in their ministrations to instruct and warn the people against this mad beast; and,

That we request the Board of Sunday Schools to keep a very watchful eye on the activities and writings of Harry F. Ward, a contributor to the "Sunday School Journal", and that only that literature which reflects honestly the principles of our state, and the democracy of Washington and Lincoln, and the doctrines of our faith as interpreted by St. Paul and John Wesley, shall be laid before the young life of this Conference; and

That we most earnestly at all times call on God to preserve us, and protect us from this red-terror of barbarism, and spare the life of this Republic which the Bolsheviki boastfully threaten to destroy.

**RURAL CHURCH WORK.**—On motion of H. B. Kelso, the Secretary was instructed to print in the Minutes the names of the Conference Organization for Rural Church Work.

**COURSE OF STUDY.**—Reporting for the committee on Conference Course of Study, consisting of the District Superintendents, appointed during a session of the Conference last year, W. A. Wise presented and read the following resolutions and they were adopted:—

RESOLVED, that the Wilmington Annual Conference memorialize the General Conference of 1920 to return the responsibility for selecting the books in our Course of Study to the Board of Bishops, in lieu of the present plan in the form of a Commission, and for the reason that our Chief Pastors are in constant touch with the practical needs and life of the world; thus enabling them to judge with more certainty not only what books should constitute the Course of Study, but will best know how to maintain a wholesome balance as between the relative value of the books to be chosen; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Wilmington Annual Conference memorialize the General Conference of 1920 to lay upon the Board of Examiners the responsibility of organizing a yearly Institute, at which the undergraduates shall receive an introduction to the subjects to be studied, and to provide for the undergraduates a Plan of Study, and to render such additional assistance to them as their needs may require.

**FOREIGN LANGUAGE CONFERENCES.**—The following resolution, adopted by the Wisconsin Annual Conference and forwarded to the Secretary, was presented and read by him, and adopted:—

WHEREAS, in many places the time has come when, in the interest of national and church unity, as well as for the sake of economy in man power and money, the continuation of foreign language Churches and Conferences is no longer desirable nor essential to the program of kingdom extension, but is an unpatriotic waste of fundamental resources:

RESOLVED, that while we register our sincere appreciation of past priceless service rendered by them to Methodism, the kingdom of God and the country, we, the members of the Wisconsin Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, do hereby and now most earnestly petition the General Conference of 1920, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to discontinue as soon as practicable, and wherever feasible, all the foreign language Conferences of Methodism in the United States.

**LOCAL PREACHERS—MEMORIAL.**—The following resolutions memorializing the General Conference of 1920, were presented and read by E. L. Hoffecker, and they were adopted:—

WHEREAS, there is a large number of local preachers filling appointments in all our Conferences, and

WHEREAS, many of these worthy men are devoting their whole time to the work of the ministry, having no opportunity to provide for their own future and that of dependent families; and

WHEREAS, they serve our poorer charges as a rule and the support they receive is not large; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we memorialize the General Conference of 1920 to seriously consider the question of providing for them when they are no longer able to serve the church;

That the Secretary of the Conference be authorized and directed to furnish the leader of our delegation to the General Conference of 1920 a copy of this action for presentation to that body for consideration.

**REPORTS.**—The Conference Deaconess Board's report as well as the report of committee on Temperance were read and adopted.

**AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.**—The following proposed amendment to the constitution was presented and read by G. A. Cooke, and was adopted by a vote of 74 for and 12 against, and it was requested that this be sent around in the usual constitutional manner:

The Wilmington Annual Conference urges upon all the Annual and Lay Electoral Conferences of our great Church, the necessity of more effective legislation to safeguard our Evangelical doctrines and our splendid system of church government. In view of the fact that our Bishops, who are qualified to interpret and administer the discipline, are without authority to protect the constitution of the church, we propose as a remedy for this anomalous and perilous situation, an amendment to the constitution.

Amend Paragraph 42. Section 3, of Article VI which reads:

"The Presiding Officer of the General Conference shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the General Conference, but questions of law shall be decided by the General Conference".

So it shall read

**Wilmington Conference Proposition.**

"The Presiding Officer of the General Conference shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal to the General Conference; but questions of constitutionality shall be considered and decided by the entire Episcopal board subject to an appeal to the Annual and Lay Electoral Conferences as provided in the process for amending the Constitution. The decision with reasons shall be in writing and shall be signed by the General Superintendents who agree to it".

**WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.**—Dr. H. G. Budd, President of Wesley Collegiate Institute, addressed the Conference.

**QUESTION 24.**—The Twenty-fourth Question was resumed. The Retired Ministers of the Conference were called, their characters passed and their relation continued. On motion of R. K. Stephenson, the District Superintendent of Dover District was instructed to send the greetings of the Conference to Brother P. H. Rawlins.

**COLLECTION.**—Conference proceeded to take a collection to raise \$1000, to supplement the Board of Steward's fund. The offerings amounted to, cash, \$574.06, and subscriptions, \$193. E. W. Jones was chosen Treasurer of this fund.

**MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.**—T. E. Terry presented and read the following resolutions, they were adopted, and he was elected the Trustee as called for therein:—

WHEREAS, because of sickness or other unforeseen and unavoidable misfortune, members of our Conference are sometimes compelled to relinquish their work during the interim between the Conference sessions, and for lack of sufficient funds to meet their current expenses are thereby financially embarrassed; and,

WHEREAS, we have at present no provision for meeting promptly these cases of necessity with the relief they deserve and ought to have; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we will hereafter annually ask our people to contribute for this purpose, a **free-will offering** from every church in the Conference;

That the Conference shall elect annually, a trustee of this fund who shall receive from the pastors all moneys contributed for this purpose, and shall make, through the Board of Stewards, an annual report to the Conference of the amounts received and expended during the current year;

That the pastors, after receiving the offering, shall at once forward it to the Trustee of this fund, and they may also report the same to the Annual Conference, designating it as the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.

The funds raised by this effort shall be disbursed as follows: Any brother having a claim on this fund shall report his case to his District Superintendent, and they two shall agree on the amount of money necessary for his relief. The District Superintendent shall then confer with the other District Superintendents, and when three of the Superintendents shall have agreed on the amount to be donated to the brother, his own Superintendent shall give him an order on the trustee for the amount, and the said order, together with the brother's receipt, shall be a sufficient voucher for the trustee.

If at the time of any session of our Annual Conference the funds in the Trustee's hands shall exceed the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), all of said funds in excess of that amount shall be paid over to the Conference Stewards to be applied by them in their distribution of Conference Claimants' funds.

Inasmuch as demands on this fund are liable to be made at any time during the year, prudence would dictate that the case should receive attention as early in the year as possible, and we would suggest that this offering be taken on the 2nd Sunday in the month of May, each year.

**DOMESTIC MISSIONS.**—The following, in relation to the Domestic Missionary Society, was adopted, after being presented and read by T. E. Terry.

The Domestic Missionary Society of our Conference having ceased to function as an organization, we hereby declare it dissolved, and in its stead direct that the Conference elect a trustee for this fund, who shall receive from the Conference Treasurer the gross amount contributed by the churches for this fund, and distribute the same to the District Superintendents, giving to each the amount contributed by his district the previous year.

For the information of the Trustee the Conference Treasurer shall annually give to him for his guidance, a statement of the amounts received from each of the Conference Districts.

The Trustee shall make an annual report to the Auditing Committee of the Annual Conference, containing an accurate statement of the gross amounts received by him from the Conference Treasurer, and the amounts paid out by him to the several District Superintendents.

Inasmuch as this fund is so closely related to the work of our Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, the President of the said Board is hereby constituted the Trustee of the Domestic Missionary funds, and he is requested to make the annual distribution of them at the time of the Spring meeting of said Board.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—G. W. Crabbe, Superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, and Dr. Clarence True Wilson, General Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

**APPORTIONMENTS.**—On motion of W. F. Corkran, Conference ordered that the recommendations of the Commission on Finance be the basis for reaching the apportionments for the respective charges.

**CONFERENCE EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.**—After T. J. Sard had presented a written request signed by ten brethren relative to the holding of evangelistic services during the Conference sessions, and after considerable discussion, the following, on motion of Alfred Smith, was accepted as a substitute and adopted:—Believing that our Annual Conferences can and should be made more definitely and constructively spiritual and so more truly and positively a blessing to ourselves and our hosts and to the entertaining church and community, we earnestly ask this Conference to request the committee on Conference program to provide for evangelistic services during the sessions of Conference.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—It was ordered that after announcements Conference be adjourned. Announcements were made, doxology was sung and G. L. Hardesty pronounced the benediction..

### SIXTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened in Memorial Session at 2 o'clock, T. E. Terry, presiding. An appropriate hymn was sung, after which W. F. Corkran offered prayer.

**MEMOIRS.**—The memoir of William H. Kenney was presented and read by G. L. Hardesty; that of Ralph T. Coursey, by Alfred Smith; that of Wilmer Jaggard, by W. F. Corkran; and that of Emerson P. Roberts, by W. G. Koons.

J. R. Bicking presented and read the memoir of Rev. James M. Wise; J. T. Herson, that of Mrs. Emma L. Wilcox; and Robert Watt spoke very appropriately of the life and memory of Mrs. C. W. Prettyman.

The memoirs as read, together with the one prepared by Robert Watt but not submitted, were adopted.

**ORDINATION SERVICE.**—At the conclusion of the Memorial Session the Bishop assumed the chair.

**DEACONS.**—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders, and the Bishop ordained as Deacons, Charles H. Atkins, William F. Godwin, William S. Grant and Blanchard P. Moore.

**ELDERS.**—Those elected to Elder's Orders were called, the Secretary presented and the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, ordained Luther M. Broadway, John L. Prettyman, Charles W. Spry and Levin T. McLain as Elders.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—After the Bishop had asked for the consecration of life to Jesus Christ and familiar hymns had been sung, Conference adjourned, C. W. Prettyman pronouncing the benediction.

#### CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that on the Thirtieth day of March, Nineteen Hundred and Nineteen, I ordained as DEACONS,  
 Charles H. Atkins  
 William F. Godwin  
 William S. Grant  
 Blanchard P. Moore

and, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, I ordained as ELDERS,  
 Luther M. Broadway  
 John L. Prettyman  
 Charles W. Spry  
 Levin T. McLain

they having been duly elected to the above orders respectively by the Wilmington Annual Conference.

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL,  
 Chestertown, Md. Bishop.



## SEVENTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—The Bishop presiding and conducting the devotions, Conference convened at 8:30 A. M.

**JOURNAL.**—The Journals of Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon were read and approved.

**COLLECTION.**—Conference ordered all persons having expenses incident to the Conference sessions to report same to the Secretary, and arranged for a collection to cover such expenses to be taken at eleven o'clock.

**BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.**—Members of the various Boards and Committees were nominated by W. A. Wise, and they were approved.

**SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.**—The Bishop was requested to make various special appointments. (See list of appointments.)

**REPORTS.**—The reports of the committees on Periodicals, Bible and Sunday Schools were submitted, and they were adopted without reading.

**CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.**—The following were nominated and elected for a term of three years as Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference, the Secretary casting the ballot: W. F. Corkran, J. W. Colona and W. H. Briggs.

**REPORTS.**—Reports from the following committees were submitted, read and adopted: Freedman's Aid, Epworth League, Hospital, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Auditing, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Sabbath Observance. The report of the committee on Resolutions was adopted by a rising vote.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—J. O. Spencer, President of Morgan College, was introduced and addressed the Conference, after which the Bishop spoke of the great work of this institution. C. M. Boswell, Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS.**—E. H. Dashiell presented and read the following resolutions, and they were adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Mr. Caleb E. Burchenal, Secretary of our Conference Claimants' Endowment Commission, has, from the beginning, shown unusual interest in this great work; and,

WHEREAS, he has evidenced this interest in the following substantial ways:

1. By giving office room to your Secretary, and with such graciousness as to make its acceptance a pleasure.
2. By donating, for a full year, the services of his stenographer.
3. By, when it later became necessary to have additional help, dividing the second young lady's service, and himself paying one-half her salary.

4. By, when this sum had to be doubled, bearing all the advance and leaving the Commission to pay only the amount first agreed upon.
5. By leaving his office, when under insistent pressure from clients, and spending hours, half days, and whole days, serving the Commission as its Secretary.
6. By caring for our investments at minimum charge. It is customary for lawyers and Trust Companies to charge one-half of one per cent. for investing and taking care of funds, but he has so graded this item that as our cash increases his percentage decreases, his purpose being never to accept more than enough to cover the actual expense of handling the money; Therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that we place on record our genuine appreciation of the valuable and unselfish service being rendered the Conference by Mr. Burchenal.

**SECRETARY'S WORK.**—The following report of the committee ordered by Conference to confer with the Secretary looking toward placing his work on a proper business basis was presented and read, and it was adopted:

First, that the retail price of the Minutes be fixed at 25c per copy, and that this price be printed on the title page.

Second, that we recommend the discontinuance of the publication of the Home & Foreign Missionary and Church Extension statistics, inasmuch as it is virtually a duplication.

Third, that the method of securing subscriptions to the Minutes introduced by the Secretary this year be highly commended and accepted as the regular order of the Conference.

Fourth, that the memoirs presented and read at the Conference be, whenever possible, placed in the hands of the Secretary in type-written form.

Fifth, that the Conference provide \$500 to be held by the Secretary as a permanent fund for the publication of our minutes.

Sixth, that a committee, consisting of the District Superintendents and the Secretary, is hereby appointed to examine all papers in the Conference trunk, preserving all those considered necessary to the historic integrity of the Conference.

On motion of E. L. Hoffecker, the Bureau of Sessions was authorized and directed to make a call loan of \$500, without interest, to the Secretary, for the purpose of publishing the minutes.

**BUREAU OF SESSIONS.**—The Bureau of Sessions was permitted to submit its report to the Secretary for publication in the minutes.

The same amount as last year was, on motion of G. T. Alderson, ordered apportioned for the support of the Bureau of Sessions for the coming year.

**GREETINGS.**—The Secretary was instructed to send a letter of greetings from the Conference to Brother J. W. Chappell.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—W. O. Hurst read the report of the Board of Stewards, and he was granted the privilege of submitting later a supplementary report. The report was adopted, together with the following recommendation, and the Trustees nominated were elected:

1. That the sum of \$13,043 be taken from the collection for Conference Claimants and placed to the credit of the Annuity Fund.

2. That the following persons be made Trustees of the Claimant Funds:

Rev. George C. Williams for Annie D. Chatham,  
Mrs. Jeannie R. Field for Sarah V. Creamer,  
Mrs. Pauline Murray for Edwin Nelson Murray,  
Mrs. Lulu V. G. Westerfield for Harry Westerfield,  
Dr. Thomas D. Esgate for James Esgate,  
Mrs. W. P. Compton for W. P. Compton.

A motion by Robert Watt ordering that the Board of Stewards arrange a plan for apportioning of Conference Claimant funds and submit same to the District Superintendents for proper apportioning the respective charges, was substituted by a motion of V. S. Collins ordering the Board of Stewards to apportion the charges of the Conference to the amount of \$22,000 for the coming year.

**TREASURER'S AND STATISTICIAN'S REPORTS.**—The reports of the Treasurer and Statistician were adopted without reading.

**INTRODUCTION.**—W. H. Johns of the Delaware Conference was introduced.

**COLLECTION.**—The collection ordered earlier in the session to be taken was received. Milton McCann acted as treasurer. Cash, \$202.41; subscriptions, \$5; total, \$207.41. Receipts for the amounts paid the different individuals were placed in the hands of Conference Secretary. A sufficient amount of the unpaid subscriptions of Saturday's collection was, on motion of V. S. Collins, ordered placed with this collection in order to make the fund for Brother Horace Truitt amount to \$200.

**REPORTS OF PASTORS.**—The following resolutions were presented and read by J. J. Bunting, and they were adopted:

WHEREAS, great responsibility, and serious liability are entailed by the office of the Treasurer; and,

WHEREAS, this work must be, and can only be properly accounted and recorded in proper time when the individual reports are correctly and neatly filled out; and,

WHEREAS, the reports this year have revealed the greatest number of errors, illegibility and sheerest carelessness ever observed or endured by any member of the present Treasurer's committee; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all members of this Conference make their reports the subject of prayer and thought; and,

RESOLVED, that all greenbacks and one cent pieces be deposited in some dependable bank and check for same be rendered, and that it be borne in mind that this Conference has by resolution ordered that every report be in not later than the second day of the session;

RESOLVED, that only dollar amounts be entered, and in figures which can be read, and that if any pastor has difficulty in making out his report and bringing it to a balance he consult a bank cashier or accountant, or at least secure the services of an adding machine, or bring the blanks and cash to Conference and lay them before the Treasurer; and, be it still further,

RESOLVED, that the District Superintendents remind the brethren that the reports must be filled out in a correct business manner, or the Treasurer cannot possibly finish the work during the session of Conference, and that the Bishop exhort the members of Conference to comply with these sincere requests.

**QUESTION 15.**—The Fifteenth Question was resumed. The Bishop announced the transfer of L. I. McDougale to the Baltimore Conference.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—It was ordered that after the reading of the Journal, appropriate devotions and the announcement of the appointments, Conference be adjourned.

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

**ADJOURNMENT.**—As the appointments were read the ministers gathered around their respective District Superintendents, a brief devotional service was held, after which Bishop William F. McDowell pronounced the benediction and Conference adjourned.

As President and Secretary, we hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct record of the proceedings and business of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL,

President.

DISSTON W. JACOBS,  
Secretary.

## VIII.

## REPORTS.

## (a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

## DOVER DISTRICT.

W. R. MOWBRAY, District Superintendent.

We are profoundly grateful to our Heavenly Father, who has permitted us, despite war and pestilence, to come again to our annual meeting. Never have there, in our memory, existed such adverse conditions under which to work as those which have prevailed during this year. If there shall be anything like normal reports coming up from the charges this year it will not be because of favorable conditions, but because of special devotion to duty on the part of the pastors and Divine help to an unusual degree.

For weeks on weeks, lengthening into months, our churches have been closed. Influenza, scarlet fever, diphtheria and even small pox have played their part and held in check the work of the church, and at times all work whether of a public or private character, and if, perchance, the churches were opened for a season, the people were panicky and shy, fearful lest they be attacked by some lurking disease, specially was this true of the untamed, uncontrolled monster which is designated for want of some better name—the "Flu". This disease has defied the skill of physicians and carried a multitude of people to untimely graves.

The war, also, has added its distress, left its deep shadows on many homes and causing unrest and distress among all classes of people. Now that peace among the warring nations seems assured, and we trust a large measure of freedom from the scourge which has wrought such havoc among us, we breathe freer and are getting down again to more normal conditions, yet we cannot feel altogether assured of immunity from these things since there appears to have been little resultant humility and seriousness among our people from the lessons already received from war and pestilence. On the other hand there seems to have followed this release from the terror by day and night an unusual amount of frivolous worldliness on the part of our people. Some of them are almost literally dancing their way to death and destruction over the very graves of the brave boys who died to make us secure from the horrors of slavery worse than death. To say the least, it is unseemly. Pray God we may not provoke Him to greater distress and desolation upon us, before we awake to our sober senses, but that we may heed the call already given to repentance and good works.

**Death Record.**—Our ranks have been invaded by the grim reaper this year, and he has removed from us two of our brethren. Rev. Wilmer Jaggard, who a few years ago was compelled to accept the retired relation on account of ill health and who has lingered near the border for these

years, passed on to his heavenly home on Nov. 21, 1918. He leaves a faithful and devoted wife to mourn his going.

Rev. Ralph T. Coursey, pastor of our church in Wyoming, Del., in the midst of the activities of a busy pastorate and in seemingly good health, was suddenly stricken and within a few hours ceased to work and to live. His death occurred in the parsonage home at Wyoming on Jan. 5, 1919. He was a strong preacher, a beautiful singer, and we shall miss him greatly from our midst. His widow, to whom he had been recently married, and two children by a former marriage remain on this side in sorrow's deep shadow. Suitable memoirs will be presented at the proper time, by Dr. W. F. Corkran and Dr. Alfred Smith.

Mrs. Susie Buckson, wife of Rev. W. C. Buckson, one of our most faithful and efficient supplies, died in the Cambridge Hospital on July 25, 1918, to which place she had gone for needed surgical help. Brother Buckson is sorely bereft by the loss of the companion of his pilgrimage. Sister Buckson was a faithful, devoted wife and a charming christian character.

Our hearts go out to all these who sorrow with sympathy's tender touch, and we also join with them in the joy that it is not a sorrow without the radiant hope of immortal life in the sweet fields which lie beyond "the swelling flood". Dr. Alfred Smith has ably finished the year as supply at Wyoming, Del.

**Ministerial Supply.**—One of the serious problems which faces us is the lack of ministers to properly man the work. There are two or three charges on this district which have been without regular supplies during the entire year. These are among the charges which pay insufficient salaries; salaries upon which men cannot live. We have enough men for the so called better grade of appointments, and the young men who come to us from our own territory can and must be advanced to take this class of work. We cannot bring men from the outside or from other conferences, if we could get them, to place them where they cannot live, nor can we place our own men, nor yet local preachers, in these charges, for the same reason. If the church at large is looking for Home Missionary work I have it in abundant measure without the trouble of going far afield to locate the needy spots.

**Salaries.**—There has been quite an interest manifested in the salaries of the ministers this year and quite a few advances have been made, but these for the most part have been in the stronger appointments. The following charges have advanced their salaries this year: Cambridge, \$400; Georgetown, Dover, Laurel, Seaford, \$300 each; Beckwith & Spedden, Lewes, Milton, Wyoming, \$200 each; Farmington, \$150; Bethel, Camden, Ellendale, Felton, Frederica, Galestown, Georgetown Circuit, Greenwood, Hurlock, Houston, Little Creek, Reliance, Vienna, Zoar, \$100 each; Magnolia, \$50; making a total of \$4000 on the district.

**Benevolences.**—In the face of the multiplied calls it does not clearly appear what will be the condition of our benevolences this year. The number of reports so far received is rather limited. I presume this is due to the fact that the preachers have delayed reporting in order to round up the last dollar. The conditions referred to before have surely made the way hard, and it will not be at all surprising if we do not reach the mark of last year. The statistical tables will tell the true story.

**Special Calls.**—This has been a strenuous year in finance. Call after call has been made. The echoes of one call have scarcely died out before another has been sounded out like the blare of instant and almost commanding trumpets which call to arms. Liberty Loans (a loan, not a gift, but it took money), Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., United War Work, and so on through the year. If a new one could not be found one of the old ones was repeated. Early in the year a call was made to our church for the Methodist War Emergency Fund, asking for a minimum of 10% of pastor's cash salary. The Dover District responded with \$5,219, being nearly a thousand dollars above the minimum asked. This amount was paid over to Mr. Samuel Shaw, Treasurer, Board of Home Missions and Church Extension in August, 1918.

**Conference Endowment Fund.**—I am not able to state accurately the condition of this fund as the reports have gone to Dr. Dashiell, as they should, but duplicates have failed to reach me, which they should not have done. I do know, however, that some of the appointments have done heroically and brought up the amount, and I know also that others have flatly refused to do anything and have tied the hands of the preachers by official action against it. The detailed report of the Secretary, Dr. Dashiell, will show the actual condition of the fund. Those appointments which have refused to make an honest try in this matter will have to bear through the years the odium of this refusal, and if it were military instead of Methodistic they would have pinned to their escutcheons the undesirable title of "slacker".

**Debts.**—Cambridge, under the leadership of their tactful, energetic and untiring pastor, Brother W. E. Gunby, in the mid-year tackled the overshadowing debt which rests upon their beautiful church, and had it not been for the interruption of their plans by the epidemic of influenza, I feel confident that the whole of the \$22,000 debt would have been provided for in cash and good subscriptions. As it is they have provided for \$13,561 of the amount needed, of which \$6010.00 has been paid in cash.

Georgetown, Rev. S. N. Pilchard, Pastor, has provided for the debt on their parsonage property and reports \$1,500 of the amount paid this year. The balance is secured by good subscriptions.

Laurel, Rev. F. F. Carpenter, Pastor, is paying off their debt by easy stages. They have reduced it this year by \$1,000.

Seaford, Rev. J. H. Warren, Pastor, has paid \$600; Dover, \$200.

Smaller sums paid on debts amount to \$115; total, \$9425.

**Building and Improvements.**—Ellendale has the only strictly new church project on this district this year. They have erected and dedicated a beautiful and commodious church edifice at a total cost of about \$15,000. It has two rooms, its walls are of concrete block, covered with an asbestos roof, decorated steel ceilings, circular hard wood pews, cellar heat, electric light—made by their own plant, Delco system; withal a thing of beauty and utility. The financial achievement, when all things are considered, is the most wonderful I have ever known in church building. On the day of dedication, Nov. 24, 1918, they needed to raise \$7,500. Dr. John Krantz was in charge and right skillfully did he handle the situation. The full amount was pledged on that day and today

they have only an indebtedness of \$830, which is covered by good subscriptions. The amount of cash paid this year is \$8808. The cornerstone was laid on the same day by Dr. R. K. Stephenson, assisted by the Pastor. The dedicatory services in the evening were in charge of the writer. No human element in this enterprise counts for so much as the devoted, earnest, wise Pastor, Rev. T. S. Barrett. He literally loved away the difficulties which had arisen and hindered the accomplishment of this work and for this the people of Ellendale love him with unusual devotion.

Slaughter Neck on Lincoln Charge, Rev. C. H. Atkins, Pastor, has undergone extensive repairs; repainting inside and out, new pipeless heater and other additions for the comfort of the people who worship there. The cost was \$1,000, all of which is paid. Brother Atkins, who is a practical mechanic, not only directed this work to the advantage of the congregation, but helped with his hands to complete this much desired improvement. The pastor is one of our rising young men and is deservedly popular with his people.

Church Creek has improved the church at a cost of \$606, all of which is paid. The chief improvement was the installing of an electric lighting system. The people now have a flood of light on any thing presented in the church.

Beckwith on Beckwith and Spedden charge, Dr. E. L. Hubbard, Pastor, has been thoroughly renovated and repaired. The whole interior of the church has been altered and beautified. They also have an electric light system which serves to light the church splendidly, and also to furnish light for the camp meeting which is held in the grove adjoining the church every summer. These improvements cost \$2,200, which is provided for by interest bearing subscriptions. The church was reopened on May 10, 1918. Bishop J. W. Hamilton preached to the great delight of the people.

Cambridge has expended \$2500 in the purchase of a parsonage for the temporary use of their pastor.

Other improvements have been made as follows: Crapo, \$500; Camden, \$462; Farmington, \$450; Georgetown Circuit, \$375; Leipsic, \$379; Bethel, \$325; Little Creek, \$300; Wyoming, \$285; Seaford Circuit, \$225; Nassau, \$235; Milford, \$200; Rehoboth, \$200; Milton, \$175; Seaford, \$150; Magnolia, \$132; Millsboro, \$125; Greenwood, \$110, and Hurlock, \$100. Additional smaller amounts, \$188. Total, \$17,545.

**Revivals.**—There have been no very marked revivals on the district this year. There is a reason for this when we consider the methods which we pursue, that of depending on the annual special meetings almost entirely for the bringing of people in the kingdom. These meetings have been an impossibility for the greater part of the year. Some have not been undertaken, and many of those that were, had to be abandoned either by order of the civil law or force of circumstances. Lincoln leads the list with 58 converts; Mt. Pleasant, 39; Ellendale, 26; Seaford Circuit, 31; Crapo, 20; Little Creek, 21; Armory and Asbury, 18; Vienna and Reliance, 16 each; Salem, 15; Nassau, 14; Church Creek, 13; with several other charges reporting a less number, making a total reported to me of 320. This includes only about half the charges on the district.

**Epworth League.**—An Epworth League Institute was held at the Wesley Collegiate Institute in the early part of July. This was under the direction of Rev. W. G. Harris, Conference President of the Epworth League, and Rev. Milton McCann, the Secretary. They were assisted in this work by a very efficient corps of workers from without our territory. The work was highly appreciated and the Institute was accounted a success in every way. The District Epworth League convention, which was to have been held in Milford, Del., had to be indefinitely postponed on account of an outbreak of the Influenza, and though the President, Dr. Stephenson, had completed all arrangements for an interesting program, there was found no opportunity to hold the convention during the Fall.

**Temperance.**—The story this year is not a long one yet it is one with a splendid finish. The Delaware Legislature has passed a State wide prohibition bill. The vote was taken in the House of Representatives on Thursday, Feb. 27th, and resulted in the passage of the bill by a vote of 21 to 11. The Senate concurred in this action on Thursday, March 13th, by a vote of 11 to 6. Who rises now to say that the thirteenth is an unlucky day? None, unless it be those who favored the continuance of the liquor business in the state. The Anti-Saloon League, through its representatives, Rev. E. C. Prettyman and Mr. Crabbe, played an important part in bringing about this result.

**Wesley Collegiate Institute.**—Wesley Collegiate Institute is enjoying exceptional prosperity. The school is practically filled with students. Those in authority are relieved from the pressing grind of financial problems which have hitherto vexed the very souls of those who were responsible for this part of the administration. The Treasurer, A. B. Magee, Esq., reports that nearly \$100,000 of the Endowment Funds subscribed a little over a year ago have been paid which is, indeed, a splendid showing. Dr. Budd, the President of the Institution, is rejoicing in the prosperity attending this most important work committed to his care, and the whole Conference joins in the jubilation. We have a real school on a real Methodist foundation, and if there ever was an excuse (which we doubt) for sending the Methodist young people beyond our borders for the purpose of finding the best educational facilities it no longer exists—we have them right here, and here to abide.

**Centenary.**—We have been giving all possible attention to the putting on of the Centenary program. Our Training Conferences were held on Jan. 6th and 7th and 8th at Cambridge, Seaford and Dover, under the direction of Dr. M. E. Swartz, Area Secretary, and other workers. Later a meeting was held in Dover which was addressed by Bishop McDowell, Mr. John L. Alcock, Chairman of the Washington Area, and Dr. Swartz. Much of the work of organization has been done, but not all. In the attempt to put on the program as laid out by the church we have met with no little indifference on the part of the church and some active opposition. The program is large, the machinery somewhat intricate, and its coming too sudden for such a stupendous proposition. We need time in our rural work specially, because the operation of the church here has been too largely a one-man affair, and that man the preacher. The "we pay, now you do it" policy has prevailed until our laymen, as a rule, do not want to work for the Lord, and do not know very much

about actual church work largely from lack of practice. It will take time to get them into active operation. If we can get the laymen generally into actual, active church work for the love of the Lord and His cause the Centenary will be an untold blessing if not a dollar were immediately added to the treasury, for when we really get interested in a proposition enough to work earnestly for it we shall be glad enough to support the work we do with our money. We hope and pray that the Kingdom of God shall speedily come, and to this end we add our work to our prayers.

The pastors of the District have given themselves without stint to advance this cause as well as every good work. We cannot go into detail, showing the work done by each man, and if we could it would not always be just, as some men have done the most heroic work when results which can be tabulated are small. But as man to man and brother to brother, I desire to express my high appreciation of and sincere thanks to the ministerial working force of the District, who have so heartily responded to all appeals and have made possible whatever of good may have been accomplished this year under Him Whose we are and Whom we serve.

#### EASTON DISTRICT.

W. A. WISE, District Superintendent.

With personal appreciation of the privilege and responsibility incident to the direction of the work on Easton District during the past twelve months, and with profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father for sufficient health and strength with which to meet the varied and multiplied duties of the Conference year now closed, the writer respectfully submits this partial report of the activities and achievements on the part of the District's corps of 43 care-takers, and its host of loyal and cooperating laymen.

**Health.**—With the pastors and their families there has been no little enforced halting during the Conference year. To the dread Influenza scourge, that for many weeks, with fire-like pace, swept over our fair land, this District territory did not prove immune. Hundreds of our homes were entered, our brightest, most useful and promising youths were stricken, and some few with thoughts and plans looking toward the ministry, today are to be reckoned among those who have entered the ministry triumphant. Nevertheless, while many of the family circles of the laity were thus lessened, so far as the writer has been informed, not one of our parsonages has been invaded by the "pale horse and his rider".

Among the pastors, several have "passed beneath the rod" during the year, especially so, M. E. Wheatley, V. P. Northrup, L. E. Barrett, three of the tireless and most efficient men of the District. These in turn were stricken and forced "to go apart and rest awhile". For weeks each was weakened and wasted by painful and alarming affliction; but their work, so well in hand when called to suffer, was carried forward with but slight interruption or detriment, by a number of Effective and Retired brethren, who have heretofore shown themselves ever ready to hur-

ry to the relief of any "worthy brother in distress". Brothers Wheatley and Northrup sufficiently improved as to warrant their return to their posts of duty, and have subsequently "made good" for all lost time, as their splendid reports will fully attest. Upon the advice of the attending physician, and at his own request, Brother Barrett was relieved of his charge at Townsend until this session of Conference, and A. P. Pretymen was assigned to complete the year's work.

**Deaths.**—In Thursday morning's journal of our last session, among those asking for the Retired relation, appears the name of W. H. Kenney. Three weeks and one day later, on April 16th, at Selbyville, Del., Brother Kenney received his final transfer from the Great Bishop of us all, to the Conference on high, and there today answers the roll call of those most honored. A becoming minute of his life and service will be presented at the proper time by Brother G. L. Hardesty. August 6th, 1918, Rev. E. P. Roberts died at Middletown, Del., closing a very successful ministry on earth and entering upon the eternal reward. His memoir will be presented by Rev. W. G. Koons. From the columns of the "New York Christian Advocate" we obtained our only advice of the decease of Mrs. Fanny Creed, relict of the Rev. E. K. Creed, for several years a member of the Wilmington Conference. She died at Ottawa, Ontario, Dec. 16th, last, and was laid to rest at Warren, Pa., the home of her girlhood.

**Adjustments.**—When Bishop Bristol announced the Easton District appointments a year ago, Royal Oak was found without supply. Subsequently the Rev. G. W. Williams, a member of the Blue-Ridge Atlantic Conference, applied for work and accordingly was assigned to Royal Oak. The work on that circuit has been well served and never proven more responsive than during the past year. Old debts have been paid, salary and benevolences readily advanced and reported in full of all apportionments, and the circuit's record is better today than for quite a number of years. In the early Fall, Smyrna and Ridgely experienced temporary interruption by virtue of calls to the colors of G. C. Williams and J. J. Bunting. Fortunately for pastors and churches, the armistice was soon signed, and both of these capable and deservedly popular men were immediately released and able to return to their stations. In the absence of Brother Williams, Dr. Chas. A. Hill was secured to serve at Smyrna, in consequence of which all interests there were promptly and properly safe-guarded.

**Improvements.**—Church and parsonage properties on this District, for the most part, are in excellent condition. This fact, together with the shortage of skilled labor, the high price of necessary building materials, and the extreme difficulty experienced in obtaining such, for the present seemed to make unwise any extended plans being put into execution involving either additions or improvements. Chiefly for these reasons, the Downes Memorial church on Kent Island, for months held up on its window contract, is not yet ready either for use or dedication. Surely G. S. Thomas, the painstaking, tactful and highly esteemed pastor of Kent Island charge, has been compelled, in an unusual sense, to battle with a variety of disappointments and hindrances in his earnest endeavors to finish that new church enterprise; but he has stuck by his task

with commendable purpose and zeal, and his people show their appreciation of him in a perfectly unanimous desire for his return another year, at a considerable increase in support. Minor improvements, however, have taken place elsewhere, and have been mostly confined to the securing of better lighting and heating systems; items of progress that have long needed attention in some of our town and rural churches. At Bayside, Centreville, Clayton, Crumpton, Millington, Ridgely, Trappe, Tilghman, these changes have occurred, adding decidedly to the comfort of congregations and the families of the pastors.

**Payment of Debts.**—Tilghmans, with C. T. Jones, pastor, has experienced an exceptionally good year. Profitable fishing and oyster seasons have resulted in this charge meeting in full all its financial obligations. The last dollar of indebtedness that stood against that splendid church home has been cancelled. A gracious revival of religion has fallen on the entire community, reaching and literally opening the bank accounts of the people. Many have been added to the church and Tilghman's faces another year with enlargement of heart that promises many good things. 40 tithers constitute one of the pleasing signs and surest prophecies of the future for church and kingdom at this point. E. W. McDowell at Hillsboro, T. F. Beauchamp at Chestertown, and C. D. Sharpless at Henderson, also report their parsonage debts of \$1800, \$1300 and \$200, respectively, as having been all paid during the year. Charges reporting improvements and amounts raised for the same are, Church Hill, \$787; Cordova, \$700; Middletown, \$586; Sudlersville, \$400; Crumpton, \$350; Trappe, \$315; Ridgely, \$298; Bozman, \$293; Clayton, \$220; Henderson, 244; Preston, \$207; Tilghman, \$200; Smyrna, \$140; Still Pond, \$128; Odessa, \$65; Rock Hall, \$54; Fairlee, \$50; Galena, \$25; total, \$5,052.

The statistics for 1918 show a total property indebtedness for the entire Conference of \$193,866, and this is divided as follows: Wilmington District, \$109,970; Dover, \$43,765; Salisbury, \$29,455; Easton, \$10,676. The latter District will report nothing added to this sum, but on the contrary will reduce its burden to the extent of at least \$6,000. Other charges reporting having lessened indebtedness include, Church Hill, Smyrna, Still Pond, Bayside, Clayton, Kent Island, Sudlersville, Cordova, Royal Oak.

**Ministerial Support.**—The question of a more adequate support is not an embarrassing one exclusively related to the disabled, aged, or Retired minister; but also, in an increasing sense, may be applied to those of the Effective rank as well. One of the outstanding studies still confronting some of the pastors on Easton District is, how to maintain oneself and family on the allowance estimated, and all too frequently indifferently paid, for their support. To purchase and regularly meet the upkeep of an automobile, subscribe for from three to five church papers, provide for the education of the children, avoid the stigma, everywhere and by everybody, placed upon that preacher who does not promptly pay his bills, whether or not the charge he serves promptly pays him, and, withal, present a fairly respectable appearance in the community where he is stationed, still prove perplexing problems that quite a few faithful and hard pressed pastors have not yet succeeded in solving. To Question

14 of the quarterly conference call, "What is the financial plan adopted by the charge?", a variety of answers are given, such as, "envelopes and personal solicitation, weekly, monthly or quarterly collection, disciplinary plan, duplex or budget systems". In a majority of the 70 churches on the district, where some one of the first five answers named is invariably given, the reply, rightly interpreted, means practically no plan at all, but resolves itself into a definite hardship on the pastors, and is an inexcusable and uncalled-for injustice to every vital interest of the local and general church. By the mere pretense of plan, at least one half of the churches show themselves to be a century behind the times in this important particular, while through long antiquated and worn-out methods of financing churches, both the lot and larder of faithful pastors and their families are still kept subject to such conditions as cold and wet weather, bad roads, seed time and harvest, public sales, an occasional state or county fair, a horse race or circus. And some persons seem quite willing to subject the District Superintendent's word to a veritable "acid test", if he ventures to suggest some difficulty in persuading men to accept such charges as insist upon adhering to musty and misery making methods that keep back and down so many of our churches. But 23 of the 90 active churches of this district have as yet put into operation either the duplex or budget systems, and 9 of that number have introduced these since the last session of Conference. The records one year ago show the average support in the Conference, not including house rent, to be \$959. On Wilmington District it was \$1028; Dover, \$885; Salisbury, \$1009; Easton, \$900. A total advance this year of \$2170, which increases the average on this District to \$950. It is but fair, however, to put into this survey of the subject the fact, that if the several hundreds of dollars raised by stewards as pastoral support had been properly applied and reported as such, instead of being insisted upon and published broadcast as "special donations", the spirit and letter of the law would have been better respected, the Retired minister's fund given more of its due, and the District this year would have more closely approached the \$1000 mark in its average support.

The following charges made advance in the estimate: Centreville, Chestertown, Sudlersville, Middletown, \$200 each; Bayside, Church Hill, Concord, Cordova, Crumpton, Easton, St. Michaels, Still Pond, Trappe, \$100 each; Bozman, Kenton, Queenstown, Royal Oak, \$50 each; total, \$2170. With ten charges virtually committed to increasing the item of support in the coming year.

Of the \$40,775, minimum expectation from the District for the Claimant Endowment, from data now in hand, \$27,124 have either been subscribed or accepted. Churches having thus far reported as meeting their quotas, or obligating themselves so to do, are: Bayside, Bozman, Centreville, Denton, Easton, Greensboro, Middletown, Odessa, Preston, Rock Hall, Still Pond, Sudlersville, Wye Mills.

**Ladies Aid Society.**—Unfortunate indeed is the charge, and more so the pastor, that fails to appreciate the faithful services of an up-to-date Ladies Aid Society. When it comes to the matter of church finance, from the standpoint of interest, conscience and achievement, many of our devoted women are leagues ahead of their slow-to-act brothers. Not a few

of the latter, however, are pastmasters in the art of such "watchful waiting" as often issues either in a deliberate evasion of plainly prescribed duties, or in skillfully planning to prevent their respective charges taking legitimate grade in such vital matters as pastoral support, benevolent advance, and property improvement. The 56 Aid Societies of this District, besides backing every good work proposed by the pastor during the year, have brought of their diligent gleaning the sum of \$7250 to the service of God and His church. \$6600 of that amount have been expended in making more attractive and comfortable the homes of their pastors. They deserve and should receive more credit than our statistical columns allow them. These tables, all too frequently, show to the credit of trustees and stewards, goodly sums of money, that were it not for the tireless toil of these women, never would have been secured. "Honor to whom honor is due".

**Benevolences.**—Lost in a perfect maize of splendid district reports, so fitly framed with well chosen words as modern vocabularies could well afford, and so interestingly rendered one year ago, Easton district felt constrained to inquire in terms quite familiar, though somewhat ungrammatical in form, "where am I at?" We "waited a time with patience", and when the official minutes of 1918 were printed, by comparison of these with those of 1917, we speedily found ourselves, when readily discovering that the Easton district had "lined up" in the very vanguard of the procession, and in possession of the laurels, at least in so far as advance on apportioned benevolences is concerned. Our Conference treasurer's report is authority for the statement that this district advanced on seven of the eight disciplinary interests, the exception being that of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, for which cause the mere lack of two dollars prevented a 100% record of advance. To our genial colleague from "below", who a year ago so good naturedly and generously conceded to Easton district a goodly measure of that "whole-hearted hospitality", for which this Peninsula is so famous, permit us to say, we have that article, true, and much in its original and genuine type, too, as your hosts in Chestertown are fully capable of demonstrating in their fine homes, at their heavily laden tables, and with their goodly appearance and courtly manner. "By their fruits ye shall know them". But with this we also profess a fair share of "wealth, culture, heart, (and even) religion", all so enthusiastically claimed, and rightly so, for the 13,263 and more "dwellers in (our Peninsula) Mesopotamia", where the writer at different times has sojourned during six delightful years of his ministry, and that with no mean satisfaction. To our esteemed colaborer just "beyond", another of our "partners in distress, who still his body feels", we also good naturedly and modestly suggest that, as a rule, he who figures last, figures best. Our total advance last year was \$849, being \$50 to the better of the district nearest approaching that total. This district raised for all purposes, one year ago, \$54,777, a per capita offering of \$6.20. To which, if there be added a per capita of 5.56% for Wesley Collegiate Institute, a considerable of which has been already paid, the total per capita would be \$11.76%, an average that far exceeds what is necessary to put the district considerably "over the top", and beyond its Centenary goal of \$6.44 per full member

of our churches. From figures thus far furnished, the indications are that our benevolent budget raised this year will equal if not exceed that of 1918. Easton District thus again bids fair to look down with pardonable complacency upon our neighbors "just beyond", and a little more "remote" within the Conference territory, hailing them with the cordial invitation "to come up higher". "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear". Charges deserving special mention because of having this year surpassed anything of their previous records in the matter of apportioned benevolences are Bayside, Crumpton, Ridgely, Rock Hall, Royal Oak, Still Pond, Tilghman, Townsend, Smyrna Circuit. Pastors reporting collections in advance of last year are: E. M. Shockley, Leonard White, T. F. Beauchamp, G. P. Smith, O. B. Reed, M. E. Wheatley, W. E. Matthews, J. T. Rowleson, Frank White, V. P. Northrup, C. D. Sharpless, E. W. McDowell, G. S. Thomas, D. J. Moore, J. T. Richardson, J. J. Bunting, T. C. Smoot, G. W. Williams, J. D. Reese, Henry Covington, A. W. Goodhand, L. E. Barrett, Milton McCann. Those advising that all benevolences would be reported in full of apportionment are, Bayside, Centreville, Chestertown, Church Hill, Concord, Cordova, Crumpton, Denton, Easton, Galena, Greensboro, Henderson, Marydel, Millington, Odessa, Preston, Rock Hall, Middletown, Salem Circuit, Smyrna, Still Pond, Royal Oak, Sudlersville, Tilghman, Townsend, Smyrna Circuit.

**Church War Council Appeal.**—Among the honor charges exceeding or reaching the 10% asked by the Church War Council for war emergency purposes, we reckon Middletown first with \$304; Ridgely, \$225; Centreville, \$213; Crumpton, \$170; Preston, \$150; Denton, \$215; Tilghman, \$150; Easton, \$144; Cheswold, \$75; Concord, \$130; Clayton, \$128; Odessa, \$125; St. Michaels, \$120; Townsend, \$120; Still Pond, \$120; Cecilton, \$104; Smyrna Circuit, \$102; Greensboro, \$100; Kent Island, \$100; Galena, \$90; Trappe, \$90; Marydel, \$77; Bayside, \$72; Fairlee, \$62; Henderson, \$62; Royal Oak, \$55; Salem Circuit, \$38; Sassafras, \$15; the total, \$4241, placing the district several hundred dollars above its quota. For the several other special appeals made during the year the following notation is made, Red Cross, \$19,000; Y. M. C. A., \$14,000; Armenian Relief, \$1200; Belgian, \$254; Syrian, \$231; United War Work, \$1654; total, \$37,339.

**Sunday Schools.**—In May last, based upon the statistical returns from the Spring Conferences, a note of alarm was sounded by the Board of Sunday Schools, to the effect that serious losses appeared in every department of the Sunday School work. We are strongly impressed, however, that, if it were possible to persuade our school secretaries and teachers with the importance of exercising a little more care in keeping correct records, and some of our pastors with doing a little better figuring, and not quite so much guessing, in the preparation of annual reports as these relate to Sunday School facts, this District's share of the total shrinkage would speedily vanish. In spite of the fact that the "flu" ban closed quite a number of our schools for weeks, we earnestly hope that the tabulation now in course of making, will show that we have recovered something of our former good record. Some of the schools have taken on new life during the year, especially at Crumpton, Middletown, Oxford, Smyrna, Tilghman. No Sunday School institutes or conventions were held within the District bounds during the Conference year.

**Epworth League.**—Special inquiry made on the Fourth Quarterly round of the charges brought out the information that there were 35 senior and 27 junior chapters of the Epworth League on this District. The District cabinet is composed of a fine, aggressive and resourceful corps of League workers, with brother J. A. Leach as the recently elected president. The annual convention held at St. Michaels in November last, was attended by 22 pastors of the District together with a goodly number of other delegates, the program presented proved to be one of the most interesting ever given in the League's history. At the Institute, so enthusiastically and successfully conducted July 8-14, at Dover, Easton District was very largely in evidence, 27 of the 65 registrations being from our territory. The effect of the excellent program, which touched every part of the League activities, has been definitely felt and observed, especially in the chapters represented there. The presence of Bishop McDowell at the above institute proved highly inspirational, as, entering into the social features with a zest equal to that which characterized his splendid leadership in the spiritual phases of the program, he thus gave convincing evidence of that keen interest which our resident Bishop takes in this department of League work. From all sides the Epworthians are saying, "Bishop, come again".

**Revivals.**—The fact that conditions over which no man had control forestalled almost every endeavor in the direction of evangelistic work one year ago, together with the prohibitive orders of local and state authorities having the responsibility of stamping out the influenza epidemic this year, gave occasion to no little chafing and grief on the part of not a few of the pastors who feel themselves to be out of their element when sinners are not bowing at the altars of the church seeking to be saved. A few, however, have found time along with the multitudes of other pressing cares that have burdened their hearts during the passing months, to summon their people for limited seasons of prayer, personal work, and faithful waiting before God, and although the task of attracting the unsaved to the house of the Lord in time of revival endeavor, appears to be growing more and more difficult, yet some have been rewarded with seeing their people very greatly quickened in spiritual things, and several scores of souls have been saved at the altars, and their names given to the church. The following figures as to conversions are given: Crumpton, 93; Millington, 86; Tilghman, 72; Still Pond, 34; Middletown, 24; Greensboro, 23; Chestertown, Clayton, 22 each; others in sums less than 20; total, 551.

**Periodicals.**—Perhaps never quite so much before as now, is the reason increasingly urgent and convincing why our Methodist constituency should be "tied-up" to the church papers. In these days of rapid change and world-wide "march of events", when the most vital interests of church and state alike are materially and seriously involved as never before in all our history, to be abreast of the times, means to be intelligently informed as to what is proposed and transpiring in the most remote, as well as the near-by, parts of the world. The most important questions and events of the hour, particularly as touching and affecting the present and future weal of God's kingdom in the earth, are regularly presented in all their varied phases in our church papers, one or more of



which should be weekly visitors to every Methodist home. From the best information obtainable from the pastors, there are but 186 subscribers for "The Christian Advocate" in the 90 churches of the district, Denton leading with 30 of these; 10 "Methodist Reviews"; 58 "Methodists"; 105 "Epworth Heralds"; and 32 "World-Outlooks". A total of 385 of our own church papers taken by a full membership of 8845, more than 1100 of whom are Officials at that. But one religious paper for every 25 of the district's membership, and no one task, for some reason, proves harder for the average pastor than that of placing more of these in the hands and homes of the people. For the benefit of Easton District's Quarterly Conference Officials this is added. If it be true, as Bacon observes, that "Reading, maketh a full man", the amazing thing is that so many of our leading officials still lack and persistently refuse to receive this vision of need and possibility. If this district can do so well with so many of its members literally out of touch with the church periodicals, what could it not do were the minds of our people nourished by such intellectual food as may be found in the best approved religious journals of the day, **Our Own Church Papers?** Within the official ranks a revival is greatly needed, and should begin, since the number of these who even possess a recent edition of that little black bound book, known to every full-fledged Methodist, as the "Discipline", is so surprisingly small as to be likely to produce a decided depression of good feelings were it known and mentioned here.

**Centenary.**—The one all-absorbing subject now deserving and commanding the attention and devotion of every well advised and progressive Methodist is that of the "Centenary". And, proportionately as the necessary vision is being imparted by the Centenary specialists and the "live-wire" poster to the people, Easton District is responding to her part and privilege relative to this timely, providential and promising program. Every member of our ministry and church should be filled with pardonable pride because of this inspired effort and plan to reach all the way from the most obscure local church in our own limited field, even to that in the most remote corner of the world, whither God in His providence has thus far permitted our foreign field workers to go. Notwithstanding the fact that other important interests, by our last annual action, were duly on our hands at the very time when district conferences should have been held for purposes of Centenary organization and training, we have, nevertheless, endeavored to answer the call of our authorized leaders, and have earnestly tried to have the district thoroughly organized in accord with the details of the general plan, and have measurably succeeded. From figures thus far received the Stewardship campaign, though put on as yet by but part of the charges, resulted in securing 1504 members of the league of Intercessors, 171 signing the life-service pledge. And of the district's quota of tithers, 256 have been reported. The honor charge first reporting as having secured its full quota of tithers was Bayside with 32, E. M. Shockley, the happy pastor. Tilghman was a close second with 40, that number being within 4 of Tilghman's quota. A. W. Goodhand at Still Pond secured 30. C. T. Wyatt reports 23, and others in smaller numbers. Some few of the charges deferred the life-service and tithing portions of the campaign until the beginning of the new Confer-

ence year. This postponement means a more strenuous effort for these in order to catch up with the Centenary procession. It is sincerely hoped, however, that this delay will not mean sheer neglect and ultimate failure on the part of these belated charges, seeing that so much is involved by these two most important features of the Centenary program.

**Life Service.**—To each of the Fourth Quarterly Conferences this year the following question was put, "How many persons from this charge have ever entered either the ministry, the missionary, or deaconess work?" The answers were based upon the recollection of the oldest surviving members of the churches, and date back to the earliest days of the charges, even before the organization of the Wilmington Conference. The replies were as follows,—117, the ministry; 4, the mission fields; 2, the deaconess work. Centreville leads the list with 11, with Kent Island having 9, these during the years gone, have been sent out by the charges, either into our own home or foreign work, or to those of another protestant denomination. Seven of the district's charges, composed of 14 churches, sought in vain for a single contribution of such "life-service", either to the ministry, missionary, or deaconess departments of the kingdom of God. To the other 36 charges, or 76 churches, an average of less than 2 is found to be the product and output of more than a century of our Peninsula church life and activity. While the showing of this district may compare quite favorably with either of the other districts in this matter, nevertheless, if the Centenary accomplishes nothing more for our territory, a fond hope is indulged, that a goodly number of those 121 who, to the credit of the district, have signed the "life-service" pledges, may not fail in the near future to respond to the further call of the church, and become life-servants in the kingdom, where "the harvest is (still so) great, and the laborers (so) few".

**Closing.**—Now that the year's work is done, whatever the results may be, this we know, that faithfulness, devotion, zeal, and sacrifice for the King's business, have not been lacking with the splendid body of men who have labored in this part of the Master's vineyard, committed to the oversight of the writer. To every call of duty they have responded quickly, heartily, and well. The visible results of their toils may not seem commensurate with the abundant service rendered, but we are persuaded, that much doth not yet appear above the surface. What these tireless and consistent sowers have scattered, both early and late, cannot be lost, but buried deep, some day will surely germinate, perhaps sooner than we know, bringing forth "some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold". We have long since learned the wisdom of trusting Him "whose we are, and whom we serve". He will jealously guard both sower and seed, and bring these together again when the general ingathering day breaketh, and joyous "reapers shall shout, Harvest Home".

## SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Vaughan S. Collins, District Superintendent.

At the last meeting of the Bishop's cabinet one year ago in answer to the query, "Is there any change in the list of appointments as now arranged that would be for the glory of God or for the good of the Churches or Pastors?" I answered, "None, Bishop, so far as Salisbury District is concerned". I believed it then; and the results of this year's labor together have proven to me beyond all question that our God still sits enthroned "in the midst of the wheels". Permit me to bear this word of testimony: Let those who will call the Methodist Episcopal method of making appointments "The Great Iron Wheel". I have sat in but one cabinet session. There arose situations which none of us sitting about the council table were able to control. A power other and above us seemed to be shaping the situation; until at last the Bishop would say, "It looks to me that under the circumstances I must do so and so—", the final result being different from what any of us had advised or expected in the beginning. And so far as Salisbury District is concerned every case of this sort, where the Pastor went to his disappointment to make the best of it, has proven beyond all question that God had a hand in the making of the appointment. Let us therefore reverently pray that "the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord" may shine forth in the making of the appointments this year also.

April 25, 1918, Mrs. Emma L. Wilcox, relict of the Rev. George W. Wilcox, for many years a faithful member of this Conference, passed to her heavenly home. The writer had known her from his boyhood, when she and her young husband came to serve Berlin circuit. Brother Wilcox gave the writer his first license to exhort. The friendship then formed but ripened with the passing years. She was a model preacher's wife, patient, loyal, devoted as wife and mother, and friend. A suitable memoir has been prepared and will be read by Dr. Joseph T. Herson.

At the reading of the appointments a year ago three charges were left without pastors, viz.: Fruitland, Pocomoke Circuit, and Venton. Venton has not been supplied during the year. It consists of a small scattered community most of whom have moved away to the cities to obtain the big wages offered during these stirring times, so it has been impossible to secure a pastor to serve them for the \$100 or so the few people remaining might have paid.

Pocomoke Circuit was supplied by returning Rev. C. A. Vandermuellen a Local Deacon of the Genesee Conference for the second year.

Fruitland, with as noble a band of faithful souls as can be found on this peninsula, after some weeks of irregular supplies, was cared for by Rev. H. W. Holter, whose transfer I secured from the Northwest Indiana Conference. His work was proving most satisfactory, but in just four months his wife's health broke again, and for several weeks Fruitland was again dependent upon irregular supplies. Finally Rev. W. S. H. Williams, a retired minister of our Conference, consented to fill out the year, and has held things together quite successfully. Notwithstanding all these trials and changes Fruitland comes up reporting 32 conversions.

32 received on probation, and a surprisingly large offering for all Church benevolences.

In July Rev. W. Vaughan Moore, pastor of Mardela Springs, asked to be relieved from his charge to attend Drew Theological Seminary. Being always ready to assist any young man in his battle to secure higher education I relieved him, supplying Mardela Springs by transferring Rev. John T. Graham, a supply, from Claremont. Brother Graham has quite successfully handled the situation at Mardela, his people rallying to his support, paying off the last dollar of indebtedness; paying their pastor in full; and invite him to return next year at an increase in salary.

Claremont, on the removal of Brother Graham, was for some months without a pastor. Finally Dr. C. W. Prettyman, one of our retired "Princes in Israel", came to my relief by supplying Claremont. His three months ministry will be long remembered at Claremont. But in sending them such a man I fear I have "cut a club to break my own pate". After having had the services of Dr. Prettyman I fear I will never be able to send them another man with whom Claremont will be satisfied.

Holland's Island, a little emerald nestling so sweetly on the bosom of the Chesapeake Bay, was visited in August last by a wind storm that carried destruction in its wake. Our sturdy little church was moved bodily seven inches on its foundation, which crushed under the severe pressure; and the land on which the parsonage stood was washed away clear up to the underpinning of the kitchen. In order to save the property I took a housemover and his tackle from Salisbury, Maryland, at a cost of \$12.00 per day and the expenses and went to the Island to jack up the church and to move the parsonage to safer ground. Finding no response on the part of the Islanders themselves to help save their own property, only the pastor, Rev. S. T. Horseman, being willing to assist in the work, the writer donned thigh boots and overalls, manned the jacks and went to work. We succeeded in getting the church jacked back into place, but did not touch the parsonage, that being too big a job for one mechanic and two preachers to tackle. The church needs to be fitted with new underpinning, and this will be done as soon as I can get the Islanders to place the necessary sand at the church to make the mortar. Later I sold the parsonage for \$125.00, as by that time the waters had washed the ground away as far as the dining room. The Island is now deserted, all of the inhabitants having left for the winter except one family. Doubtless many of them will return for the summer crabbing season; so we will retain the church, and attempt to hold services for about five months a year, while the crabbers are about. There has been no service held since last October.

In October Dr. W. O. Hurst was appointed to take care of our War Work at Phoebus; and at my request Bishop McDowell kindly retransferred Rev. Vinal E. Hills from the West Virginia Conference, and stationed him at Pocomoke City. Brother Hills is having a great time at Pocomoke City. So well has he pleased the people that congregations have increased; benevolent offerings in advance of last year; \$300 has been spent on improvements at the parsonage; and the pastor unanimously invited to return next year.

With these few exceptions the charges have all been filled by regular pastors for the entire year.

#### Difficulties.

The work of the churches has been prosecuted this year under a chain of adverse circumstances that men of less faith and courage than Methodist Preachers might have given up in despair.

1. For two years there has been a steady stream of emigration from Salisbury District to the more populous centres and munition plants because of the high wages offered. Scores of houses stand vacant today in such sections as Fairmount, Deal's Island, Venton, Nanticoke, Tangier, etc., mute witnesses to the extent of this great exodus. However, this great migration has not been a total loss to God and Methodism as largely what we have lost has been garnered in Wilmington, Baltimore, Washington, Norfolk and Newport News, the points to which most of our people have gone.

2. The second difficulty arose in the shape of a smallpox scare in lower Sussex County, Delaware. A whole tier of churches in that County was closed up for weeks by orders of the Board of Health.

3. Scarcely was the smallpox scare over before the round of Camp-Meetings began; and certain it is that now-a-days Camp-Meetings interfere disastrously to the regular services of every church within reaching distance of the camp; and in this day of automobiles and Fords the radius of deleterious influence is largely increased.

So far as reported to me the camps held on Salisbury District resulted as follows: Deal's Island, no converts, made \$250.00 clear; Hebron, no converts, cleared \$1100.00; Willard's, one convert, cleared \$100.00; Siloam, one convert, cleared \$150.00; Sound, three converts, cleared \$363. Total, 5 converts; cleared \$1,963.00.

In the light of this statement of facts it seems to me well worth our careful thought whether Methodist Preachers should be expected to lead in the conduct of camps where evidently the prime object of the meeting is NOT the conversion of men. I believe that camps could be wisely and profitably utilized by introducing new features—using stereopticons and lectures to bring together an educational program on Missions, or Temperance or Sunday School work, or home and personal hygiene; all perfectly legitimate, and well worth any Church's while; but I very much doubt the wisdom of attempting to run Camp-Meetings on the old style, with preaching service followed by altar work, when the whole spirit of the camp and community is foreign to that spiritual atmosphere which is essential to success. We pay a high price for the few dollars we make whenever they are made at the price of Sabbath desecration, or lowering the tone of reverence for holy things. And wherever Camp-Meetings are held in the name of the Church, and the Pastor is expected to be in charge of the Camp, the management of the Camp ought to be placed absolutely in the hands of the Pastor and of his Official Board. To do otherwise is to invite future trouble for both Pastor and Church.

4. Scarcely had the round of camps and other summer diversions passed when an epidemic of Spanish influenza swept the District. Churches were closed by various Boards of Health from three to twelve weeks.

Some were visited by three separate outbreaks of the dread disease. Sunday Schools were stopped dead for weeks. Congregations not allowed to assemble. Some churches lost some of their noblest men,—like Asbury Church, Salisbury, which lost Norman, L. Williams and Raymond K. Truitt, two fine young members of the Official Board, whose already useful lives promised increasing usefulness for many days to come.

But even while the epidemic was raging, with scores of deaths weekly, and hundreds lying sick all over our towns and countryside, with churches closed and all services abandoned, some of our pastors made even these adverse conditions inure to the grip of the church on the hearts of the people. Throwing fear to the winds, without a thought of their personal danger, but with a sincere desire to do what they believed the Master wanted them to do in that trying time, men like Drs. Wilbur F. Corkran and Joseph T. Herson, Frank N. Faulkner, L. E. Poole, and John L. Johnson went from house to house like angels of mercy. They visited the sick, comforted the dying, consoled the bereaved. They aided in securing nurses, and in not a few instances did the actual nursing, standing by even until death—Brother Faulkner actually having a young man die in his arms, and he assisted in removing the remains to a room down stairs for dressing. One brother, John L. Johnson, went to the limit of sweeping the rooms and even washed the babies' faces. Some, like Brother Poole (L. E.), the church being closed, wrote messages of comfort and hope and had them printed in the local papers, as the people were deprived of the comforts of the services of the sanctuary. No wonder that in every such case when the churches were finally opened these pastors found increasing numbers both in the congregations and in the Sunday Schools,—making even the epidemic yield increase of fruit for the Master.

Even our parsonage homes were not exempt. I can not report the long list of sufferers, but Rev. J. C. B. Hopkins, Pastor of Dagsboro and St. Georges', was dangerously ill for many weeks with double pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. Am thankful to say Brother Hopkins is convalescing finely and will be able to take up his work next year. Rev. J. P. Outten, Pastor of Deal's Island, was sick for some weeks. He, too, is now fully recovered.

The heaviest blows, however, were reserved for Revs. W. P. Taylor, of Grace Church, Salisbury, and W. F. Dawson, of Swayne Memorial Church, Tangier.

Brother Taylor's son, Cadet William P. Taylor, Junior, a fine specimen of physical manhood, left the Junior class from Dickinson College, volunteered his service to his country as an aviator. Graduating with honors from the twelve weeks' course (at the Cornell Training School, Ithaca, N. Y.) he was sent to Ellington Field, Houston, Texas, to complete his course as an expert bomber. He was becoming quite skillful, receiving marks of 92 to 97 per cent. for his work, when he was stricken with influenza, developed bronchial pneumonia, and in nine days from his first attack died in the hospital on the field, on October 19, 1919. The United States Government sent the remains home to his father, escorted by a classmate. Funeral services were held in Grace parsonage, in charge

of the writer assisted by Dr. Joseph T. Herson, and interment took place at Bethel Cemetery, Chesapeake City, Md., October 24th.

On the same day that Brother Taylor was at the station waiting for the remains of his son from the camp, Rev. W. F. Dawson passed through Salisbury en route to Newark, N. J., whence he had been summoned to attend the funeral of his daughter, Miss Mary Leigh Dawson, who also had died from the scourge. Miss Dawson was a most estimable young woman, a trained nurse by profession, but who for some years past had devoted herself to social welfare work. Her industry, patience, abounding good humor and excellent common sense made her a host of friends in her chosen life work. When the epidemic struck Newark, seeing the great need of trained workers among the helpless, she went beyond her strength, broke down, was stricken with the disease herself, and having no reserve vitality, soon succumbed—a martyr, who literally gave her life for others.

All hearts will go out in sympathy to Brothers Taylor and Dawson in their great loss; yet how I praise God that the Methodist parsonage still nurtures such unselfish heroes as Cadet William P. Taylor, Junior, and Miss Mary Leigh Dawson.

5. And then to crown our difficulties, as though smallpox, camp-meetings and influenza were not enough, early in December, over the unanimous protest of the Superintendent of Salisbury District, President Woodrow Wilson snapped his fingers in the face of Congress, packed his grip, turned the key in the White House door, and left the country! *O tempora! O mores!*

But notwithstanding all these difficulties the work for God and Methodism has gone straight forward the whole year through.

#### Church War Work Campaign.

Immediately on adjournment of Conference last year came Bishop Henderson's appeal for \$1,000,000.00 for Church War Work. Desiring Salisbury District to have its share in every good thing we set the machinery in motion, and when the campaign closed May 19th, we found our loyal pastors had secured \$4,336.00 for this worthy cause.

Not only did we have a part in the raising of the money but we also undertook some practical war work on our own District. For months we had been considering the growing importance of our little church at Phoebus, Va. It is the only Methodist Church in a town of more than 3,000. It is only ten minutes walk from Fortress Monroe, the largest fortress in the United States and one of the most important. Phoebus is but a few miles from Langley field, where we were told the U. S. Government plans to build a permanent aviation plant using 18,000 men. Within ten minutes walk of the Church is the Old Soldiers' Home, a government institution, built for Civil War veterans, and where they have now fitted up a hospital to accommodate 7,000 wounded sailors and soldiers from Europe. It is right on the banks of the Hampton Roads, the most useful and most historic waters in the United States from a military and naval viewpoint. The town of Phoebus was thronged day and night with soldiers and sailors, tens of thousands of whom were in the Fortress, at the field, in the ships, and in the embarkation camps at New-

port News, for whom our church at Phoebus was doing very little. I was anxious that the work should be taken hold of in a large, sane way, worthy of our great Church and the noble young men who were offering themselves to their country for the "great adventure". So in company with Bishop McDowell and Dr. J. A. Holmes, the head of War Work for our Church, we visited Phoebus, and studied the situation. The result of this survey was that in October Rev. W. O. Hurst was removed from Pocomoke City and appointed to Phoebus as pastor, retaining Rev. W. F. Atkinson as assistant to the pastor; and with the understanding that the usual duties of pastor would be cared for by the assistant, while Dr. Hurst would be free to develop the church along such lines as would make it most useful to the men in the army and navy.

The appointment was not secured until October—right in the midst of the influenza epidemic, Brother Atkinson being ill and the church closed when Dr. Hurst arrived. However, Dr. Hurst busied himself in surveying the work and laying his plans. As soon as the church was opened he was ready, and started into the work in his usual masterful way. In three weeks after starting his campaign the attendance of enlisted men at the Church reached by actual count 1248. Then came Nov. 11, 1918, when the armistice was signed—and the bottom fell out. The hundreds of men that Dr. Hurst had registered by card index were demobilized and scattered to the 48 states and Alaska and 25 denominations whence they had come.

But while the work has changed Phoebus still has a large and important service to render to the soldiers and sailors, and to the men returning from overseas,—especially to the wounded sent to the big hospital in the Old Soldiers' Home. Dr. Hurst and the Chaplain are working side by side, and there is abundant work for both men. Phoebus ought to be made, and I believe CAN be made, a great blessing to the army and navy. Approximately 20 per cent. of the total enlistments are Methodists. That means that even in peace times there will be hundreds of young Methodists in our army and navy that will be looking up to our little church at Phoebus for social, mental and spiritual help, and we must not disappoint them. Dr. Hurst will, I am sure, build our church there on new, broad lines of Christian usefulness. Already \$1300 has been spent in renovating the church and parsonage, and a new day is dawning for Phoebus. The parsonage is an increasingly popular Mecca for homesick boys and men. God grant to Dr. Hurst and his estimable wife the wisdom and patience to make little Chesapeake Church at Phoebus a beacon light for the thousands.

#### Salisbury District and the Great War.

A year ago we were in the rush of the great war with Germany. I would like to be able to make a complete report of what the Methodists of Salisbury District contributed to that crusade for civilization, but notwithstanding my best endeavors I can only bring partial reports.

Some pastors have made no report of items as requested, and others have reported that drives such as Red Cross, etc., were taken as communities, and, therefore, they can not tell what the churches did. So far

as pastors have reported the figures show: Contributed for Red Cross, \$13,706; For United War Work, \$14,079; For Armenians, \$6,602.94—Total, \$34,387.94. Adding our Church War Work, \$4,336.00, makes a total of \$38,723.94 contributed for mitigating the horrors of war.

Besides, the Service Flag of Salisbury District shows that 965 of our Church and Sunday School boys were enlisted in their country's service; that 57 of our Churches are flaunting service flags; and on these flags 41 gold stars tell us what Salisbury District did "For God, and Home and Every Land".

In addition to the foregoing our pastors, with practical unanimity, did everything humanly possible to aid the United States Government in the prosecution of the war. They urged enlistment; stood by the selective draft, even when it was most unpopular in certain communities; took active part in all Liberty Loan and other war "drives"; and did their full share in keeping their several communities lined up behind every government activity. They preached on loyalty, and patriotism and kindred themes until some of the weak-kneed and timorous thought they were going entirely too far. Methodist preachers from the days of 1776 until now have ever been loyal to the Republic and all that it stands for, and never has a truer, nobler band of patriots graced the Methodist pulpit than the patriotic preachers of 1918 on Salisbury District.

#### New England Education Campaign.

Last Conference year our Church Board of Education sent us a corps of workers under the general leadership of Dr. John W. Hancher that rendered most efficient service in our endowment campaign for the Wesley Collegiate Institute. Gratitude for their faithful service was so sincere that when immediately after Conference Dr. Hancher telegraphed me to come to his assistance with some good men I could not say "No". Obtaining permission of Bishop McDowell on May 20, 1918, five of us started for New England to aid them in their campaign for education, viz.: Drs. J. W. Easley, W. O. Hurst, J. T. Herson, L. E. Poole and the writer, and V. E. Hills joined us a few days later. Brothers Hurst and Poole were assigned to the Vermont Conference, to assist in raising \$75,000 for Montpelier Academy; the campaign resulted in securing \$90,000. Drs. Easley and Hills were assigned to the New England Southern Conference, where \$75,000 was sought for the East Greenwich Academy; and \$105,000 resulted. Dr. Herson and the writer were assigned to the New Hampshire Conference, where \$150,000 was being solicited for Tilton Seminary; and when the final returns came in \$194,000 was totaled. It was hard work, and at times discouraging, but every man enjoyed it. We found New England character and New England ways quite different from that to which we were accustomed here on the Peninsula; yet so well did every man acquit himself that every man of the six was offered opportunity to transfer to New England; but it will take more than a few mountains of granite, even though flavored with the tincture of Mother Eddyism, and the Bunker Hill monument thrown in for good measure, to tempt these loyal men to forsake God's country—

Where the sunlight kisses the rivers,  
And the rivers sing their way to the sea.

#### Other Debts Paid.

Not only have we thus paid our debt to the Board of Education, but our pastors have wisely taken advantage of these wonderful times to attack debts on our church and parsonage property which were reported at \$29,455 a year ago. Twenty pastors report a total of \$20,241 paid on debts during the year, details of which achievements will appear in the reports of individual charges. At this rate church debts on Salisbury District will soon be as rare as Huns in heaven.

#### Improvements.

While because of the peculiar conditions as to wages and costs we have striven to do just as little building as possible, yet the spirit of our people is toward progress, and 14 pastors report a total of \$12,088 spent for improvements this year.

#### Conversions.

Nor has the great war, and the various drives for money, caused our pastors to forget that the one supreme work of the Church is to win men to the Christ. Notwithstanding the closing of churches, and the disheartening effects of the war and the epidemic, 33 pastors report a total of 1240 converts during the year, and 845 received on probation.

#### Pastoral Support.

The campaign started two years ago to lay upon the hearts of the laymen of our District their duty to pay a living salary to our preachers has been continued without let up throughout this year, and they are responding nobly. Last year it was gratifying to be able to report a net advance of \$4476 in pastoral support, and said, "I have set for the minimum salary to be paid any married man on Salisbury District at \$1000 and a well-furnished home; and for a single man \$800.00 as minimum". I am glad to be able to report today that no married man who is a member of this Conference stationed on our District has received less than \$1000 cash salary. More than that, three of our single men have received \$1000 each; and three of our supplies have received \$1000 each, cash salary, and a furnished parsonage. True we have assisted with Domestic Missionary money in a few cases, but the pastor received \$1000 just the same.

The charges which have advanced pastoral support this year are as follows: Chincoteague, \$100; Delmar, \$100; Hebron, \$100; Mardela Springs, \$100; Marion, \$100; Parsonburg, \$100; Roxana, \$100; St. Peter's, \$100; Snow Hill, \$100; Stockton, \$50; Ayres' Chapel, \$175; Berlin, \$200; Bishopville, \$200; Claremont, \$200; Dagsboro, \$200; Deal's Island, \$200; Fruitland, \$200; Nanticoke, \$200; Phoebus, \$200; Pocomoke Circuit, \$200; Powellville, \$200; Princess Anne, \$200; Selbyville, \$200; Somerset, \$200; Whitesville, \$200; Westover, \$250; Cape Charles, \$300; Asbury, Crisfield, \$500; and Asbury, Salisbury, \$1000. A total of 29 charges increase their pastors' salary this year a total of \$5,975.

May God bless these laymen who are awaking to the great truth that no minister can give his best service of heart and mind when he is

receiving such a pittance of a salary that he is constantly worried over the problem how to provide for his daily expenses.

Two years ago we had but one charge on the District that paid \$1,800 cash salary, Asbury, Salisbury; and but two that were paying \$1,500, viz.: Asbury and Immanuel, Crisfield. This year we have five paying \$1,500, viz.: Berlin, Snow Hill, Cape Charles, Immanuel (Crisfield), and Selbyville; Asbury, Crisfield is paying \$2,000 this year; while Asbury, Salisbury, has passed into the \$3,000 class.

#### The Centenary.

Undoubtedly the Centenary is the most daring challenge made to the Church since Pentecost. In this world crisis the starving, war-torn world needs the Christ, and the Church of God must furnish the remedy needed. The world is at this moment looking to America as their one hope among the nations, and America must turn to her Churches for guidance and for consolation in this trying hour. And what more fitting than that Methodism should lead the hosts of Protestant Christianity in this newest, noblest, holiest crusade, the winning of the world for our Christ? What better slogan could be adopted than the battle-cry of the Centenary, "Every member working, every member praying, every member paying"?

Some of the minor details as applied to Salisbury District and to our Conference I believe could be improved and ought to be adjusted. The Centenary is supposed to be for the purpose of strengthening the weak places; for developing rural work by building model rural Churches and putting on a model rural program for Church, for Sunday School, and for the rural community; a program which shall supplement the regular services of the Church by stereopticon, by lectures, by mission study, by newest and best methods of Sunday School work. They tell us that no circuit of three or more appointments can ever succeed as it ought, because no one man can give the intensive work to a scattered charge that modern methods demand. With all this I am in most cordial agreement. Right here on Salisbury District we have illustrations to prove the statement. We have eight four-church circuits, and nine three-church circuits; and we have two little stations that can never be self-supporting, with six other charges, now struggling, that need assistance for a few years to put them in line for successful work. These 26 appointments out of the 49 on the District should be classed as mission stations that should be aided by this Centenary movement.

Moreover, we have one portion of our District covering 1000 square miles that has no High School in the whole area—so that the highest grade education afforded to the children of that large territory is but the "deestrick" school, sometimes running to grammar grade. We have literally scores of official members of our Church that can not yet read and write, and we have hundreds of official members that do not take any church paper, not even "The Methodist".

Now under these circumstances I believe with all my heart that it would be the very wisest thing as a part of the Centenary movement to help such undeveloped territory right here in our midst. One model Church with a model program would be an object lesson for miles around.

Such a Church would soon be seen to be an indispensable part of community life, and it would be supported by our liberal people in proportion to its worth. Yet, under present plans of the Centenary, instead of helping these waste places of Zion, or instead of even letting us use the money we raise ourselves to develop our own work, the Centenary Committee asks these 26 missionary charges on our District to raise \$27,879 annually to build up the Kingdom somewhere else. I believe it would be just as pleasing to our Heavenly Father to have his children on Salisbury District comfortably Churched, with some of the amenities of modern life in their humble homes, as it would be to help some of his other children in some other part of the world. The quota assigned for Salisbury District for the Centenary offering as now given is nearly \$70,000 annually for the next five years. This looks like a staggering sum when we remember that last year, after the very hardest kind of work on the part of our pastors, we were able to report but \$10,290 for the eight Disciplinary benevolences. A jump forward and upward of seven fold looks pretty difficult to attain. But for even this stupendous sum I would dare to strike, backed up by the loyal men of Salisbury District, provided out of that sum we shall be allowed a sufficient amount to properly care for our own work.

These are some of the matters that I think need adjusting by the Joint Centenary Committee, and I shall do everything that I think honorable to convince our leaders that it is only common justice for which I plead, and that to come anywhere near the quota asked we must have the inspiration of knowing that by raising this total amount we shall be amply caring for our own territory.

But do not for a moment think I am opposed to the Centenary. I believe in it with all my soul. The great Columbus meeting gave me a soul-stirring vision of the world's great need such as I had never seen before. The four training Conferences held on the District by Dr. Morris E. Swartz and his staff only deepened the impression, and confirmed in my mind the wisdom of the plans devised. I believe in the Local Council, in the Methodist Minute Men, in the Units of 30, and I also believe we can raise any amount of money that ought to be raised for this world conquest, whether it be \$7,000 or \$70,000 annually. The only question in my mind is as to the spending of that \$70,000 annually. I say we need the half of it right here on Salisbury District until we shall indeed make our District to blossom as "the Garden of the Lord".

As to the state of the organization on the District 12 charges report that they have completed their Centenary organization; 20 report partly completed. Pastors report having appointed 154 Methodist Minute Men; that 1414 have signed the pledges as Intercessors, and 186 have enrolled as tithers, but the solicitation of tithers is but begun.

Already the good results of the Centenary movement are beginning to tell. Two years ago there was not a

#### Star Appointments.

"star" appointment on the District. Last year there were but two, Fruitland and Tangier. This year, from reports made to me, I fully expect to

see 17 "star" appointments on the District, viz.: Berlin, Bishopville, Cape Charles, Chincoteague, Claremont, Asbury (Crisfield), Immanuel (Crisfield), Dagsboro and St. Georges', Deal's Island, Fairmount, Hebron, Marion, Pittsville, Asbury (Salisbury), Snow Hill, Stockton, and Tangier. Considering the disadvantages under which the pastors have labored this 850 per cent. increase in "star" appointments in one year is most remarkable.

To report by name all charges that have advanced on benevolent offerings would be equivalent to call the roster of the District.

But there are other items beside raising the apportionments for Disciplinary benevolences that seem to me well worth to place an appointment in the "star" list.

Take Berlin for example. Last year, under the effective leadership of Rev. W. E. Greenfield, Berlin took a rank never before held in her history. This year under the guiding hand of Rev. W. O. Bennett, Berlin has paid \$175 on cemetery debt; paid \$400 on church and parsonage improvements; has advanced \$200 on pastor's salary and advanced 50 per cent. on Disciplinary benevolences. So instead of one "star" I think Berlin ought to have two "stars" to her credit.

Delmar, although advancing \$50 on her offering for missions may not reach the "star" list officially; but when any charge builds a \$10,000 home for its pastor, and cuts the debt to \$1600 in two years, meanwhile advancing pastoral support and all benevolent offerings, I say such a charge deserves a star.

So also with Onancock, where they have built a cosy new parsonage at a cost of nearly \$4400. This home is fitted with modern conveniences. True \$3500 of cost was provided by the sale of part of the parsonage lot, but I suppose most pastors would prefer a cosy home on a small lot to an uncomfortable shack with a lot as big as all outdoors. Onancock advances her salary to \$1200 for next year; and has enrolled 63 tithers, which is 58 per cent. of the adult membership. Surely Onancock deserves a "star".

So does Bishopville. She wins it officially, but that does not begin to tell the story of the heroism of the pastor, Rev. W. F. Godwin, who on this four-church circuit, with continued sickness in the family, not only attended to all the duties of the regular pastorate, but taught school the whole year through because the war rendered it impossible for the trustees to secure a teacher. In the face of all these difficulties to secure every apportionment in full meant a devotion to duty that can not be passed silently by.

Then there is Grace Church, Salisbury, Rev. W. P. Taylor, pastor, which does not win the official "star". A year ago they were burdened with a debt approximating \$2000,—a burden so heavy for that little church that some prophesied that it would be a burden for the next twenty years. But a year ago brother Taylor was sent to look that debt in face. He looked, and smiled that genial smile for which Brother Taylor is noted, and that debt cowered, and shuddered, and dropped dead at his feet, and we buried it out of sight forever. Why Brother Taylor deserves not only a star but a "distinguished service" medal for the way he managed that debt. No wonder his people want him returned, ask

that their Church be made a station, and offer \$300 advance on salary to have their wishes carried out.

Tangier, lovely Tangier, the queen of Tangier Sound, deserves fuller mention that simple insertion in the "star" list. A year ago Tangier was a bit discouraged. The awful freeze of a year ago, when for forty-eight days they were frozen up solid, with no opportunity to oyster, and with no communication with the mainland, had so interfered with all their plans that in order to settle up with the pastor for benevolences and some other church matters they were compelled to borrow the money. Then for four years they have been right royally served by Rev. T. J. Sard, and he was about to move from them. So between the freeze and Brother Sard's leaving, Tangier thought, as one brother phrased it, "We were purty nigh ruined". But Brother W. F. Dawson proved from the start that he was master of the situation. Soon after his arrival he paid the debt. During the year he has been instant in season and out of season, and God has honored his ministry by sending one of the most gracious revivals ever seen on the Island. 185 professed conversion, 137 were received on probation, and a class of 50 children organized for religious instruction. It is not surprising, therefore, that Tangier continues on the "star" list. We will add a chevron to her "star" to show that Tangier has been on the list two years.

Asbury (Crisfield) has had by all odds the greatest year in her history. Last year, under Rev. V. E. Hills, Asbury passed all former records in benevolent offerings; but this year, under the inspiring leadership of Rev. Wilbur F. Corkran, she has broken her own great record all over again. I am not surprised. Asbury started the year right by advancing \$500 on her pastor's salary, and any man worth world room would respond to such a vote of confidence by giving his very best to the people. This Dr. Corkran has done. All his maturity of thought, and ripeness of experience he has poured out lavishly upon his people from the pulpit, in the home and on the street. And my what results have followed! Unable to hold special protracted services, yet in the regular services, in class meetings, in meetings in the homes, souls have been converted until now the count reaches 135 converts, 133 of whom have been received on probation. Congregations crowd that large Church to the doors; benevolent offerings all up to apportionments; and Asbury lays \$953 on the altar for missions alone. They are even talking of building a \$75,000 new church and pay their pastor \$2500 next year. They have not even started the campaign for the new church yet, but already \$1040 has been paid in cash to start the enterprise. Such enterprise on the part of pastor and people prompt me to pray "God bless Asbury, and her faithful pastor".

Cape Charles, also, has done so well under the leadership of Rev. J. W. Easley that it must be mentioned. Last year Cape Charles advanced \$200 on pastor's salary, and this year went up \$300 more, taking rank as a \$1500 appointment. With his usual skill, Dr. Easley has so organized the work that Cape Charles is now on the sure road to rapid future advances. It is with sincerest regret that at this session of the Conference Cape Charles will lose its pastor, and this Conference will lose from its active ranks one of the most painstaking, industrious, schol-

arly, cultured Christian gentlemen among us. Dr. James W. Easley requests me to ask for him at this session the relation of "retired minister".

One of the most beautiful cases of mutual admiration on the District is that of Rev. L. B. Morgan and Chincoteague; Brother Morgan declaring that Chincoteague, if not heaven, is surely paradise, while Chincoteague places Brother Morgan away up in the third heavens. So thoroughly has Brother Morgan endeared himself to these good people by his five years of service that I doubt very much if Chincoteague would trade him even for our good Bishop himself. They have advanced the pastor's salary three times during Brother Morgan's administration, they have increased benevolent offerings until this year they rank as a "star" appointment; have paid \$141 for Church War Work; \$1000 to Red Cross; \$1400 to United War Work; and \$500 to the Armenians, and organized a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society with 55 members. And to crown it all God has blessed them with a revival in which 82 souls have been converted, 49 of whom have been received on probation. With all these signs of divine favor Chincoteague is facing the new year planning for a new church building that shall be the pride of the Island.

Asbury Church (Salisbury), Rev. Dr. Joseph T. Herson, pastor, continues to set the pace for the District in everything that pertains to the Kingdom. A year ago I said "Asbury is just beginning to awaken from her comfortable slumber of years past, and is girding herself for the fight for God and Methodism such as she has never waged before". That sentence has been criticised by some who did not care to be awakened from their slumber. But, see! Asbury started this year by increasing her pastor's salary to \$3,000—a jump of \$1000. Getting awake sure! Then she laid \$747 on the altar for Church War Work; then added \$3,339 for Red Cross; then passed the \$5,000 mark for United War Work; then \$4,447 for Armenian relief; then jumped her offering for missions from \$1201 last year to \$1896 this; sends up \$3,829 for the Disciplinary benevolences—a total contribution of \$16,800. One "star" is hardly big enough for such large work.

Selbyville, Rev. W. H. Briggs, pastor, continues her upward flight. It would be monotonous to repeat the number of thousands of dollars little Selbyville has contributed to all church and war benevolences, but every expectation has been met, and more. As I see it, Selbyville lacks but one thing, viz.: a live organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The noble women of that fine Methodist town ought to have a missionary society of their very own.

The laymen of Selbyville have developed a new game. It is a variation of the old game of "Flinch". It is played by having all the official board assemble, and then the leader, always a progressive, says, "The pastor's salary must be advanced. The only way to advance it is for us members of this board to pay more. I will give so much additional. How much will you give"? And if any official "flinches" the leader calls "OUT". They had such a game in January, 1918, and added \$100 to pastor's salary, making \$1300. In June, 1918, they played another game, adding \$200 more. Last week they played a third game—the third in less than fifteen months, and Selbyville's salary next year will be \$1800.

The pastor thinks the game is interesting—even beats parchesi. Hon. Wm. R. McCabe and Governor John G. Townsend are said to be experts at the game, and will be glad to teach it to any Official Board on the District free of charge.

Snow Hill, under the wise leadership of Rev. L. E. Poole, surpasses even the excellent record of last year. All benevolent offerings in full or beyond; with a record of hundreds of visits by the pastor; with not only an invitation from the Quarterly Conference but from the whole church and community as well, Brother Poole closes the most successful year of his present pastorate and returns for another year with even brighter prospects for the future.

Smith's Island, Rev. J. A. Hudson, pastor, has led the District in raising money for improvements. The Corinth Church has been renovated and beautified at a cost of \$1100; Union Church has paid \$300 for improvements; while Calvary Church has raised and paid in cash \$1000 for the new church which they expect to build next year; making a total of \$2400 raised for improvements this year. When the new Calvary is built and dedicated Smith's Island will have three cozy churches. Some pastor will have a happy time next year building that church and worshipping with that hospitable people.

Rev. Essel P. Thomas has had a great year at Ocean City. The church at Sinepuxent has been greatly beautified at considerable cost, all of which has been paid. At Ocean City we have not yet built the new church as we had hoped—scarcity of men and high price of materials preventing, but the busy young pastor has secured \$3000 in subscriptions for the new church, \$2000 of which is now cash in bank; and I have pledges amounting to \$1800 additional. Senator Orlando Harrison and Mr. Alfred F. Powell, of Berlin, have kindly donated four building lots. Thus through the liberality of these good Methodists we have now six building lots, which will give ample room for all church development. Best of all Brother Thomas has had a revival in the little school house where services are now being held, in which 55 souls have been saved. This revival, because of the prominence of some of the converts, bids fair to change the complexion of the town. No wonder Brother Thomas is happy in his work and his people unanimously desire his return.

How I would like to recount in detail the many deeds of valor accomplished by the heroic toilers on less successful fields. I would like to speak of the excellent work of Rev. J. A. Buckson on Whitesville Circuit. Brother Buckson is a marvel. And of Rev. J. E. Parker, our young supply who has put Marion on the "star" list; of Rev. J. L. Derickson, of Pittsville, who has had a big revival at one country church with 62 conversions, and his charge put on the "star" list; of the debt paying at Princess Anne, by which the \$3,300 debt has all been wiped out, and the pastor, Rev. Leolan Jackson, is correspondingly happy. But as I dare not name all, time and space forbidding, permit me to close with one more charge.

If I were passing out "stars", chevrons, crosses and such other decorations this morning I would call forward the Rev. John L. Johnson, pastor of Immanuel Church (Crisfield), kiss him on both cheeks, French style, and pin so many medals on his breast for his last year's work that



he would look like a German General parading through Belgium. Without the incentive of an advance in salary, for the Quarterly Conference refused to advance the salary, he set about building the Kingdom. During the year he made 1916 pastoral visits; organized a Baraca Class that frequently has more than 200 men in Sunday School; organized a Woman's Home Missionary Society with 225 members; organized a troop of Boy Scouts and Mrs. Johnson a group of Camp-Fire girls; received into church fellowship 68 on probation, 171 into full membership; 54 by letter, 9 from other denominations; a total of 306 accessions; 243 converts for the year; all benevolent offerings reach apportionments, and \$618 for missions this year; \$215 for Church War Work; \$1900 for Red Cross; \$1100 for United War Work; and in addition to all this organized a campaign and paid off the last dollar of the \$8,400 indebtedness. No wonder they held a jubilee on February 9th, and invited Bishop McDowell and the writer to come help them celebrate. And then in order to make up for their sin of omission in not advancing the pastor's salary at the beginning of the year, the officials had Bishop McDowell present to the pastor in their name a certified check for \$500.

And now with the debt out of the way, and the magnificent plant filled to overflowing every Sunday, with a Sunday School now touching the 700 mark in actual attendance, Immanuel is planning still bigger things for God. Already the officials have informed me that the salary for next year will be not less than \$2100. They will also build a community house, and \$1500 is already raised for that purpose. Surely Immanuel is proving the worth of her name; in truth "God is with" her! **Wonderful** is the only word that will describe the awakening that is stirring Crisfield and vicinity, both at Asbury and Immanuel.

Much more could be said, and perhaps ought to be said, about the achievements of the men on Salisbury District, but I must not trespass further upon your time.

What part have I had in all this triumph of the Lord's hosts? Not very much, directly. I have honestly tried to find the very best man available for every charge, and when I have found him I have tried to stand by him and help him. I sometimes think that my part is largely that of Quartermaster for the fighting brigade. I want good men, holy men, trained men to man the churches, and then it seems to me it is my duty to see that the laymen support them with both money and co-operation. To this work I give myself unsparingly. No road is too muddy, nor day too long, for me to go to the end of either to help a brother win his fight for God. Occasionally I have opportunity to take part in revival service, as at Tangier, when 38 crowded to the altar at the close of the sermon; and at Quindocqua Church, Marion Charge, where at the close of the appeal five young persons gave their hearts to God; and at Jones' Church, Whitesville charge, where I had the pleasure of preaching on "Life Service" Sunday of Brother Buckson's campaign, and 9 young people came forward and dedicated their lives to God, two of whom will doubtless become members of this Conference. Such work feeds my own soul, and heartens me to continue the grind of routine that weighs so heavily at times.

This imperfect report only faintly indicates the measure of devotion, loyalty and sacrifice made by both ministers and laymen on Salisbury District this year. Nor does the measure of success reported reveal the possibilities of holy endeavor. We are only at the beginning, not at the ending. There is, however, "the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees". The fires of heaven are aglow on many altars. Men's hearts are being turned to God. I hail the Centenary, with its plans as a great aid in ushering in this "day of the Lord" that is surely coming.

"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant my feet!  
Our God is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;  
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,  
While God is marching on."

Glory! Amen! March on, my God, until thy glory shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea!

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

ROBERT WATT, District Superintendent.

We come today with unbroken ranks, but one of our honored and beloved local ministers, the Rev. James M. Wise of New Castle, the father of our own brother W. A. Wise, has entered into rest. Brother Wise was always a welcome preacher in the New Castle pulpit, whenever the pastor was absent. Much of his time was spent in visiting the sick, and many a sick room was made radiant by his presence. Of him it can be said "the memory of the just is blessed". His memoir will be presented by his pastor, Brother J. R. Bicking.

The messenger who never takes no for his answer has brought a great sorrow into the life of our brother in the Kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, Dr. C. W. Prettyman, in the death of his beloved wife. Sister Prettyman was a rare soul. She combined in wonderful fashion the qualities of gentleness and strength. Her going leaves a void that only the love and comfort of the Master can fill. An appropriate memoir will be presented at the Memorial session.

What a year this has been, how crowded with epochal events. A year that has witnessed the close of the most brutal war that ever devastated the earth, and within hailing distance of that event the glorious news that king booze had been overthrown, and the doom of that sum of all villainies sealed. Men whose reputation for legal lore is nation wide may seek to find some loophole by which to defeat the will of the people, but they will seek in vain. The people have spoken, and in this instance we believe that "the voice of the people is the voice of God". Well for us if we sense the epochal opportunity this event brings to us as a church.

**Adverse Conditions.**—To attempt to adequately set forth either the difficulties or the achievements of the year within the bounds of the Wilmington District is a task impossible, for the year was so crowded with strenuous and exacting toil that the full story can never be told. The pall of gloom that hung over us during the dread days of the pestilence, with whole families stricken including some of our ministers and their families, with their own life endangered, the workers went steadily on their way sustained by an arm more than human else they must have gone down under the load. And despite all this the record excels all previous years.

**Pastoral Changes.**—When our Conference adjourned last Spring Union church was left to be supplied. The choice of a pastor finally fell upon Dr. Harvey Winfield Ewing, a former member of our Conference, and twice previously called to serve this church. From the beginning, his ministry at Union has proved the providential character of his appointment. A master of assemblies, a strong preacher, a man deeply spiritual, Dr. Ewing is bringing to this church a leadership that augurs well for an increasingly influential future.

The coming of Dr. Carlisle L. Hubbard to the pastorate of St. Paul's marks an event in the history of that church. For years after its removal from the Market Street site it was regarded by all not connected with it as a doubtful venture. Under the leadership of this superb man the last vestige of doubt disappears, the reasons for this will appear shortly.

Like Dr. Ewing, Dr. Hubbard is not a stranger to us. Born in a Wilmington Conference parsonage, the son of an honored father, once a member of this body, it is like coming back home.

The Rev. Frank Herson, who comes to us by way of exchange from the Philadelphia Conference, is giving to Newark Methodism a vision and a task that is lifting our church to a new place in the life of the community. Brother Herson has as firm a grip on the College following as he has on the rank and file. He is preaching to crowded houses, but not with strange fire upon the altar, but with a straight Gospel message. He has developed an ideal prayer meeting, put the church on the no-debt basis, and in the not distant future a church building that will meet the needs of the work is a certainty. Brother Herson reports an increase of \$1100 in the benevolences.

After a successful pastorate at Grace Church, Dr. Randolph by his own wish, was transferred to the Baltimore Conference and stationed at Foundry, Washington. After consultation with Bishop McDowell and the District Superintendent, Dr. John W. R. Sumwalt was chosen as pastor. The wisdom of that choice becomes increasingly evident. A man's man, a preacher of force and power, a leader of men, he is making a large place for himself in the civic and religious life of the City. A frequent speaker at our Epworth League conventions, Dr. Sumwalt was known to many of us. The Wilmington Conference has a distinct asset in the coming into its fellowship of men like these.

After the transfer of Dr. John Bickford last fall, North East church unanimously asked for the appointment of the Rev. E. H. Collins. There has been something doing every minute since Brother Collins landed in North East. The entire community feels the impact of his vital, consecrated energy. Of the man it need only be said that he is as happy over the success of a brother minister as he is of his own. Higher praise would be impossible.

The Rev. E. C. Sunfield has so far recovered his health that he has done effective service at East Lake since the removal of Brother Collins. And the remarkable success that attended Brother Sunfield's first pastorate has been renewed this year, and \$2450 have been taken from the debt.

**Ministerial Support.**—More and more the laity is recognizing that a comfortable support inheres in the Gospel ministry. And the laity on Wilmington District have evidenced their faith by their works. The total advance for the three years past is over \$20,000; the advance for the present year being \$9,150. So far as can be ascertained the Wilmington District leads the denomination in this respect. Its average salary, including supplies, and exclusive of rent, is \$1215 a year.

The increase for the current year by charges is as follows: Union, \$1200; Grace, \$1000; St. Paul's and Asbury, \$500 each; and St. Paul's notifies of a \$600 increase for the coming year; Newark, \$400, with an increase for the coming year of \$200; Silverbrook, Brandywine, Delaware City, Harrison Street, McCabe, North East, \$300 each; Epworth, Mt. Salem, St. Georges and Summit, Brack-Ex, New Castle, Trinity, Richardson Park, East Lake, Chester Bethel, Madeley, \$200 each; Scott, Chesapeake City, Bethel, Hopewell and Asbury, Rising Sun, \$100 each; Red

Lion, \$250; Edge Moore and Ebenezer, \$150 each; Cherry Hill, \$125; Colora, \$75; Hill Crest and Christiana, \$50 each.

**Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund.**—The campaign for the completion of our Conference Claimants Endowment Fund developed some surprises and what, for a time, promised to be difficulties almost insurmountable. A catalogue of the barriers faced is unnecessary. Enough to say that we surmounted them all, and went "over the top" with a margin.

Let me ask indulgence that I may briefly describe what took place, for we are making history these good days. At the very outset a pestilential plague swept over our territory demoralizing every church activity. Churches and schools were closed. People were frantic with apprehension. The City was full of unburied bodies, the situation was desperate, but in spite of it we won, thank God!

With consent of our endowment secretary, we set up a District organization, a branch office was established in Grace Church House, with the Rev. Hugh Kelso as secretary, and with the aid of Miss Arnold, assistant to Dr. Randolph, fine work was done. I sent out a series of bulletins keeping the workers apprized of what was being done.

Some of the most touching instances of heroic loyalty were furnished by the crisis which we faced. Virtually quarantined by the "flu" and unable to conduct the canvass, telephone messages kept coming from sick rooms "count on my charge for its full amount", and in every case the pledge was made good. To quote the rather undignified words of one of our cartoonists "can you beat it"?

It was an uphill fight, but it was a winning fight. And I feel moved to say and say it with emphasis that no man ever labored against greater odds, or labored with greater energy or courage, than our endowment secretary, the Rev. E. H. Dashiell. From the beginning, his work has been a work of preparation, and the way needed to be prepared. And when the chapter is finally closed his name will lead all the rest.

The contributing charges have been arranged in groups according to the amount pledged. Grace with its \$6,800; Harrison Street with its \$2000; Elkton with its \$1800; and North East with its \$1500, oversubscribed their minimum.

St. Paul's and Union, \$3000 each; New Castle, \$1700; Newark, and McCabe, each \$1600; Brandywine, Scott, Silverbrook, Mt. Salem, \$1500 each; Epworth, St. Georges and Summit, Richardson Park, \$1400 each; Port Deposit, Perryville, Wesley, Cookman, and Zion, \$1200 each; Rising Sun and Madeley, \$1100 each; with a special gift from Rising Sun of \$1000, and a \$500 legacy; Newport and Stanton, \$1300; Mt. Pleasant, Hopewell, \$1000 each; Brack-Ex, Chester Bethel, Ebenezer, and Mt. Lebanon, \$800 each; Bethel, \$600; Claymont and Hockessin, \$500 each; Asbury, \$1500; Marshallton, \$600; Colora, \$200; Hill Crest and Kirkwood, \$100 each; Elk Neck, \$150; Elk Mills, \$125; Edge Moore, \$250; Red Lion, \$400; Delaware City, \$70; St. John's, \$200; Kingswood, \$150; Chesapeake City, \$262. Five charges made no pledge whatever; it is hoped that they will later.

Henry P. Scott, Esq., gives a \$5000 Memorial in memory of his sainted father, who was an honored member of our Conference. Senator Wil-

lard Saulsbury gives a \$1000 Memorial in memory of the late Senator Eli Saulsbury, one of the founders of the Wesley Collegiate Institute. Messrs. John J. Raskob, David Snellenburg, John H. Rosselle, and Josiah Marvel gave respectively \$500, \$200, \$50 and \$100. For cash paid and further details I refer the Conference to the report of Brother Dashiell. At this writing it looks as though by the middle of April we would have well over \$30,000 paid in and invested. Total by cash and pledges, \$76,120.

**The Problem of the City.**—In a very real sense the problem of the City is the problem of the church and of the nation. People of every tongue gravitate toward these congested centers, often creating conditions that are appalling.

Our pastors and churches are dealing in a brave and capable fashion with this problem. It was my privilege to report to the Annual meeting of the Board of Home Missions that Asbury, through its pastor, had offered its entire plant for our work among the foreign speaking people of that crowded neighborhood. I leave the details of our City Missionary work to our hard working and capable secretary, the Rev. John H. Beauchamp.

Just a word concerning conditions produced by the world war. The lure of big wages drew men to our city from the ends of the earth. In some instances some of our Peninsula towns were almost denuded. Money was plentiful, and few dreamed of the day when the flow would diminish, but that day is on us now, and thousands are out of employment, and by an indirect process wages have been severely cut. Business is panicky and uncertain. Nevertheless even in the face of these readjustments the record of the district is far beyond anything in its previous history. The explanation of this is not difficult. An increasing number of Methodist Christians are keeping books with God. Their contributions are based not upon impulse, but upon an obligation they owe God as His stewards, and they are finding in this the real joy of service.

A glance at the work in the city as a unit will give us some approximate estimate of the way the City problem is being solved.

At Asbury, the Rev. Geo. White Dawson is giving the best years of his life, giving of himself without stint, and solving in most effective fashion the problem of the down town church. When five years ago Brother Dawson was sent to Asbury few believed that he could save the day, but he is doing just that thing, and doing it with ever increasing success. I do not hesitate to say that Methodism of this Peninsula can do no finer service to the Kingdom than to get behind this hard working pastor and support him with their gifts, for his work is making for the betterment of conditions that have to do with human welfare.

The wonder of the North side in the way of accomplishments is at Brandywine, where the Rev. Ernest W. Greenfield is making full proof of his ministry. The burning of a mortgage a generation old, and audience room relighted, remodeled and redecorated, a new pipe organ, crowded congregations, largely attended prayer meetings, an increase in salary and notice of an increase of \$300 for next year, a church all aglow with spiritual power, nearly \$15,000 raised for all purposes, all of which came as free will offerings without paid entertainments of any sort, the pros-

pect of a Community House as a necessary addition to the equipment of the church, are a few of the indications of a year wonderful at this growing and prosperous church.

And what of the miracle at St. Paul's? For miracle it is. Its burdensome debt which had stood in the way of advancement ever since the dedication of the new church is no more. After a careful survey of the situation, Dr. Hubbard proposed to his officary that it would be wise to take advantage of the 4th Liberty Loan drive to get rid of the debt. It was a bold proposal, a big undertaking, but the enthusiasm of the pastor became infectious and the board said "go to it", we are with you to the finish. Led by Dr. Hubbard and that progressive layman, E. C. Hardesty, Esq., president of the board of trustees, the movement was launched, and so well did it go that instead of the \$19,000 needed, they secured \$21,500, and Dr. Hubbard had actually to stop the people from giving by telling them that more than enough had been given to meet all necessities. And the benevolences are far beyond last year; 200 members have been added to the church membership, and a budget for next year that covers all needs including the Centenary. To assist Dr. Hubbard in his work and as a token of appreciation the congregation presented him with a fine auto.

The task that confronted Dr. Harvey W. Ewing, when he assumed charge of Union church in the early fall, was such as to call for church statesmanship of a high order. But with an official board that had caught the vision of the new day, and with a strong preacher and a wise and experienced leader in the person of Dr. Ewing, the new program is a reality, and this strong church is entering on a new and larger career that will make it a blessing to Wilmington Methodism and the Kingdom. A spirit of good cheer and spiritual vigor pervades all the activities of the church, the church house is to be remodeled to meet the larger needs of a larger program, and a \$10,000 pipe organ is now being installed. Keep your eye on Union, it is on the map and will be heard from further.

Another church where notable events are transpiring is at Cookman under the leadership of Rev. W. G. Harris. According to the testimony of the quarterly conference, Cookman is in the best spiritual and financial condition in its history. The parsonage debt is no more, most of the funds are in hand for a new pipe organ, and a movement is on foot to secure a Community House, an absolute necessity, if this church is to meet its opportunities.

Rev. L. M. Broadway and Madeley rejoice in the payment of their parsonage debt, and in the prospect of either a new church or a Community House to care adequately for the multitudes that throng the South side. Madeley has been in a state of revival all year, 74 conversions, 53 tithers, and a church too small to hold the crowds that desire to attend the services. A few evenings ago people to the number of 140 invaded the parsonage and "watched and chained" the preacher and left two handsome dress patterns for the preacher's wife.

A debt of long standing against the church property at Epworth has disappeared and the church is free from debt for the first time in its history. The Rev. R. P. Nichols has given to Epworth a year of service after the fashion of a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. A

gracious revival has blessed the church and all are hopeful of a future that will make this church count for the best things for God and Methodism.

Scott church is feeling the inspiration of the leadership of the Rev. T. J. Sard, and has had the banner year in its history. Brother Sard is a steady goer, he builds for permanence rather than popularity. The church and League are supporting three native workers, and in addition have greatly increased their offerings to Missions this year. Though the salary was advanced this year the official board in order to add to the physical comfort of the pastor and show him a token of their esteem sent around to the parsonage Monday night a purse containing \$150.

After two exceptionally successful years at Mt. Salem the Rev. Wm. E. Hubbard reports \$5415 paid on debts and improvements, the benevolences in excess of the apportionments, and beyond anything in the history of the charge, a substantial increase in the membership, and a benevolent budget for next year that meets the needs of a new day. Brother Hubbard commands the respect and has won the hearts of his people.

Dr. Geo. T. Alderson is closing a six years' pastorate at Harrison St., which, measured by all standards, has been an all round success. Harrison St. is a fine example of a well organized church. During the present pastorate the salary has gone from \$1200 to \$1800; the membership doubled; the Wesley Institute apportionment met; the Conference Claimants' fund oversubscribed; and \$4000 in cash and subscriptions for a parsonage. The benevolences have kept pace with the general progress of the church, and this year eclipses all previous records. Dr. Alderson also has been an influential factor in our City missionary work. Fortunate the church that secures such leadership, its interests will be well cared for.

Silverbrook, located opposite the Union Park Gardens extension, is preparing to care for the situation by erecting a Community House at a cost of \$30,000. A wide awake official board working in harmony with a progressive pastor in the person of the Rev. Elwood W. Jones means that this church will "do its bit" in the way of community service and at the same time have regard for the recreational and social life of its young people.

Kingswood, in the extreme eastern part of the City, is largely surrounded by foreign speaking races that furnish at once a problem and an opportunity. With a courage born of faith in God, the Rev. C. C. Harris has grappled with the problem and improved the opportunity, and this little band of loyal, royal workers has supported the pastor nobly, helping him to make a record well worth while. We need at once in connection with this pastor a worker to care for the foreigners, and we think we see our way clear to do this in the immediate future.

Two of our most promising suburban churches are located at Richardson Park and Brack-Ex in charge of the Rev. Geo. W. Bounds and the Rev. Claude W. Clarke. Richardson Park has provided for future development by securing several lots adjacent to the church, has improved its property to the extent of \$1500, and a gracious revival has added 35 souls to its membership. Brother Clarke is so much master of the situ-

ation at Brack-Ex that he declined a flattering offer to leave, electing to stay by the stuff and see it through. One thousand dollars have been paid on its debt.

McCabe Memorial, beautiful for situation, has enjoyed the ministry of the Rev. John W. Jones, one of the purest and best men among us. Brother Jones is a modest worker, but he gets things done. The labor made necessary by the increasingly heavy demands of this developing church has made large drafts upon his time and strength, but he has gone steadily on his way and his work has not been in vain as is seen in the payment of \$4200 on debt, the Conference Claimants' fund oversubscribed, and a large increase in the benevolences. This church has a great future, being situated in a beautiful residential neighborhood constantly growing.

One of the most remarkable developments in the City is taking place at Grace church. In fact, it is difficult to predict just where this development will lead. One of the most recent movements necessitated by the requirements of the work is the enlargement of the Church House to provide a gym, and an arena for basket ball, and a room for the Beginners Department of the Sunday School. Other additions to the church property are in contemplation. The Sunday School is rapidly coming back to its own, its offering to missions is nearly doubled. When seeking to explain the progress of the church, one of its leading officials said, "we are simply trying to keep up with our preacher". Grace has an increase of over \$1200 in the benevolences.

Last but by no means least, comes Wesley under the pastorate of the Rev. Zach W. Wells. Surrounded by a densely populated foreign neighborhood, the opportunities for service are great. Plans are already in contemplation for the establishing of a distinctly foreign work in connection with Wesley. The pastor has the love and cooperation of his people.

One of the most helpful factors in our city work is the deaconess movement. These consecrated women carry with them into their work the spirit of their Master, and they are doing their share to make the City a safe place in which to live. All honor to Mrs. Jennie Riddle Field and Mrs. C. Wesley Weldin, two of our elect women who are giving of both time and means to sustain this Christ-like agency.

But the City is not the only place where notable things have been transpiring. At New Castle the pastor, Rev. J. R. Bicking, has made a complete survey of the city and its environs and has located the task facing the church so definitely that all that remains is to go in and possess the land. The church has adopted the New Financial Plan and its weekly budget totals \$160. For the first time in many years the year closed without a deficit, \$3500 have been spent in improvements, and the church is all aglow with holy zeal, and New Castle Methodism is out to conquer the community in the name of its Lord.

At Rising Sun, Rev. Harry Reed, pastor, grit and tact won the day, resulting in a church building literally transformed. Modern chairs for the Sunday School at a cost of \$500, the gift of Mr. Timanus Wilson, brother-in-law of our own Brother Koons, and a beautiful velvet carpet for the audience room and new lights, the gift of Mr. Sheppherd, a former

resident of Rising Sun, make the church adequate to the needs of both the church and school. The total cost is \$5000, much of which is paid for, and the balance secured by reliable subscriptions.

Good news comes from North East, where after many denials and misfortunes the people have cleared the church property of the last dollar of its debt. When we remember the disastrous fire that completely destroyed their beautiful church and parsonage, and the rigid self denials by which a new church and parsonage were erected, we can understand something of the victory here recorded. Rev. E. H. Collins reports that so liberal was the giving that the people gave \$700 more than they needed. North East not only oversubscribed its allotment to the Conference Claimants' fund but has paid every dollar of it. In a revival that came in answer to prayer and earnest work, 37 souls were saved. No wonder that both pastor and people are full of a great joy.

One church, in a sparsely settled rural section, stands unrivalled in its contributions per member. If memory serves me, our good friend from the lower regions informed us last year that there was a certain church on Salisbury district that gave \$7.33 per member for pastor's support. Bethel, Rev. J. Harry Wilson, pastor, pays \$26.50 per member and over \$2 per member for the benevolences.

The right man in the right place spells success in a rural church problem at St. Georges and Summit. Rev. Ivanhoe Willis is the doer of the almost impossible, and he has duplicated his record at this point. This year with an increase in salary, his charge has oversubscribed the maximum asking of the Centenary, and met in full its allotment to the Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund.

One of the charges that exceeds all previous records in its offerings to the benevolences is Elkton, Rev. Geo. P. Jones, pastor. The benevolent offerings this year are over \$400 in excess of the salary, and there have been 103 accessions to the membership.

Another point where an ideal rural work is being carried on is at Mr. Pleasant and Newark Union, where the Rev. Hugh B. Kelso is building for the future. With a tithing church and tithing Sunday Schools one can foretell what is in store for this work. Covetous eyes from the regions to the south of us are being turned toward Brother Kelso, but as our esteemed friend said to me last spring, "get thee behind me Wilmington", so must be said now "get thee behind me Salisbury". This man is doing a great work and cannot come down.

After a series of depressing experiences Newport charge is putting on new life and bids fair to excel the best in its history. The people are firmly convinced that the appointment of the Rev. Howard T. Quigg was clearly providential, and the results of his leadership at this charge justify this belief.

Detailed mention of the work in the rural sections is impossible. Those whose lots are cast in sparsely settled regions, know that muddy roads, small congregations, long distance to travel, and too often lack of vision in the leadership, make the task far from easy. Yet these men with a heartsome optimism have gone on their way with heroic determination to win. Only one of the rural churches, in fact, only one church outside the City declined to attempt the askings of the Centenary and

gave most meagerly to other interests. In most cases it has been a joy to see these people as the light dawned and they saw the vision of the Kingdom and their relation to it.

Additional debts and improvements are as follows: Cedars, \$100; Ebenezer, \$360; St. Georges, \$140; Christianna and Salem, \$560; Claymont, \$225; Hopewell, \$560; Newport, \$600; Marshallton, \$1000; Epworth, \$350 additional; Port Deposit, \$500; Newark, \$1200; Elk Mills, \$40; Charleston, \$60, and Brother J. W. Gray was the first man to report, and the benevolences are far in advance of last year; Wesley, \$400; Chester Bethel, \$250; Silverbrook, \$1000; Bethel, \$300; Madeley, additional, \$380; East Lake, \$2450; Trinity, \$800, and Rev. R. High Adams reports a large increase in benevolences and a fine increase in membership, and a movement to wipe out the last dollar of debt; Hockessin, \$45; Kingswood, \$225; Delaware City, \$115; Mt. Lebanon, \$100; Asbury, \$495; Harrison St., \$350; Grace, \$8,000; a total for debts and improvements of about \$98,000; a total for all purposes in three years of over \$700,000. This does not include contributions to the Red Cross and Armenian Relief.

Only \$75,000 of this amount was for the benevolences. Not that what was given for local purposes was too large, but that given for the general interests was sadly inadequate. The necessity of reaching the non-giving church cannot be emphasized too strongly. We will never reach the non-giving church by frantic efforts to get a few people to give largely. That there should be large givers we do not for a moment question, but our immediate task, indeed our everlasting task, is to reach the slackers that they, too, may know the joy of giving.

**The Centenary.**—This movement has brought to the church its crowning task, but at the same time it has brought the crowning test, for this movement brings the church face to face with certain great outstanding facts which have never in any large way been embodied in the activities of the church.

Our real hindrance was our unpreparedness. Absorbed in various and successive drives involving large sums of money we found ourselves unready for this greatest of all drives. Again and again we had heard the word Centenary, but few visioned its objective. Looking back we can easily see that we should have had a full year in which to discipline the spiritual forces of the church, and then to saturate the mind of the church with the tremendous needs of the Kingdom by means of helpful, inspiring information. It was a mistaken assumption on the part of the Centenary management to conclude that with the close of the training conferences the movement was well launched. In some instances the immediate effects of the training conferences was to almost break the morale of the men upon whom the church had to depend to put the program across.

The difficulties our Conference faced were real, not imaginary. We were face to face within sixteen months with three five year drives totaling nearly two million dollars. For weeks after our training conference I did not know what a normal nights sleep meant. I knew that the loyalty of ministers and people was beyond doubt. What was the best method to pursue? The literature was profuse and confusing. At last

we decided that the best plan for us was to adopt the budget system; that is, make the budget carry the Centenary. This was the way out for us, and the charges have responded nobly. Unless some mistake in our calculation has occurred our benevolent budget for next year will reach \$60,000, and this does not include \$40,000 in Community Houses, nor the development at Asbury.

The budget plan will accomplish two very important things. It will insure a permanent benevolent income; and it will reach the last member from the standpoint of the average. It must be apparent, however, that to work this plan the duplex envelope is indispensable.

Plans are already maturing that involve an expenditure of at least \$160,000 in Community Houses. If the church does not show a disposition to care for the recreational instincts of her young people her grip on them will weaken; we cannot build Christian character on a negative. Over against the self-denial of the cross is the Golden Rule, a creed so beneficent that its practice will revolutionize the world. The church must relate itself to the life of the community in such helpful fashion that the community will see that the church is vitally interested in the welfare of those who have in many instances come to regard the church as either indifferent or hostile.

**The Stewardship Drive.**—It is a matter of profound regret that we did not reach the minimum of 20% of our membership in the drive for tithers. The churches that availed themselves of this opportunity are on solid ground spiritually and financially. In a recent communication our Resident Bishop makes this significant remark, "I marvel that anybody weakens on the Stewardship drive. The pastor who fails to see that this movement assures the future of his church is a blind man. Indeed, the adoption of Christian Stewardship makes the church a good deal surer than its present is."

As a matter of history the following churches report the number of "storehouse Christians" as follows: St. Pauls, 125; Grace, 90; Union, 60; Madeley, 53; Mt. Salem, 30; Silverbrook, 25; Harrison St., 20; Kingswood, 25; McCabe, 26; Epworth, 41; Scott, 26; Cookman, 35; Asbury, 9; East Lake, 6; Brack-Ex, 5; Hill Crest, 3; Richardson Park, 7; Trinity, —; Wesley, 12; Brandywine, 11; Mt. Pleasant, 18; New Castle, 30; St. Georges and Summit, 22; Mt. Lebanon, 3; Rising Sun, 35; Bethel, 2; Charleston, 2; Chesapeake City, 4; Chester-Bethel, 3; Claymont, 2; Ebenezer, 10; Colora, —; Elkton, 6; Hopewell, 13; Delaware City, —; Port Deposit, 14; Perryville, —; Newport, 8; North East, 8; Marshallton, 1; Newark, 4; St. Johns, —; Hockessin, 10; Christianna, —; Cherry Hill, —; Red Lion, —; total, 826.

The heart of the Centenary is in Christian Stewardship; indeed, the heart of all spiritual and material success lies here.

**The Chiefest of All.**—In the midst of a multitude of diverse and varying claims the spiritual side of the problem has not been neglected. While there have been no striking revivals as the phrase goes, there have not been wanting seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The paramount interest now and ever must be just this. Given right relations with God, a hunger of heart for the coming of His Kingdom, a determination to know nothing among men but Jesus Christ and Him

crucified, a spiritual life based not on emotion, but on a vital energy that lays hold upon the power and nature of God, this is that which discovers for the Church the hiding of His power.

The church today faces two facts from which there can be no escape. First, the fact of the Divine ownership, and second a redistribution of the spiritual activities of the church. The minister must in all things be leader and guide. He must show his people that they have a share in the things of the Kingdom, that they must participate in its activities; in other words, the slogan of the Centenary clearly expresses the truth when it announces that the real objective is "every member working, every member praying, every member paying". The church that reaches this goal will have reached the land of corn and wine. It will catch the vision splendid, will see the burning bush, hear the voice and feel its thrill.

And the program which embodies this objective is more than a paper program; it is more than any kind of a set program. It is the call of God; it is the purpose Divine that seizes us and bears us along, be the hardships or difficulties what they may.

This is the goal that the Wilmington District has set before it, and please God we will not take "no" for an answer. We have covenanted together to besiege the throne of grace for each other and for the cause that lies near the heart of our Elder Brother. We have found it good when the burdens grew too heavy to cuddle down in His great, strong arms and feel flowing into our hearts His Divine comfort and strength. This has made the going good, the burdens lighter as the light of victory points the way.

For strength to attempt the tasks set before me, for the favor of God and the confidence and cooperation of my brethren of the ministry and laity heartfelt thanks are rendered.

## (b) STANDING COMMITTEES.

### AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Rev. Thos. E. Terry, Treasurer of the Domestic Missionary Society of the Wilmington Conference for the year ending March 26, 1919, received from J. W. Colona, Treasurer, \$1756.

This was paid out as follows:

To W. R. Mowbray .....	\$ 380.00
To W. A. Wise .....	358.00
To V. S. Collins .....	556.00
To Robert Watt .....	462.00
Total paid out .....	\$1756.00

W. R. Mowbray, District Superintendent of Dover District:

Received of T. E. Terry .....	\$380.00
Received of W. J. Downing, Treas. of Board of Home Missions and Church Extension .....	42.75
Total .....	\$422.75

Paid out as follows:

Salem Charge .....	\$105.00
Zoar Charge .....	25.00
Ellendale Charge .....	25.00
Nassau Charge .....	25.00
Armory and Asbury Charge .....	125.00
Leipsic Charge .....	75.00
Hickman and Epworth Charge .....	40.00
	\$420.00

Balance in hand .....

\$ 2.75

W. A. Wise, District Superintendent of Easton District:

Balance in hand Mar. 20, 1918 .....	\$ 13.50
Received of T. E. Terry, Treasurer Conference Domestic Missionary Society .....	358.00
Received of W. J. Downing, Treasurer Board of Home Missions and Church Extension .....	43.50
Total .....	\$415.00

Paid out as follows:

Rev. Frank Brisbin .....	\$ 23.00
Rev. Edwin Gardner .....	10.00
Rev. J. M. Lindale .....	40.00
Rev. J. L. Prettyman .....	10.00
Rev. G. P. Smith .....	30.00
Rev. C. D. Sharpless .....	26.70
Rev. T. C. Smoot .....	15.00
Rev. H. D. West .....	25.00

Rev. W. N. Conaway .....	18.00
Rev. Henry Covington .....	15.00
Rev. Milton McCann .....	30.00
Rev. J. D. Reese .....	60.00
Rev. E. M. Shockley .....	28.00
Rev. G. W. Stallings .....	25.00
Rev. J. H. Whedbee .....	20.00
Rev. G. W. Williams .....	25.00
Centenary expenses of 7 pastors .....	17.83

Total paid out ..... \$418.53

Overpaid ..... \$ 3.53

V. S. Collins, District Superintendent of Salisbury District:

Received from T. E. Terry, Treasurer Domestic Missionary Soc.	\$556.00
Rec'd from W. J. Downing, Treas. Bd. Home Mis. & Church Ex.	63.75
Rec'd from various pastors for Domestic Missions .....	552.00

Total received ..... \$1171.75

Paid out as follows:

Overpaid last year .....	\$ 53.00
Paid to Pastor at Claremont .....	25.00
Paid to Pastor at Mardela Springs .....	100.00
Paid to Pastor at Ocean City .....	350.00
Paid to Pastor at Holland's Island .....	30.00
Paid to Pastor at Phoebus .....	100.00
Paid to Pastor at Newark .....	100.00
Paid to Pastor at Grace Church .....	200.00
Paid to Pastor at Westover .....	50.00

Total paid out ..... \$1008.00

Balance on hand ..... \$ 163.75

Robert Watt, District Superintendent of Wilmington District:

Received of T. E. Terry, Treasurer Domestic Missionary Society \$462.00

Paid out as follows:

Chesapeake City .....	\$100.00
Delaware City .....	50.00
Bethel .....	50.00
Colora .....	40.00
Hockessin .....	40.00
Christiana .....	30.00
Charlestown .....	25.00
Red Lion .....	25.00
St. John's .....	25.00
Town Point .....	25.00

Hill Crest .....	20.00
Edge Moor .....	20.00

Total paid out ..... \$450.00

Balance on hand ..... \$ 12.00

W. O. Hoffercker, Treas. Bureau of Sessions, received.....\$1504.33

Paid out as follows:

Rev. W. E. Gunby .....	\$938.75
Rev. J. T. Prouse .....	10.00
Rev. D. W. Jacobs .....	12.75
Rev. R. K. Stephenson .....	2.36
Mr. H. P. Cannon .....	4.62
Rev. M. McCann .....	1.26
Rev. T. F. Beauchamp .....	1.95
Rev. G. T. Alderson .....	18.25

Total paid out ..... \$989.94

Balance on hand ..... \$514.39

### BIBLE.

Amidst the uncertainties that confuse the minds of men in this day of trial, we consider it to be our duty and high privilege to re-affirm our faith in the Word of God.

With its endorsement of the ancient moral law, the teachings of Christ and His apostles is the supreme and only rule of the Christian's faith and practice. No contrary law, human nor divine, has any right to command his allegiance, nor solicit his consent.

In those places, upon this afflicted earth, in which the church, like a beleaguered city, is being compassed about by the wiles of Satan and the opposition of men, when the out-works of civil law and social customs, and even her own sacred ordinances are being assaulted and beaten down, if she will retire within the citadel of Christ's Gospel, the Gibraltar of the Christian Faith, the concentrated forces of earth and hell will shatter their strength and beat their lives in vain, against the "Impregnable Rock of Holy Scriptures".

In the mighty Centenary movement in which Methodism issues her challenge to the powers of evil, and sounds the gathering call to all the clans of Protestant blood on this vast continent, and rallies all her forces for one tremendous charge along the whole line, to win the kingdoms of this world for God and for His Christ, let us remember always that the one and only weapon given us with which to win the fight is the "Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God".



No organization, however perfect; no gift of money, however great; no consecrated host, however bravely led, can avail to achieve the World's redemption, without the Word of God.

Man, money, plans and purposes, must be concentrated on the one surpassing object,—to preach the Gospel throughout the whole, wide world.

We heartily commend the American Bible Society for its great work in publishing the Scriptures and scattering them to the four corners of the earth. This Society has sent forth into the world 123,292,359 copies of the Scriptures published in nearly seven hundred languages. Its issues last year of record were 5,604,768 copies.

The Society has prepared khaki bound Bibles and Testaments for the Army and Navy and sent out since May, 1917, about two million copies. It needs special gifts to meet these extraordinary demands.

#### EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Epworth League for years has been working the features of the Centenary program—laying stress upon Mission Study, Christian Stewardship and Life Service—thus preparing our young people for the special drive we are about to make.

Only one convention has been held during the year, because of the influenza scourge, and this one on Easton District.

The Epworth League Institute was a success along all lines as reported by the District Superintendents. A well qualified faculty, including our resident Bishop, made failure impossible.

We urge the pastors to send the two dollar apportionment directly to the Treasurer, Rev. Geo. E. Sterling, as soon after Conference as possible. We also request that the District Superintendents include this item in their apportionment sheets and urge the attendance of the young people of their Districts to attend the Institute July 7-14th, and especially those who have signed up for life service.

We are anticipating even greater success than last year. We plead for the support of every Pastor and Epworth League President.

Nowhere can our young people spend a more beneficial vacation under better auspices than at the Epworth League Institute in Dover this year.

#### FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

The work of this Society has been carried on for over fifty years. The General Conference authorized and directed each pastor to observe the Lincoln Day Anniversary in February.—(Discipline of 1916, Par. 455, Page 302).

As a result of the work of the Society we have 350,000 colored members, 3500 churches and over 2,000 ministers. Our schools supply these with pastors and intelligent Christian leaders. For this purpose the 21 schools of the Freedmen's Aid Society with their 334 teachers and 5,702 students must be maintained.

#### The Freedmen's Aid Society and the Centenary Movement.

Any program of world conquest for the Kingdom of Christ must involve one hundred millions of black people in Africa, and twelve millions more in the United States of America. If we cannot uplift and evangelize these black millions in the home land, how shall we ever reach these across the seas? The school house and the church go hand in hand in bringing the Negro in the United States to a knowledge of the Christian faith, and fitting him that he may do his part in bringing the dark continent into a league of Christian nations dominated by the Christ spirit.

We recommend, therefore, that each pastor preach at least once a year on the outlook for the black man in the United States and in Africa, and the relation of the schools of the Freedmen's Aid Society to his evangelization.

We further recommend that each pastor observe Lincoln Memorial Sunday, and use the program and literature furnished by the Freedmen's Aid Society and by Morgan College for that occasion.

We recommend the work of Morgan College and its branch school, Princess Anne Academy, as representing the Freedmen's Aid Society in this area.

We further recommend that this subject be also brought before our Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues and social gatherings for study and prayerful consideration. Literature and other material necessary for the presentation of the work of the Freedmen's Aid Society to any of our congregations can be obtained without cost by sending a postal card request to the Secretaries of the Freedmen's Aid Society, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL.

The Methodist Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia still maintains its high state of efficiency in caring for the thousands of patients who cross its threshold for treatment.

The high standing of its Surgeons, Physicians, and Nurses, business methods and up to date equipment, has kept it among the foremost Hospitals in the country. Its Dispensary and its Social Service Department have increased its opportunity for ministering to the varied needs of humanity. Its Navy Base Hospital in France, and its fifty beds at the disposal of the Government have represented the loyalty of Methodism in the great crisis through which the world has been passing. It must care for sixty thousand patients this year, sixty per cent. of whom may be treated free of charge in the Master's name. Will you help? How?

By bequeathing money in your will; by endowing a bed in the name of a loved one; by making a gift for special needs; by contributing monthly, quarterly, or annually; by sending donations of canned fruit, vegetables, and other useful products.

"In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me".

Visitors: Warren Burr, George W. Bounds.

**PERIODICALS.**

Next to personal interview, the most effective method of reaching the people is through the press. Millions of dollars are spent by business men in the columns of newspapers and magazines in assurance that a people informed of their wares cannot resist their appeal. Political leaders say, "If we educate the people to see and understand the great blessings we hold in store for them, they will flock to our standard". And the chief agency for this education is the paper or magazine that comes regularly into the home until it is looked upon as a trusted friend and counsellor.

For many years, in regard to the use of this great agency for informing, educating, and inspiring to action, the children of this world have revealed themselves wiser than the children of Light. But now the church paper is coming into "its own". When the first churches and districts and conferences to attain their objectives in Centenary Program are those where the most subscribers to "The Christian Advocate" are found, an object lesson is furnished which should not be ignored. "The Advocate" should be in the home of every official and member of our Church.

For the young people, either in years or in spirit, a wonderfully attractive and useful paper is provided in the "Epworth Herald", whose appeals will be largely instrumental in securing our 40,000 tithers for Epworth League, and the great host of young men and women who will lay their lives on the altar for the service of the Master.

For our own local church paper, "The Methodist", we have only hearty endorsement and praise, and its circulation should be largely increased in our Conference territory.

And last, but not least, we particularly recommend an earnest effort to place that marvelous Missionary paper, the "World Outlook", on the table of every home in Methodism.

We believe that added to the slogan "Every member praying, serving, paying", should be these words, "and every member a reader of our own church papers".

**SABBATH OBSERVANCE.**

This is the hour when civilization is sought to be halted. It is, therefore, no time to relax our efforts to preserve the sanctity of the Sabbath. Nothing must be tolerated that would break down the respect for the Lord's Day. It is a law written on men's hearts as well as recorded in His Book to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy". Man, beast, machinery and the soil all need one day's rest in every seven.

We deplore the wish of the enemies of the Sabbath for Sunday baseball, excursions to summer resorts and kindred diversions "as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus", and lift our voice in earnest protest against them.

We will cooperate in every way practicable with the Lord's Day Alliance in the splendid work it is doing.

We recommend that pastors preach at least once a year in each charge on Sabbath Observance.

We further recommend the appointment of a standing committee for each District to cooperate with the Lord's Day Alliance.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**

The Sunday School is generally recognized as the greatest adjunct to the Christian Church.

Upon it depends the growth of the Church and the proper instruction of our youth in the Word of God.

We note with regret the deplorable decrease in our enrollment and attendance within the bounds of our Conference in recent years.

We, therefore, recommend, that a special drive be made by all the churches for the enlisting of the many who do not attend.

We recommend that a survey be made on every charge to ascertain the number who should be reached by the Sunday School; that each school should endeavor to reach the standards recommended by the general organization; and that special attention be given to the observance of Decision Day.

We further recommend the appointment of a Field Secretary for the Sunday School work within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference.

**TEMPERANCE.**

A Saloonless nation by 1920 seemed to many a fond dream when this slogan was first coined by the Temperance advocates. Even the submission by Congress of the Prohibition Amendment to the Federal Constitution did not, to many, seem to make it possible that this slogan would be come a national reality.

The general public was not prepared for and was amazed at the whirl-wind-like ratification of the Prohibition Amendment by 45 States. The fact that on Jan. 16, 1920, the Eighteenth Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, becomes effective, is a source of gratification, and a condemnation of the liquor traffic. Under the provisions of this Amendment, Congress and the several states have concurrent power to pass legislation for the adequate enforcement of Prohibition, that not only the power of the Federal Government, but that all the law enforcement machinery of the States may be employed in enforcing the amendment. We hereby express our profound appreciation to the members of the Delaware Legislature who voted for the State-wide Prohibition bill, thus placing Delaware among the first States to provide for the enforcing of the Federal Amendment. We earnestly petition the Maryland Legislature at its next session to do likewise. Also, we most earnestly petition the U. S. Senators and Congressmen from our Conference territory to give their support to the speedy enactment of strong Federal laws to uphold the policy of the Government in prohibiting the liquor traffic.

"No beer, no work", and "no beer, no bonds", reveals the extremes this traffic will resort to in an effort to nullify the law of the land. It

should be a sufficient warning to the Prohibition forces to keep them on guard, seeing that the laws against the liquor traffic are properly enforced.

We are elated with the plans for World-wide Prohibition, the accomplishment of which will mean so much to the nations of the earth, and will prove a blessing to the Missionary endeavors of the Church, in its efforts to win the world for Christ.

We pledge our loyal support and co-operation to the carrying out of these plans for World-wide Prohibition and to the Anti-Saloon League, the Temperance Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in their efforts to see that the Prohibition laws are enforced.

#### THANKS.

We, the members of the Committee, desire first of all to express our appreciation of the honor conferred upon us in being privileged to voice the gratitude of the Conference for the feast of good things, material and spiritual, which have been spread before us during our Conference session. It is a gracious privilege for "praise is comely", and while some of us may not have reached that state of grace wherein we can give thanks for everything, we trust we have acquired the spirit implied in St. Paul's exhortation, "in every thing give thanks".

We are grateful for the privilege that has been ours in meeting in our Annual Conference in this beautiful town with its characteristic Eastern Shore hospitality; its intellectual atmosphere; its ripe culture, and high ethical and spiritual ideals. The people of the town have observed with sympathetic interest our coming and will observe our departure perhaps with this same interest, but we trust that our brief sojourn together has been the source of richest blessings to both Conference and people.

To the pastor of the entertaining church, courteous, brotherly, diligent, painstaking, unselfish, sparing not himself to provide for our comfort and well being, we return sincerest thanks. His has been a most difficult task and on the whole he has performed it well. We heartily recommend him, if it is not too late, to the tenderest mercies of the Bishop and his cabinet, and congratulate the church fortunate enough to have his services in the future. The choir, with its capable leader, Mrs. Clements, and proficient organist, Miss Mabel Toulson, the trustees of the church, the diligent and faithful sexton, all merit and in full measure receive our gratitude.

We wish especially to record our appreciation of the brotherly spirit of the Rev. J. L. Ward of the Methodist Protestant Church, and his good people, in granting us the use of their beautiful and commodious church for Conference purposes and in opening their homes for our material comfort. This is, we are informed, but one indication of the beautiful spirit existing between the churches representing, in this town, these two branches of our common Methodism, and is a demonstration of the truth of the Psalmist's exclamation, "Behold, how good and pleasant to dwell together in unity".

We feel that we cannot adequately express our gratitude to our Bishop for what he has meant to us, and has done for us at this Conference session. His mere presence in our midst is a benediction in itself. Courtly in bearing, big in body, in brain, in heart, in soul, meet to sit with princes, he has shown himself a brother to the humblest in our ranks. His addresses, scholarly and luminous, witty with the wit that leaves no sting, severely practical but deeply spiritual; warm and tender with human understanding and radiant with divine inspiration, have given us a new conception of our task and a new vision of our privileges and responsibilities as "good ministers of Jesus Christ". We especially note the sermon of yesterday morning and the wonderful address to the class, in the judgment of many, the most soul stirring and inspiring ever delivered under like circumstances before our Conference. We can only ask the question of the two disciples on the way of Emmaus, "Did not our hearts burn within us, as he talked with us in the way", as he opened his heart and showed us the burden that it bore and the passion that drove him on in his abundant labor for the Kingdom. We hereby covenant with our great leader that we will give ourselves with a new devotion, without stint, in season and out of season to the minister's supreme task of bringing men to Christ and taking Christ to men, and we sincerely trust that he will be assigned to the presidency of our Conference in 1920, when the solidity of the walls of Grace Church are to be tested under the pressure of the joy of that triumph now seen from afar but which our faith and zeal will draw nigh and fully realize.

The press has been uniformly fair and its representatives courteous, and we hereby record our appreciation of the same.

We are also grateful for the accommodations accorded us by the banks of the town and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

And finally we lift our hearts to God in profoundest gratitude for His undeserved goodness to us all, for His saving and keeping grace, and for the exalted honor He has conferred upon us in making us coworkers with Him and with His Son our Saviour, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, for the establishment of His Kingdom in the world. And we pledge to Him, our God, and the Captain of our salvation, our fullest allegiance and unsevering loyalty and unflinching diligence in the great task of making the kingdom of this world the Kingdom of our Lord.

#### WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

After fifty years of faithful service the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has proved that it is a great factor in the salvation of the world.

During the war these good women have continually and untiringly labored to relieve the sufferings of humanity.

During the year the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of our Conference has raised an increase of \$755 over last year, every dollar of which has, in the Master's name, been used for the relief of the needy and suffering souls of the world.

The fact of most vital importance to the work has been the going of

Miss Florence Harper of Still Pond to Pueblo, Mexico. We recommend that the Auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the section of the Wilmington Conference of Maryland and Virginia assume the entire support of Miss Harper in this noble work, and that the Pastors of our Churches give encouragement and support as far as possible.

The goal of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is to obtain 5,000 men members, \$2,000,000, and 1000 missionaries this year.

We commend the Society to the Church and urge all our Pastors as far as possible to have an auxiliary in every charge.

#### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In the constellation of Methodism is the star of the W. H. M. S. She is our Venus in that she comes close and shines bright.

This society is socially benevolent and indiscriminately beneficent. With her splendid daughters,—the Home Guards, the Queen Esther's and Mother's Jewels—she has placed hundreds of thousands of dollars in money and as much more in supplies for the relief of the needy throughout the domains of Methodism; and she now holds out her sisterly hand to help in the big job of reconstruction. That this construction work must be put through is evidently imperative; and since every big undertaking usually solicits the cooperation of a woman, we respectfully invite her to remain on the job. Further, we beg to add, with evergrowing emphasis, our high appreciation of and regards for the lofty position the Woman's Home Missionary Society holds in the ranks of Methodism and long may she live.

### (c) SPECIAL AND FINANCIAL.

#### CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.

By action of the last Conference the year now past was designated for an intensive campaign in the interest of our Claimants' Endowment Fund. Under the general direction of Doctors J. B. Hingeley and J. T. B. Smith, simultaneous campaigns were conducted last Fall in both the Wilmington and Baltimore Conferences. The confusing difficulties encountered, the shattering of our lines by the influenza epidemic, and the necessity of pursuing the work largely by individual effort, are now matters of history and need not be reverted to in detail. Under conditions that caused at least one other Conference to abandon the field, our campaign has been unremittingly carried forward, and through the splendid co-operation of District Superintendents, pastors, and laymen, we are able to report \$208,417.00 pledged to the Fund—which takes us across the line of our original objective.

This is made up as follows:

In March, 1915, (see Minutes of that year,) the Conference held investments amounting to .....	\$ 30,930
Ministerial subscriptions to date .....	16,082
Lay subscriptions to date (including the pledges of churches and organizations, and some bequests) .....	161,405
Total .....	\$208,417

Dividing the first \$30,930 equally among the Districts, their response has been as follows:

#### EASTON DISTRICT.

Pledged by the churches prior to the present year .....	\$10,324
Pledged by the churches during the present year .....	15,685
Memorial taken by Mrs. James P. Hoffecker, Smyrna, Delaware .....	500
Bequest by Mrs. Ida Milbourn, Crumpton, Md. ....	1,500
Memorial taken by Mr. Charles B. Chance, Sudlersville, Maryland .....	100
Bequest by Mrs. Ruth H. Cahall, Chestertown, Md. ....	1,000
Bequest by Mr. H. T. Roe, Denton, Md. ....	1,000
Bequest by Mrs. Anna S. West, Middletown, Delaware. ....	3,254
Proportioned to the District from the original \$30,930 (See Minutes of 1915) .....	7,732
	\$ 42,095

#### DOVER DISTRICT.

Pledged by the churches prior to the present year .....	\$ 9,552
Pledged by the churches during the present year .....	12,589

Memorial taken by Drs. Layton and Frank Grier, Milford, Del. ....	1,000	
Bequest by Mr. Webster Kinder, Federalsburg, Md....	2,000	
Bequest (Name not to be disclosed) .....	1,000	
Part of the Clash memorial, Cambridge, Md. reported through the Commission .....	3,000	
Proportioned to the District from the original \$30,930..	7,732	\$ 36,873

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Pledged by the churches prior to the present year....	\$15,047	
Pledged by the churches during the present year.....	10,468	
Pledged by Mr. William P. Jackson, Salisbury, Md....	5,000	
Proportioned to the District from the original \$30,930.	7,732	\$ 38,247

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Paid by Mr. Melville Gambrill on his original "Proposition after the Commission began its work .....	\$ 2,000	
Pledged by the churches prior to the present year.....	6,648	
Pledged by the churches during the present year.....	46,640	
Reported by the Superintendent as memorials from his friends .....	6,000	
Bequest of Mrs. Sarah C. Brickley, Rising Sun, Md....	500	
Bequest of Mrs. M. W. Moore, North East, Md. ....	600	
Memorial by Mr. & Mrs. T. J. Wilson, North Tonawanda, N. Y. ....	1,000	
Bequest of Mr. Melville Gambrill, Wilmington, Delaware	5,000	
Proportioned to the District from the original \$30,930.	7,732	\$ 76,120
		\$192,335
Ministerial .....		\$ 16,082
		\$208,417

In addition to these figures there are on record certain bequests, not counted in the total nor credited to either charges or Districts.

Our Treasurer, Mr. R. M. Cooper, reports under date of March 22, 1919, our cash holdings as follows:

Investments in real estate securities .....	\$64,400.00
In Liberty Bonds and War Saving Stamps .....	10,045.00
Balance in bank, ready for investment .....	4,073.05
	\$78,815.05

It is hardly desirable, within the limits of a report of this character, to indicate the standing of each church as related to the result. That will appear elsewhere in the Minutes, as will also the ministerial subscriptions and payments.

In prosecuting the work during the year many encouraging things have occurred—things that reveal the awakening condition of the Meth-

odist conscience on this subject. (For let us not overlook that even when we have the \$200,000 in cash our obligation is far from met. Six per cent., which is the maximum interest possible to us, would amount to \$12,000.00 a year; and this, divided among seventy claimants, would mean only \$171.00 each.) But continuous education is doing its work, and our people are slowly coming to the position that the obligation must not only be recognized but adequately discharged. Early in the year an elect lady, Mrs. Ida Milbourn of Crumpton, Md., called your Secretary to her house and said: "The future care of our retired ministers is on my heart. All that I possess, apart from my living, is the home in which I reside. I have no heirs, and am desirous of leaving my home, when I am gone, for the use of some one of our old ministers." She further said she intended to re-roof the house and make other needed improvements in order that it might pass to the Conference in good condition. We suggested: "How about the furniture? Many of our men are hard put to it to furnish a house when they retire." It developed that the furniture belonged jointly to Mrs. Milbourn and a lady relative who was present. That lady promptly said there could be no disposition of her share that would please her more. It is a modest home, having a rich garden plot of two hundred feet depth, and comes to the Conference in fee. The will has been so written that the Board of Stewards can either use it as a home or sell it and apply the proceeds to the Endowment.

Mr. H. P. Scott of Wilmington, has taken a memorial of \$5,000 to his father, Rev. Alfred T. Scott.

Senator Willard Saulsbury of Wilmington, has taken a memorial of \$1,000 to his uncle, Eli Saulsbury, former U. S. Senator, and for years official member of Wesley Church, Dover.

The check of Mr. Timanus Wilson of North Tonawanda, N. Y., was received this year for \$1,000.00 in full payment of the memorial taken by him last year on behalf of his mother.

At Bridgeville, Delaware, Mrs. Hester Polk Cannon, wife of Mr. Philip Cannon, requested that at her death five hundred dollars of her estate should be devoted to this interest. This request was renewed virtually upon her death bed. And a few weeks ago her pastor handed us \$500.00 in Liberty Bonds which represented her husband's response to this request. In connection with this, a beautiful little piece of spiritual sentiment occurred. Brother and Sister Cannon, sitting in their home together, and looking out on the street, saw one of our retired ministers going day after day to and fro on the walk. His saintliness and general aspect touched their hearts; and, after his wife's gift and death, Brother Cannon said: "What I have to give, I will give to the old ministers of our Conference". The incident reminds us of the Shunammite who said to her husband: "Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candle-stick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither".

So God's people are seeing a great light and the Kingdom moves on.

As gratifying as the figures above stated are, let us not too hastily conclude that they represent a completed undertaking. Word will prob-

ably go forth from this Conference that we have raised over \$200,000.00 for the support of retired ministers, but we have done nothing of the kind. No money is raised until the cash is actually in hand. There are, as all men of experience know, many contingencies connected with a subscription list. While our subscriptions are, in the main, from our best people and entirely dependable, five years is quite a long period and many things not anticipated may occur. (1). Some will die. Several have died already and the fund has lost by their death. Others will die. (2). Some will remove to other Conferences and cease paying here. (3). Some will suffer financial reverses and feel they are unable to meet their pledges in full. (4). A few will repudiate their obligation. (5). Much of the result as it now stands is in the form of church pledge. These we are persuaded will be faithfully paid where the pastors properly cooperate with the secretary; and up to this date not much more loyal cooperation could be given than has been accorded. No word of praise is too high to speak of our preachers in this work. Nevertheless, one of the most vitally important things ahead, where it has not already been done, is the organizing of our churches for turning their promises into cash.

The situation must be faced with severe common sense. Our retired preachers cannot be clothed, sheltered, and fed by setting the matter aside with general congratulations. As we have given ourselves to securing the result in pledge which is today announced, so now we must give ourselves, even more earnestly if possible, to converting that pledge into actual money with which the necessities of life can be procured. The men of the Conference who have twenty or forty years ahead of them may feel the great problem will leisurely work itself out before they have need, but the men who should be on our hearts are those now facing superannuation, and those already quietly sitting amid the shadows of declining life with the repellant skeleton of Want crouching by their sides.

Let us not therefore be singing a triumph when we should be digging a trench and preparing an advance. Let us not, like Napoleon at Waterloo, dispatch a messenger to proclaim victory before our troops have successfully crossed the sunken road of Ohain.

While we are congratulating ourselves many of our aged ministers and their wives are still without sufficient sustentation. If necessary, the church, which owes them so much, should take the mantle from its own shoulders to cover the nakedness of their need. Oh, that it might hear God's voice as thunder, saying: "Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm". Demosthenes said: "Eloquence is as much in the ear as in the voice". May the Spirit of God open the ear of the church to catch the music of this Cause, so long undiscerned, until, thrilled by its celestial sweetness, she shall be inspired to the glory of its perfect achievement. To do less than we propose—which is to raise at least \$200,000 in cash—or to quibble over it, would mean we deliberately elect to cover ourselves with deepest shame. The Angel of God's Presence stands by and silently points to the delectable heights, where Earth's University of Service shall, under the great divine plan, recognize the worth and rights of Christian ministers, and where no faithful messenger

of the Cross shall feel the pain of actual want in the hour of his spiritual valedictory. Already the church sees the heights and feels the pressure of the Angel's hand! And we are persuaded she will ascend with Him to claim the inheritance.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. H. DASHIELL.

**MEMORIAL FUNDS FOR CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT.**

- To William A. Clash, husband; Eben E. Payne, father; and Maria Coke Payne, mother—By Mrs. William A. Clash, Cambridge, Md. ....\$5,000.00
- To Mrs. Eliza P. Clark, Milford, Del. By action of the Conference in recognition of bequest .....\$7,100.00
- To Mrs. Annie C. West, Middletown, Del. By action of the Conference in recognition of bequest .....\$3,254.35
- To William Chance, father; and Susan Chance, mother. By Charles B. Chance, Sudlersville, Md. ....\$ 100.00
- To Rev. John Hough, father, and Rebecca E. Hough, mother. By Mrs. James P. Hoffecker, Smyrna, Del. ....\$ 500.00
- To Margaret Layton Grier, mother. By Drs. G. Layton and Frank L. Grier, Milford, Del. ....\$1,000.00
- To Mrs. T. J. Wilson, mother; and in honor of T. J. Wilson, Rising Sun, Md., father. By Timanus J. Wilson and wife, North Tonawanda, N. Y. ....\$1,000.00
- To Rev. John R. Bailey, of the Philadelphia Conference, father. By Henry J. Bailey, Wilmington, Del. ....\$1,000.00
- To Eli Saulsbury, former U. S. Senator, and official of Wesley Church, Dover, Del., uncle. By Senator Willard Saulsbury, Wilmington, Delaware .....\$1,000.00
- To Rev. Alfred T. Scott, father. By Henry P. Scott, Wilmington, Delaware .....\$5,000.00

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**

On our list of Claimants for 1918 were thirty-eight men, forty-eight women and three children. We begin the new year with forty men, fifty women and two children, an increase of four.

Three retired ministers and three widows have died, one child became of age, four men and one woman relinquish their claims. Six men and three women have been added.

Collections by Districts:

Dover .....	\$ 4,008.00	Increase of \$ 494.00
Easton .....	3,744.00	Increase of 480.00
Salisbury .....	4,589.00	Increase of 464.00
Wilmington .....	5,496.00	Increase of 931.00
Total .....	\$ 17,837.00	Increase of \$2369.00

Received from all sources:

Balance from last year .....	\$ 100.00
Book Concern Dividends .....	2550.00
Connectional Fund .....	200.00
Interest on Invested Funds .....	3360.00
Collections from the churches .....	17837.00
Special Conference Collection .....	776.00

Total .....	\$24,823.00
Less apportionment for Bd. Conf. Claimants:	615.00

Total for distribution .....\$24,208.00

By the grace of God, the help of the Churches, Pastors, Superintendents and Bishop, we are able to distribute this year \$24,208; \$2,369 more than last year, or any other year in our history. For three years past an annuity of eight dollars was the best we could do. It was a happy moment on Saturday when it was discovered that we could raise the annuity to ten dollars, and increase the most of the Claimants' allotments from five to ninety-five dollars. Think of the joy that came to you when the Claimant whom you knew in your charge and for whom you plead received the increase you requested, and you can imagine the pleasure that was ours when we found that the churches, by your leadership and example, had given an amount large enough to allow an increase to nearly every Claimant whose rights and necessities seemed to require it. We want you to get a vision of the joy awaiting them when they hear from our Treasurer. When one elect woman received a twenty-five dollar increase last year, she was heard to say amidst her tears, "When I saw the check I fell on my knees to thank God and the Conference for their goodness to me". Think of the happiness awaiting the men and women as they receive their increase in support for the Conference year. For some it will be the breaking of the alabaster box of precious ointment against their burial. When we meet again they perhaps will have passed to their reward. It is well for us to remember that we made them happy here. Get a vision of this in your hearts this morning. You who have labored as you ought, the joy is yours by right. We want you to have it and make the most of it.

While we bring to you this encouraging word, we feel it our duty to say that we have not yet reached the goal set by the Church for the support of our Claimants. For 1917-18 the average support of every Effective member of the Conference was \$3.13 per day, while the average support of our Claimants from collections from the Churches was less than fifty cents a day. The report this year shows that we are doing better. The average salary of the Effective members of the Conference is \$1134; making a legal claim of \$16.20 for the men and \$12.15 for the women. We are able to pay an annuity of ten dollars only, or sixty-one cents on the dollar. If we can get so much pleasure out of paying a percentage of our debts what will we experience when we pay dollar for dollar? We may as well prepare for the event for we are going to do it. We are sending ahead the color bearer to place the flag on the line set

by the legal claim and we are determined to bring the army up to the colors. We have no legal right to make the apportionment less than the legal claim without getting a special dispensation from the Bishop to violate the Discipline, and no one knowing our presiding officer, with the law on his side, would dare ask it; and with the Gospel on the side of the Claimant, would ever have the heart to do so. No honest man feels comfortable in paying an honest debt with sixty-one cents on the dollar, although compelled by circumstances over which he has no control. When he is able to do better there is added to the feeling of discomfort that of dishonesty. We know now that we can do better. We know, too, that we ought, and by God's grace we will. We have had a foretaste of the fruits of partial victory, and we will not be contented until complete success is ours. At the Chicago World's Fair when Theodore Thomas was being honored by the appreciative multitude for his generous contribution for Music Hall, he exclaimed, "If I had known the joy of giving two-thirds of the cost of this building I would have given the other third". Now we know the joy of paying a percentage of the claim against the Conference, let us go forward and pay the full claim.

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. HURST,  
Chairman.

APPROPRIATIONS TO CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

The following tables indicate the amounts appropriated by the Stewards to the various Claimants upon the Conference funds at the session of 1919. They were approved by the Conference.

Date of Claim Service		Distribution of Conference Funds.				
		CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.				
		Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Fund	Amount Paid	
MINISTERS.						
1910	40	Arters, J. A., Chestertown, Md. ....	\$648	\$400	\$	\$400
1919	43	Barrett, L. E., Chestertown, Md. ....	697	430		430
1906	17	Bowman, G. W., Laurel, Del. ....	275	170	30	200
1905	27	Collins, J. M., 1607 W. 13th St., Wilmington, Del. ....	437	270	30	300
1913	20	Compton, W. P., Mrs. W. P. Compton, Trustee, 6725 Lansdowne Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. ....	324	200	300	500
1906	44	Conway, G. S., Smyrna, Del. ....	713	440	85	525
1917	26	Cooke, G. A., Wilmington, Del. ....	421	260		260
1917	36	Corkran, L. P., Sudlersville, Md. ....	583	360		360
1919	34	Easley, Jas. W., Dover, Del. ....	551	340		340
1871	5	Esgate, James, F. D. Esgate, Trustee, Riverside, Cal. ....	81	50	75	125
1918	29	Fogle, J. W., Seaford, Del. ....	470	290	310	600
1904	21	Greene, W. M., Wyoming, Del. ....	340	210	120	330
1914	31	Hardesty, G. L., Seaford, Del. ....	502	310	50	360
1906	30	Harding, T. H., 1011 West 7th St., Wilmington, Del. ....	486	300	120	420
1918	42	Hoffecker, E. L., Royal Oak, Md. ....	680	*	*	*
1911	10	Holt, T. S., Federalsburg, Md. ....	162	*	*	*
1917	12	Jester, B. F., 2304 Monroe St., Wilmington, Del. ....	194	120		120
1916	30	Koons, W. G., Rising Sun, Md. ....	486	300	170	470
1919	40	Lindale, J. M., Wye Mills, Md. ....	648	400		400
1918	34	McFaul, D. F., 1015 Tatnall St., Wilmington, Del. ....	551	340	185	525
1918	33	Mitchell, J. M., Millington, Md. ....	535	330	195	525
1919	47	Otis, J. P., Marshallton, Del. ....	761	470		470
1917	35	Prettyman, A. P., Galena, Md. ....	567	350		350
1916	48	Prettyman, C. W., 137 W. Louthier St., Carlisle, Pa. ....	778	480		480
1913	26	Prouse, J. T., Clifton Heights, Pa. ....	421	260	115	375
1911	39	Rawlins, P. H., Seaford, Del. ....	632	*	*	*
1891	28	Redman, W. W., Milford, Del. ....	454	280	145	525

Date of Claim	Service	CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.	Annuity Claim	Annuity Paid	Special Fund	Amount Paid
1919	34	Reese, J. D., Oxford, Md. ....	551	340	150	490
1912	38	Roe, Robert, Oxford, Md. ....	616	380		380
1917	38	Smith, Alfred, Camden, Del. ....	616	*		*
1915	40	Stengle, Adam, 407 W. 21st St., Wilmington, Del. ....	648	400		400
1916	39	Terry, T. E., Bridgeville, Del. ....	632	390		390
1897	24	Tomkinson, W. E., Rehoboth, Del. ....	389	240	140	380
1915	38	Townsend, G. W., Ridley Park, Pa. ....	616	380		380
1871	24	Wallin, F. O. B., 5 Majorsgaten, Stockholm, Sweden. ....	389	240		240
1906	21	Walton, O. S., Red Lion, Del. ....	340	210	20	230
1919	16	White, W. W., Salisbury, Md. ....	359	160	330	490
1914	31	Williams, C. H., Snow Hill, Md. ....	502	310		310
1917	19	Williams, W. H. S., Georgetown, Del. ....	308	190		190
1913	28	Willis, D. H., Cambridge, Md. ....	454	280		280
WIDOWS AND CHILDREN						
1915	43	Adams, Mary R., Dover, Del. ....	552	323		323
1903	21	Avery, Lydia M., 1551 Emerson St., Palo Alto, Cal. ....	255	158		158
1881	8	Bain, Sarah B., 708 6th Ave., Juniata, Pa. ....	97	60	155	215
1909	40	Bolton, Mary J., 151 Everit St., New Haven, Conn. ....	486	300		300
1903	9	Bovie, Selma C., 820 Terry St., Woodhaven, L. I. ....	109	67	73	150
1895	4	Brindle, Ellen M., Greensboro, Md. ....	49	30	130	160
1896	33	Bryan, Annie V., 322 Reeder St., Easton, Pa. ....	401	248		248
1915	30	Burke, Laura W., 1103 W. St., Wilmington, Del. ....	365	225		225
1918	31	Burke, Margaret, Richardson Park, Del. ....	377	233		233
1916	10	Carroll, Mary W., Milford, Del. ....	122	75	50	125
1909	31	Chandler, Mary E., Smyrna, Del. ....	377	232	8	240
1870	8	Chatham, Annie D., Rev. G. C. Williams, Trustee, Wilmington, Del. ....	97	60	140	200
		Coursey, Mrs. R. T., Wyoming, Del. ....			200	200
1872	17	Creamer, Sarah V., Mrs. J. R. Field, Trustee, Wilmington, Del. ....	207	127		127
1872	1	Ewing, Emma D., Collingswood, New Jersey ....	12	7	68	75
1891	17	Foreman, Mary A., 614 West 20th St., Wilmington, Del. ....	207	127	48	173
1914	40	Fosnacht, Bessie B., 116 Whaley Ave., New Haven, Ct. ....	486	300		300
1891	20	Gardner, Louisa, Smyrna, Del. ....	243	150	70	220
1906	16	Graham, Annie M., Clayton, Del. ....	194	120	55	175
1893	25	Gregg, G. Annie, Kenton, Del. ....	304	188		188
1908	26	Grise, Mary E., Berlin, Md. ....	316	195	5	200
1904	43	Haynes, Mrs. T. H., Smyrna, Del. ....	522	323		323
1900	32	Hynson, Mary A., West Point, Va. ....	389	240	35	275
1879	16	Irwin, Annie H., 325 S. Frazier St., Philadelphia, Pa. ....	194	120	135	255
1919	31	Jaggard, M. Annie, Millsboro, Del. ....	377	200		200
1919	17	Kenney, Mary Jane, Selbyville, Del. ....	207	127	73	200
1917	9	Lewes, H. Bertrude, Kelso Home, Forest Park, Baltimore, Md. ....	109	68		68
1915	38	McNichol, Maude, Cambridge, Md. ....	462	285	110	395
1917	23	Martindale, Sallie W., Salisbury, Md. ....	279	173		173
1893	13	Melvin, Frances M., 2601 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md. ....	158	74	106	200
1899	18	Merrill, Araminta, Upper Fairmount, Md. ....	219	*		*
1917	25	Morgan, Minnie S., 913 Washington St., Wilm., Del. ....	304	188		188
1916	10	Murray, Pauline Nelson, Snow Hill, Md. ....	122	75	105	180
1916	43	Edwin Nelson Murray (Son of W. L. S. Murray) Snow Hill, Md. ....	139	86		86
1909	35	Nelson, Evelyn, Snow Hill, Md. ....	425	263		263
1917	33	O'Brien, M. Cornelia, W. C. I., Dover, Del. ....	401	248		248
1887	21	O'Neil, Mary A., 234 N. Carey St., Baltimore, Md. ....	255	158		158
1918	7	Poole, Maria O., 1540 N. 60th St., Philadelphia, Pa. ....	85	52	108	160
1882	6	Prettyman, Emma, Salisbury, Md. ....	73	45	155	200
1919	29	Roberts, Mary B., Middletown, Del. ....	352	200		200
1893	14	Robinson, Mary R., Perryman, Md. ....	170	105	70	175
1904	35	Sheppard, Mary E., Frankford, Del. ....	425	263		263
1884	15	Shilling, Emma E., The Marion, Wilmington, Del. ....	182	112	73	185
1905	12	Sidell, Sarah D., 5434 Ella St., Olney, Philadelphia, Pa. ....	146	90	100	190
1901	12	Swain, Martha H., Dover, Del. ....	146	90	135	225
1903	37	Sypherd, Josephine, 22 S. Stenton Place, Atlantic City, N. J. ....	450	277		277
1914	9	Talley, Elva, Edge Moor, Del. ....	109	67	128	195
1906	30	Todd, Alice C., Wenonah, N. J. ....	365	225	25	250
1878	12	Weston, Laura E., Norwood, Pa. ....	146	90	110	200
1918	22	Westerfield, Lulu V. G., Port Deposit, Md. ....	267	165	120	285
1918	23	Harry, Son of Rev. H. A. G. Westerfield ....	76	46		46
1913	43	White, Elnora, Millington, Md. ....	522	322		322

\* Relinquished.

## WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY &amp; CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

After two years experience in the study of the people of many tongues in our country, and the fact that we have more of them in our Conference City than any other city its size in the United States, also, that the work among them is developing so magnificently, I am fully convinced that no greater problem will be presented to you for consideration than this vital question of Christianizing these people from across sea. The Centenary is making no mistake in its appeal to the church to put itself in a position to meet this situation; (for if we mean to do business), in our little city twenty missionaries called of God and trained for the work would be none too many to show what could be accomplished. It is very clear to me that we have neglected our duty, and unless we study the situation and get on the job, we will fail to obey the command of our Lord: "Preach the Gospel to every creature", and leave our children of the next generation to suffer for our negligence. The foreigner is here to stay; with Jesus Christ in his life he is a good citizen, a friendly brother, a safe man.

We have had a busy year. Our first work was the dedication of the Italian Church. It was completed June 7, 1918, at a cost of \$12,000.00, including lot and furniture. It is entirely clear of debt, except a note of \$3,500.00 held by W. D. Haddock Co., and we have \$1,500.00 in the treasury to meet that note, which cuts it down to \$2,000.00. A good work is being accomplished at this church among the children in Sunday School, Junior League, Kindergarten, Sewing and Cooking Classes. This work is all under American Missionaries, with one hundred and twenty-five pupils on roll.

The Sixth Avenue Mission, under the supervision of Miss Lillian B. Carter, is doing a good work. This is entirely an American Mission for neglected children in an unchurched section. There are one hundred pupils enrolled.

**NEW WORK.** A work at Asbury has developed in such a remarkable way that I cannot refrain from having it go down in history on the pages of our minutes. Last Spring, in June, I was sent to Baltimore to the Convention of Cities to represent our work in Wilmington. While there I was before a committee on the Centenary Survey. When I left that committee I felt that something ought to be done for the foreigners in Asbury neighborhood. I came home with the burden on my heart. I went in secret prayer to the One who guides and asked for a missionary to try out Asbury. The same evening a lady, whom I had never seen or heard of before, called and asked to see me. I will give you her exact words. "I am a graduate of the Moody Institute called to go to Africa to tell the story of Jesus to the heathen and I have failed in my physical examination, therefore, they will not let me go. It nearly breaks my heart. Will you let me work here with you among the foreigners in this City?" I told her we needed a worker but we hadn't any money. She then said, "Don't mention money, if the Lord opens the door the money will come". By investigation I found she was a graduate of Beacom's Business College and was sacrificing \$125.00 per month to work for Jesus for \$25.00. With the consent of the pastor, Rev. George White Dawson,



and the Official Board of Asbury Church for the use of their property, she went to work and in two afternoons she had forty-seven Polish children, who knew nothing of our Christ, lined up in church learning the way to Jesus. NOW on the Foreign Roll at Asbury there are two hundred and twenty children representing Poles, Italians, Russians and Jews, taught in Sunday School, Junior League, Sewing and Cooking under the training of two called Missionaries, graduates of The Moody Institute, and one assistant. These three girls are doing a great work for God and humanity. They are taking care of the Italian Mission and Asbury Mission with three hundred and twenty-five foreign children in their care. The development of this work has fully convinced us that there should be a Good Will Industry in Asbury neighborhood. Therefore, with the assistance of the Home Missionary Board, Pastor and the Officials of Asbury Church, The City Missionary and Church Extension Society is planning to put on the Morgan Memorial Program. We will need the hearty co-operation of this Conference to make it a success. The Good Will Industry will put our church of this Peninsula in a position to do better work for God and man than it has ever done before.

This year I have given the most of my time, when not in the pulpits, to the study and development of these three Missions and places where others ought to be established, namely Wesley, Kingswood, Madeley, New Castle and Rockland. After having given three Sundays to the Steward's Endowment campaign, and three Sundays to the closing weeks of the Conference year and three Sundays shut out by the "Flu" epidemic, I have presented the cause in ninety-two churches with the following financial report in excess of the apportionment:

DOVER DISTRICT: Blades, \$10; Wesley, Dover, \$75; Camden, \$100; Ellendale, \$60; Hurlock, \$300; Milton, \$65; Millsboro, \$45; Magnolia, \$40; Rehoboth, \$15; Seaford, \$65; Seaford Circuit, \$180; Wyoming, \$45. Total in cash and pledges, \$1,000; Cash, \$742.

EASTON DISTRICT: Blackbird, \$15; Cheswold, \$80; Clayton, \$55; Church Hill, \$25; Crumpton Circuit, \$85; Cecilton, \$75; Chestertown, \$25; Fairlee and Worton, \$75; Kenton, \$16; Middletown, \$85; Pomona, \$85; Queenstown, \$190; Kent Island, \$65; Piney Neck, \$15; Salem Circuit, \$95; Smyrna, \$15; Smyrna Circuit, \$65; Still Pond, \$25; Tilghman, \$50; Sherwood, \$60; Wye Mills, \$115. Total, \$1,210; Cash, \$889.

SALISBURY DISTRICT: Asbury, Crisfield, \$37; Bishopville, \$200; Frankford, \$100; Newark, \$75; Sharptown, \$60; Mardela Springs, \$10. Total, \$487; Cash, \$406.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT: Bethel Circuit, \$35; Charlestown, \$40; Cherry Hill, \$20; Chester-Bethel, \$10; Chesapeake City, \$80; Claymont, \$85; Ebenezer, \$5; Elkton, \$50; Hockessin, \$65; Hopewell, \$25; Kirkwood, \$15; Marshallton, \$30; Mt. Lebanon, \$150; Mt. Pleasant, \$165; Perryville, \$125; Rising Sun, \$40; Summit, \$65; Zion Circuit, \$170. Total, outside of the City, \$1,175; Cash, \$783.

CITY: Asbury, \$70; Brack Ex, \$70; Cedars, \$50; Cookman, \$115; Epworth, \$35; Edgemoore, \$80; Grace, \$50; Harrison Street, \$170; Hill Crest, \$90; Kingswood, \$80; Madeley, \$50; Richardson Park, \$10; Scott, \$65; Silverbrook, \$50; Union, \$150; Wesley, \$25. Total, \$1170; Cash, \$745. Total for District, \$2,323; Cash, \$1,563. Grand total for the Conference, \$5,012; Cash, \$3,535.

Received from the church on apportionments, \$1612. Total in cash, \$5174, with \$1,677 in pledges to be paid. Cash received from all sources this year, \$7147.

The following brethren have met their apportionments in full: Revs. H. D. West, R. P. Nichols, E. M. Shockley, C. T. Jones, T. S. Barrett, J. M. Lindale, Frank Brisbin, J. E. Parker, W. E. Hubbard, W. F. Askinson, J. H. Gardner, Ivanhoe Willis, F. C. MacSorley, J. W. Gray, E. M. Byrd, C. L. Hubbard, H. S. Dulaney, F. J. Cochran, W. G. Harris, E. H. Derrickson, Melvin Wheatley, T. C. Smoot, G. T. Alderson, G. E. Wood, G. W. Bounds, J. C. McCoy, J. L. Prettyman, C. T. Wyatt, E. W. McDowell, J. F. Anderson, G. S. Thomas, G. W. Townsend, J. H. Warren, J. W. R. Sumwalt, D. J. Givan, J. L. Sparklin, J. T. Rowlinson, Frank Herson, W. E. Matthews, W. B. Guthrie, W. H. Cummings, O. H. Connelly, J. W. Jones, L. W. Layfield, George White Dawson, W. W. Sharp, E. H. Collins, C. W. Clark, E. W. Jones, G. R. Neese, J. L. Johnson, Henry Covington, Harry Taylor J. L. Derrickson, H. E. Truitt, W. N. Conaway, L. M. Broadway, Ernest Greenfield, T. N. Given, C. W. Spry, H. T. Quigg, Z. W. Wells, J. T. Richardson, R. K. Stephenson, J. R. Bicking, T. J. Sard, W. L. White, John Kelso, W. E. Gunby, Thomas Pardee, T. F. Beauchamp, Frank White, Leonard White, G. P. Smith, M. D. Nutter, John White, J. P. Otis, L. I. McDougle, F. X. Moore, Harry Reed, E. C. Sunfield, C. C. Harris, R. H. Adams, O. B. Reed, G. W. Stallings, V. P. Northrup, D. J. Moore, J. J. Bunting, G. W. Williams, J. H. Whedbee, Harry Taylor, D. W. Jacobs, H. S. Hodgson, B. P. Moore, J. W. Colona, Tilghman Smith, J. P. Kelley, S. N. Pilchard, W. S. Grant, F. F. Carpenter, O. E. Jones, C. H. Atkins, R. H. Wilson, G. R. Ellis, J. L. Sparklin, D. J. Givan, G. F. Newton, C. W. Strickland, R. C. Elzey, G. W. Hastings, J. A. Brewington, W. H. Revelle, J. W. Wootten, A. W. Goodhand, A. P. Prettyman, A. F. Zimmerman, O. T. Baynard, J. P. Outten.

Your Society has four Missionaries on the staff as against two two years ago; an increase of two. It has four hundred and forty-five scholars, as against one hundred and fifty; an increase of three hundred and ninety-five. It has property worth \$17,000, as against \$6,600; an increase of \$9,400. Its Equity is, \$12,000; as against \$4,300; an increase of \$7,700.

I make this comparison simply to show the growth of your Society.

J. H. BEAUCHAMP,

Corresponding Secretary.

#### CONFERENCE DEACONESS BOARD.

The Annual Meeting of the Conference Deaconess Board was held at the Deaconess Home, 307 West Street, Wilmington, on Monday, March seventeenth, 1919. Members present, Rev. E. W. Jones, Mrs. E. W. Weldin, I. Elmer Perry and Willis Overdeer; Mrs. G. M. Fisher and Mrs. M. R. Lincoln being prevented by illness from attendance. Dr. H. F. Randolph having been transferred to the Baltimore Conference, Rev. E. W. Jones was elected chairman. Mrs. E. W. Weldin was appointed Secretary, pro tem.

On motion, Dr. J. W. R. Sumwalt was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Dr. H. F. Randolph. On motion, Rev. E. W. Jones, Mrs. Geo. M. Fisher and Mr. Willis Overdeer were nominated for the term ending March, 1922.

The report of the Superintendent of the Deaconess Home, Mrs. M. A. Sweet, was read and accepted. The following Deaconesses are officially connected with the Home: Mrs. M. A. Sweet, Superintendent; Miss J. S. Willson, absent on leave; Mrs. M. E. Cole, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Travellers' Aid. Probationers: Miss Ruth Benson, absent, ill health; Mrs. Alice C. Drake, Parish Worker, Saint Paul's Church. Unlicensed Probationer, Miss Arabella S. Crothers, Parish Worker, Union Church. Miss Crothers is a graduate of Lucy Webb Hayes Training School.

The license from St. Paul's Quarterly Conference and medical certificate for Mrs. Alice C. Drake were received, and the Board recommended her for consecration as a Deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Industrial work of the Home closed June 14th, with an exhibition of kindergarten and manual training work. Twelve girls graduated from educational sewing classes, seven from garment and dress-making, seven from kitchen-garden and three in basketry.

The number of children taught in Manual Training classes was 189; number of young people and adults, 37; number taught in kindergarten, 32; with an average attendance of 20.

Mrs. Sweet, Mrs. Drake and Miss Crothers teach in their respective Sunday Schools. Number of children taught, 45; adults, 63; children induced to attend Sunday School, 46; young people, 18; number secured for Cradle Roll, 9; children taught in Junior Epworth League, 109; children taught in Preparatory classes, 49; children taken for Day's Outing, 79.

Calls made, 2646; papers distributed, 618; number meetings attended, 547; meetings conducted, 33; letters written, 158.

Material relief was given 7 families. Number of garments distributed, 149. Economic conditions in the city during the past year being so unusual, little of this work was necessary.

Red Cross garments sewed, 132; Red Cross garments knitted, 60.

The Home was closed during July and August.

The Treasurer reported Receipts from March 5, 1918, to March 1, 1919, \$1802.95. Disbursements, \$1742.02. Balance on hand, \$58.92.

Respectfully submitted,

M. R. LINCOLN, Secretary.

#### WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Board of Managers of the Wilmington Conference Education Society is happy to report that your Society is in a most prosperous condition at present, due to the fact that we have had the most loyal support of every member of the Conference.

During the year we have aided nine men in school, to the amount of \$825.00, and the Treasurer's report shows a very creditable balance in bank.

Let us call attention, however, to the fact that there has been quite a decline in the number of men who are applying to us for aid. We do not undertake to point out the cause for this decline. It may be that the wave of prosperity that has swept over the country has enabled those who are hungering for knowledge, and wish to consecrate their lives to the work of the ministry, to provide for themselves. But the writer is apprehensive that even here in the territory where Methodism was born in America, there is a decline in the number of candidates for this noble calling.

We, therefore, urge the members of the Conference, not to cease in their efforts to secure the funds to help worthy young men to obtain the necessary training for the work of the ministry, both in the home and foreign fields; but, also, that we be alert and use every means possible to find the right men for this great task. Without the men to preach the Gospel, the money to bear the expense of the preaching will be worthless.

GEORGE C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

## IX.

## CONFERENCE PLAN OF EXAMINATION.

## Excerpts from Rules of Examination.

All examinations shall be in writing, both questions and answers. The examination on each book shall consist of not less than 10 questions. The examination shall be marked on a scale of 100, and a mark of 70 shall be necessary to pass the candidate.

## Resolutions Adopted March, 1896.

Resolved 1,—“No candidate shall be admitted or advanced in classes with conditions, who has failed in more than one study”.

Resolved 2,—“In no case shall a candidate for full admission be received, nor a candidate for Elder's orders be so elected until every requirement shall have been fully met”.

## Resolution Adopted March, 1905.

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

## Resolution Adopted March, 1917.

1. “That the Rules and Method for our Wilmington Conference Examinations be the directions and recommendations as set forth in the Discipline (1916), paragraphs 596, 597 and 598”.

2. “In accordance with Paragraph 598, section 4,—The Mid-year Examination shall cover two books (to be designated by the Registrar and published in the Minutes), in each year of the Course of Study. That this examination shall be held the first Wednesday in October of each year at Wilmington, Del., and Salisbury, Md., and undergraduates may attend that examination most convenient to them. That the President shall appoint members of the Board to conduct such examinations. The examiner in each book shall send his questions to the members of the Board thus appointed, who shall oversee such examinations and forward both questions and answers to the examiner of the book who shall mark them and notify the Registrar of the marks before October 31. The expense of postage necessary to this plan shall be given to the Registrar, and shall be added to his expense account”.

## Resolutions Adopted March, 1918.

1. No correspondence shall pass between an undergraduate and an examiner upon questions of examinations, grades, certificates, etc. The Registrar, alone, is authorized to conduct such correspondence.

2. Application for acceptance of certificates in lieu of examinations shall be made to the Registrar, who in concurrence with the examiner of that subject shall have authority to decide upon the acceptance of such certificate.

3. All undergraduates shall certify whether they have carefully read all the books which the Discipline requires to be read for the year. This statement shall be given to the Registrar on the first day of the examinations.

4. All examinations will be in writing and each undergraduate will be required to find his own writing material. Pseudonym, name of examiner and subject must appear on each examination paper. In no case shall the name of the student appear on any paper.

5. The required written work shall be mailed to the Registrar not later than February 1st, and the Registrar is hereby authorized to return all such written work, without grade, mailed to him after the aforesaid date. (This rule shall not apply to Candidates for Admission). “The student should note that this work is absolutely required, and that examining boards may fix the time at which it should be handed in”. See “Directions and Helps”, Page 10.

## MIDYEAR EXAMINATION.

In accordance with the Resolution adopted March, 1917, an examination will be held at Wilmington, Del., in charge of Rev. T. F. Beauchamp, and at Salisbury, Md., in charge of Rev. W. O. Bennett.

At this Mid-year examination, (October 1, 1919), examinations will be given on the following books:—

## Admission:—

American History ..... Z. H. Webster  
Life of John Wesley ..... T. F. Beauchamp

## First year:—

New Testament History ..... J. L. Johnson  
Human Behaviour ..... Milton McCann

## Second year:—

A Short History of the Christian Church ..... Z. H. Webster  
The Way to Win ..... T. F. Beauchamp

## Third year:—

Beacon Lights of Prophecy ..... E. W. Jones  
Foundations of Christian Belief ..... W. H. Briggs

## Fourth year:—

Paul and His Epistles ..... J. L. Johnson  
Every Day Ethics ..... J. J. Bunting

The Board asks that the written work, required by the "Directions and Helps" on the following books selected from the "Collateral Reading and Study", be in the hands of the Registrar at this Mid-year examination (October 1, 1919).

**First year:—**

The Church School,—(Athearn).  
Public Worship,—(Hoyt).

**Second year:—**

Education in Religion and Morals,—(Coe).  
Life of Luther,—(McGiffert).

**Third year:—**

Studies in Christianity,—(Bowne).  
The Fact of Christ,—(Simpson).

**Fourth year:—**

Outline of Christian Theology,—(Clarke).  
The Church a Community Force,—(Tippy).

**BOOKS IN COURSE OF STUDY WITH NAMES OF EXAMINERS.****Admission on Trial.**

1. The English Language, The Art of Writing English,—  
(Brown and Barnes) ..... T. F. Beauchamp
2. American History,—(James and Sanford) ..... Z. H. Webster
3. Doctrines and Discipline, etc. .... W. H. Briggs
4. Life of John Wesley,—(Winchester) ..... T. F. Beauchamp
5. Plain Account of Christian Perfection,—(Wesley) ..... M. D. Nutter
6. Written Work (One Thousand Word Paper) ..... V. E. Hills
7. Sermon ..... V. E. Hills

**First Year.**

1. New Testament History,—(Rall) ..... J. L. Johnson
2. Human Behaviour,—(Colvin and Bagley) ..... Milton McCann
3. The Making of the Sermon,—(Pattison) ..... V. E. Hills
4. How to Study and Teaching How to Study,—(McMurray),  
R. P. Nichols

**Collateral Reading and Study:—**

1. The Church School,—(Athearn) ..... G. C. Williams
2. Public Worship,—(Hoyt) ..... J. L. Sparklin
3. Individual Work for Individuals,—(Trumbull) ..... J. L. Johnson
4. The Pastor-Preacher,—(Quayle) ..... E. W. Jones
5. Winning the Fight Against Drink,—(Eaton) ..... J. L. Johnson
6. The Life of the Spirit in the Modern English Poets,—(Scudder),  
W. H. Briggs
7. Francis Asbury,—(Tipple) ..... Milton McCann
8. The Methodist Review ..... W. H. Briggs

**Second Year.**

1. (a). Dictionary of The Bible,—(Hastings) ..... W. O. Bennett  
(b). The Bible in the Making,—(Smyth) ..... W. O. Bennett  
(c). How We Got Our Bible,—(Smyth) ..... W. O. Bennett
2. A Short History of the Christian Church,—(Moncrief) .. Z. H. Webster
3. (a). The Pupil and the Teacher,—(Weigle) ..... J. L. Sparklin  
(b). The Graded Sunday School in Principle and  
Practice,—(Meyer) ..... J. L. Sparklin
4. The Way to Win,—(Fisher) ..... T. F. Beauchamp

**Collateral Reading and Study:—**

1. The Christian View of the Old Testament,—(Eiselen) . Milton McCann
2. Education in Religion and Morals,—(Coe) ..... M. D. Nutter
3. The Preacher, His Life and Work,—(Jowett) ..... Z. H. Webster
4. Letters on Evangelism,—(Hughes) ..... E. W. Jones
5. Solving the Country Church Problem,—(Bricker) .... W. O. Bennett
6. History of Methodism,—(Vol. I),—(Stevens) ..... G. P. Jones
7. Life of Luther,—(McGiffert) ..... J. J. Bunting
8. The Methodist Review ..... T. F. Beauchamp

**Third Year.**

1. Beacon Lights of Prophecy,—(Knudson) ..... E. W. Jones
2. Foundations of Christian Belief,—(Strickland) ..... W. H. Briggs
3. The Social Problem,—(Ellwood) ..... G. C. Williams
4. Introduction to the Study of Comparative Re-  
ligion,—(Jevons) ..... M. D. Nutter

**Collateral Reading and Study:—**

1. Studies in Christianity,—(Bowne) ..... G. C. Williams
2. The Fact of Christ,—(Simpson) ..... M. D. Nutter
3. Christianity and the Social Crisis,—(Rauschenbusch) ... J. J. Bunting
4. Social Evangelism,—(Ward) ..... G. P. Jones
5. The Community Survey in Relation to Church  
Efficiency,—(Carroll) ..... G. P. Jones
6. History of Methodism (Vol. II),—(Stevens) ..... R. P. Nichols
7. Life of Phillips Brooks (briefer edition),—(Allen) ..... O. E. Jones
8. The Methodist Review ..... J. J. Bunting

**Fourth Year.**

1. Paul and His Epistles,—(Hayes) ..... J. L. Johnson
2. System of Christian Doctrine,—(Sheldon) ..... R. P. Nichols
3. Everyday Ethics,—(Cabot) ..... J. J. Bunting
4. (a). The New Home Missions,—(Douglas) ..... O. E. Jones  
(b). Social Aspects of Foreign Missions,—(Faunce) ..... O. E. Jones

**Collateral Reading and Study:—**

1. Historical Geography of the Holy Land,—(Smith) ..... V. E. Hills
2. The Book of Isaiah (Vol. I), Expositor's Bible,—(Smith) . E. W. Jones
3. Outline of Christian Theology,—(Clarke) ..... Z. H. Webster

4. The Call of the World,—(Doughty) ..... O. E. Jones
5. The Church a Community Force,—(Tippy) ..... Milton McCann
6. The Minister as a Shepherd,—(Jefferson)..... G. P. Jones
7. History of Methodism (Vol. III),—(Stevens)..... J. L. Sparklin
8. The Methodist Review ..... R. P. Nichols

#### FOR LOCAL DEACON'S ORDERS.

1. Studies in Christianity,—(Bowne) ..... W. H. Briggs
2. The Christian View of the Old Testament,—(Eiselen) .. Z. H. Webster
3. A Compendious History of American Methodism,—  
(Stevens) ..... G. P. Jones
4. The Way to Win,—(Fisher) ..... T. F. Beauchamp
5. Social Solutions,—(Hall) ..... G. C. Williams

#### FOR LOCAL ELDER'S ORDERS.

1. Paul and His Epistles,—(Hayes) ..... J. L. Johnson
2. The Person and Place of Christ,—(Forsyth) ..... J. L. Sparklin
3. The Preacher, His Life and Work,—(Jowett) ..... Milton McCann
4. Everyday Ethics,—(Cabot) ..... J. J. Bunting
5. The Rural Church Movement,—(Earp) ..... O. E. Jones

V. P. NORTHRUP,

Middletown, Del.

Registrar.

## X.

### MEMOIRS.

#### RALPH T. COURSEY.

Ralph Thompson Coursey was born at Centreville, Maryland, August 27th, 1862. He died at Wyoming, Delaware, January 5, 1919. He was the son of Joseph V. and Henrietta Floyd Coursey. He was educated at the Centreville Public School, the Wilmington Conference Academy, and Dickinson College, graduating from the latter school in 1886, receiving at the time of his graduation the degree of A. B., and in 1889, the degree of A. M.

He was converted in early life and very soon heard the call to the Christian Ministry to which he joyfully responded, uniting with the Wilmington Annual Conference in the Spring of 1887. In that same year he was married to Mary Florence Covell of Centreville, Maryland, who preceded him to the better land in August, 1915. October 9, 1918, he was married to Bertha Jenkins of Wyoming, who, with a son and daughter of the former marriage, survive him. He is also survived by two sisters and a brother. His sainted mother followed him to Heaven only two weeks after his departure. Funeral services were held both at Wyoming and Centreville. Interment was made in the family lot at the latter place where he now awaits the resurrection of the just.

In attempting a brief analysis of the life and character of Brother Coursey, it may be said, first, that he was a faithful, never-failing friend. His blind devotion to his friends almost amounted to a fault. He was not a competent witness when the interest of his friends were put in jeopardy. He could see and mourn over his own faults and failures, but to him his friends were almost blameless. He would share with them his last dollar and go with them to the very end of the road.

It may be said of him, secondly, that he was a forward-looking, heroic reformer. He was no drivelling Camp follower. He was no toady to a majority. He had prophet's vision and was never disobedient to the vision. When it cost something to be a Party Prohibitionist he was right there with voice and pen and vote. He counted not his life or fortune or reputation dear unto himself if he might but win the fight for righteousness and justice.

It must be admitted however that in religious things he was a sticker for the "old paths". He loved and defended the old Book, the old doctrines, and the old ways.

In the third place, he was an impressive and scholarly preacher. He had had good educational advantages. His mental faculties were fine and well trained and his memory was nothing short of marvelous. This put at his command vast stores of learning and information. His facility in correctly quoting the Scriptures I have never heard surpassed. And in quoting from the poets and other writers he was equally apt and ready.

He was a preacher of the Word and oftentimes his preaching was in the demonstration of the Spirit and power. His preaching was practical and evangelical. He was given to using the great texts of the Bible and preaching on the great doctrines of the Bible—justification, regeneration, sanctification, the judgement, the second coming of Christ, were themes with which his congregations were familiar. Lastly, he was a devout and deeply spiritual christian. He was a faithful, painstaking, prayerful student of the Bible. He knew the Bible as but few people knew it. So familiar was he with the Bible that upon the mention of almost any particular passage in it he could quote it or turn to it. He was converted in early life and his conversion was genuine and satisfying. Later in life he came to know by blessed experience somewhat of the heights and depths of His wondrous love. He was called to pass through great afflictions—enough it would seem to have overwhelmed him, but not so. Above the storms that beat about him could ever be heard his note of victory. When the clouds enveloped his head he would sing "Somewhere the sun is shining". And so almost at noon day, his sun went down. And his going was speedy and unexpected. On Friday night in his usual health; Saturday morning indisposed; Sunday morning, desperately ill; Sunday afternoon at four P. M. off and away to the "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere", of which he so much loved to sing. We will miss him, but we shall meet him again.

ALFRED SMITH.

#### WILLIAM H. KENNEY.

Rev. William H. Kenney was born at Federalsburg, Caroline County, Maryland, April 1, 1849, and died at Selbyville, Delaware, April 16, 1918. If heredity and environment have any power to effect the initial movements of a human life for good or ill, then Brother Kenney was born under the happiest auspices. His parents were people of worthy ideals and clean life; his childhood home a Methodist "Holy of Holies" whose altar fires never burned low. What more natural than that the "Good Seed" should spring up betimes and show early promise under the genial warmth of such an atmosphere? Natural law in the spiritual world could scarcely be abortive in a home where holiness was the central idea, and prayer the normal expression of the christian life. I say it to the glory of God, and in honor of the devout parents of our brother, that no child ever left that humble home without being infected with the father's religion, and carrying a contagious case of it wherever he went.

The subject of this memoir entered upon a conscious religious life when but a small boy, and a definite call to preach came to him in his eighteenth year. Why he refused the call and turned aside to business pursuits, this writer is not informed. Possibly the despair of securing an education fitting him for a work so serious and important had much to do with his decision. Fifty years ago the difficulties in the way of securing an education, especially on the part of a poor country boy, were well nigh insuperable.

His matriculation in the great school of the business world, how-

ever, proved no mean substitute, and when, after thirty years of hard study in the curriculum of such a university, he knocked at the doors of the Wilmington Annual Conference, to have questioned his preparation for a forceful and successful ministry would have been as wide of the mark as the criticism of the pharisees who dubbed Christ's chosen messengers as "Unlearned and ignorant men". Before entering the Conference he had supplied charges for several years with good success, and to the satisfaction of those who employed him.

At Burrsville, Ellendale and Wye Mills he wrought faithfully, and at all these places the fruits of his devoted toil remain.

After entering the regular work, he served the following charges: Church Creek, one year; Vienna, two years; Roxana, two years; Millsboro, two years; Girdletree, three years; Cecilton, one year; Chesapeake City, two years; Cheswold, three years. In 1917 he was sent to Church Hill, where, entering upon the work with his characteristic zeal, he broke down with La Grippe at the end of a revival service at Prices, in which ten persons were saved. Sick unto death, he sought the home of his only daughter at Selbyville, Delaware, where, for eighteen weeks he lingered in pain, in love with life, blessed with the unfailing ministries of a most devoted family, but ready and willing to hear the call, "Come up higher". At the end, as through life, his active obedience and passive trust could voice themselves in these words:

Ready to stay, ready to go,  
Ready my place to fill;  
Ready to stay, ready to go,  
Ready to do His will.

While in business, Brother Kenney was energetic and successful, and, no doubt, indulged visions of financial independence when age or sickness came; but, with as bright prospects of reaching the goal as he ever had, he surprised his wife one day by saying, "Mame, Woe is me if I preach not the gospel. The Master called me when I was eighteen; all these years I have resisted, but I cannot get away from the voice that still calls". After that supreme moment of spiritual crisis and decision, there was no more "disobedience to the heavenly vision". Like Paul, he "ran willingly to duty, and halted only in death".

His success in soulwinning at Burrsville, his first charge, was prophetic of a highly evangelistic ministry, and through the whole of his strenuous life he was never found marking time and waiting for the pay envelope, but was "diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord".

His last work on earth was a revival service. It was fitting that the shouts of newborn souls should fall on his ears as he turned away from that rejoicing company, and faced towards the sheltering home of a loving and beloved daughter, from which, after long weeks of patient waiting, he was called to join the angel company, "Who rejoice in heaven over one sinner that repenteth".

It will not be out of place here to speak of Brother Kenney's fidelity to the temporal welfare of the church. Others among us have built

larger and costlier churches, where men and women of wealth "cast in of their abundance", and spared no cost to make that building a thing of beauty, but few were as successful in leading a forlorn hope, and by dogged perseverance, commandeering men, money and material in the poorer communities, and building churches largely by the labor of his own hands. Some of these churches I helped dedicate, and speak by card when I say, The business ability, confident leadership and financial success of those enterprises were scarcely less than marvelous. The cozy church at Vienna, Maryland, the very excellent building at Millsboro, Delaware, and the more imposing structure at Dagsboro, Delaware, are monuments to the zeal and efficiency with which he wrought for God and Methodism. By the spires of these, and other churches pointing heavenward; by the men and women who gather in them to worship, labor and pray; and by the militant type of religion still found in these places, "He, being dead, yet speaketh".

It remains only to speak a word of his home life. Martin Luther said: "A man who can live religion in his own home, can live it anywhere". The highest encomium God pronounced upon Abraham was: "He will command his children, and his household to keep the way of the Lord". When asked by the sadly bereaved widow to prepare a memoir for this service, her request was urged on this ground: You were chums. You knew him as a brother and minister. You knew him in his home life. You knew him as a brave, strong, true christian character, who never faltered or shirked his duty, but counted it a privilege to preach the precious gospel of Christ. All this was true. Shall we say this was *ex parte* testimony? The deposition of one whose love was too intense to be justly discriminating? Verily, no. She loved him well, to be sure, but in her testimony to her dead and sainted husband, I know she was "speaking the truth in love". And new strength and resignation came because this was true.

The funeral services were held in Selbyville church, attended by the Governor of the State, and a host of friends who "Sorrowed most of all that we should see his face no more". The services were in charge of Rev. W. H. Briggs, pastor of the church, who was with him much in his sickness, and his eloquent tribute to the character and work of the deceased was not a self generated rhapsody, but a true appreciation of a good minister of Jesus Christ; a laurel wreath by a sympathetic brother who spoke out of a full heart, and knew whereof he spoke.

And now, behold he sleepeth.

And peacefully he rests until the "Day breaketh and the shadows flee away".

"Rest comes at length, though life be long and dreary,  
The day must dawn, and darksome night be past;  
All journeys end in welcome to the weary,  
And heaven, the heart's true home, will come at last.  
Angels sing on. Your faithful watches keeping;  
Sing us some fragments of the song above;  
Till morning's joy shall end the night of weeping;  
And life's long shadows break in cloudless love".

G. L. HARDESTY.

### WILMER JAGGARD.

Wilmer Jaggard was born into this world in the city of Philadelphia, March 23, 1856. He was born into the Kingdom of God in the Wharton Street Methodist Episcopal Church of Philadelphia in the great Thomas Harrison revival about the year 1878, and he was born into the Kingdom of Glory November 21, 1918, at Millsboro, Del.

These are the mountain peaks of the history of a good man. The first event marks the rise of the currents of his life. The second gave direction to those currents, and the third was the merging of those currents into the great sea.

From 1856 to 1918 he belonged to us,—now he belongs to the Eternities.

Brother Jaggard grew from childhood to manhood under the handicap of the dissipations, allurements and distractions of a great city, but the influence of these was more than offset by a Christian home, the Sabbath School and the religious fervor that gathered around the old Wharton Street Church which was to South Philadelphia Methodism for many years, what old Asbury has been to Wilmington East Side Methodism for fifty years.

To this Shrine he was led by devout parents from his infancy and in the light of this beacon he saw the cross and realized the saving power of its Sacrifice.

From the time of his conversion he took a very active interest in every thing that pertained to the life of the Church and his own spiritual development, and very early the Spirit of the Lord began to move him toward the ministry. He correctly interpreted the language of the Spirit and set himself the task of preparing for the great work upon which he entered later. Added to the mental training of the Public Schools of Philadelphia, he took a course at Pennington Seminary.

The Church also heard the voice that called our brother to the Ministry of the Gospel, and licensed him to exhort in 1880, and to preach in 1881.

On recommendation from his Church and Pastor, he was employed by Rev. Robert W. Todd, then Presiding Elder of the Dover District, as a pastoral supply for Milford Neck, in which relation he continued until the Spring of 1884, when he was admitted into the Conference on Probation. His ordination to Deacon's and Elder's orders followed the regular schedule of two and four years respectively.

On July 30, 1884, the first year of his Conference membership, he was married to Miss M. Annie Short, daughter of William O. and Annie Jacobs Short of near Georgetown, Del. This was in that day one of the most prominent Methodist families in Sussex County, and many a weary itinerant found here the prophet's room and the heavenly manna.

Mrs. Jaggard entered promptly and heartily into her husband's work and was through all his days an help-meet indeed. She survives to weep alone. The only child born of this union lived only for a few brief days and went back to the skies.

Brother Jaggard's appointments were as follows:—Shortly, Ellendale, Galestown, Smith's Island, Bethel and Summit, Berlin, Chesapeake City, Silverbrook, Chester-Bethel and Mt. Pleasant.

In the Spring of 1899, he was transferred to a very important Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Here he was in the second year of a very successful pastorate when his health failed him, on account of the high altitude. The Bishops came to his relief and transferred him to the Rock River Conference, where he remained for eight years; at the end of which, the homing instinct turned his feet toward the Wilmington Conference again. After his return he served Bozman, Millington, Preston, Zion and Marshallton.

He was appointed to Marshallton in 1915 and while attending the public reception extended him and his ever faithful wife, he was stricken of paralysis, and was never able to preach again. The Marshallton Church gave him the use of the Parsonage for the year and generously ministered unto his needs, hoping that he might be able to take up his work, but he did not improve.

In the Spring of 1916 they moved to Millsboro, Del., near the childhood home and friends of Mrs. Jaggard, where she made for her beloved a comfortable home and served him with the most tender devotion, but failed to renew his waning powers. On November 5, 1918, he had another stroke that rendered him unconscious, and he passed peacefully within the veil November 21, 1918.

He was sick for nearly four years, but never complained,—always expressing a perfect willingness to either do or endure the will of God,—ever ready to stay or go.

Brother Jaggard was well endowed by nature in body, brain and heart, and all his capabilities were quickened by the Spirit.

Not having had a College training, he largely made up for it in various systematic courses of study. Added to the training of the Public Schools and Pennington Preparatory, he was a graduate in New Testament Greek, and also in Law. He was a clear thinker and a strong expounder of the Gospel.

He preached Christ and Him crucified and never wandered beyond the mighty sweep of that soul saving and satisfying theme.

He was a filial son, a devoted husband and a friend as true as steel.

The world is richer by his life, and poorer by his death. But our loss is his gain, and it shall be our gain too, when we meet him yonder by the crystal sea—

“Where the Saints of all ages in harmony meet,  
Their Saviour and brethren transported to greet;  
While the Anthems of rapture unceasingly roll,  
And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul”.

Appropriate funeral services were held in the Millsboro church and his weary dust was laid to rest in the cemetery near by. But he is not dead for

“There is no death! The leaves may fall,  
The flowers may fade and pass away,  
They only wait through wintry hours  
The coming of the May”.

### EMERSON P. ROBERTS.

The mention of this honored name brings a flood of precious memories. His was a gracious, dignified, manly presence in our Conference group. How shall we speak of him in measured terms, such as he would have us speak, seeing we loved him and our eyes are scarcely free from the blinding tears at his loss?

Emerson Pierce Roberts was born at Nanticoke, Maryland, May 15, 1854, son of William and Mary Roberts. He was reared in a large family of children, five of whom are still living. Converted in early manhood, he soon became an exhorter and leader in his home church. After completing the studies of the public school of his neighborhood, he entered St. John's College, Annapolis, from which he was graduated with honor. The course of study for his post-graduate degree, Ph. D., was taken at Syracuse University.

He united with the Wilmington Conference in 1884, and served the following charges: Roxana, Bishopville, Townsend, Oxford, Preston, Milton, Odessa, Bethel, Still Pond, Chestertown, Easton, Denton, Elkton, Pocomoke City and Newark.

He was united in marriage Nov. 27, 1889, with Mary Bryan, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. J. E. Bryan, the former one of the crowned heroes of our Conference, the latter still living. Highly gifted and devoted, Mrs. Roberts moved by the side of her husband in all the cares and triumphs of his ministry; comforted him in the days of his illness, and soothed his descent into the valley. Our brother freely and generously attributed a large share of the success of his career to the companionship and help of this cheerful, devoted wife—a help-meet indeed. They were blessed with two children, Emerson Bryan Roberts and Mary Elma Roberts, now grown and entered upon their life-work. They were the joy and pride of their father, and are now the comfort of their mother. It would require the pen of a poet to properly depict the love and devotion of this happy family circle from which our brother departed for the heavenly home.

The record of this faithful toiler in the Lord's vineyard shows less than a half dozen Sabbaths' absence from his pulpit. Feb. 6, 1918, he was stricken with the illness which, after a few months of suffering, proved fatal. Aug. 6, 1918, he passed to his heavenly home.

How shall we properly estimate the strength of his mind, the sturdiness of his character, the solid success of his ministry, the wide influence of his personality? In all of these he was unusual. He was blessed with a mind of royal capacity. He had a very unusual memory that never lost its treasures. With studious habits he became an accomplished scholar, a linguist familiar with a half dozen languages, an adept in philosophy and a master of theology. An original thinker and fond of the new and advanced things in the thought world, he, nevertheless, had neither time nor taste for the mere tilt and tournament of theological gymnastics. His learning only increased his love for the orthodox teaching concerning the great fundamentals of our faith. To the writer he said, on one occasion, “I was never so well established in my faith in Christ as now. For years I had heard that the attacks of learned unbe-



lief against the deity of Christ reached their high-water-mark in the writings of Strauss and Renan. I purposely delayed my reading of these writings until I was fixed in my faith and mature in my reasoning powers. I have just finished reading them both, read them in the original tongues. When I finished I said, 'Praise God! Are these puny assaults the strongest that unbelief can produce against my Master? Surely our old faith is secure!' This was characteristic of the man.

His learning, his strong personality, and his mighty grip on the great truths of the gospel made him an effective preacher. He lived during a period of storm and stress in the theological world but his faith was serenely anchored in the old verities. He did not vex his people with the glimmerings of doubt, but constantly inspired them by the presentation of fixed assurances. No wonder the crowds waited on his ministry, and that in his various charges he was famed as a strong preacher. He was in truth a prophet of God, moved by the might of intense conviction, and, as such, the people loved and followed him.

We pay tribute today to the memory of a manly man. He was the soul of sincerity, despising sham, shoddy and pretense. As a friend he was pure gold. His friendship stood the test of time and storm. As a husband and father he was exemplary. As a christian he fitly represented the gospel he preached.

At our last session our brother took the retired relation. Soon he and his wife were domiciled in their comfortable home at Middletown. Here it was hoped his health might improve and that he and his wife might enjoy together the retired minister's "Indian Summer". But his waning vitality was quickly spent, and on that August evening, as the gold of departing day mingled with the oncoming shadows, the weary wheels of life stood still, the tired pilgrim rested, and the triumphant soul feasted on "the Vision Beautiful".

Appropriate services were held at the home in charge of his pastor, Dr. V. P. Northrup, assisted by Dr. Robert Watt, after which his body was laid to rest in the beautiful Forest Cemetery, near Middletown, Del.

"Evening and dusk—and the wearying labor is ended,  
Twilight and quiet—and darkness and daylight are blended;  
Steps of a pilgrim arrived at the inswinging portal,  
And darkness is lost in the dawn of a morning immortal".

W. G. KOONS.

#### EMMA GOODING PRETTYMAN.

Mrs. Emma Gooding Prettyman, wife of Dr. Cornelius W. Prettyman, was born near Galena, Maryland, March 23, 1850, and finished her earthly career at Carlisle, Pa., October 9, 1918.

It is difficult to attempt even an adequate characterization of a life that combined in such abundant measure all the qualities that go to make up a rare life.

Endowed with a temperament that made for the best in life, there were added the education and training of the best schools. Sister Pret-

tyman was a graduate of the old Wesleyan Female College, graduating with high honors in the class of 1866.

The year following her graduation, she took a postgraduate course at the Baltimore Female College, and during 1868 she was a member of the Faculty. As student and teacher she was thorough, never taking anything for granted. Out of this training came a refinement and culture that were evident in all her after life, and which fitted her in a peculiar sense to become the wife of an itinerant minister.

Naturally retiring, modest and unobtrusive, Sister Prettyman needed to be known to be appreciated. But once that reserve was penetrated the rare soul shone through, and her worth began to appear.

In her sphere as the wife of an itinerant minister she was at her best. She entered fully and intelligently into her husband's toils and cares and became a helpmeet indeed. A host of their parishoners rise up and call her blessed.

As a mother, she was a companion and sister to her sons. So completely did she enter into an understanding of their ambitions and their difficulties that they found in her more than a mother; she was companion and friend. Home was made so attractive that the temptations of the street lost their appeal.

Her love and devotion to her husband, her active interest in all that concerned his ministry, her sympathetic sharing of his toils and anxieties, made her his assistant in the work to which God had called him, as well as a loving, devoted wife.

Her Christian experience was grounded in the fundamentals. It was not based on mere emotion, under it were the foundations eternal. She knew God and loved Him supremely.

There was a sense of commanding strength about her that made one think of that great word of Scripture, "Like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land". There was refuge in her presence.

For some years she faced almost daily the inevitable. The sudden going away of her brother, Prof. Lambert Gooding, was a sharp reminder of what awaited her. Calmly and unafraid she went about her accustomed tasks, and when the messenger came she put her hand in his and journeyed with her guide to cloudless light.

She is survived by her husband and two sons, Professors Virgil Prettyman, Head Master of the Horace Mann School, New York, and Wm. C. Prettyman, a member of the Dickinson College Faculty.

On that gray October day her dear body was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Camden, Delaware. The service was conducted by the writer and Rev. James W. Colona, pastor of our church in Dover. She lived well her part. "She being dead, yet speaketh".

ROBERT WATT.

#### EMMA L. WILCOX.

Mrs. Emma L. Wilcox was born near Snow Hill, Maryland, on July 27, 1844, and died suddenly, of Angina Pectoris, on Thursday evening, April 25, 1918, about three minutes to 12 o'clock, at her home in Salisbury, Maryland, where the family have lived for about nineteen years.

On her mother's side she was descended from the Tilghman family of Revolutionary fame. She lost her mother when but seven years old and made her home with her sister, Mrs. Nathaniel Dixon of Princess Anne. From childhood she was under religious influence and training, and laid the foundation of a Christian character by surrendering herself to Christ in early life. At this time she joined the church and entered upon a life-long career of usefulness. She was married to the Rev. George W. Wilcox, October 9, 1872. The marriage took place at the old Dixon farm near Marion; ceremony was performed by Presiding Elder Taft, assisted by Rev. Philip Rawlins. By education, religious training and an early conversion she was well equipped for the responsibilities of a minister's wife. These duties are many-fold and complex to a degree not often appreciated. She was a helper of her husband in every phase of his ministerial work; a faithful wife, a safe and trusted adviser, a sharer of his joys and sorrows through all the years of his life. As a guide and counsellor she was appreciated by the churches of which her husband was minister.

The Rev. George W. and Mrs. Wilcox were persons of great piety. The home over which she presided was full of sunshine, a bright, blessed and happy home. She knew trouble and sorrow, but she knew well the God who said, "I will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed upon me, because he trusteth in me", and up until the very last moment of her life this promise fulfilled for her.

For twenty years she shared the labors, joys and sorrows of an itinerant preacher's life and always adorned the Christian name by a life of consistent usefulness. She had a host of friends in Salisbury, and I know of no one who was held in higher esteem. This was attested by the crowded house on the day of the funeral and by the great company of friends following to the cemetery. She suffered for many years from a severe form of rheumatism, but bore her suffering with wonderful fortitude and was always hopeful and cheering. She is survived by two daughters, Misses Mary and Dortha, and one son, John S. T. Wilcox. In their hours of very great sadness, mother's God has been a very present help, and in the days that are to come from across the "narrow sea that divides that heavenly land from ours" shall come those helpful and holy influences which are the most precious inheritance. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at her late residence on William Street in charge of the minister of the family, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Philip H. Rawlins, and by the Rev. Dr. V. S. Collins, the District Superintendent.

J. T. HERSON.

#### JAMES M. WISE.

A remarkable earthly career was ended when the Rev. James M. Wise was translated from the service of his Master here to service with the saints about the great white throne. Brother Wise was born June 6, 1834, the son of James M. and Sarah Ogden Wise, and had entered upon his 85th year when he made his departure.

At the tender age of eleven years he was profoundly stirred by the Holy Spirit, gave his heart to God, and united with New Castle Methodist Episcopal Church. For 73 years he was a consistent Christian and Methodist and for at least 40 years he was an earnest preacher of the Gospel, being at the time of his death the Senior Local Preacher of the Wilmington Conference.

His preaching was of the type that made early Methodism such a power for the salvation of human souls and the terrorizing of the forces of evil. By him the Bible was accepted as God's word, without question or doubt, and he believed and trusted in the promises of the Father. His own church welcomed him in the pulpit, and throughout the peninsula he was heard with delight in every church where he was known.

Prayer was to him no mechanical repetition of set phrases, but vital communion with the throne of grace, and as he prayed the Holy Ghost transfigured him until he appeared like one of the prophets of old, whose petitions could not be denied, but whose earnest pleadings brought down alike the heavenly showers and the celestial fire. Just a few weeks before his death he prayed at the morning service with such divine unction as to make his prayer the repeated topic of conversation in the parsonage family.

No one was ever more zealous for his home church than Brother Wise. At different times he occupied every position in New Castle Church. He never grew too old for Sunday School, but up to the last had a splendid class of which he was justly proud. He was the first man to welcome the new pastor and the first to help him unpack. During the past year the improvements at the church occupied much of his thought and attention, and every day until his illness prevented, he would go to the Lord's House to see how the work was progressing. It is a matter of personal regret that he did not live to see his hopes fulfilled in this respect; but his disappointment is more than fully repaid by the glories of the city that Jesus went to prepare for his loved ones, with its Jasper walls, and pearly gates, and where the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the Temple thereof.

His religion was of the practical type. While he was in his element when the cries of new born souls brought rejoicing in the presence of the angels, he was also at home among the poor and needy, giving his cup of cold water in Jesus' name; ministering at the bedside of those who were laid low with disease, and holding the cross before the dying eyes of those who were slipping away into eternity.

On Christmas day, 1856, our brother was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Hoffecker, whose spirit went up to God on the 21st day of November, 1894. Of this union there were born eight children, seven of whom are still living, one of whom is our beloved brother and District Superintendent, Rev. W. A. Wise. Father Wise heard many strong and eloquent preachers of the Word, but to him none was so powerful, so appealing or so near to God as his own son.

Since his retirement from the Pennsylvania Railroad he lived with one of his daughters, Mrs. Sallie Wise Meredith, who, with his other children, made his last years blessed with the tender ministrations of love.

After a brief illness, Father Wise went to the faithful Christian's

reward on August 22, 1918. On August 26th the old church in historic New Castle was filled with his townsmen of every faith and creed, giving silent testimony to the influence of a Godly life. Rev. E. J. Winder lifted up his voice in prayer in the place where his dear old friend had so often taken hold of the horns of the altar; Rev. Clarence Jones read from the Book that had so long been a lamp unto the feet of our faithful pilgrim; Dr. Watt, the District Superintendent, spoke with feeling of the life work of our brother, and the pastor, Rev. J. R. Bicking, added a few words from a heart left lonely. The choir under the leadership of James T. Challenger sang the old songs of Zion, and the mortal remains of this venerable and revered messenger of truth were laid to rest in the burial ground by the side of the church he had loved and served so well.

James M. Wise "walked with God, and he was not for God took him".

J. R. BICKING.

## XI. ROLL OF HONORED DEAD.

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

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EP- FECTIVE
1859	John E. Elliott.....	Nov. 8, 1868..	Snow Hill, Md.....	30	10
1886	Thos. J. Quigley.....	Oct. 19, 1870..	Laurel, Del. ....	65	44
1850	Daniel Titlow .....	Feb. 7, 1871..	Philadelphia, Pa. ..	48	4
1867	Amos A. Ewing .....	Jan. 19, 1872..	Cecil County, Md....	30	4
1848	Alfred Cookman .....	Nov. 13, 1872..	Newark, N. J.....	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey..	July 9, 1871..	Royal Oak, Md.....	64	38
1859	James Brandreth .....	Oct. 3, 1872..	Frankford, Del. ....	34	13
1825	T. J. Thompson, .....	Nov. 29, 1874..	Wilmington, Del. ....	71	49
1828	Robert E. Kemp.....	Mar. 6, 1875..	Greensboro, Md. ...	73	32
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. ...	53	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. Urie.....	Nov. 13, 1880..	Smyrna, Del. ....	67	43
1833	Thomas F. Plummer.....	Feb. 2, 1881..	Wilmington, Del. ...	44	8
1836	Elijah Miller.....	Apr. 15, 1881..	Sudlersville, Md. ...	71	49
1880	John W. Pierson.....	May 6, 1881..	Wilmington, Del. ...	67	44
1873	Francis B. Quigley.....	Aug. 19, 1881..	Hopewell, Md. ....	27	2
1865	Thos. J. Prettyman.....	Feb. 27, 1882..	Newark, Md. ....	36	9
1837	Benj. W. Chase.....	Dec. 11, 1882..	Seaford, Del. ....	48	17
1834	Lucius C. Matlack.....	June 24, 1883..	Cambridge, Md. ....	67	46
1829	I. T. Cooper, .....	Apr. 12, 1884..	Camden, Del. ....	78	26
1838	Henry Colclazer.....	Dec. 18, 1884..	Philadelphia, Pa. ...	75	55
1869	John L. Taft.....	May 30, 1884..	Norristown, Pa....	72	41
1842	John Shilling.....	July 22, 1884..	Wilmington, Del. ...	52	15
1840	Arthur W. Milby.....	June 13, 1886..	Harrington, Del. ...	71	44
1839	Elon J. Way, .....	July 5, 1886..	Baltimore, Md. ....	75	26
1881	Valentine Gray.....	Jan. 21, 1887..	Gap, Pa. ....	72	42
1881	Isaiah D. Johnson.....	Mar. 4, 1887..	Bridgeville, Del. ...	33	6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil .....	Mar. 9, 1887..	Church Hill, Md....	55	28
1854	Jos. Dare.....	Oct. 22, 1887..	Newark, Del. ....	56	32
1886	Frank M. Morgan.....	Feb. 11, 1889..	Philadelphia, Pa. ...	34	3
1849	William Merrill.....	Oct. 23, 1889..	Upper Fairm't, Md.	75	28
1873	Isaac N. Foreman.....	June 12, 1890..	Lincoln, Del. ....	47	17
1841	John Allen.....	Dec. 13, 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
1838	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 Barton.....	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	
1888	James Conner .....	Sept. 10, 1896..	Selbyville, Del. ....	59	28

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1862	Merritt Hulburd.....	Oct. 10, 1896...	Wilmington, Del.....	54	34
1873	Newton McQuay.....	May, 1887...	St. Michaels, Md.....	57	21
1896	William G. Chance.....	Sept. 13, 1897...	Quantico, Md.....	33	2
1848	Wm. B. Walton.....	June 21, 1898...	Salisbury, Md.....	77	43
1850	John B. Quigg.....	July 30, 1898...	Wilmington, Del.....	72	46
1845	John H. Caldwell.....	March 11, 1899...	Dover, Del.....	79	45
1860	Andrew D. Davis.....	April 13, 1899...	Georgetown, Del.....	72	35
1845	Henry Sanderson.....	Aug. 16, 1899...	Ridley Park, Pa.....	80	34
1859	Edwin H. Hynson.....	July 27, 1899...	Smyrna, Del.....	64	39
1845	Wm. E. England.....	Jan. 20, 1900...	Philadelphia, Pa.....	79	48
1857	Thos. S. Williams.....	Jan. 20, 1900...	Northeast, Md.....	65	41
1888	Chas. P. Swain.....	May 22, 1900...	Deal's Island, Md.....	41	12
1874	David F. Waddell.....	Dec. 20, 1900...	Westminster, Md.....	48	28
1836	Benj. F. Price.....	Mar. 22, 1901...	Elkton, Md.....	84	60
1851	Jas W. Hammersly.....	April 19, 1901...	Brooklandville, Md.....	78	40
1877	Walter E. Avery.....	April 22, 1902...	Wilmington, Del.....	50	25
1860	J. Owen Sypherd.....	Sept. 8, 1902...	Wilmington, Del.....	69	39
1872	John D. Kemp.....	Sept. 21, 1902...	Chestertown, Md.....	65	30
1856	William F. Talbot.....	Feb. 25, 1903...	Dover, Del.....	73	27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard.....	Apr. 13, 1903...	Frankford, Del.....	65	41
1843	Thos. H. Haynes.....	May 23, 1903...	Smyrna, Del.....	81	51
1853	Geo. A. Phoebus.....	May 25, 1903...	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	74	33
1868	Jonathan S. Willis.....	Nov. 24, 1903...	Milford, Del.....	74	43
1867	John D. Rigg.....	Dec. 16, 1903...	Hockessin, Del.....	65	27
1869	Edward Davis.....	Jan. 9, 1904...	Newark, Md.....	84	28
1856	John France.....	Mar. 10, 1904...	Wilmington, Del.....	69	48
1879	E. K. Creed.....	Apr. 24, 1904...	Philadelphia, Pa.....	58	25
1890	E. R. Sidell.....	May 14, 1904...	Philadelphia, Pa.....	43	14
1853	J. B. Merritt.....	July 8, 1904...	Fairlee, Md.....	78	32
1872	G. W. Wilcox.....	Dec. 15, 1904...	Salisbury, Md.....	62	20
1889	James E. Graham.....	July 13, 1905...	Seaford, Del.....	52	16
1853	Robert W. Todd.....	Jan. 18, 1906...	Baltimore, Md.....	75	52
1858	S. T. Morris.....	Apr. 13, 1906...	Roselle Park, N. J.....	73	45
1879	C. A. Grise.....	Apr. 12, 1907...	Berlin, Md.....	51	28
1868	W. R. MacFarlane.....	Feb. 18, 1908...	Hockessin, Del.....	71	40
1898	F. E. Bloxton.....	Mar. 5, 1908...	Nanticoke, Md.....	40	10
1869	W. R. Gwinn.....	Mar. 13, 1908...	Baltimore, Md.....	67	34
1876	Albert Chandler.....	June 22, 1908...	Bethel, Del.....	58	32
1870	E. H. Nelson.....	Oct. 27, 1908...	Delaware City, Del.....	62	39
1860	H. W. Bolton.....	Jan. 8, 1909...	Camden, Del.....	89	42
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow.....	Feb. 8, 1909...	Dover, Del.....	81	43
1869	E. H. Miller.....	Jan. 22, 1911...	Sharptown, Md.....	66	43
1876	W. L. P. Bowen.....	Mar. 11, 1911...	Newark, Md.....	77	17
1866	E. E. White.....	Dec. 26, 1912...	Oxford, Md.....	69	46
1853	W. M. Warner.....	Apr. 16, 1913...	Millington, Md.....	83	41
1897	J. W. Talley.....	Aug. 9, 1913...	Near W im'gt'n, Del.....	42	9
1868	I. G. Fosnacht.....	Dec. 3, 1913...	Smyrna, Del.....	65	45
1858	H. S. Thompson.....	Apr. 1, 1914...	Smyrna, Del.....	79	52
1865	G. W. Burke.....	Apr. 30, 1914...	Smyrna, Del.....	78	42
1872	R. H. Adams.....	Sept. 11, 1914...	Philadelphia, Pa.....	71	42
1869	T. B. Hunter.....	Nov. 12, 1914...	Monrovia, Cal.....	77	42
1876	E. C. Macnichol.....	Oct. 18, 1914...	Philadelphia, Pa.....	60	38
1880	J. R. Cannon.....	Feb. 8, 1915...	Chance, Md.....	56	34
1865	James Carroll.....	Apr. 15, 1915...	Milford, Del.....	91	34
1871	William L. S. Murray.....	Feb. 26, 1916...	Wilmington, Del.....	67	44
1876	R. H. Lewis.....	Aug. 30, 1916...	Fishing Creek, Md.....	31	12
1887	T. A. H. O'Brien.....	Oct. 21, 1916...	Salisbury, Md.....	63	40
1884	S. M. Morgan.....	Jan. 6, 1917...	Wilmington, Del.....	63	27
1864	T. E. Martindale.....	Feb. 16, 1917...	Salisbury, Md.....	73	52
1893	H. A. G. Westerfield.....	June 17, 1917...	Port Deposit, Md.....	51	23
1886	Asbury Burke.....	Sept. 4, 1917...	Newport, Del.....	66	31
1870	John W. Poole.....	Sept. 30, 1917...	Philadelphia, Pa.....	91	18
1901	William H. Kenney.....	April 16, 1918...	Selbyville, Del.....	69	17
1884	Emerson P. Roberts.....	Aug. 6, 1918...	Middletown, Del.....	64	34
1884	Wilmer Jaggard.....	Nov. 21, 1918...	Millsboro, Del.....	82	34
1887	Ralph T. Coursey.....	Jan. 5, 1919...	Wyoming, Del.....	56	31

XII.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

No.	Date.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.
1	March 17, '69	Wilm'ton—Asbury	M. Simpson.....	S. L. Gracey.
2	" 16, '70	Port Deposit.....	E. S. Janes.....	S. L. Gracey.
3	" 8, '71	Dover.....	L. Scott.....	S. L. Gracey.
4	Feb'y 21, '72	Laurel.....	E. R. Ames.....	T. E. Martindale.
5	March 5, '73	Easton.....	L. Scott.....	T. E. Martindale.
6	" 4, '74	Salisbury.....	L. W. Wiley.....	T. E. Martindale.
7	" 17, '75	Smyrna.....	E. S. Janes.....	T. E. Martindale.
8	" 15, '76	Wilm'ton—Union	L. Scott.....	T. E. Martindale.
9	" 7, '77	Milford.....	E. R. Ames.....	T. E. Martindale.
10	" 13, '78	Chestertown.....	R. S. Foster.....	T. E. Martindale.
11	" 19, '79	New Castle.....	M. Simpson.....	T. E. Martindale.
12	" 17, '80	Dover.....	E. G. Andrews.....	T. E. Martindale.
13	" 16, '81	Lewes.....	Thos. Bowman.....	T. E. Martindale.
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	" 23, '90	Milford.....	Thos. Bowman.....	John D. Rigg.
23	" 19, '91	Centreville.....	C. H. Fowler.....	John D. Rigg.
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace	E. G. Andrews.....	A. S. Mowbray.
25	" 15, '93	Middletown.....	S. M. Merrill.....	A. S. Mowbray.
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury.....	J. H. Vincent.....	A. S. Mowbray.
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna.....	J. F. Hurst.....	A. S. Mowbray.
28	" 18, '96	Dover.....	H. W. Warren.....	A. S. Mowbray.
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown.....	J. M. Walden.....	A. S. Mowbray.
30	" 23, '98	Lewes.....	J. P. Newman.....	A. S. Mowbray.
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge.....	C. D. Foss.....	A. S. Mowbray.
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth	E. G. Andrews.....	A. S. Mowbray.
33	" 20, '01	Wilmington—Grace	Daniel A. Goodsell.....	A. S. Mowbray.
34	" 19, '02	Crisfield.....	I. W. Joyce.....	A. S. Mowbray.
35	" 18, '03	Easton.....	Earl Cranston.....	A. S. Mowbray.
36	" 16, '04	Dover.....	J. M. Fitzgerald.....	A. S. Mowbray.
37	" 15, '05	Wilmington—Grace	D. A. Goodsell.....	W. A. Wise.
38	" 14, '06	Pocomoke City.....	C. C. McCabe.....	W. A. Wise.
39	" 20, '07	Smyrna.....	J. F. Berry.....	W. A. Wise.
40	" 13, '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
50	" 20, '18	Dover.....	F. M. Bristol.....	D. W. Jacobs
51	" 26, '19	Chestertown.....	W. F. McDowell.....	D. W. Jacobs

XIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

1872. J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney, Charles Hill. Reserves—  
J. P. 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.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT FUND.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Charge	Min. Standard	Pledged	Short
Armory & Asbury	500	15	485
Beckwith	1000		1000
Bethel	1025	75	950
Blades & Epworth	700	800	
Bridgeville	1200	1769	
Cambridge	1800	24	1776
Camden	1000	285	715
Canterbury	600	63	537
Church Creek & Taylor	625	126	499
Crapo Circuit	1000	706	294
Dover	1700	1800	
East New Market	1100	504	596
Ellendale	620		620
Elliotts' Island	600	100	500
Farmington	700	399	301
Federalsburg	1200	1500	
Felton	1000	1000	
Frederica	1000	958	42
Galestown	600	215	385
Georgetown	1700	1700	

Georgetown Circuit	800		
Greenwood	900	825	75
Harrington	1200	705	495
Hickman & Epworth	375		375
Hooper's Island	600		600
Houston	1000	212	788
Hurlock	1100	988	112
Lakesville	500		500
Laurel	1700	1045	655
Leipsic	600		600
Lewes	1500	537	963
Lincoln	900		900
Little Creek	700		700
Magnolia & Barrett	1150	270	880
Milford Neck & Williamsville	450		450
Milford	1800	2057	
Millsboro	1000		1000
Milton	1200	75	1125
Mt. Pleasant	900	435	465
Nassau	700	53	647
Rehoboth	1000	395	605
Reliance	800	800	
Salem	500	100	400
Seaford	1500	1800	
Seaford Circuit	1100	1129	
Vienna	700		700
Williamsburg	700		700
Wyoming	1000		1000
Zoar	750		750

EASTON DISTRICT.

Charge	Min. Standard	Pledged	Short
Bayside	700	751	
Bozman	850	850	
Burrsville	600		600
Cecilton	900	65	835
Centerville	1400	1400	
Chestertown	1400	1064	336
Church Hill	1000	152	848
Cheswold	750	351	399
Clayton	1000	675	325
Concord	1100	670	430
Crumpton	900	431	469
Cordova	1100	1032	68
Denton	1500	1500	
Easton	1400	1400	
Fairlee	600		600
Galena	900	468	432

Greensboro .....	1000	1090	
Henderson .....	620		620
Hillsboro .....	1100	633	467
Kent Island .....	950	800	150
Kenton .....	800	600	200
Marydel .....	775		775
Middletown .....	1400	1481	
Millington .....	1000	508	492
Odessa .....	700	700	
Oxford .....	700		700
Pomona .....	700		700
Preston .....	1200	1208	
Queenstown .....	700	500	200
Ridgely .....	1200	504	696
Rock Hall .....	1000	947	53
Royal Oak .....	580	225	355
Sassafras .....	150	70	80
St. Michaels .....	1100	700	400
Salem Circuit .....	300		300
Still Pond .....	1200	1200	
Smyrna .....	1800	1105	695
Smyrna Circuit .....	1000	177	823
Sudlersville .....	1200	1170	30
Tilghman's Island .....	1000	1100	
Townsend .....	1200	500	700
Trappe .....	900	107	893
Wye Mills .....	600	572	28

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Charge	Min. Standard	Pledged	Short
Annamesssex .....	800		800
Asbury .....	2000	2210	
Berlin .....	1500	1300	200
Bishopville .....	800	220	580
Cape Charles .....	1200	690	510
Chincoteague .....	1100	531	569
Claremont .....	600		600
Crisfield .....	1500	1600	
Dagsboro .....	1000		1000
Deal's Island .....	1300	1300	
Delmar .....	1400	959	441
Fairmount .....	1200	1200	
Frankford .....	1000		1000
Fruitland .....	1000	320	680
Girdletree .....	1000	1000	
Gumboro .....	1000		1000
Hebron .....	1100	174	926
Holland's Island .....	386		386

Mardela Springs .....	600	251	349
Marion .....	800		800
Mt. Vernon .....	1000	39	961
Nanticoke .....	1000	300	700
Newark .....	900	625	275
Ocean City .....	700		700
Onancock .....	1000	1000	
Ocean View .....	1050		1050
Parsonsborg .....	900	188	712
Phoebus .....	700		700
Pittsville .....	1000		1000
Pocomoke Circuit .....	800	146	654
Pocomoke City .....	1400	1400	
Powellsville .....	1000		1000
Princess Anne .....	1200	500	700
Quantico .....	1000	279	721
Roxana .....	1000		1000
St. Peters .....	1000	565	435
Salisbury:			
Asbury .....	3000	2917	83
Grace .....	825	225	600
Selbyville .....	1500	600	900
Sharptown .....	1000	308	692
Smith's Island .....	1000	340	660
Snow Hill .....	1500	1700	
Somerset .....	1050	661	389
Stockton .....	1000	660	440
Tangier Island .....	1500	1830	
Venton .....	350		350
Westover .....	800	85	715
Whitesville .....	1200		1200

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Charge	Min. Standard	Pledged	Short
Bethel & Crouch .....	900	600	300
Charlestown .....	800	25	775
Cherry Hill .....	955	234	721
Chesapeake City .....	900	213	687
Chester-Bethel .....	1000	800	200
Claymont .....	800	500	300
Christiana .....	650		650
Colora .....	725	200	525
Delaware City .....	1000	70	930
Ebenezer .....	1000	800	200
Elk Mills .....	300	95	205
Elk Neck .....	600	150	450
Elkton .....	1200	1800	
Hockessin .....	700	500	200
Hopewell .....	1000	1000	

Kirkwood .....	100	100	
Marshallton .....	700	600	100
Mt. Lebanon .....	800	800	
Mt. Pleasant .....	1000	1000	
Newark .....	1600	1600	
New Castle .....	1700	1705	
Newport & Stanton .....	1300	1000	300
North East .....	1300	1500	
Perryville .....	1500	1500	
Port Deposit .....	1200	1200	
Red Lion .....	650	400	250
Rising Sun .....	1100	1100	
St. George's & Summitt .....	1400	1400	
St. Johns .....	700	126	574
Zion Circuit .....	1200	1200	
Town Point .....	475	125	350
Wilmington:			
Asbury .....	2000	1505	495
Brandywine .....	1500	1500	
Brack-Ex .....	700	700	
Cookman .....	1200	1200	
East Lake .....	1000	10	990
Edgemoor .....	250	250	
Epworth .....	1400	1500	
Grace .....	5850	6800	
Harrison Street .....	1800	2000	
Hillcrest .....	250	100	150
Italian Mission .....	900		900
Kingswood .....	1200	150	1050
Madeley .....	1100	1100	
McCabe .....	1600	1600	
Mt. Salem .....	1500	1500	
Richardson Park .....	1400	1400	
St. Pauls .....	3000	3000	
Scott .....	1500	1500	
Silverbrook .....	1500	1500	
Trinity .....	1000		1000
Union .....	3000	3000	
Wesley .....	1200	1200	

**MINISTERIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT FUND.**

Adams, R. H., \$50; Alderson, G. T., \$200; Allen, G. S., \$70; Anderson, J. F., \$70; Atkinson, W. F., \$25; Barrett, L. E., \$120; Baynard, O. T., \$50; Beauchamp, J. H., \$150; Beauchamp, T. F., \$150; Bennett, W. O., \$100; Benson, N. C., \$100; Berry, Bishop, \$1000; Bicking, J. R., \$100; Bounds, G. W., \$100; Brewington, J. A., \$50; Briggs, Wm. H., \$100; Broadway, L. M., \$80; Buckson, J. A., \$90; Budd, H. G., \$200;

Bunting, J. J., \$110; Burke, Asbury, \$90; Burr, Warren, \$100; Byrd, Marion, \$5; Carpenter, F. F., \$120; Cochran, F. J., \$100; Collins, E. H., \$80; Collins, V. S., \$500; Colona, J. W., \$140; Connelly, O. H., \$60; Corkran, L. P., \$100; Cooke, Geo. A., \$25; Corkran, W. F., \$150; Coursey, Ralph T., \$80; Dashiell, E. H., \$250; Dawson, W. F., \$100; Davis, Howard, \$100; Dawson, G. W., \$100; Derrickson, E. H., \$70; Dulaney, H. S., \$113; Easley, J. W., \$120; Faulkner, Frank N., \$150; Fogle, J. W., \$50; Ford, D. J., \$90; Geoghegan, J. H., \$70; Givan, D. J., \$100; Given, Thos. N., \$70; Goodhand, Arthur, \$110; Gray, J. W., \$70; Gray, J. H., \$150; Greenfield, W. E., \$120; Gunby, W. E., \$130; Guthrie, W. B., \$50; Habbart, W. E., \$120; Harris, C. C., \$60; Harris, W. G., \$100; Hastings, G. W., \$50; Hills, V. E., \$120; Hoffecker, E. L., \$300; Hopkins, J. C. B., \$80; Hudson, Chas. H., \$25; Hudson, J. A., \$100; Hurst, W. O., \$125; Jackson, Leolan, \$100; Jacobs, D. W., \$80; Johnson, J. L., \$125; Jones, G. P., \$120; Jones, C. N., \$100; Jones, J. W., \$100; Jones, O. E., \$120; Jones, C. T., \$80; Jones, E. W. (old), \$110; Jones, E. W. (new), \$25; Jones, R. C., \$50; Kelley, J. P., \$10; Kelso, H. B., \$90; Kelso, J. M., \$70; Koons, W. G., \$50; Layfield, L. W., \$100; Leach, J. A., \$80; Lindale, J. M., \$60; McCann, W. M., \$80; McCann, Milton, \$80; McCoy, J. C., \$100; McDougale, L. L., \$60; McDowell, E. W., \$50; McFaul, D. F., \$50; McLain, L. T., \$25; MacSorley, \$110; Marine, M. W., \$35; Marshall, E. H., \$80; Martin, J. O., \$50; Martindale, T. E., \$150; Mills, R. W., \$10; Mitchell, J. M., \$80; Moore, D. J., \$75; Moore, F. X., \$100; Moore, C. W., \$125; Moore, B. P., \$62.50; Morgan, L. B., \$100; Mowbray, W. R., \$140; Murray, W. L. S., \$120; Neese, G. R., \$100; Newton, G. F., \$70; Nichols, R. P., \$110; Northrup, V. P., \$100; Nutter, M. D., \$70; O'Brien, T. A. H., \$200; Outten, J. P., \$100; Pilchard, S. N., \$140; Poole, L. E., \$100; Prettyman, A. P., \$95; Prettyman, C. W., \$140; Prettyman, E. C., \$120; Prettyman, J. L., \$60; Prettyman, J. W., \$100; Price, J. T., \$80; Quigg, H. T., \$100; Randolph, Herbert, \$150; Reed, H. E., \$90; Rice, O. B., \$65; Richardson, J. T., \$100; Roberts, E. P., \$120; Sard, T. J., \$120; Sharp, W. W., \$80; Shockley, E. M., \$50; Smith, Alfred, \$100; Smith, G. P., \$65; Smith, Tilghman, \$40; Smoot, T. C., \$90; Sparklin, J. L., \$80; Spry, C. W., \$50; Stallings, G. W., \$80; Stephenson, R. K., \$200; Strickland, C. W., \$100; Sunfield, E. C., \$100; Taylor, Harry, \$80; Taylor, W. P., \$80; Taylor, E. B., \$80; Thomas, G. S., \$90; Travers, Alonzo, \$25; VanDyke, T. R., \$120; Watt, Robert, \$250; Webster, Z. H., \$100; Westerfield, H. G., \$120; Wheatley, M. E., \$70; White, W. L., \$120; White, Frank, \$80; White, Leonard, \$100; Whitaker, I. S., \$80; Williams, G. C., \$140; Williams, W. S. H., \$70; Willis, Ivanhoe (new), \$90; Willis, Ivanhoe (old), \$90; Wilson, Daniel, \$100; Wise, W. A., \$120; Wood, G. E., \$80; Wood, I. L., \$100; Wyatt, C. T., \$120.

## LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

### Morning Session.

**Opening.**—The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Laymen's Association was held in the Methodist Protestant Church, Chestertown, Maryland, March 28, 1919. The Love Feast was led by Thomas N. Rawlins of Seaford, Delaware. There was a large attendance of the Laymen of the Conference, who actively participated in the service, which was helpful and refreshing.

At the close of the Love Feast the Business Session was called to order by the President, William J. Downing, of Salisbury, Maryland, who briefly referred to the work the Association is doing, and to some of the great issues before the Church and the world to-day, and said that some of these great questions would be taken up for discussion later in the day.

Dr. W. W. Davis, of the Baltimore Conference, was introduced and addressed the Association upon the importance of proper observance of the Sabbath, and called attention to some of the many efforts to break down the Christian Sabbath in this country.

### Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session was opened with devotions led by Davis S. Clark, of Kenton, Delaware. The roll was called, and the following committees were appointed:

**Resolutions**—Walter A. Powell, Henry R. Lewis, James T. Parker and A. L. Johnson.

**Nominations**—R. P. Powell, I. J. Morgan, C. N. Jefferson and Cecil Lynch.

**Finance**—Frank M. Jones, John T. Taylor, F. S. Bottomley and J. R. Hendrix.

**Address.**—Caleb E. Burchenal, of Wilmington, Del., was introduced and addressed the Association on the subject, "What my church is capable of doing to help the returned soldier and what are we going to do". The address was forceful and pertinent. The speaker stated some of the problems to be found in dealing with the returned soldiers, and urged that they be met squarely and in a practical way. He spoke as one who knew whereof he spoke, having himself been in the service and in personal contact with the boys in the ranks.

Dr. James William Marshall, Vice-president of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, was introduced and spoke of the great work being done at this deservedly famous and popular Methodist resort. He extended an invitation to everybody present to come to Ocean Grove.

Rev. Robert L. Reamy, Secretary and Treasurer of "The Methodist", was introduced. He presented the claims of this publication for the

patronage and support of the Laymen of the Wilmington Conference, urging that it should have a much wider circulation as the one medium of communication among the Conferences of this Episcopal Area. He also made reference to our soldier boys and their needs, and made an urgent plea for a proper example being set by all parents for their children to follow, especially by fathers for their boys, as the father is the ideal of the boy and will in most cases be followed.

**Address.**—Frank M. Jones, of Georgetown, Del., was introduced, and addressed the Association on the subject, "What is the greatest need of the Church?" He laid special stress on the Centenary Movement, calling attention to the things for which it stands, foremost among which is personal consecration—a consecration of a sort that includes the whole man and all of his ability and capability, including his pocket book.

**Treasurer.**—The retiring Treasurer, Lewis M. Price, of Smyrna, Del., submitted his report showing that for the two years of his incumbency he has received \$54.06, and has paid bills amounting to \$44.95, leaving a balance of \$9.11. The report was referred to the Finance Committee, who reported that it was correct, and recommended its acceptance, which was ordered.

A collection was taken to meet the financial needs of the Association, amounting to \$36.22.

**Nominations.**—The Committee on Nominations made the following report: For President, Walter A. Powell; for Vice-Presidents—Dover District, Arley B. Magee; Easton District, Walter O. Hoffecker; Salisbury District, L. Atwood Bennett; Wilmington District, W. J. Statts; for Secretary—Clarence A. Short; for Treasurer—John T. Taylor. The report was accepted, and the nominees were unanimously elected.

Dr. M. S. Swartz and Dr. Edward L. Mills, representing the Centenary Movement, were introduced and addressed the Association upon the importance of this great movement.

**Resolutions.**—The Committee on Resolutions reported that following resolutions had been approved by the Committee, and were recommended for adoption. They were unanimously adopted by the Association.

### I.

#### The Christian Advocate.

WHEREAS, "The Christian Advocate", general organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is now the most widely circulated denominational journal in the world, and

WHEREAS, by reason of the admirable work of its editorial staff "The Christian Advocate" is rendering an indispensable service in furthering the interests of Methodism; Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Laymen's Association hereby requests the District Superintendents and Pastors to urge with all emphasis the importance of finding a place in every Methodist home for this great church paper.



## II.

**The Methodist.**

RESOLVED, that we recognize "The Methodist" as the paper that represents the local work of the Baltimore Conference, the Central Pennsylvania Conference, and the Wilmington Conference, and that this paper is worthy of the support of the Methodists of these Conferences.

## III.

**Thanks.**

RESOLVED, that the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference takes pleasure in complimenting the Methodist Protestant Church of Chestertown for their beautiful church, and we thank them for their courtesy in allowing our Association to use the same for their meeting.

RESOLVED, that the thanks of this Association are due and hereby tendered to the officers of this Association for the splendid program which they have presented to us, and for the efficient and faithful manner in which they have discharged their duties.

**New President.**—The newly elected President, Judge Walter A. Powell, of Dover, Del., was introduced and took the chair.

Superintendent George W. Crabbe, of the Anti-Saloon League, was introduced and addressed the Association on some features of the great work being done in the interest of the prohibition of the liquor traffic and some of the insidious opposition that has to be met.

**Rev. James M. Wise.**—Rev. Edward J. Winder, a local preacher of Seaford, Del., read a very fitting memoir of Rev. James M. Wise, the senior local preacher of the Wilmington Conference, and an honored member of this Association, who died at his home in New Castle, Del., August 15, 1918, in his eighty-fifth year, after having given seventy-one years to the church that he loved so dearly. The paper was requested for publication in "The Methodist", and will appear in that journal.

**Adjournment.**—Upon motion, it was ordered that when the Association finally adjourns, it adjourn to meet at the seat of the Conference in 1921, as the Lay Electoral Conference will meet in 1920, and that the officers elected shall hold office until their successors are chosen in 1921.

**Evening Session.**

At the evening session the Association resolved itself into a mass meeting in the interest of the Centenary Movement, with Judge Powell, the new President, in the chair.

The devotions were led by Rev. Henry S. Dulaney.

Bishop McDowell was the first speaker of the evening. He was followed by Dr. L. B. Bowers, Field Agent of the National Campaign Commission, whose theme was, "The Church and Reconstruction". The next speaker was Rev. Brenton Thoburn Bradley, formerly Epworth League Secretary for India. His subject was, "A world Church in a World Situation".

Dr. Swartz was called to the platform by the chairman, and made a short address. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. T. Herson, and the Association stood adjourned till 1921.

Thus ended what was declared by many to be the best and most successful meeting the Association has ever held. These meetings have been growing in attendance and interest from year to year as the people got a better understanding as to the real purpose and aim for which they are held.

Special mention should be made of the music, which was led by Walter O. Hoffecker. The special music rendered in the evening by the choir of the church where the meeting was held, was greatly appreciated.

WALTER A. POWELL,

President.

THOS. N. RAWLINS,

Acting Secretary.

**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.

## XIV.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

OF

## WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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(Fifty-First Session)

1919.

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W. E. GUNBY, Statistician,

Cambridge, Md.

V. E. HILLS, Treasurer,

Pocomoke City, Md.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Local Preachers, Church Membership, Epw'th League, Church Property, General Conference Expenses. Rows include various churches like Arm'y & As'y, Beckwith, Bethel, etc., ending with a Total row.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools, Officers and Teachers, Members in the Home Department, Children on the Cradle Roll, Total Enroll't in all Depts., Average Attendance of all Grades, Officers and Teachers Ch. Members 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. Rows include various churches like Armory and Asbury, Beckwith and Spedden, Bethel, etc., ending with a Total row.

\* No report submitted. Last year's figures.



STATISTICAL EASTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Local Preachers, Church Membership (Prep'y Mem., Full Members), Epw'th League, Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, etc.), and General Conf'ce Expen's.

STATISTICAL EASTON 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, Members Sunday Sch. converted during Conf. Year, Accessions to Church from Membership of S. S., Church, Sunday School, % of Sunday Sch. Miss. Offering, Sunday School Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.

STATISTICAL EASTON DISTRICT.

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

TREASURER'S EASTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGE, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference (Missions, B'd. of S. S., B'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, 1/4 Salary Conference Entertainment, Annual Conf. Investments for Conf. Claimants, Central Office Exp. E. I.), Other Cash Items.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (Local Preachers, Prep'y Mem., Full Members, Deaths During Year, Senior Members, Junior Members), Epw'th League, Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Parsonages, Paid for Buildings and Improvements, etc.), General Conference Expenses (Current Expenses, Apportioned for the Quadrennium, Paid this Year, Balance Due).

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools (Officers and Teachers, Scholars not including Home Department and Cradle Roll, Members in the Home Department, Children on the Cradle Roll, Total Enrollment in all Depts., etc.), Collee's for Bd. of S. S., Sunday School Missions, Sunday School Expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.

STATISTICAL
SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

TREASURER'S
SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference (Missions, B'd. of S. S., B'd. of Edu'ation, American Bible Society, Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Pub. Morals, General Deacons Board, Woman's For. Miss. Soc'y, Home Miss. Soc., City Missionary & Church Extension Society, Philadelphia Hospital, Anti-Saloon League, Domestic Missions, Salary Conference Entertainment, Annual Conference Investments, Central Office Exp. E. L.), Benevolences ordered by An. Conf., Other Cash Items.



STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Local Preachers, Church Membership, Epw'th League, Church Property, General Conference Expenses. Includes rows for 1 Bethel & Crouh, 2 Charlestown, etc.

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Schools, Officers and Teachers, Sunday Schools, Children on the Cradle Roll, Total Enroll't in all Depts., Average Attendance of all Grades, Officers and Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers, Collect's for Bd. of S. S., Sunday School Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc. Includes rows for 1 Bethel and Crouch, 2 Charlestown, etc.

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

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## SECRETARY'S PAGE.

It is a satisfaction to the Secretary that the Minutes for 1918, arranged according to the proposed Standard Table of Contents, met the approval of the members of the Conference.

I have given a general review of the Treasurer's Report and the Statistical Tables, but the responsible reading of the proof was done by V. E. Hills, Treasurer, and W. E. Gunby, Statistician.

The new method of securing subscriptions to the Minutes, which received the co-operation of nearly all the pastors, produced very gratifying results. By Conference action, the method is made "the regular order of the Conference".

Hon. T. N. Rawlins, Secretary pro tem., of the Laymen's Association, prepared the report of the meetings of that Association.

DISSTON W. JACOBS,

Secretary.

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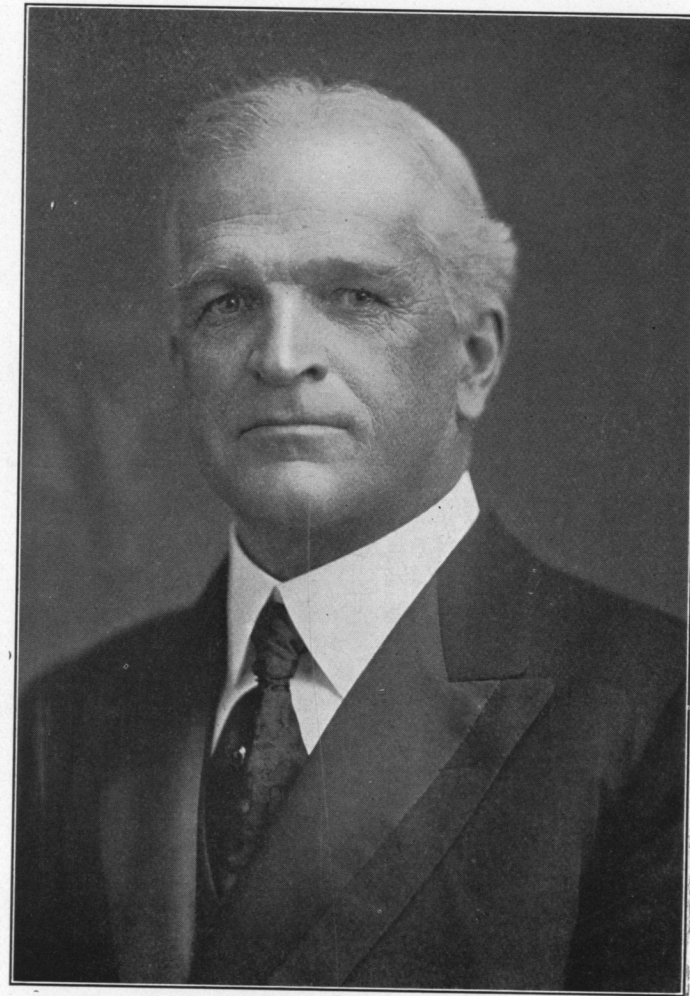
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