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## I.

## 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 reconsider, except the member so moving shall state his reasons therefor.
  9. 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.

## II.

### CONFERENCE ROLLS.

#### (a) CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL.

1870 Adam Stengle	1888 George T. Alderson
1870 George E. Reed	1888 John F. Anderson
	1888 Joshua W. Gray
1871 Levin W. Layfield	1889 Vinal E. Hills
1872 John P. Otis	1890 George W. Bounds
	1890 Melvin D. Nutter
1873 Robert Roe	1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan
1873 Frank C. MacSorley	1891 George A. Cooke
	1891 George P. Jones
1876 George W. Townsend	1892 Theodore F. Beauchamp
1876 Wilbur F. Corkran	1892 Clarence W. Strickland
1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker	1892 Francis B. Short
1878 Robert K. Stephenson	1893 John P. Outten
1879 Joshua M. Lindale	1893 James T. Richardson
1881 Louis P. Corkran	1894 Henry G. Budd
	1894 John H. Beauchamp
1882 Allison P. Prettyman	1895 Edward H. Collins
1882 Charles H. Williams	1895 Daniel J. Givan
	1895 Thomas R. Van Dyke
1883 Vaughan S. Collins	1896 Luther E. Poole
	1896 Leolan Jackson
1884 William A. Wise	1897 John W. Prettyman
1884 Edmund H. Derrickson	1897 Thomas S. Holt
1884 Thomas N. Given	1897 William O. Bennett
	1897 Harry Taylor
1885 James W. Easley	1898 Omar E. Jones
1885 James D. Reese	1898 John W. Jones
1885 George W. Bowman	1898 Frederick X. Moore
1885 Daniel H. Willis	1898 Hugh B. Kelso
1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield	1898 Samuel McWilliams
1886 George E. Wood	1899 Edward H. Dashiell
1886 William W. Sharp	1899 John L. Johnson
1886 William R. Mowbray	1899 George W. Dawson
1886 Henry S. Dulany	
1886 James T. Prouse	1900 Howard Davis
1886 William P. Taylor	1900 Clarence N. Jones
	1900 William C. Poole
1887 James H. Wilson	
1887 Harvey W. Ewing	

1900 Frank N. Faulkner  
 1900 Goldsborough W. Hastings  
 1900 William E. Greenfield  
 1900 Oscar L. Martin  
  
 1902 William E. Matthews  
 1902 James H. Gardner  
 1902 Oram T. Baynard  
 1902 James W. Colona  
 1902 Joseph S. Eldridge  
 1902 Edward H. Marshall  
  
 1903 Arthur W. Goodhand  
 1903 George S. Thomas  
 1903 Walter E. Gunby  
 1903 William E. Habbart  
 1903 Charles T. Jones  
  
 1904 Joseph A. Buckson  
 1904 John M. Kelso  
 1904 Edwin B. Taylor  
  
 1905 Lewis B. Morgan  
 1905 Daniel J. Ford  
 1905 Jesse C. McCoy  
 1905 Howard R. McDade  
 1905 Charles W. Moore  
 1905 William R. Woodell  
  
 1906 Daniel Wilson  
 1906 William G. Harris  
 1906 John L. Sparklin  
 1906 Emory W. McDowell  
 1906 Benjamin M. Johns  
  
 1907 William H. Briggs  
 1907 Tilghman Smith  
 1907 Oden E. James  
 1907 John R. Bicking  
 1907 William H. Revelle  
 1907 Ransom P. Nichols  
 1907 Abram S. Woodard  
  
 1908 John W. Sutton  
 1908 Leonard White  
 1908 James T. Price  
  
 1909 John J. Bunting  
 1909 Edgar C. Prettyman  
 1909 Frank Herson  
  
 1910 Melvin E. Wheatley  
 1910 Thomas J. Sard  
 1910 Ernest C. Hallman  
 1910 John C. B. Hopkins  
  
 1911 Oren B. Rice  
 1911 David J. Moore  
 1911 Charles W. Spry  
  
 1912 Olie H. Connelly  
 1912 George E. Sterling  
 1912 Ivanhoe Willis  
 1912 Frank A. Lindhorst  
  
 1913 Disston W. Jacobs  
 1913 James A. Leach  
  
 1914 Frank White  
 1914 Norman C. Benson  
 1914 Marion W. Marine  
 1914 Essel P. Thomas  
 1914 William E. Harrison, Jr.  
  
 1915 Ralph C. Jones  
 1915 Luther M. Broadway  
 1915 Claude W. Clark  
 1915 Alpha B. Frye  
  
 1916 Roy T. Thawley  
 1916 Charles C. Harris  
 1916 Lester E. Windsor  
 1916 Otis B. Reed  
  
 1917 Walter A. Hearn  
 1917 Charles H. Atkins  
 1917 William S. Grant  
 1917 William F. Godwin  
  
 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. Zimmerman  
  
 1919 Earl M. Shockley  
 1919 John H. Whedbee  
  
 1920 John C. Bolton  
 1920 William L. Hess  
 1920 Joshua B. McCabe  
  
 1921 Milton S. Andrews  
 1921 Charles E. Davis  
 1921 Sylvanus T. Hamblin  
  
 1922 Charles H. Hudson  
 1922 Wingate D. Short  
 1922 Johnson H. Wright  
  
 1923 Walter G. Barlow  
 1923 Disston A. Stockely  
  
 1924 Harry N. Bailey  
 1924 Oler A. Bartley  
 1924 Oliver J. Collins  
 1924 John E. Parker

1925 Henry M. Parks  
  
 1926 Frank A. Baker  
 1926 Sidney B. Bradley  
 1926 Charles W. Branford  
 1926 Harry V. Branford  
 1926 Otis P. Jefferson  
 1926 Preston W. Spence  
  
 1927 John A. Clark  
 1927 Roscoe W. Campbell  
 1927 John R. Diehl  
 1927 Conrad Hamer  
 1927 Harvey O. Huff  
 1927 James H. McRill  
  
 1927 Rufus W. Mills  
 1927 Paul E. Reynolds  
  
 1928 Willard Everett  
 1928 Oliver J. Friedel  
 1928 Robert E. Green  
 1928 Nathaniel B. Lawrason  
 1928 Frederick C. Louhoff  
 1928 James O'Neil  
 1928 Alfred W. Strickland  
 1928 Roy L. Tawes  
  
 1929 Elwood B. Eckhardt  
 1929 Walter L. Russell  
 1929 Grayson H. Wheatley

**(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 Asbury (P. O., Wilm., Del.)	7
1888	Anderson, J. F.	R 2122 Gillis St., Wilmington, Del.	8
1921	Andrews, M. S.	E Dover, Del.	2
1917	Atkins, C. H.	E Tilghman, Md.	1
1924	Bailey, H. N.	E Crapo, Md.	3
1926	Baker, F. A.	P Newark, Md.	2
1923	Barlow, W. G.	E Pittsville, Md.	2
1924	Bartley, O. A.	E Preston, Md.	2
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E Roxana, Del.	2
1892	Beauchamp, T. F.	E Georgetown, Del.	5
1894	Beauchamp, J. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	9
1897	Bennett, W. O.	E Hurlock, Md.	1
1914	Benson, N. C.	E Frederica, Del.	4
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E Scott (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1920	Bolton, J. C.	E Deal Island, Md.	2
1890	Bounds, G. W.	E Kingswood (P. O. Wilm., Del)	10
1885	Bowman, G. W.	R Laurel, Del.	24
1926	Bradley, S. B.	P Crumpton, Md.	3
1926	Branford, C. W.	D Ocean View, Md.	3
1926	Branford, H. V.	D Nanticoke, Md.	1
1907	Briggs, W. H.	Sy. R. # 3, Vancouver, Washington	3
1915	Broadway, L. M.	E Perryville, Md.	4
1904	Buckson, J. A.	E Chester-Bethel (P.O.Boothwyn,Pa.)	1
1894	Budd, H. G.	E Princess Anne, Md.	1
1909	Bunting, J. J.	E Crisfield, Md.	5
1927	Campbell, R. W.	D Magnolia, Del.	3
1915	Clark, C. W.	E Sudlersville, Md.	1
1927	Clark, J. A.	E East New Market, Md.	1
1883	Collins, V. S.	R Wilmington, Del.	1
1895	Collins, E. H.	E Harrington, Del.	6
1924	Collins, O. J.	D Ebenezer (P. O. Newark, Del.)	2
1902	Colona, J. W.	E Harrison St. (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1912	Connelly, O. H.	E Epworth (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1891	Cooke, G. A.	Sy. Wilmington, Del.	1
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E Seaford, Del.	1
1881	Corkran, L. P.	R Church Hill, Md.	13

	Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1918	Cummings, W. H.	E Vienna, Md.	1
1899	Dashiell, E. H.	E Delmar, Del.	1
1900	Davis, Howard	E Selbyville, Del.	1
1921	Davis, C. E.	E Cherry Hill (P. O. Elkton, Md.)	3
1899	Dawson, G. W.	E Centreville, Md.	1
1884	Derrickson, E. H.	R Odessa, Del.	9
1927	Diehl, J. R.	D Ellendale, Del.	1
1886	Dulany, H. S.	E Grace (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)	3
1885	Easley, J. W.	R 4632 Walnut St., Phila., Pa.	11
1929	Eckhardt, Elwood B.	P Oxford, Md.	1
1902	Eldridge, J. S.	E Port Deposit, Md.	2
1927	Everett, Willard	D Hillsboro, Md.	1
1887	Ewing, H. W.	R Newark, Del.	6
1900	Faulkner, F. N.	R Delmar, Del.	4
1905	Ford, D. J.	E Mt. Pleasant (P.O. Laurel, Del.)	1
1928	Friedel, O. J.	P Pomona (P. O. Chestertown, Md.)	1
1915	Frye, A. B.	E Greensboro, Md.	1
1902	Gardner, J. H.	E Whitesville, Del.	4
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.	E Trappe, Md.	1
1895	Givan, D. J.	E Camden, Del.	1
1884	Given, T. N.	R Cheswold, Del.	7
1917	Godwin, W. F.	E Mt. Vernon (P. O. Princess Anne, Md.)	1
1903	Goodhand, A. W.	E Chincoteague, Va.	2
1917	Grant, W. S.	E Rock Hall, Md.	3
1888	Gray, J. W.	R Willards, Md.	7
1928	Green, R. E.	P Fairlee (P. O. Chestertown, Md.)	1
1900	Greenfield, W. E.	E Berlin, Md.	2
1903	Gunby, W. E.	E Newark, Del.	1
1903	Habbart, W. E.	E Dover, Del.	1
1910	Hallman, E. C.	E Brandywine (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1921	Hamblin, S. T.	E Odessa, Del.	1
1927	Hamer, Conrad	D At School	2
1906	Harris, W. G.	E Elkton, Md.	7
1916	Harris, C. C.	E Sharptown, Md.	2
1914	Harrison, W. E., Jr.	E McCabe (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	5
1900	Hastings, G. W.	R Blades, Del.	1
1917	Hearn, W. A.	E Easton, Md.	2
1918	Hervis, E. W.	E St. Michaels, Md.	1
1909	Herson, Frank	E Milford, Del.	3
1920	Hess, W. L.	E Galena, Md.	1
1889	Hills, V. E.	E Mt.Pleasant (P.O. Edge Moor, Del.)	5
1918	Hodgson, R. S.	E Townsend, Del.	3
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	R Easton, Md.	12
1897	Holt, T. S.	R Federalsburg, Md.	18
1910	Hopkins, J. C. B.	E Upper Fairmount, Md.	1
1922	Hudson, C. H.	E Seaford, Del.	4
1927	Hufnal, H. O.	P Burrsville (P. O. Denton, Md.)	1

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1896	Jackson, Leolan	E Madeley (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1913	Jacobs, D. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	1
1907	James, O. E.	R Cambridge, Md.	6
1926	Jefferson, O. P.	P Ocean City, Md.	2
1906	Johns, B. M.	E Grace (P. O., Wilmington, Del.)	7
1899	Johnson, J. L.	E Middletown, Del.	1
1891	Jones, G. P.	R Smyrna, Del.	1
1898	Jones, J. W.	E Pocomoke City, Md.	4
1898	Jones, O. E.	E Cambridge, Md.	1
1900	Jones, C. N.	E Milton, Del.	2
1903	Jones, C. T.	E Red Lion, Del.	1
1915	Jones, R. C.	E Silverbrook (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	5
1898	Kelso, H. B.	E Claymont, Del.	5
1904	Kelso, J. M.	E Dover, Del.	7
1928	Lawrason, N. B.	P Quantico, Md.	1
1871	Layfield, L. W.	R Greenwood, Del.	6
1913	Leach, J. A.	E Union (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	6
1879	Lindale, J. M.	R Chestertown, Md.	11
1912	Lindhorst, F. A.	E Dover, Del.	5
1928	Louhoff, F. C.	P Elk Neck (P. O. North East, Md.)	1
1920	McCabe, J. B.	E Middletown, Del.	2
1905	McCoy, J. C.	E Rising Sun, Md.	5
1905	McDade, H. R.	E Kent Is. (P.O. Stevensville, Md.)	3
1906	McDowell, E. W.	E Eastlake (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	5
1927	McRill, J. H.	D Hebron, Md.	2
1898	McWilliams, Samuel	E Salisbury, Md.	1
1873	MacSorley, F. C.	R 2209 Boulevard, Wilmington, Del.	4
1914	Marine, M. W.	E Laurel, Del.	1
1902	Marshall, E. H.	R Salem, Va.	5
1900	Martin, O. L.	R Salisbury, Md.	6
1902	Matthews, W. E.	R Smyrna, Del.	8
1927	Mills, R. W.	D St. Peter's (P. O. Oriole, Md.)	3
1905	Moore, C. W.	E Ridgely, Md.	1
1898	Moore, F. X.	R New Freedom, Pa.	9
1911	Moore, D. J.	E Millsboro, Del.	1
1918	Moore, W. V.	E Mt. Salem (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	4
1905	Morgan, L. B.	E Richardson Park, Del.	6
1886	Mowbray, W. R.	R Lewes, Del.	4
1907	Nichols, R. P.	E Federalsburg, Md.	2
1890	Nutter, M. D.	E Mt. Lebanon (P.O. Rockland, Del.)	1
1928	O'Neil, James	P Nassau, Del.	1
1872	Otis, J. P.	R Wilmington, Del.	11
1893	Outter, J. P.	E Bridgeville, Del.	1
1924	Parker, J. E.	E Felton, Del.	3
1925	Parks, H. M.	E St. Johns (P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	1
1896	Poole, L. E.	E Cape Charles, Va.	1
1900	Poole, W. C.	E Chesapeake City, Md.	2

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1882	Prettyman, A. P.	R Galena, Md.	13
1897	Prettyman, J. W.	E Zion Ct. (P. O. North East, Md.)	7
1909	Prettyman, E. C.	E Wilmington, Del.	15
1908	Price, J. T.	E Fruitland, Md.	1
1886	Prouse, J. T.	R Edge Moor, Del.	17
1870	Reed, G. E.	R Harrisburg, Pa.	8
1916	Reed, O. B.	E Hockessin, Del.	3
1885	Reese, J. D.	R Houston, Del.	11
1907	Revelle, W. H.	E Trinity (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	3
1927	Reynolds, P. E.	P Hillcrest (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1911	Rice, O. B.	E St. Georges, Del.	4
1893	Richardson, J. T.	R Middletown, Del.	1
1873	Roe, Robert	R Trappe, Md.	18
1918	Rowlenson, J. T.	E Phoebus, Va.	2
1929	Russell, W. L.	P Pocomoke Ct. (P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.)	1
1910	Sard, T. J.	E Crisfield, Md.	4
1886	Sharp, W. W.	R Ocean Grove, N. J.	5
1919	Shockley, E. M.	E North East, Md.	4
1892	Short, F. B.	E New York City	9
1922	Short, W. D.	E Still Pond, Md.	1
1907	Smith, Tilghman	E Marshallton, Del.	4
1906	Sparklin, J. L.	E Newport, Del.	7
1926	Spence, P. W.	P Christiana, Del.	4
1911	Spry, C. W.	E Clayton, Del.	1
1870	Stengle, Adam	R Wilmington, Del.	15
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	R Rehoboth Beach, Del.	1
1912	Sterling, G. E.	E Cookman (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	1
1923	Stockley, D. A.	R Whitesville, Del.	1
1892	Strickland, C. W.	E Tangier, Va.	6
1928	Strickland, A. W.	P Charlestown, Md.	2
1885	Sunfield, E. C.	R Barnegat, N. J.	8
1908	Sutton, J. W.	E Blades and Epworth (P. O. Seaford, Del.)	1
1928	Tawes, R. L.	P Millington, Md.	2
1886	Taylor, W. P.	E Kenton, Del.	1
1904	Taylor, E. B.	E Frankford, Del.	1
1897	Taylor, Harry	R Dover, Del.	1
1916	Thawley, R. T.	E Cecilton, Md.	1
1903	Thomas, G. S.	E Dagsboro, Del.	4
1914	Thomas, E. P.	E Smyrna, Del.	1
1876	Townsend, G. W.	R Ridley Park, Pa.	15
1895	Van Dyke, T. R.	E New Castle, Del.	3
1910	Wheatley, M. E.	E Denton, Md.	5
1929	Wheatley, G. H.	P Onancock, Va.	1
1919	Whedbee, J. H.	E Hopewell (P.O. Port Deposit, Md.)	1
1908	White, Leonard	E Salisbury, Md.	1

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1914	White, Frank	E Snow Hill, Md.	4
1882	Williams, C. H.	R Snow Hill, Md.	16
1885	Willis, D. H.	R Cambridge, Md.	17
1912	Willis, Ivanhoe	E Delaware City, Del.	1
1887	Wilson, J. H.	R Mt. Lebanon (P.O. Rockland, Del.)	3
1906	Wilson, Daniel	R Centreville, Md.	5
1916	Windsor, L. E.	E Seaford, Del.	4
1884	Wise, W. A.	E Lewes, Del.	2
1886	Wood, G. E.	E Marion, Md.	1
1907	Woodard, A. S.	E St. Paul's (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	4
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1922	Wright, J. H.	E Chestertown, Md.	1
1918	Zimmerman, A. F.	E Smith's Is. (P. O. Ewell, Md.)	5

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Atkinson, W. F.	Royal Oak, Md.	1
Barrett, T. S.	Piney Neck (P. O. Rock Hall, Md.)	7
Buckson, W. C.	Houston, Del.	1
Byrd, E. M.	Annessex (P. O. Crisfield, Md.)	2
Caldwell, Henry	Church Hill, Md.	1
Campbell, David	St. Lukes & Stengle (P. O. Delmar, Del.)	1
Cannon, C. J.	Hoopers Island (P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.)	1
Carr, D. E.	Georgetown Ct. (P. O. George- town, Del.)	1
Cherry, T. K.	Rehoboth, Del.	1
Ferguson, Franklin	Hartley (P. O. Dover, Del.)	1
Fosnocht, W. E.	Edge Moor, Del.	3
Galloway, John	Cedars (P. O. Marshallton, Del.)	3
Graham, J. T.	Gumboro (P. O. Frankford, Del.)	1
Green, R. M.	Zoar Ct. (P. O. Dover, Del.)	2
Hanby, J. C.	Cheswold, Del.	1
Hanby, S. L.	Concord (P. O. Federalsburg, Md.)	1
Jester, J. R.	Secretary, Md.	1
Kelley, J. P.	Bethel, Del.	1
Kerwin, Ray	Farmington, Del.	1
Kirby, R. L., Jr.	Lincoln, Del.	1
Larimore, C. S.	Westover, Md.	1
Layton, J. E.	Holly Oak, Del.	5
Littleton, W. I.	Pittsville, Md.	1

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Moore, R. B.	Ayres Chapel (P. O. Onancock, Va.)	1
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Newton, Sherman	Claremont, Va.	2
Potts, J. S.	Wyoming, Del.	1
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Prettyman, D. B.	Stockton, Md.	4
Ralph, H. M.	Williamsburg, Md.	2
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Smith, C. F.	White Haven, Md.	1
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President, H. H. Nuttle, Denton, Md.  
 Secretaries, C. A. Short, Dover, Del., and C. M. Cooke, Jr., Wilmington, Del.

**VI.****CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.****STANDING COMMITTEES (1930).**

**COURTESIES**—V. S. Collins, R. P. Nichols, T. J. Sard.

**EDUCATION**—J. H. Wright, L. E. Windsor, O. P. Jefferson, E. M. Shockley.

**STATE OF THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE**—W. E. Harrison, Jr., W. A. Wise, D. J. Givan, Frank White.

**THANKS**—H. G. Budd, H. B. Kelso, C. N. Jones, J. J. Bunting.

**WORLD PEACE AND FELLOWSHIP**—M. S. Andrews, J. W. Jones, G. T. Alderson, J. B. McCabe, F. A. Lindhorst.

**WORLD SERVICE**—L. E. Poole, M. W. Marine, E. C. Hallman, M. E. Wheatley.

## VII.

### DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. (a) **Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**  
It is.
- (b) **What Officers and Persons holding Moneys, Funds, etc., are Bonded, and in what Amounts, According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**  
V. E. Hills, Treasurer.  
G. P. Jones, Treasurer Conference Claimant Endowment Commission.
2. **Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?**  
John C. B. Hopkins, Colorado; Samuel McWilliams, Pittsburgh.
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.  
Elwood B. Eckhardt, Walter L. Russell, Grayson H. Wheatley.
  - (b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.  
None.
  - (c) Exempt from Course of Study under Seminary Rule.  
None.
6. **Who have been Continued on Trial.**
  - (a) In Studies of First Year.  
Sidney B. Bradley, Oliver J. Friedel, Robert E. Green, Frederick C. Louhoff, Paul E. Reynolds, Preston W. Spence.
  - (b) In Studies of Second Year.  
Otis P. Jefferson, Nathaniel B. Lawrason, James O'Neil, Alfred W. Strickland, Roy L. Tawes.
  - (c) In Studies of Third Year.  
Frank A. Baker, Harvey O. Hufnal.
  - (d) In Studies of Fourth Year.  
None.

7. **Who have been Discontinued?**  
None.
8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
  - (a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.  
Roscoe W. Campbell, John R. Diehl, Willard Everett, Conrad Hamer, James H. McRill, Rufus W. Mills.
  - (b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.  
None.
  - (c) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.  
None.
  - (d) Ordained Deacon, having been previously elected by \_\_\_\_\_ Conference.  
None.
9. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
  - (a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.  
Roscoe W. Campbell, John R. Diehl, Willard Everett, Conrad Hamer, James H. McRill, Rufus W. Mills.
  - (b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.  
Oliver J. Collins.
10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**  
Charles W. Branford, Harry V. Branford.
11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
  - (a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.  
Henry M. Parks.
  - (b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.  
None.
  - (c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.  
None.
  - (d) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.  
None.
  - (e) Ordained Elder, having been previously Elected by \_\_\_\_\_ Conference.  
None.
  - (f) Ordained Elder elsewhere under our Election.  
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.
- (d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.  
None.
- 13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
- (a) As Local Deacons.  
William L. McClintock, Daniel B. Prettyman.
- (b) Under Missionary Rule.  
None.
- (c) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.  
None.
- 14. Who have been left without Appointment to Attend One of our Schools?**  
Conrad Hamer.
- 15. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**  
It was.
- 16. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**  
Albert J. Croft, Kansas.
- 17. Who have Died?**  
Olin S. Walton, Truston C. Smoot, William M. Green, Cornelius W. Prettyman, Franz O. B. Wallin, Alfred Smith, George L. Hardesty, Joseph P. Wilson, William F. Dawson.
- 18. Who have been Located at their own Request?**  
None.
- 19. Who have been Located?**  
None.
- 20. Who have Withdrawn?**
- (a) From the Ministry.  
G. F. Newton.
- (b) From the Ministry and Membership of the Church.  
None.
- (c) By Surrender of the Ministerial Office.  
None.

- 21. Who have been Deprived of the Ministerial Office?**  
John A. Hudson. (He was suspended from the ministry.)
- 22. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?**  
None.
- 23. Who have been Expelled?**  
None.
- 24. What other personal Notation should be made?**  
None.
- 25. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?**  
William H. Briggs (3); George A. Cooke (1).
- 26. Who are the Retired Ministers?**  
J. F. Anderson, G. W. Bowman, V. S. Collins, L. P. Corkran, E. H. Derrickson, J. W. Easley, H. W. Ewing, F. N. Faulkner, T. N. Given, J. W. Gray, G. W. Hastings, E. L. Hofferker, T. S. Holt, O. E. James, G. P. Jones, L. W. Layfield, J. M. Lindale, F. C. MacSorley, O. L. Martin, E. H. Marshall, W. E. Matthews, F. X. Moore, W. R. Mowbray, J. P. Otis, A. P. Prettyman, J. T. Prouse, G. E. Reed, J. D. Reese, J. T. Richardson, Robert Roe, W. W. Sharp, Adam Stengle, R. K. Stephenson, D. A. Stockely, E. C. Sunfield, Harry Taylor, G. W. Townsend, C. H. Williams, D. H. Willis, Daniel Wilson, J. H. Wilson.
- 27. Who have been Granted Leave of Absence?**  
None.
- 28. Who are the Triers of Appeals?**  
W. R. Mowbray, V. S. Collins, J. T. Price, W. O. Bennett and W. A. Wise. Reserves: G. W. Dawson and E. C. Hallman.
- 29. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?**  
See report.
- 30. What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?**  
See report.
- 31. What is the Statistical Report?**  
See the Statistician's Report.
- 32. What is the Conference Treasurer's Report?**  
See the Conference Treasurer's Report.

33. (a) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolence Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?  
\$130,792.
- (b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolence Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?  
\$31,648.
34. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?  
For Annuity distribution, \_\_\_\_\_ years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$— per year, \$53,262. For Necessitous distribution, \$8,000. Total, \$61,262.
35. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?  
From The Book Concern, \$2600; From Annual Conf. Investments, \$—; From the Chartered Fund, \$50; From Pastoral Charges, \$40,022; From Board of Pensions and Relief, \$—; From Other Sources, \$13,128. Total, \$55,800.
- (b) How has it been Applied?  
See report of Board of Stewards.
36. What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?  
See report of Board of Stewards.
37. Is there a Conference Sustentation Fund Society, and what is its Report?  
There is a Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund. See report of Trustee.
38. Where are the Preachers Stationed?  
See List of Appointments.
39. Where shall the Next Conference be held?  
Silverbrook M. E. Church, Wilmington, Del.

## VIII.

## APPOINTMENTS.

## DOVER DISTRICT.

W. E. Habbart, District Superintendent, (P. O. Dover, Del.)

Beckwith and Spedden, (Sup.) J. H. Thornton P. O. Cornersville, Md.	Hooper's Island, (Sup.) Chas. J. Cannon P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.
Bethel, Del., (Sup.) J. P. Kelley	Houston, Del., (Sup.) W. C. Buckson
Blades & Epworth, J. W. Sutton	Hurlock, Md., W. O. Bennett
P. O. Seaford, Del.	Laurel, Del., M. W. Marine
Bridgeville, Del., J. P. Outten	Lewes, Del., W. A. Wise
Cambridge, Md., O. E. Jones	Lincoln, Del., (Sup.) R. L. Kirby, Jr.
Camden, Del., D. J. Givan	Little Creek, Del., (Sup.) Harry Taylor
Canterbury, (Sup.) T. O. Wills	Magnolia & Barratt's Chapel, R. W. Campbell
P. O. Viola, Del.	P. O. Magnolia, Del.
Church Creek & Taylor's Island, (Sup.) J. F. Willis	Milford, Del., Frank Herson
P. O. Church Creek, Md.	Milford Neck, Supplied by Pastor of Frederica
Crapo, Md., H. N. Bailey	P. O. Frederica, Del.
Dover, Del.:	Millsboro, Del., D. J. Moore
St. Paul's, (Sup.) Alfred White	Milton, Del., C. N. Jones
Wesley, M. S. Andrews	Mt. Pleasant, D. J. Ford
East New Market, Md., J. A. Clark	P. O. Laurel, Del.
Ellendale, Del., J. R. Diehl	Nassau, Del., James O'Neil
Elliott's Island, Md., (Sup.) E. L. K. Tune	Rehoboth, Del., (Sup.) T. K. Cherry
Farmington and Epworth, (Sup.) R. W. Kirwan	Reliance, To be supplied
P. O. Farmington, Del.	P. O. Oak Grove, Del.
Federalsburg, Md., R. P. Nichols	St. Thomas, W. R. Woodell
Felton, Del., J. E. Parker	P. O. Bishop's Head, Md.
Frederica, Del., N. C. Benson	Seaford, Del., L. E. Windsor
Galestown, To be supplied	Seaford Circuit, C. H. Hudson
P. O. Seaford, Del.	P. O. Seaford, Del.
Georgetown, Del., T. F. Beauchamp	Secretary, Md., (Sup.) J. R. Jester
Georgetown Ct., (Sup.) D. E. Carr	Vienna, Md., W. H. Cummings
P. O. Georgetown, Del.	Williamsburg, Md., (Sup.) H. M. Ralph
Greenwood, Del., (Sup.) H. M. Smith	Wyoming, Del., (Sup.) J. S. Potts
Harrington, Del. E. H. Collins	Zoar Circuit, (Sup.) R. M. Green
	P. O. Dover, Del.

## MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

J. L. Johnson, District Superintendent, (P. O. Middletown, Del.)

Barelay Circuit, (Sup.) L. P. Corkran P. O. Church Hill, Md.	Kent Island, P. O. Stevensville, Md.	H. R. McDade
Bayside, (Sup.) L. T. McLain P. O. Sherwood, Md.	Kenton, Del., Marydel, Md., (Sup.) J. W. Easley	W. P. Taylor
Bozman and Neavitt, (Sup.) F. K. McCorkle P. O. Bozman, Md.	Middletown, Del., Millington, Md., Odessa & Friendship, S. T. Hamblin P. O. Odessa, Del.	J. B. McCabe R. L. Tawes
Burrsville, H. O. Hufnall P. O. Denton, Md.	Oxford, Md., Piney Neck, (Sup.) T. S. Barrett P. O. Rock Hall, Md.	E. B. Eckhardt
Cecilton, Md., R. T. Thawley	Pomona, P. O. Chestertown, Md.	Oliver Friedel
Centreville, Md., G. W. Dawson	Preston, Md., Queenstown, Md., (Sup.) A. G. Thomas	O. A. Bartley
Chestertown, Md., J. Harry Wright	Ridgely, Md., Rock Hall, Md., Royal Oak, Md., (Sup.) W. F. Atkinson	C. W. Moore W. S. Grant
Cheswold, Del., (Sup.) J. C. Hanby	St. Michaels, Md., Smyrna, Del., Still Pond & Betterton, W. D. Short P. O. Still Pond, Md.	E. W. Hennis E. P. Thomas
Church Hill, Md., (Sup.) Henry Caldwell	Sudlersville, Md., Tilghman, Md., Townsend, Del., Trappe, Md., Wye Mills & Starr, (Sup.) W. L. McClintock	C. W. Clark C. H. Atkins R. S. Hodgson J. H. Geoghegan
Clayton, Del., C. W. Spry	Wye Mills & Starr, (Sup.) W. L. McClintock	
Concord, (Sup.) S. L. Hanby P. O., Federalsburg, Md.		
Cordova, Md., (Sup.) Alonzo Travers		
Crumpton, Md., S. B. Bradley		
Denton, Md., M. E. Wheatley		
Easton, Md., W. A. Hearn		
Fairlee, R. E. Green P. O. Chestertown, Md.		
Galena, Md., W. L. Hess		
Greensboro, Md., A. B. Frye		
Hartley, (Sup.) Franklin Ferguson P. O. Dover, Del.		
Henderson, Md., (Sup.) E. N. Wright		
Hillsboro, Md., Willard Everett		

## SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Leonard White, District Superintendent, (P. O., Salisbury, Md.)

Annamessex, (Sup.) E. M. Byrd P. O. Crisfield, Md.	Claremont, Va., (Sup.) Sherman Newton	
Ayres Chapel, (Sup.) R. B. Moore P. O. Onancock, Va.	Crisfield, Md.: Asbury, Immanuel, Dagsboro & St. Georges, G. S. Thomas	T. J. Sard J. J. Bunting
Berlin, Md., W. E. Greenfield		
Bishopville, Md., (Sup.) R. H. Wilson		
Cape Charles, Va., L. E. Poole		
Chincoteague, Va., A. W. Goodhand	Deal's Island, Md., J. C. Bolton	

Delmar, Del., E. H. Dashiell	Powellville, (Sup.) L. L. Powell
Fairmount, J. C. B. Hopkins P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.	P. O. Pittsville, Md.
Frankford, Del., E. B. Taylor	Princess Anne, Md., H. G. Budd
Fruitland, Md., J. T. Price	Quantico, Md., N. B. Lawrason
Girdletree, Md., (Sup.) Roland Nelson	Roxana, Del., O. T. Baynard
Gumboro, (Sup.) J. T. Graham	St. Peter's, R. W. Mills P. O. Oriole, Md.
Hebron, Md., J. H. McRill	St. Luke's & Stengle, (Sup.) David Campbell
Mardela Springs, Md., To be supplied	P. O. Delmar, Del.
Marion, Md., G. E. Wood	Salisbury, Md.: Asbury, Samuel McWilliams
Mt. Vernon, W. F. Godwin	Grace, H. S. Dulany
P. O. Princess Anne, Md.	Selbyville, Del., Howard Davis
Nanticoke, Md., H. V. Branford	Sharptown, Md., C. C. Harris
Newark, Md., F. A. Baker	Smith's Island, A. F. Zimmerman P. O. Ewell, Md.
Ocean City, Md., O. P. Jefferson	Snow Hill, Md., Frank White
Ocean View and Millville, C. W. Branford	Somerset, J. W. Wooten P. O. Chance, Md.
P. O. Ocean View, Del.	Stockton, Md., (Sup.) D. B. Prettyman
Onancock, Va., G. H. Wheatley	Tangier, Va., C. W. Strickland
Parker & Zion, (Sup.) W. I. Littleton P. O. Pittsville, Md.	Westover, Md., (Sup.) C. S. Larrimore
Parsonburg, Md., To be supplied	White Haven, Md., (Sup.) C. F. Smith
Phoebus, Va., J. T. Rowlenon	Whitesville, Del., J. H. Gardner
Pittsville, Md., W. G. Barlow	Willards, Md., (Sup.) J. W. Gray
Pocomoke City, Md., J. W. Jones	
Pocomoke Circuit, W. L. Russell P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.	

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

D. W. Jacobs, District Superintendent, (2310 Market St., Wilmington, Del.)	
Belle Fonte, (Sup.) J. C. Steen P. O. Holly Oak, Del.	Claymont, Del., H. B. Kelso
Bethel & Town Point, (Sup.) C. D. Sharpless	Delaware City, Del., Ivanhoe Willis
P. O. Chesapeake City, Md.	Ebenezer, O. J. Collins P. O. Newark, Del.
Cedars, (Sup.) John Galloway	Edge Moor, Del., (Sup.) W. E. Fosnocht
P. O. Marshallton, Del.	Elkton, Md., W. G. Harris
Charlestown, Md., A. W. Strickland	Elk Neck, F. C. Louhoff P. O. North East, Md.
Cherry Hill, C. E. Davis P. O. Elkton, Md.	Hockessin, Del., O. B. Reed
Chesapeake City, Md., W. C. Poole	Holly Oak, Del., (Sup.) J. E. Layton
Chester-Bethel, J. A. Buckson	Hopewell, J. H. Whedbee P. O. Port Deposit, Md.
P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.	Marshallton, Del., Tilghman Smith
Christiana, Del., P. W. Spence	



Mt. Lebanon, P. O. Rockland, Del.	M. D. Nutter	Wilmington:	
Mt. Pleasant, P. O. Edge Moor, Del.	V. E. Hills	Asbury,	G. T. Alderson
Newark, Del.,	W. E. Gunby	Brandywine,	E. C. Hallman
New Castle, Del.,	T. R. Van Dyke	Brack-Ex, (Sup.)	R. H. Adams
Newport, Del.,	J. L. Sparklin		P. O. Elsmere, Del.
North East, Md.,	E. M. Shockley	Cookman,	G. E. Sterling
Perryville, Md.,	L. M. Broadway	Eastlake,	E. W. McDowell
Port Deposit and Colora,		Epworth,	O. H. Connelly
	J. S. Eldridge	Grace,	B. M. Johns
	P. O. Port Deposit, Md.	Harrison Street,	J. W. Colona
Red Lion, Del.,	C. T. Jones	Hillcrest,	P. E. Reynolds
Rising Sun, Md.,	J. C. McCoy		P. O. Edge Moor, Del.
St. George's & Summit, P. O. St. George's, Del.	O. B. Rice	Kingswood,	G. W. Bounds
St. John's,	H. M. Parks	Madeley,	Leolan Jackson
	P. O. Lewisville, Pa.	McCabe,	W. E. Harrison, Jr.
Stanton, Del., (Sup.)	J. B. Vaughn	Mt. Salem,	W. V. Moore
Zion Circuit,	J. W. Prettyman	Richardson Park,	L. B. Morgan
	P. O. North East, Md.	Scott,	J. R. Bicking
		Silverbrook,	R. C. Jones
		St. Paul's,	A. S. Woodard
		Trinity,	W. H. Revelle
		Union,	J. A. Leach

J. M. Kelso, Professor, Wesley Collegiate Institute, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.

E. C. Prettyman, Superintendent, Peninsula District of the Maryland-Delaware Anti-Saloon League, McCabe Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.

J. H. Beauchamp, Superintendent of Goodwill Industries, Asbury Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.

W. F. Corkran, Field Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, Seaford Quarterly Conference, Seaford, Del.

F. B. Short, Lecturer for Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, Grace Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.

F. A. Lindhorst, Director of Religious Education, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.

Miss Irene Worrell, Superintendent, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.

Miss Minnie Pabst, Neighborhood House Settlement.

Miss Lillian B. Ellis, Deaconess Home.

Miss Frances Kruger, Deaconess Home.

Miss Rosa Santee, Peck Home, New Orleans, La.

Miss Elizabeth Hall, New Castle Quarterly Conference.

Conrad Hamer, left without appointment to attend school.

## JOURNAL.

### DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

#### FIRST SESSION—TUESDAY EVENING.

**OPENING.**—The Wilmington Annual Conference assembled for its Sixty-First Session in Harrison Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, on Tuesday evening, April 2, 1929, at seven-thirty o'clock, Bishop William F. McDowell, presiding.

**LORD'S SUPPER.**—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and the Pastor of Harrison Street Church.

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

Conference arose and stood while the Secretary called the names of our deceased brethren.

**ORGANIZATION.**—**Secretary.**—Disston W. Jacobs was unanimously reelected Secretary, and nominated as his assistants J. R. Bicking, E. M. Shockley and Tilghman Smith, and they were confirmed.

**Statistician.**—The Statistician, N. C. Benson, nominated the following assistants and they were confirmed: L. E. Windsor, S. T. Hamblin, R. W. Mills, O. A. Bartley, W. L. McClintock, L. M. Broadway, W. D. Short, R. W. Campbell, P. E. Reynolds, C. W. Clark, R. S. Hodgson and H. N. Bailey.

**Treasurer.**—The Treasurer, V. E. Hills, nominated as his assistants J. L. Sparklin, J. E. Parker, R. T. Thawley, O. H. Connelly, A. F. Zimmerman, F. C. Louhoff and Oliver Friedel, and they were confirmed.

**Conference Program.**—The program of the Conference as printed was made the official program, subject to changes when deemed necessary. On motion, it was decided to convene on Wednesday morning at nine o'clock.

**Bar of Conference.**—The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the 8th row of pews from the chancel.

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

**Methodist Review.**—J. B. McCabe was appointed agent for the Methodist Review.

**Memorial Service.**

The order of the day was called, and G. T. Alderson was requested to preside at the Memorial Service.

The memoir of Olin S. Walton was presented and read by Harry Taylor; that of Alfred Smith by E. L. Hoeffcker; that of Truston C. Smoot by M. E. Wheatley; that of William M. Green by J. L. Sparklin; that of George L. Hardesty by W. F. Corkran; that of Joseph P. Wilson by E. H. Dashiell.

On motion of J. W. Colona, Reverend John G. Johansson, Pastor of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, was granted the privilege of the floor for the purpose of reading the memoir of Franz O. B. Wallin, and Brother Johansson was accorded a rising vote of thanks for the presentation of the memoir.

V. S. Collins made a brief address on the life of Cornelius W. Prettyman and permission was granted for the printing of the written memoir in the minutes.

On motion of G. W. Dawson, Conference then postponed further reading of memoirs until tomorrow (Wednesday) morning.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, Adam Stengle pronouncing the benediction.

**SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.**

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 9 A. M., Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

**JOURNAL.**—The journal of last evening's session was read and approved.

**DRAFTS.**—The Bishop presented a draft from the Chartered Fund amounting to \$50, and one from the Methodist Book Concern for \$2600, and they were ordered in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

**ROLL CALL.**—The Secretary resumed the roll call and, on motion, it was then ordered discontinued.

**QUESTION 16.**—The Sixteenth Question, "Who have been Transferred and to what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of A. J. Croft to the Kansas Conference.

**QUESTION 2.**—The Second Question, "Who have been received by Transfer and from what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of Samuel McWilliams from the Pittsburgh Conference; and J. C. B. Hopkins from the Colorado Conference.

**GREETINGS.**—A telegram from William H. Briggs was read and the Secretary was instructed to return the greetings of the Conference.

**NUMBER OF DISTRICTS.**—The Bishop asked the question "How many districts does the Conference desire?", in accordance with the requirements of the discipline.

E. C. Hallman presented and read the following resolutions, and after discussion they were laid on the table, on motion of W. A. Wise:

WHEREAS, The Discipline of 1928, under the heading of Duties of a Bishop, says in Paragraph 256, Section 2, "To form the Districts according to his judgment, after consultation with the District Superintendents, and after the number of the same has been determined by the vote of the Annual Conference," and,

WHEREAS, There is a desire on the part of many to reduce the number of Districts; and,

WHEREAS, This can be done at this session of the Wilmington Conference with less embarrassment to any man or set of men than usual, because of the retirement by law of all four District Superintendents; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we reduce the number of districts by one, making three districts instead of four.

On motion of E. C. Hallman, Conference voted to fix the number of districts at four.

**CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS.**—On motion of G. A. Cooke, voting on the constitutional questions was made the order of the day for Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

**DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.**—On motion of H. G. Budd, the report of the Director of Religious Education was made the order of the day for tomorrow morning immediately after the reading of the journal.

**QUESTION 15.**—The Fifteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was taken up. J. W. Colona, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, was called, his character passed and he read a report of the work of his district.

J. L. Sparklin, on behalf of the ministers of the Wilmington District, presented Doctor Colona with a purse of gold in token of their love and esteem.

The Effective Elders of the Wilmington District were called, their characters passed and they answered affirmatively the questions relating to prorating ministerial support and full support of the benevolences.

**STATISTICAL CALL.**—The Statistician and the Treasurer collected the Pastor's reports.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—On motion of G. P. Jones, the ministerial members of the Board of Stewards were nominated by the District Superintendents and elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

The entire Board was then confirmed, as follows:—Ministerial, G. P. Jones, J. W. Jones, E. P. Thomas and L. B. Morgan; Lay, T. N. Rawlins, F. P. Gentieu, Jefferson Cooper and Jay Williams.

**QUESTION 15.**—The Fifteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was resumed. W. E. Gunby, Superintendent of the Dover District was called, his character passed and he read a report of the work of his District.

G. E. Sterling, on behalf of the ministers of the district, fittingly presented Doctor Gunby with a purse of gold as a token of their appreciation and love.

The Effective Elders of the Dover District were called, their characters passed, with the exception of F. A. Lindhorst, and they answered affirmatively the questions relating to the prorating ministerial support and full support of the benevolences.

**Case of F. A. Lindhorst.**—W. E. Gunby presented and read the following charges preferred by G. A. Cooks against F. A. Lindhorst:

The Methodist Episcopal Church  
vs.

Frank A. Lindhorst

Charge: Disseminating False Doctrine.

**Specification 1.**

During the four years of his work as Director of Religious Education in the Wilmington Conference, he has not taught the doctrines of the Bible, nor used any text book that teaches the doctrines of the Bible in any of the various Standard Training Schools held in various parts of the Conference—which proves that his zeal has not been to teach the Word of God, and save the young people of Methodism.

**Specification 2.**

He has taught and approved as text-books such rationalistic, unsound, and false books as "How to Teach Religion" by Prof. Betts; "The Pupil" by Dr. Barclay; "The Program of the Christian Religion" by Dr. Shackford; and "The Study of the Little Child" by Dr. Whitney. The teaching of these books, is a foul injustice against our youth, and a crime against the Constitution of the Church.

**Specification 3.**

He has sought by unfair, unjust, and unchristian methods, to influence pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, and our great army of Sunday School Teachers. This is proven by the propaganda published in the Minutes of the Conference, and by the numerous circulars sent out from his office to Pastors and Sunday School Superin-

tendents, and by unfair methods of organization. I have repeatedly sought to secure a fair discussion of our differences—only to be convinced that he knows he is in the wrong and is afraid of the light. I would not be doing my duty by Brother Lindhorst, nor by my Annual Conference, nor by the young people who look to us for guidance, nor by my own conscience, if I let his character pass as though he were sound in the faith.

(Signed) GEORGE A. COOKE.

T. F. Beauchamp moved that the said charges be not entertained and the motion was properly seconded. After G. A. Cooke raised a point of order on the right of the presiding Bishop to submit this motion to the Conference, the Bishop decided that the point of order was not well taken and that the motion of T. F. Beauchamp was in order. The motion to decline to entertain the charges against F. A. Lindhorst was then adopted, not a vote being registered against it. On motion of W. E. Gunby the character of F. A. Lindhorst was then passed.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Dr. Chas. M. Boswell, Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**SUPPORT OF DIST. SUPTS.**—E. C. Hallman presented and read the following resolutions, and on motion of J. W. Colona they were referred to a committee of five for consideration and report. The Bishop appointed E. C. Hallman, T. F. Beauchamp, W. A. Hearn, W. O. Bennett and V. S. Collins as this committee:

**BE IT RESOLVED,** (1) That the support of the District Superintendents shall be provided under "Plan No. 2" of the Discipline of 1928, Paragraph 378, Sections 1-6, which says, "An Annual Conference may establish a Commission on Finance to consist of the several District Superintendents, together with one Minister and two laymen from each District.

(2) The Ministerial Member, and, after the first year, one lay member, shall be elected annually by the Annual Conference, each to serve until his successor is chosen.

(3) The Commission shall organize by electing its own officers. These shall be a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be bonded in an approved surety company, in an amount fixed by and at the expense of the Commission. There may be a Financial Secretary in each district to collect the funds of that district.

(4) It shall be the duty of the Commission on Finance to make an estimate of the amount necessary to furnish a sufficient and equitable support for the District Superintendent of each District in the Conference, including suitable provision for expenses.

(5) The Commission on Finance shall make provision that the Treasurer may be able to and shall remit monthly to the several District Superintendents.

(6) The Commission on Finance shall apportion the sum required to be raised for this purpose among the Pastoral Charges on such basis as the Annual Conference may direct. On the same basis the Commission shall apportion to the Pastoral Charge the amount apportioned to the District by the Annual Conference for the support of the Bishops."

Be It Furthermore Resolved, That we request the Commission on Finance to make all District Superintendents salaries the same, and that we suggest a yearly cash salary of \$4,500.00, with a drawing expense account of an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 per year, to be a "sufficient and equitable support."

**EXCUSED.**—J. W. Prettyman was excused from attending the afternoon session.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, F. C. MacSorley pronouncing the benediction.

### THIRD SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 1:30 P. M., Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. J. P. Otis led in prayer.

**QUESTION 15.**—The Fifteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was resumed. E. H. Dashiell, Superintendent of the Salisbury District was called, his character passed and he read a report of the work of his district.

On behalf of the ministers of the district, Leonard White paid a tribute to the work of Dr. Dashiell and presented him with a substantial gift.

The Effective Elders of the Salisbury District were called, their characters passed, with the exception of John A. Hudson, and they answered affirmatively the questions relating to prorating ministerial support and full support of the benevolences.

O. E. Jones, Superintendent of the Middletown District, was called, his character passed and he read a report of the work of his district.

On behalf of the ministers of the Middletown District, H. G. Budd presented Dr. Jones with a gift of gold.

The Effective Elders of the Middletown District were called, their characters passed and they answered affirmatively questions relating to prorating ministerial support and full support of the benevolences.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—On motion of G. T. Alderson, it was decided that when we adjourn it be to convene at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Announcements were made and conference adjourned.

### FOURTH SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 9 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. The Bishop gave a masterful address on "World Affairs." On motion of E. L. Hoffecker, the Bishop was accorded a rising vote of thanks.

**JOURNAL.**—The journals of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

**CASE OF JOHN A. HUDSON.**—E. H. Dashiell presented formulated charges against John A. Hudson and findings of the Committee of Investigation and all records pertaining thereto, and on motion of J. W. Colona, Conference entertained the charges and ordered the case referred to a Select Number of fifteen for trial.

On motion of G. P. Jones the Bishop appointed the following committee to nominate the select number: T. F. Beauchamp, H. G. Budd and W. E. Harrison, Jr.

J. W. Jones and J. J. Bunting were recognized as Counsel for the Church, and G. P. Jones and J. A. Buckson were recognized as Counsel for the Defense.

**CASE OF D. A. STOCKELY.**—On motion of E. H. Dashiell, the case of D. A. Stockely was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for consideration and recommendation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—On motion of J. W. Colona, an executive session was ordered for 1:30 this afternoon.

**EXCUSED.**—D. J. Givan was excused to attend a funeral.

**ORDER OF DAY.**—The order of the day was taken up. F. C. MacSorley read the report of the Board of Church Schools and it was adopted, and on his motion Conference requested the reappointment of F. A. Lindhorst as Director of Religious Education.

F. A. Lindhorst then read his report and on his motion the recommendations were acted on individually. All the recommendations were then adopted with the exception of #10, action on which was deferred.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Dr. Morris Swartz was introduced and addressed the Conference on the plan for paying for the Episcopal residence in Washington.

Dr. J. O. Spencer of Morgan College was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**EXCUSED.**—E. P. Thomas was excused.

**BUREAU OF SESSIONS.**—On motion of G. T. Alderson the following were reelected members of the Bureau of Sessions:—W. E. Greenfield, T. R. Van Dyke and W. O. Hoffecker.

**GREETINGS.**—The Bishop stated he had received a letter from Dr. G. E. Reed and, on motion, the Secretary was instructed to return the greetings of the Conference.

**Memorial Service.**

Doctor G. T. Alderson was called to the chair.

The Memoir of William F. Dawson was presented and read by E. H. Collins; that of Thomas Pardee by J. W. Colona; that of William B. Horner prepared by E. P. Thomas was read by G. W. Dawson.

The Memoir of Mrs. Ellen M. Brindle was read by H. G. Budd; that of Mrs. Anna M. Jaggard by J. A. Buckson; that of Mrs. Martha J. Robinson by J. P. Otis; that of Mrs. Laura E. Weston, prepared by B. M. Johns, was read by F. C. MacSorley; that of Mrs. Rebecca Tice McLain by N. C. Benson; that of Mrs. Elmira P. Wyatt by G. T. Alderson; that of Mrs. Joshua W. Gray by W. F. Corkran.

On motion, the memoirs as read were adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

**CHAIR.**—The Bishop resumed the chair.

**EXCUSED.**—G. P. Jones was excused from attending the session tomorrow.

**SELECT NUMBER.**—The following were nominated by the committee as the Select Number for the trial of the John A. Hudson case and elected by the Conference:—M. E. Wheatley, C. N. Jones, C. W. Strickland, L. E. Windsor, A. S. Woodard, J. B. McCabe, W. E. Habbart, E. C. Hallman, G. W. Dawson, R. P. Nichols, M. W. Marine, J. P. Outten, L. E. Poole, J. L. Sparklin and Frank Herson.

**CHAIRMAN OF SELECT NUMBER.**—Bishop McDowell announced the appointment of H. G. Budd as the Chairman of the Select Number.

**SECRETARY OF SELECT NUMBER.**—The Conference Secretary appointed E. M. Shockley Secretary of the Select Number.

**CORPORATE SESSION.**—The Conference went into Corporate Session for the purpose of electing ministerial trustees of the Wesley College Institute, W. O. Hoeffcker, President of the Board, presiding.

The following were nominated and elected trustees for the term of three years:—E. H. Dashiell, J. W. Colona, D. W. Jacobs, T. R. Van Dyke, G. P. Jones and E. W. McDowell.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned.

**FIFTH SESSION—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.**

**OPENING.**—Conference convened in Executive Session at 1.30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. Prayer was offered by J. W. Easley.

**CASE OF G. A. COOKE.**—After certain statements by J. W. Colona, on motion of G. T. Alderson, the case of G. A. Cooke was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

**QUESTION 11.**—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Henry M. Parks was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and, on motion, he was 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 W. Branford and Harry V. Branford were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and they were advanced to Studies of Fourth Year.

Oliver J. Collins was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and he was continued in Studies of Third Year.

**QUESTION 6.**—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up.

Preston W. Spence, Paul E. Reynolds, Sidney B. Bradley, Oliver J. Friedel, Robert E. Green and Frederick C. Louhoff were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and they were Continued on Trial in Studies of First Year. In the cases of the first five named, the reason given for their not being advanced being their attendance at college or university.

Nathaniel B. Lawrason, James O'Neil, Alfred W. Strickland, Roy L. Tawes and Otis P. Jefferson were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and they were Continued on Trial and advanced to Studies of Second Year.

**REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.**—The report of the Treasurer of the Conference Trustees was read and adopted, and on motion of W. F. Corkran, the following were nominated and elected Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference for a term of three years:—R. K. Stephenson, W. O. Bennett and J. M. Kelso, the Secretary casting the ballot.

**MINIST. CONT. RELIEF FUND.**—R. K. Stephenson, the Trustee of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, read his report and it was adopted. On motion of L. B. Morgan he was re-elected Trustee of the Fund.

**SALE OF CHURCH PROPERTIES.**—The following resolution was presented by J. W. Colona and, on motion, it was adopted:

WHEREAS, Wesley Chapel, located about two miles out of Newark, has been connected with the Newark Methodist Episcopal Church

as part of the charge for administration purposes for many years; and,

WHEREAS, Said Wesley Church has ceased to function as a Church or Sunday School, there being no further need for the same in these days of automobiles and consequent tendencies to consolidation of churches in the interest of better service; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By this, the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Newark Methodist Episcopal Church, that we do hereby request the Wilmington Annual Conference, through our District Superintendent, Dr. J. W. Colona, at its approaching session to be held in Harrison Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., to authorize and empower the Board of Trustees of Newark Methodist Episcopal Church to dispose of said property at their pleasure and that they be requested to apply the proceeds therefrom towards the New Building Fund of the Newark Church.

On motion, the disposition of the church properties of St. Thomas' Church at Shortly, Delaware and of Pepper's Church near Georgetown was placed in the hands of the District Superintendent and the Conference Trustees.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Dr. F. Burgette Short was introduced and addressed the Conference, and, on motion of L. B. Morgan, Conference extended Dr. Short a vote of thanks and sincere appreciation of his interest in our Conference Claimant Endowment Fund, and the Secretary was instructed to convey our appreciation to the J. C. Penny Foundation for their interest in and liberal contribution to the fund.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made, and on motion, Conference adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Harvey W. Ewing.

#### SIXTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 9 A. M., Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

Dr. Allan MacRossie led in prayer.

**JOURNALS.**—The journals of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

**PENTECOST.**—The following resolutions were presented by E. C. Hallman and, on motion, were unanimously adopted, the signers being constituted a committee to arrange for a suitable program:

WHEREAS, The year 1930 will mark the nineteen hundredth anniversary of Pentecost; and,

WHEREAS, Many Protestant denominations have made plans to celebrate this outstanding event; and,

WHEREAS, Our General Conference approved and appointed a committee to this end; and,

WHEREAS, Pentecost did not save Jerusalem nor the surrounding countries, but it did give a personal, definite Christian experience that became the inspiration and motive of a tremendously quickened Church; and,

WHEREAS, Our outstanding need is a more definite, personal contact with the great forces of God; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, We celebrate this Pentecostal anniversary by more meditation on and application of the Holy Spirit's quickening power. That we preach and speak of this event not only as a historical fact but as a present experience, and that we set apart one night during the Conference of 1930 to celebrate this anniversary in a fitting manner.

E. C. Hallman, R. C. Jones, M. E. Wheatley, T. J. Sard, A. S. Woodard, H. G. Budd, J. J. Bunting constitute the committee.

**INTRODUCTION.**—F. B. Short was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.**—Bishop McDowell presented the constitutional amendment on the "Admission of Laymen to Annual Conferences" which was read by the Secretary. The vote on same was 24 for and 100 against.

The Corrected Constitutional Amendment for "Participation of Laymen in the Annual Conferences, known as the "Florida Amendment," was read by the Secretary. The vote on this amendment was 72 for and 45 against.

The Dakota Plan was read by the Secretary and the vote was none for and 5 2 against.

Bishop McDowell presented the constitutional amendment on "Empowering Central Conferences to Elect Bishops," which was read by the Secretary. The vote was 111 for and 2 against.

(The amendments not printed, but on file in Conference trunk.)

**CONF. CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT COMM.**—Elwood F. Melson, Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, was granted the privilege of the floor and read the report of the Commission, and it was adopted with the recommendations therein.

**SELECT NUMBER.**—J. T. Rowleson was substituted for Frank Herson as a member of the Select Committee, the latter being excused to attend a funeral.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Dr. Allan MacRossie, Director of the Commission on the Conference Course of Study; Dr. W. W. Davis, Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance; Dr. George Elliott, Editor of the Methodist Review, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

**TIME EXTENDED.**—On motion time was extended.

**WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.**—Prof. C. A. Short, President of the Wesley Collegiate Institute, was granted the privilege of the floor and read a report of the work of the Institute, and it was adopted.

**ORDER OF DAY.**—On motion of J. W. Colona, the report of the Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society was made the order of the day tomorrow morning immediately after the reading of the journal.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Conference adjourned, Dr. Elliott pronouncing the benediction.

#### SEVENTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 9 A. M., Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. Dr. W. L. McDowell led in prayer.

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

**WILM. CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**—The order of the day was taken up and G. T. Alderson, Corresponding Secretary of the Society, presented and read his report. On motion of J. W. Colona, the report, with its recommendation, was adopted.

The request of the Society that its work be placed under the direction of the District Superintendent of the Wilmington District for the next Conference year was granted, on motion of J. W. Colona.

G. T. Alderson, V. S. Collins and G. W. Dawson were appointed a committee, on motion of J. W. Colona, to secure data regarding the work of this Society for the coming Conference year and were requested to report their recommendations at the session on Monday morning.

**GOODWILL INDUSTRIES.**—J. H. Beauchamp, Superintendent of the Goodwill Industries, read his report. On motion of G. W. Dawson the report was adopted and his reappointment was requested.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Dr. W. L. McDowell, representing the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; Dr. Mervin J. Filler, President of Dickinson College, were introduced and addressed the Conference. Conference, on motion of J. W. Colona, congratulated Dickinson College on the election by the trustees of Dr. Mervin J. Filler to the presidency and pledged him our support.

Rev. T. J. C. Heath, member of the Virginia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; Hon. J. Henry Hazel, Lieutenant Governor of Delaware; Rev. James K. Easley; Dr. John W. Long, President of Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa.; Miss Ruth Lindseth, Conference Di-

rector of Young People's Work, were introduced to the Conference. The first two named made brief addresses.

**SELECT NUMBER.**—W. A. Wise was, on motion, substituted for C. N. Jones as a member of the Select Number for the trial of John A. Hudson.

**HYNSON BILL.**—V. S. Collins presented and read the following which was unanimously adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to send a copy of same to each Senator in the Legislature of Delaware:

Realizing the great need for the Hynson prohibition bill as an aid in law enforcement in our state, and that the bill is now in the Senate Temperance Committee, which committee has refused to report it out for the action of the Senate, and that the rules of the Senate provide that only on the signed petition of nine Senators can the bill be forced out of committee; and,

Realizing that without the signature of nine Senators the bill will be killed in committee just as much as if it had been killed on the floor of the Senate, and that the refusal of the Senators to sign the petition to bring the bill out of committee is equivalent to a vote against the bill and in favor of its dying in the committee, and cannot be construed otherwise;

We, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in session in Harrison Street M. E. Church, Wilmington, Del., urge the Senators to sign the petition to bring the Hynson bill out of Committee and vote for its passage.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION.**—H. G. Budd presented the Constitution of the Board of Education, and it was adopted. On motion of F. A. Lindhorst, the committee who prepared the constitution was made the committee on nominations.

**QUESTION 13.**—The Thirteenth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up. The recommendations of Daniel B. Prettyman and William L. McClintock were received in due form for their election to Elder's Orders under the Local Rule. Their characters were passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents recommended and they were elected to said orders.

**QUESTION 39.**—The Thirty-ninth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. Through its Pastor, Ralph C. Jones, Silverbrook Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Del., invited the Conference to hold its next annual session in said church on Plan No. 3. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

**QUESTION 8.**—The Eighth Question, "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up.

Roscoe W. Campbell, John R. Diehl, Rufus W. Mills, James H. McRill, Willard Everett and Conrad Hamer were called, their characters passed,

the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented and the Committee recommended, after which the Bishop put the usual disciplinary questions asked for admission into Full Membership and they were so admitted, elected to Deacon's Orders and advanced to the studies of the Third Year.

Harvey O. Hufnal was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and, at his own request, he was Continued on Trial and advanced to the Studies of Third Year.

Frank A. Baker was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and he was Continued on Trial and advanced to Studies of Third Year. Due to illness he failed to complete his work in one subject.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Dr. Paul E. Titsworth, President of Washington College, was introduced and addressed the Conference. On motion of O. E. Jones the following resolutions were adopted:

**RESOLVED**, That, as a Conference, we express our appreciation of the fine Christian spirit of Dr. Titsworth of Washington College in his efforts to set his college at the service of the ministry of the Church in the rural section in the School for Town and Country Ministers held in his college these three years.

**RESOLVED**, That we express also our gratitude to the Board of Home Missions for its backing of this school both in financial aid and in the active participation of Dr. M. A. Dawber of the Department of Rural Work; and that we commend this school to the ministers of the Conference for its fine fellowship with the ministers of other churches and for the very high grade character of the lectures and discussions delivered.

**BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING.**—The Bishop appointed the members of the Board of Ministerial Training for the ensuing quadrennium as follows:—T. F. Beauchamp, E. W. McDowell, J. L. Sparklin, W. H. Revelle, Leonard White, W. O. Bennett, R. P. Nichols, J. J. Bunting, J. L. Johnson, M. D. Nutter, Frank Herson, J. A. Leach, E. C. Hallman, Tilghman Smith, J. W. Prettyman, E. M. Shockley, E. W. Hervis, J. B. McCabe, L. E. Windsor, M. S. Andrews, W. E. Gunby, O. E. Jones, W. E. Harrison, Jr.

**QUESTION 5.**—The Fifth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. The recommendations were received in due form for Admission on Trial of Grayson H. Wheatley, Elwood B. Eckhardt and Walter L. Russell. The Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendents represented, and they were introduced to the Conference and then, by formal action, Received on Trial and placed in Studies of First Year. In the case of the first two named the Committee recommended that they be located near a college to enable them to complete their courses of study.

**QUESTION 26.**—The Twenty-sixth Question, "Who are the Retired

Ministers?" was taken up. The Retired ministers of the Conference were called, their characters passed and their Relation continued.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT.**—The report of the Committee on State of the Church and Social Service was read and adopted.

**STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS.**—Rev. T. S. Long, Executive Secretary of the Strawbridge Home for Boys, presented and read his report, and it was adopted. J. W. Colona, Mrs. Mary T. Gambrill and Dr. C. Wilson Hughes were elected Trustees of the Home, the Secretary casting the ballot.

**ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.**—On motion of G. T. Alderson the Conference expressed its confidence in the leadership of E. C. Prettyman and G. W. Crabbe, as representatives of the Anti-Saloon League, and pledged them our wholehearted cooperation.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—On motion of J. W. Colona it was ordered that when we meet on Monday morning it be in Executive Session.

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.**—E. C. Hallman presented and read the report of Special Committee on salaries of District Superintendents, and, on motion of E. H. Dashiell, consideration was deferred until Monday morning.

**CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**—The report of the Historical Society was read by E. C. Hallman and, on motion, it was adopted, and the Bureau of Sessions was requested to place the amount of \$25. in their budget for this Society for the ensuing Conference year.

**OFFERING.**—An offering was taken to help defray the expenses of the speaker at the Conference on Evangelism.

**GREETINGS.**—Telegrams of greetings were received by the Bishop from the Baltimore and Delaware Annual Conferences, and our greetings to these Conferences were sent.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made, doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, L. W. Layfield pronouncing the benediction.

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#### EIGHTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

##### Ordination Service.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at three o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding.

**DEACONS.**—After the singing of a hymn, the Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders,



and Roscoe W. Campbell, John R. Diehl, Willard Everett, Conrad Hamer, James H. McRill and Rufus W. Mills were ordained as Deacons.

**ELDERS.**—Those elected to Elder's Orders were called and presented, and the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, ordained Henry M. Parks, William L. McClintock and Daniel B. Prettyman as Elders, the last two named being ordained under the Local Rule.

**CONSECRATION SERVICE.**—A brief service of consecration was then held, after which Conference adjourned, John L. Johnson pronouncing the benediction.

#### CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that on the seventh day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-nine, I ordained as DEACONS

Roscoe W. Campbell	Conrad Hamer
John R. Diehl	James H. McRill
Willard Everett	Rufus W. Mills

and, assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders, I ordained as ELDERS,

Henry M. Parks
William L. McClintock
Daniel B. Prettyman

they having been duly elected to the above orders respectively by the Wilmington Annual Conference. William L. McClintock and Daniel B. Prettyman were ordained under the Local Rule.

WILLIAM F. McDOWELL,  
Bishop.

Wilmington, Del.

#### NINTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 9 A. M. in Executive Session, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. R. K. Stephenson led in prayer.

**JOURNAL.**—The journals of Saturday's and Sunday's sessions were read and approved.

**SELECT NUMBER.**—The Select Number were granted the privilege to retire.

**COMMITTEE ON CONF. RELATIONS.**—R. P. Nichols read the report of the Committee on Conference Relations and on their recommendation, by vote of the Conference, the relation of the following was changed from Effective to Retired: R. K. Stephenson, J. T. Richardson, G. W. Hastings, Harry Taylor, V. S. Collins and D. A. Stockely. On motion, Mrs. Stockely was made the guardian of D. A. Stockeld, so far as Conference funds are concerned.

G. P. Jones was granted the Retired relation at his own request, the rule relating to action by the Committee being suspended.

The Committee made the following recommendation in the case of G. A. Cooke:

In the case of Brother George A. Cooke, the Committee on Conference Relations recommends that Brother Cooke be given the Retired relation, and that he be admonished to cease from promiscuous and indefinite accusations against administrators and others in our Church and against members of this Conference.

It further recommends that, if at any time subsequent to this session of Conference, he shall fail to heed this counsel and shall continue to make unwarranted attacks, he be brought to trial.

On motion of G. W. Dawson, the recommendation was amended so as to substitute the Supernumerary for the Retired Relation. The recommendation was then adopted and G. A. Cooke granted the Supernumerary relation.

The relation of W. F. Godwin was changed from Supernumerary to Effective.

W. H. Briggs was, on motion of O. E. Jones, continued in the Supernumerary Relation.

The following were nominated and elected members of the Committee on Conference Relations for a term of three years, the Secretary casting the ballot: L. E. Poole, R. K. Stephenson, G. W. Hastings and R. P. Nichols.

**G. F. NEWTON.**—E. H. Dashiell presented the Credentials of G. F. Newton and, on motion, he was permitted to withdraw from the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—The report of the Board of Stewards was read by G. P. Jones, and adopted, and on his motion the rate was set at \$24. and the sum of \$8000. was ordered for necessitous cases.

**OPEN SESSION.**—On motion of V. S. Collins, executive session was suspended.

**WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.**—F. C. MacSorley presented the report of the Wilmington Conference Education So-

ciety, and, on his motion, it was adopted with the recommendations, and H. G. Budd, V. S. Collins, F. C. MacSorley, Victor C. Hitchens, L. M. Price and Mayrice F. Alexander were elected members of the Board of Managers, the Secretary casting the ballot.

The following report on the "Jones" resolution was read and adopted:

During the last annual session of our conference Omar E. Jones, as recorded on page 68 of our "Official Journal," introduced a resolution requesting "the Conference Board of Education to so arrange their constitution in order to help students in institutions other than Methodist institutions, provided there is sufficient money." This resolution was carefully considered by the Board of Managers in their October meeting following. And it was the unanimous opinion of the members present that in consideration of the importance of the question; and also in consideration of the fact that only about one-half of the Conference members voted on the resolution, and that the resolution carried by but little more than one-eighth of the Conference membership, and without any discussion, it would be unwise to make so radical a change on so light a vote, and so returns the resolution to the Conference for further consideration.

**OFFICIAL VISITORS TO SCHOOLS.**—F. C. MacSorley presented nominations for official visitors to schools and colleges, and they were confirmed.

**MORGAN COLLEGE.**—On motion of V. S. Collins, Conference reaffirmed its action of last year in regard to Morgan College, \$40,000 being substituted for \$100,000 in the resolution. (See page 72 of 1928 minutes.)

On motion of V. S. Collins, the following resolutions were read and adopted:

WHEREAS, Morgan College was organized and chartered as a College under the auspices and control of the Methodist Episcopal Church and, as such, has appealed to and received from members, institutions, congregations, and organizations of said Church large gifts of money and other valuables; and

WHEREAS, In times past Trustees of Colleges have been known to alter their charters, constitutions and by-laws in such a way as to remove the institutions entrusted to their management from the auspices and control of the churches or denominational bodies which founded and fostered them and thus have betrayed the trusts committed to their care and perverted the purposes of their benefactors; and

WHEREAS, Morgan College was founded as a Christian College for the education of colored young people and especially of those residing in the bounds of the Washington and Delaware Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for this purpose has been nourished and sustained by the gifts and patronage of the col-

ored and white Methodists residing within the bounds of the above named Conferences, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in session in the City of Wilmington on this sixth day of April, 1929, that the Trustees of Morgan College be and are hereby most earnestly and respectfully requested to take, record, and submit to this Conference such action as shall assure us and our successors, that the said College shall be and shall remain and shall be carried on in no less a degree than now under the auspices and control of the said Methodist Episcopal Church or such other Christian Church as may be formed in a legal and constitutional manner by a merger of said Church with one or more other Christian churches.

RESOLVED, That should Morgan College ever cease to be under such auspices and control as now exists or as is described above, we now declare that the several Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church, white and colored, or their successors formed by any Church merger or union as mentioned above and occupying the same area, or territory, as is now within the bounds of the two aforementioned Annual Conferences, are entitled to and, if need be should secure by legal procedure from the Trustees or governing or holding body of Morgan College, a sum of money equal as far as may be equitably determined to that contribution by members, organizations, institutions or congregations of said churches and their successors by legal merger, in or for lands, buildings and endowments of said Morgan College, which sum of money shall be forever used by Trustees appointed by said Conferences, or their legal successors, for the education in Christian schools of young colored people in the way dictated by their most Christian judgment.

RESOLVED, That this paper be entered in full on our minutes and that copies certified by the President and Secretary of this Conference be sent at as early a date as possible to the Trustees of Morgan College and to the Delaware, Wilmington and Baltimore Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church and they be requested to take similar action.

**CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**—The Special Committee on the budget for the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society made the following report:

Your committee, raised to prepare and present a tentative budget for the City Missionary Society, begs leave to report as follows:

**ESTIMATED NEEDS:**

Salaries . . . . .	\$7500.00
Rent . . . . .	420.00
Interest . . . . .	250.00
Daily Vacation Bible Schools . . . . .	350.00
Repairs at Wesley . . . . .	300.00

Janitor . . . . .	200.00	
Water, insurance, light, phone, supplies, printing, etc. . . . .	500.00	
Paving . . . . .	400.00	
On demand note . . . . .	1000.00	
Coal . . . . .	400.00	\$11320.00

## ESTIMATED INCOME:

Balance on hand . . . . .	\$ 100.00	
From Home Board . . . . .	5083.00	
From several centers . . . . .	600.00	
Conference Collection . . . . .	2885.00	\$ 8668.00
		<u>\$ 2652.00</u>

## Our immediate need:

For payment of demand note . . . . .	\$1500.00	
For coal bill . . . . .	400.00	
For Pavement . . . . .	400.00	
For payment on demand note of \$4,000. . . . .	400.00	\$2700.00

## To meet this we shall have:

Balance in bank . . . . .	\$ 100.00	
From Conference . . . . .	1800.00	\$1900.00
		<u>\$ 800.00</u>

Thus there remains \$800. of immediate need unprovided for and nothing with which to pay salaries and other expenses for current month and months to follow.

On motion of J. W. Colona, Conference authorized the District Superintendent of the Wilmington District to carry forward the program of the Society, and the District Superintendents were instructed to apportion \$5000 to the various charges of the Conference.

**DREW UNIVERSITY.**—The following resolutions were presented and read by F. C. MacSorley, and on his motion, they were adopted:

WHEREAS, The interests of the Wilmington Annual Conference in Drew University is continually growing because of the increasing number of our members who bear the scholarly imprint of that noble institution, and because of its enlarging program giving promise of growing usefulness through coming years, and,

WHEREAS, The Rev. Arlo Ayers Brown, D. D., the son of a Methodist minister, and intimately associated with the Wilmington

Annual Conference by virtue of having married an accomplished daughter of one of our members, has been elected to the Presidency of Drew University, succeeding the Rev. Ezra S. Tipple, D. D., resigned; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, (1) That we send two of our members, graduates of Drew and duly credited, to represent our Conference at his inauguration. (2) That our two representatives shall be the Rev. H. W. Ewing, D. D., and the Rev. J. W. Colona, D. D.

**CONFERENCE BUDGET.**—G. T. Alderson presented and read the following report of the Bureau of Session, which was adopted:

The Bureau of Sessions, in harmony with the action of the Conference one year ago, requesting it to submit for the approval of the Conference, a Conference Budget, herewith submits the following:

Conference Entertainment . . . . .	\$4000.00
Summer school for undergraduates . . . . .	800.00
Bonding of Conference Claimants Treasurer . . . . .	125.00
Bonding of Bureau Treasurer . . . . .	10.00
Miscellaneous Items—	
Conference Treasurer . . . . .	20.00
Historical Society . . . . .	25.00
Postmaster . . . . .	25.00
Printing and Local Expense . . . . .	50.00
Expense of Secretary . . . . .	25.00
Rent of Vault . . . . .	10.00
Bonding Conference Treasurer . . . . .	125.00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$5215.00</u>

Also any other items passed by Conference and referred to the Bureau for payment.

## Recommendations:

1. We recommend that the fund be known as the Conference Budget.
2. We recommend that this amount be apportioned by the Superintendents to the various charges.

**G. A. COOKE.**—A communication was presented by G. A. Cooke which, on motion of E. H. Dashiell, was ordered received and not read.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.**—The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted, and, on motion of G. T. Alderson, John L. Sparklin was unanimously elected Treasurer, the Secretary casting the ballot.

**V. E. HILLS.**—On motion of G. T. Alderson, Conference gave V. E. Hills, the retiring Treasurer, a rising vote of thanks for his trustworthy and exacting service in this office, Brother Hills having refused re-nomination.

**CONF. CLAIM. END. SECY.**—I. Elmer Perry, Chariman of the Special Committee of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, was granted the privilege of the floor and made the report of the committee, recommending that W. F. Corkran be made the Field Secretary of the Commission. On motion of E. H. Dashiell, the Bishop was requested to appoint W. F. Corkran to this office.

On motion of V. S. Collins, Conference pledged its support to Dr. Corkran by a rising vote.

**G. P. JONES.**—E. F. Melson, Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, was granted the privilege of the floor and presented the followin gresolutions on behalf of the Commission, and they were adopted by a rising vote.

At a meeting of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission held in Harrison Street M. E. Church, Wilmington, Delaware, on Friday evening, April 5, 1929, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the sincere appreciation of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission be and it is hereby expressed to Rev. George P. Jones for his faithful, devoted, and untiring efforts in its behalf as its Field Secretary and Treasurer; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of this Commission be instructed to present this Resolution to and to request its ratification by the Wilmington Annual Conference; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be further instructed to deliver to Dr. Jones a copy of this Resolution.

Adopted Friday, April 5, 1929, by Conference Claimant Endowment Commission,

By WALTER O. HOFFECKER, President;  
Attest: ELWOOD F. MELSON, Secretary.

Ratified by the Wilmington Annual Conference, Monday, April 8, 1929.

By WILLIAM F. McDOWELL, President;  
Attest: DISSTON W. JACOBS, Secretary.

**SELECT NUMBER.**—The Select Number made the following report on trial of John A. Hudson:

Charge I: Fraudulently Obtaining Money: The vote was 3 for and 12 against and was, therefore, not sustained.

Charge II: High Imprudence and Unministerial Conduct: The vote was 15 for and none against, and was, therefore, sustained.

Charge III: Perjury: The vote was none for and 15 against, and was, therefore, not sustained.

The Select Number reached the following decision in regard to penalty:—That Rev. J. A. Hudson be subjected to suspension.

**FUNDS HELD BY BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—On inquiry of G. A. Cooke, and on motion of J. W. Colona, the Board of Stewards was requested to determine the maximum amount of money permitted to be held by them under their present charter.

**EXPENSES OF TRIAL.**—On motion of E. H. Dashiell, all expenses incurred in the investigation and trial of John A. Hudson were referred to the Bureau of Sessions for payment.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**—On motion of V. S. Collins, Conference ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at 1:30 P. M.

**CHAIR.**—V. S. Collins assumed the chair at the request of the Bishop.

**LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.**—The following resolutions were presented and read by G. W. Dawson and, on his motion, were adopted:

Believing that there is an evident rising tide for a better Lord's Day throughout the boundaries of our Conference, but realizing the vital importance of the Lord's Day to our Church life as well as our Christian civilization we recommend:

1—That all our Churches and Sunday Schools use the Educational Program of the Lord's Day Alliance as a part of our regular work.

2—We recommend that the Lord's Day Alliance as quickly as possible complete and publish the proposed Lord's Day Study Book.

3—That we endorse the membership program of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland, and urge all our Churches, Sunday Schools and members to take some one of these Memberships.

4—That this Conference name Rev. W. G. Harris a member of the Educational Committee of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland.

5—That each of our District Superintendents be requested to serve as Chairman of a Lord's Day District Committee to consist of not less than two ministers and not less than two laymen, named by the District Superintendent to cooperate with the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland.

6—That we rejoice in the success of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland in defeating House Bills 59 and 190, introduced by Mr. Callan of Baltimore City, legalizing Sunday Motion Pictures for Baltimore City, and also Senate Bill 407, by Mr. Meyers of Baltimore City, and House Bill 563, by Mr. Lee of Montgomery County, both Bills designated as HOME RULE BILLS, giving the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore the right to legalize all kinds of amusements, all day Sunday, in the City of Baltimore.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION.**—H. G. Budd presented the following nominations for the Board of Education and they were elected:

Ministers:—F. C. MacSorley, E. M. Shockley, W. G. Harris, H. G.

Budd, W. A. Hearn, J. B. McCabe, E. P. Thomas, G. E. Sterling, L. E. Windsor, Frank White, M. W. Marine, O. P. Jefferson.

Laymen:—I. Elmer Perry, Prof. E. B. Crooks, Mrs. Lillian Robb, H. H. Nuttle, Mrs. M. Grace Rambo, A. J. Hackett, M. Haswell Pierce, Prof. John Shilling, Mrs. W. H. Hudson, R. O. Dulany, G. P. Chandler, Miss Janet Nute.

Ex-officio Members:—District Superintendents, W. E. Habbart, J. L. Johnson, Leonard White, D. W. Jacobs; W. E. Gunby, C. A. Short, J. J. Bunting, J. H. Wright, Samuel McWilliams, Conference Staff, Members of Conference Education Society.

Cooperating Members:—Conference President of Woman's Home Missionary Society, Conference President of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Conference Secretary of Young People's Work of W. H. M. S., Conference Superintendent of Young People's Work of W. F. M. S.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT.**—H. B. Kelso, Conference Auditor, made his report, which was accepted, and, on motion of G. W. Dawson, he was re-elected.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION AND EPWORTH LEAGUE.**—G. E. Sterling presented and read the following resolution and on his motion, it was adopted:

WHEREAS, Friday night of Conference week is not now a regular designated anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Friday night will more easily fit in the program when a Youth Conference is held; and

WHEREAS, Because of school duties, Friday night is more satisfactory for young people themselves; be it

RESOLVED, That this Conference set Friday night as the Anniversary of the Board of Education and Epworth League.

**EXCUSED.**—J. H. Wilson was excused to attend a funeral.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made, doxology sung and Conference adjourned, J. W. Easley pronouncing the benediction.

#### ELEVENTH SESSION—MONDAY AFTERNOON.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 1:30 P. M., Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

**BISHOP McDOWELL.**—On behalf of the District Superintendents, E. H. Dashiell read the following resolutions and, on motion, they were ordered printed in the minutes. Dr. Dashiell then presented the Bishop with a gift from the cabinet in recognition of their love and appreciation:

WHEREAS, For six years, the members of the present Cabinet

have been closely associated with Bishop William F. McDowell both administratively and personally; and

WHEREAS, During that time, in all his Cabinet and personal relations, he has steadily grown, if that were possible, in our esteem; and

WHEREAS, At this session of Conference the law retires this Cabinet; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we hereby record our high appreciation of Bishop McDowell, and our gratitude to God for having been privileged to labor in this intimate capacity with so good and great a man.

RESOLVED, Further, that we have not known a Bishop of higher ideals, of greater wisdom and patience in administration, of more genuine brotherliness, extending to the humblest; or a Bishop who more sincerely and perfectly separates administration from every consideration except the advantage of both the men and interests committed to his care;

RESOLVED, Further, that while we cheerfully bow to the law, we truly regret the severance of official ties which for six years have been so pleasant and satisfactory.

**DISTRICT SUPTS' SALARIES.**—E. C. Hallman presented the following report of the Committee on District Superintendents' Salaries:

The Special Committee raised by the Conference to thoroughly study the plan of paying the salary of the District Superintendents through the Commission of Finance, have met and made as thorough a study as time would permit, and are unanimous in agreeing:—

1. That the plan is both attractive and practical, and having been successfully worked in other Conferences, we heartily recommend its adoption.

2. That, in our judgment, all of our Superintendents should be receiving the same salary, and we so recommend.

3. That the cash salary of each Superintendent should be \$4,000, with a drawing expense account of \$1,300.

On motion of J. W. Colona, it was ordered that the committee be continued, that they bring this plan before the District Stewards' meetings and bring back their recommendations to the next Annual Conference.

**TRIERS OF APPEALS.**—The Twenty-Eighth Question, "Who are the Triers of Appeals?" was taken up. The following were nominated by the Bishop and confirmed as Triers of Appeals: W. R. Mowbray, V. S. Collins, J. T. Price, W. O. Bennett and W. A. Wise. Reserves: G. W. Dawson and E. C. Hallman.

**EPWORTH LEAGUE.**—G. E. Sterling presented and read the report of the Board of Epworth League which was adopted, and the nominations made therein were confirmed.

**EVANGELISM.**—R. C. Jones read the following resolutions, which were adopted, and the nominations made therein were confirmed:—

Since Evangelism is the supreme work of our Church, and since we do not have a committee or commission that makes a thorough study of our whole field in any effective way; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, (1) That this Conference recognize this need by electing a commission of nine members. The first three for a period of one year, the second three for two years and the third three for three years. Thus requiring the election of three members at each session of the Annual Conference. (2) That this commission shall make a study of our whole field and report their findings to the Annual Conference from time to time, with recommendations for the effective working out of any plans that they may advise.

Commission members:

Term expires:

1930—R. C. Jones, C. C. Harris, J. H. Wright.

1931—T. R. VanDyke, T. J. Sard, A. S. Woodard.

1932—E. C. Hallman, J. R. Bicking, L. M. Broadway.

**BOARDS AND SOCIETIES.**—O. E. Jones, on behalf of the Cabinet, nominated the members of the various Boards, Societies and Standing Committees, and they were confirmed.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.**—On motion of F. A. Lindhorst, E. P. Thomas and Ralph Dulany were elected as representatives on the State Council of Religious Education.

**WORLD PEACE.**—The following resolutions were read by the Secretary and, on his motion, they were adopted, together with the recommendations contained therein:

The General Conference of 1924 declared that "War is not inevitable," that "its continuance is the suicide of civilization," that "we are determined to outlaw the whole war system," and went on record as believing that "the world is now open for the crusade for peace," and asked world-wide Methodism to set itself "to create the will to peace," "to create the conditions for peace," "to create organization for peace," and urged all Methodists in cooperation with other like minded followers of Jesus Christ to dedicate themselves to the establishment of His Kingdom wherein men shall learn war no more.

The General Conference of 1928 again reaffirmed the position taken in 1924 declaring that "preparation for war leads to war," and that 'as a Christian body we renounce war as an instrument of national policy,' and set ourselves to create the will to peace. The agencies of our Church shall not be used in preparation for war. They shall be used in preparation for peace." To this end the Conference ordered a Commission on World Peace and Fellowship, ap-

propriated funds for its use, authorized it to open an office and employ a full time Secretary. It also declared "we are opposed to all military training in high schools, compulsory or otherwise, and compulsory military training in colleges and universities." It went on record as favoring the discontinuance of "advertising of military training camps by government postmarks on mail matter, the distribution of which in this and foreign countries tends to create a wrong impression regarding the attitude of the United States toward the spirit of universal peace." The Conference registered its disapproval of the Naval Bill, which was the before the Senate, and which has since been passed, authorizing fifteen new cruisers and one aircraft carrier.

RESOLVED, That this Annual Conference concur in these measures adopted by the law making body of our Church, and pledge our hearts and hands to the support of these principles. We rejoice that the Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact has been ratified by the Senate and is rapidly being ratified by other nations in all parts of the world. We urge upon Congress the necessity of the United States entering the Permanent Court of International Justice, in order that there may be substituted for war as an international policy, a court of law, thus making effective the Peace Pact which outlaws war.

We recommend that our Conference appoint a Standing Committee on World Peace and Fellowship whose duty it shall be to give careful study to this whole subject, keep it ever before the Conference, cooperate with the World Peace Commission, and give assistance to Local Churches as far as possible, that desire to conduct reading circles and study groups.

We recommend that the District Superintendents, while holding their Quarterly Conferences, call attention to the fact that the Peace Commission has an office at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York, and that, where the interest in the Local Church warrants it, appoint a Committee on World Peace and Fellowship whose duty it shall be to conduct reading circles and study groups on the subject of World Peace. The World Peace Commission office is prepared to give help and guidance to Committees desiring it.

The following Standing Committee on World Peace and Fellowship was appointed: M. S. Andrews, J. W. Jones, G. T. Alderson, J. B. McCabe and F. A. Lindhorst.

**COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.**—The report of the Committee on Education was adopted without reading.

**STATISTICAL REPORT.**—The report of the Statistician, N. C. Benson, was read and adopted, and he was reelected.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—Frank P. Gentieu was granted the privi-

lege of the floor and presented the auditing report of the Board of Stewards.

G. P. Jones presented and read the report of the Board of Stewards, and it was adopted.

**CONF. CLAIM. END. FUND.**—G. P. Jones presented and read the financial report of the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund and it was adopted.

**O. E. JONES.**—J. H. McRill presented and read the following resolutions, which were ordered printed in the minutes:

WHEREAS, We the undersigned Conference members and Undergraduates have had the blessed privilege of beginning our Conference relationship through the recommendation of our beloved District Superintendent, Dr. Omar E. Jones; and

WHEREAS, He has spared no effort in aiding us toward becoming good ministers of Jesus Christ by his fatherly interest and Godly advice; be it, hereby

RESOLVED, That we through these resolutions express our deep gratitude and sincere appreciation for all he has done for us; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That we present a copy of these resolutions to Dr. Omar E. Jones, that herewith he may know that he is loved and revered by his sons in the ministry.

J. H. McRill, E. B. Eckhardt, Willard Everett, F. A. Baker, O. P. Jefferson, S. B. Bradley, R. E. Green.

**EDIT MINUTES.**—On motion, the Secretary was ordered to edit the minutes, and the printed journal was made the Official Journal of the Conference.

**THANKS.**—Tilghman Smith read the report of the Committee on Thanks and it was adopted by a rising vote.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—On motion it was ordered that, after the reading of the appointments, Conference be adjourned.

**JOURNAL.**—The journals of today's sessions were ordered approved without reading.

**APPOINTMENTS READ.**—The appointments were read, the Bishop held a brief service of consecration for the new District Superintendents, the benediction was pronounced and Conference stood adjourned.

*William F. McDowell*

President.

DISSTON W. JACOBS,  
Secretary.

## X.

# REPORTS.

## (a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

### DOVER DISTRICT.

W. E. GUNBY, District Superintendent.

Swift-winged, the Conference Year has passed, and again we are the honored guests, of this fair City, metropolis of the Diamond State, now assembled within this enterprising Church, to make report of the sacred trusts committed to our fostering care. After another twelvemonth of labor and toil, in honored fellowship, with these faithful servants of God, with whom in the name of the all-glorious King, it has been my high privilege to work, it becomes both my duty and pleasure to make at least a brief presentation of some of the things which have engaged our minds and hearts. Told in terms of faithful work accomplished, and true progress achieved, it becomes a living story of worthy and triumphant endeavor, passing into honored history.

**1. PERSONNEL.** The Dover District this year has not been immune from the dire visitation of that,

“Reaper, grim, whose name is Death,  
Who with his sickle keen,  
Reaps the bearded grain at a breath,  
And the flowers that grow between”—

for the spirit of heaviness has been upon us, as, clad in robes of sorrow, we have been called upon to sit among the shadows and contemplate our losses. From the serried ranks of our honored Veterans, the Rev. Truiston C. Smoot, the Rev. William M. Green, the Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D. and Mrs. Elmira P. Wyatt have passed unto their eternal reward. The Rev. W. F. Dawson, pastor of our Church at Hurlock, Maryland, and the Rev. W. B. Horner, pastor of Mt. Pleasant Charge, Laurel, Delaware, fell from the ranks of active service in the very midst of their labors of love. Suitable Memoirs have been presented. What a galaxy of devoted and faithful Servants of God were these! What a splendid heritage have they transmitted to us who live and battle still!

The Rev. E. C. Sunfield took up the work relinquished by Brother Dawson and has completed the year in a highly satisfactory manner.

**2. PASTORAL SUPPORT.** The sacred right to a comfortable living inheres in the Gospel Ministry. A poorly paid ministry begets temptation, calls for needless and painful sacrifice, fosters pastoral unrest and inefficiency and reacts detrimentally upon the church. No full-time pastor, who is the head of a family, having the education of children, the up-keep of an automobile, and the various duties of his office to be cared for in a dignified and proper manner, with the social demands made upon him, and those under his care, should be compelled under the present high cost of living to try to get along with a cash support of less than \$2,000.

As a fond mother turns naturally to her sickest child, the administration has put much stress, and given much attention toward the advance of this important item which makes for comfort and health and efficiency. A few more charges this year have joined the honored list of those moving toward more adequate Pastoral Support,—Church Creek \$200; Gales-town \$300; St. Thomas' \$200; Houston \$50; Williamsburg \$25—a total increase for the year of \$775. I modestly confess to a degree of pardonable pride that during the six years of the present incumbency this item of Pastoral Support shows a total of advances amounting to \$14,250. There are also some substantial advances promised for the new year.

**3. EVANGELISM.** Methodism must never lose the burning heart, the tongue of fire, the consuming passion that both desires and expects to see souls turning from sin to God, and that agonizes in prayer when the revival delays to come! Pastors and other workers have given themselves to this great business in an earnest and devoted manner. Almost without exception special meetings have been held for the saving of souls within every church. There have been but few notable revivals, marked with intensity and mighty sweep of the Spirit of God, but the fires have burned in many churches, and altar places have been baptized afresh with penitential tears. Many of our Pastors sought to capitalize the spiritual emphasis of Passion Week, sounding the evangelical note and culminating the Easter triumph with the ingathering of precious souls.

**4. EDUCATION.** The work of the Wesley Collegiate Institute goes on in somewhat the usual manner. Prof. Clarence A. Short is deservedly popular in the patronizing territory, in the town, and with the student body. Doubtless the School has never had a stronger Faculty, a finer body of earnest Students, nor filled a greater need than now. Let us stand by this time-honored Institution, and give to Brother Short our sympathetic cooperation, that her latent potentialities for usefulness may become even the more manifest, so that in even a larger way she may accomplish within our Youth, and for our Church, that for which she was divinely commissioned! What a sad commentary on the lack of statesmanlike vision to ponder whether we need this School for our Youth and for our Church, just when another Church, numerically weak in this territory, is proposing to spend something like one and one-half million dollars for the erection of a similar institution just a few miles to the north of the Capitol of the State in which our school is located!

The growing interest in Religious Education is one of the most hopeful signs of the times. With the increased emphasis on Christian service has come the conscious need of preparation for service. Trained leadership is the paramount need today in every field of Christian activity. Our Church Schools were never so well supervised, equipped, or efficient as today. Teaching material is being systematized and correlated and graded as never before.

The presence of the Rev. Frank A. Lindhorst continues to be an inspiration. Finely trained, winsomely evangelistic, with a genius for leadership, he speaks from wide experience and with authority in his field. The churches seek his guidance and counsel; efficiency and progressiveness follow his visitations.

The Standard Training School inaugurated last summer at the Wesley Collegiate Institute was a marked success and deserves and should receive that quality of support, which will guarantee its permanence, as one of our most helpful institutions. Standard Training Schools have been held at Cambridge, Georgetown, Seaford and Dover with an enrollment of 426. Vacation Church Schools have been held at Cambridge, Dover, Federalsburg, with an enrollment of 435.

The Epworth League Institute also held at Dover was a season of profit and rare inspiration to the youth who crowded the capacity of the building, to avail themselves of those days of high privilege.

**5. WORLD SERVICE, BENEVOLENCES, ETC.** One of the outstanding events of the year was the visitation of Dr. E. Stanley Jones, and the Nationals who journeyed with him, in the interest of World Service. These gatherings were marked by crowded attendance, keen interest, and strong spiritual fervor, the results of which should be seen for years to come. It is a matter for honest pride that this Conference has sustained itself in World Service giving in a rather remarkable way, comparatively. On January the 1st, 1929, this District had sent in for World Service credit an amount which was \$2,471 in advance of its splendid record of the same date the previous year. If this gain has been maintained this District will show an advance over the World Service giving of 1923.

The claims of the General Boards have been faithfully presented. Many of our people still fail to see just how the progress of our Lord's Kingdom is linked up with the giving of World Service dollars, and consequently have little concern for our connectional interests. May the day soon dawn upon us when the zeal of modern business in its world conquests shall be more than matched by the zeal of the Church of Christ in its passion for world redemption!

The askings for the various Benevolences have been presented and are well in hand. Should the casual reader observe that there is no report this year on General Conferences Expenses, let him understand that it is for the reason that this District paid its apportionment in full within the allotted three years, and consequently there remained no deficit this year to be reapportioned. The Registrar will bear smiling testimony that the Conference asking for Student Aid was met in full and on time.



**6. ENDOWMENT.** This movement has met with a sympathetic consideration. The entire quota of \$26,000 was underwritten in good faith. In some instances the terms of payment had to be changed to meet varying local conditions. Some churches, under pressing local burdens have not begun to redeem their pledges. Others, out of maturing plans, will meet the claim in full next year. Many churches however are taking the proportionate share each year, and several have paid in full. By the close of last year 32% of the total had been paid, and we confidently expect the more than \$8000 paid by that date, shall be greatly enlarged by the payments made this year, and at this Conference session. The heart of the Church is sound on this important matter. Despite the depressing financial conditions, existing in our rural communities, and in our tide-water sections, and in fact among all classes of our people, the churches will redeem their pledges if dealt with patiently and sympathetically.

**7. DISTRICT AGENCIES.** The Women's Missionary Societies, with their kindred organizations, have completed another year of prosperity and service. The Ladies' Aid Societies, always abounding in good works, have contributed in various ways to the social and spiritual life of the Churches, and have made and expended this year more than \$15,000 for the interests of the Kingdom. Only words of highest commendation and praise could adequately express the proper appreciation for these noble women, through whose untiring and devoted efforts, such splendid results have been obtained.

The monthly meeting of the Ministers and their Wives provides a felt social need, and forms a clearing house for many things of common interest to the workers of the District.

**8. EQUIPMENT.** It is a hopeful sign, large with promise, that our people are coming to see the necessity for adequate facilities to carry forward the program of the modern Church. To meet the growing needs of their splendid organization, our people at Georgetown have constructed a commodious Community House and Social Hall costing \$10,500. The enterprising people of Ellendale have just completed a beautiful Parsonage on a lot adjacent to the Church. Cambridge has purchased a property contiguous to their great Church, and a Parish House and Playground will soon become a part of their enlarged program. Federalsburg will remodel and enlarge their present equipment more adequately to care for their growing needs. Another of our splendid Churches, in a thriving town, is gathering funds and quietly working out plans and at some not very distant day will rise up and build a beautiful Temple of Worship to meet the needs of their enlarging program. Secretary has been accumulating funds for a new Parsonage and will build beside the Church. Harrington is about ready to break ground to construct an addition to their Church plant to meet the needs of this flourishing organization. Concord has provided a Community House for its social activities. Bethel will replace at an early date the Parsonage destroyed by fire in January.

Improvements of various kinds have been made during the year to our properties, amounting to more than \$20,000.

**9. IN RETROSPECT.** As I bring this my sixth and last report to its close, the temptation is upon me to show the steady advance and growth of the interests of the Kingdom which have in some measure been committed to my oversight and care, but brevity admonishes that I desist. However, a glance back over the years furnishes abundant reason for profound gratitude. Time also forbids detailed mention of the splendid, faithful men who have wrought with me in the Kingdom and by the power of Jesus Christ. The years have not been barren of victory, nor will the workers lose their reward. The love and loyalty and devotion of my yoke-fellows in the Gospel Ministry, the uniform kindnesses and courtesies which have been bestowed upon me, though unmerited, will abide among the imperishable memories. The tributes of affection and love bestowed upon me and mine by those among whom we have labored, and the words of commendation, which have come from nearly every Church on the District, have warmed my heart with a glow that will outlast the years.

It would be remiss in me should I fail to acknowledge the inspiration and blessing which have enriched me during these six years of administrative fellowship with Bishop McDowell, and my cherished colleagues in the Superintendency. Finer devotion to sacred duty, keener resourcefulness in the intelligent solution of intricate problems, more affectionate regard for the interests of the Brethren, more extenuating patience, I have never seen outside of this fellowship. All our work has been done in unbroken unity, in the sweet accord of love, in the spirit of the Master and as if in His presence. Grateful for the enriching, ennobling experience of these six years of administrative fellowship with the Cabinet and with the Pastors and their Families, I pray that brotherly love may continue and that no root of bitterness spring up to mark this godly heritage.

**Conclusion.** So now this imperfect report comes to its close. I am grateful to God and to His Church that I have had the opportunity to serve in this capacity. I reverently acknowledge the abounding mercies of God, through whose unmerited favor I have enjoyed the health and strength with which to prosecute my tasks in physical comfort and unimpaired efficiency. With the exception of the Sunday in February a year ago, when I was snowbound, I have not missed an engagement of any kind within these six years. I have spared nothing that seemed to me to make for progress. Almost without exception, I have spoken three times on Sunday and frequently during the week. No call for service of any kind has been denied when it was possible to perform it. No storm has been too heavy, no night too dark when duty has beckoned forward. I have traveled each year a distance equal to the circumference of the earth; this year having traveled more than 25,000 miles in my car and more than 8,000 miles by train. "Onward with God" has been my motto. "We dare not camp where heroes fell, if tomorrow is to be better than today," has been my rallying cry.

Life has been full and rich and wonderful!

With the adjournment of this session I expect to take up again the pastoral ministry—the finest task beneath the shining stars! Gladly do I resume this task, enriched and strengthened I trust through the duties of this “larger parish” through these six years.

The tender and beautiful stanza of that oft-quoted prophet of the soul comes to memory and breathes its sweet assurance—

“I know not what the future hath of marvel or surprise,  
Assured alone that life and death His mercy underlies.  
I know not where His islands lift their fronded palms in air,  
I only know I cannot drift beyond His love and care.”

Unto Him be all the glory! May our blessed Church merit His favor through all the coming days, and may His peace within our hearts abide!

#### MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

O. E. JONES, District Superintendent.

The Middletown District has twice known sorrow together as death has entered the parsonage home. After 55 years of wedded life, 39 of which were spent in faithful, loving supply service in our Conference, the wife of Bro. McLain has been called to her heavenly home. The whole District was shocked in the summer by the drowning of the son of Bro. McClintock, of Wye Mills. This was the going forth from us of a lad getting well on to manhood, whose face was set towards the ministry. These are two good brothers of our local ministry, and our hearts go out to them and to the mother of this dear lad as we share with them their great sorrow.

Many things have occurred on the District this year that would be of interest to you. Piney Neck has increased the pastor's support by \$50. That may seem like a small item, I know. Well, I wish all our churches could match it. There are only some 23 members in this little church and the \$700 they have been paying their preacher has meant pretty large per capita giving. This sixth year of Bro. Barrett's stay with them, they said in the Quarterly Conference: “We have got a good man for our preacher and we love him. We want to do something to show our gratitude. We don't know how we are going to do it, but we want to give him \$750 this year.” Now, would any one think that a little thing, a small and unimportant item in the life of the District? I am perfectly willing to put that, for its beauty and its greatness of spirit, beside anything that has been done anywhere in our Conference this year.

The new church at Hartley begun last Conference year under the steady and practiced leadership of Bro. Kelley has been completed, and is a beautiful little building with a separate Sunday School room and a basement under the entire structure—a wonderful little plant for the service

of the community. The cost was about \$8,000, of which a little more than \$6,000 have been paid. It was dedicated on Sunday, June 24th, Brothers G. T. Alderson and E. H. Collins assisting in the services of the day. This church after Conference withdrew from Marydel Charge and has been served through the year by Bro. Joseph B. Vaughn, a student at the Wesley Collegiate Institute.

In these last two years, Rock Hall has paid off an indebtedness on the parsonage of \$2,180, renovated the church to the extent of \$1,700, purchased a Church House for \$4,000, and installed a pipe organ, itself a gift, but costing \$1,160 for installation. This has been paid in full, together with the amount of the repairs on the church, and the salary for the pastor this year has been advanced \$300. I cite this as just an example of what faith and courage and great devotion, combined with a sacrificial spirit, can accomplish.

We are just as proud today as we can be that our church at Cecilton is freed from that awful burden and blight of debt. I do not know how it has been done at all. It seemed an entirely impossible thing that \$14,000 could be raised in this community, or through this community, after these years of generous giving and the repeated financial reverses that have touched this whole section of the country. Yet that is what has been done under the leadership of Bro. George White Dawson—a leadership that I could only characterize as magical but that it has been so humble and brotherly and utterly tireless and so manifestly of the Spirit of God. \$3,400 this year and \$14,000 in the four years of his pastorate—that is the record. Now that it is accomplished and that indebtedness is cleanly wiped out, it still seems an impossible, an almost unbelievable thing to those of us who have known this situation. To my mind, when I consider all the difficulties involved in the project itself and in the actual financial ability of the people, this is one of the great achievements of our Conference.

I think now that I will spare you a further recital of the details of the work of the year. I submit to you that these are evidence that fine and heroic things have been done. It seems to me, however, that I can render a better service in this last report than by just telling you of work with which you are already more or less familiar. What I should like to do is to gather up some impressions that have come to me these six years—impressions of the work of the Church that you and I love, and I think that I have never loved the Church more or thought more highly of it than I do today.

#### Spirit of the Workers.

1. I should like, first of all, to pay my tribute to the spirit of those who are doing the work of the Church. A great deal is being said these days about the officials of the Church. From the bishops down to official boards, there are suggestions and insinuations of influences and forces and under-cover workings, we know not just what, but they are suspicious and unworthy of course, because they represent the officialdom of the

Church. That much talked-of book "Shoddy," pictures this devious and secret and unworthy, this "shoddy" working of the Church again and again and seemingly almost as if it were characteristic of the Church.

Let me say to you that I have not found it so at all. I will not maintain that I have run across nothing of the sort, but I will declare that in these six years I have faced only twice this deliberate effort to use the machinery of the Church in a personal and unworthy way. Officials, of course, haven't always done what I wanted them to do, what I have thought they should do. And I am sure that I have not always done what they have known should be done. I recall laboring with one official board, making three special visits to them, each one necessitating a drive of at least 130 miles, and they just wouldn't do my way, but, somehow, I did not think the less of them for that. They were honestly trying to do what they held to be the best thing for their church. It was their church that they loved and for which they were working. It was not for themselves, it was for their church. There was nothing personal or selfish or unworthy in it. After these six years of close, intimate contact with the work of the Church, I want to bear this testimony to the honesty, the sincerity, the fine unselfish spirit of those who are doing that work.

May I say just a word about the other side of this—that is, the inside of the work of the Church as I have had to do with it through my office. At times, especially in the making of appointments, the lay officials, and preachers, too, seem to think that there are a good many things that are secret, a good many tricks and stratagems, that they have to be pretty sharp and alive or something will be put over on them, they don't know just what, but something, and they do not propose to allow it. Now, this is what I want to say. I am perfectly willing for the secrets to be told, for all the discussions, the movements leading up to it, the motives involved—all the work in the making of any appointment on this District these six years to be open and known to every one. Forgive me for appearing to speak of myself. I am not thinking of myself but of the working of my Church. Very gladly do I bear this same testimony for my brother Superintendents and I want to add this word of high personal appreciation of these men whom I have come to know so well and to love and honor through the intimate fellowship of this office. And of our Bishop, who captured my heart that Sunday afternoon long ago when I was a lad in College and he lifted me into the presence of God and I forgot the darkening chapel but saw only a world alight with His smile and His love, let me say that there has not been one thing in all his discussions and decisions in his work of administering with us in the Cabinet, not one thing to mar, but everything, always everything to help make the vision of God's face clearer and sweeter to the same heart—only older now.

I say these things deliberately and for a purpose. We are too suspicious and too quick to look for and expect and even hint at unworthy things when we do not find them. I think we should have more confidence in one another and hold each other in honor above reproach. The work of

the Church is great enough and hard enough to do. Let us make it as easy and joyous in the doing as we can. I want you to know that I am leaving this office of our Church thinking vastly more of those who are doing the work of the Church than when I came to it six years ago.

#### Importance of the Work.

2. Again, the greatness, the importance of the work of the Church has grown upon me. A thing that hurts in the work of life is the feeling that sometimes comes upon us of the weakness and futility of what we are doing, its unimportance and valuelessness—what matter if we do not do it, and the temptation assails us to slacken effort or drop it altogether. This steals upon us with the deadening familiarity and grind of the same old work over and over again and again. Not once have I had that feeling about the work of the Church. Touching so many churches, constantly thinking, planning, and sharing in the work of these churches—and I think you will grant the fact that I have actually shared somewhat in this work myself when I tell you that in these six years I have worn out one Chevrolet car, driven one Buick 60,000 miles, and my second Buick 40,000 and over—yet increasingly has that work grown upon me. It is not a little, a weak, and common, and futile work. Understand, now, I have not always felt that we were getting anywhere in it, that we were really accomplishing it. I will confess that at times the things we were doing have seemed pretty weak and futile, but what we were trying to do, what we wanted to do—oh, that has never been little and mean. That has been great and important, and the need for it has grown upon me, the absolute necessity of this work of the Church for the sake of all that we hold dear.

May I instance just one respect in which I have felt this. This work that I have had to do with has been in what we call the rural districts. Some of it, a large part of it, is just good, plain country. And it is right in this good, open country that at the present time the work is not going so well. The little church that used to be a center of social life, that stood for a divine and spiritual life, that largely made the moral standards and set the quality and tone of the life of the whole country side—the little church out in the country, and in the village, too, is having a hard time, it is not doing much, it is getting pretty weak. Four such little churches have closed on this District in these six years and one of them is a very holy spot to me, for in it I used to go to Sunday School when a little boy, and after Sunday School stay for preaching, and after preaching sit beside my mother in the Class Meeting and the old Class Leader would put his hand on my head and say, "Lord bless the boy and make a preacher out of him." Right out in God's great, beautiful, good, open country the work of the Church is not going on very well, but, oh, it is needed. I think we do not appreciate just how serious this is.

Our President delivers himself right gloriously on the task of administering the laws of the country so as to do away with crime and he directly and definitely specifies the enforcement of the Prohibition law

in its relation to crime and lawlessness. He enlarges upon this and, indeed, "rubs it in" and I think makes it very clear to all as to what he means to do. And he means to do it, we all believe—some of us with high hopes and others "believe and tremble." But he can never do it without the help of the Church. The Church has always been in this business of keeping order and preserving law and combating crime. When the Church has been strong and has done its work for God the laws have been kept and lawbreakers have gone out of business. I do not believe you can do it without the help of the Church. I know you cannot out in the country. The time was when the town used to bother us in the country. The liquor that has always helped to violate all the laws of God and man was to be had in the town, but right out in the country we had peace and quietness and order and no liquor. Now it is the other way around. Enforcement officers may dry up the towns but there are parts of Caroline, Queen Anne, and Kent Counties in Maryland, and Kent County in Delaware, parts of the Middletown District right out in the open country where, if all that I have been told by reputable citizens be true, it would take a small army of officers to do it and a good large part of the population would be taken away in the process. I do not believe that anybody, anything, any power or force will do it finally and completely but the power of God working through the Church of Jesus Christ.

That is the way I feel about it and that is just one reason why the work of the Church has been growing upon me these six years. It was never more important and imperative than right now. This is no time to slacken our efforts. Let me say to you, and I have the right to say it because I know surely something of the work of these churches, that the supervision and inspiration and personal helpfulness of the District Superintendent were never more needed, at least in the rural parts of our work. It is not the time for withdrawing him from the Church but rather for giving him more and more to the Church. Let the larger and stronger town churches release him as they can and give him the time and opportunity to go out into the country community and sit down with the pastor and the local church and work out a program for the young people, actually put on an every member canvass, or lead in a campaign of visitation evangelism. I feel like pleading with you, whatever you do, do not take anything away from the country church but give it more help and inspiration and leadership and do it for the sake of our country as a whole.

#### Changing Character of the Work.

3. I have been impressed with the changing character of the work of the Church. Some things haven't changed. The work of the Church still includes preaching. The people still want the preacher to preach, and that notwithstanding the radio. I preached in one of my churches the other Sunday morning and the preacher prayed for me in the opening prayer. Kneeling there beside me in the pulpit this preacher whom I have known and loved ever since I have been in the ministry and under whom as Presiding Elder I served for six happy years, this good Minister

of Jesus Christ prayed for me and thanked God for leading me from a godly home into the ministry. He knew that home and had been in it. I have heard a good many prayers over the radio but never as I have "listened in" have I felt my eyes suddenly sting and burn and my throat choke as happened to me when Brother R. K. Stephenson prayed for me, and it was for me, and my old home came before me, and I saw the faces of my mother and my preacher father. I do not believe that anything will ever take the place of the personal ministration of the grace of God in preaching and in faithful, loving pastoral work. I can testify that the churches are still asking for preachers that can preach and that will do the work of a pastor. But they are asking for a great many other things. In fact, it seems to me that in these six years some almost entirely new features of the work of the Church have developed.

(1) There is the Religious Education movement. Some do not seem to understand this and they are almost like the good old farmer who warned me when I told him that I was leaving his church to go to College, "Be careful, Brother, larnin' makes fools of some people." This is in no sense an effort to teach religion so as to do away with the divine and the supernatural in the work of grace in the heart and life. It is not a movement to displace God but rather to give God His rightful place. More understanding of Him and His life and His ways so that He can work in us, is what we are seeking; a definite, scientific study of all the laws involved in His working so that we can work with Him, and work as He works, swiftly, surely, and to some purpose. Why should any one object to that or oppose that? We have always done some of this teaching in our Sunday School and in the training of the preacher. But now we are giving more time to it and going about it in a way more in keeping with ordinary educational sense.

Six Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held this summer on the District—at Galena, Greensboro, Marydel, Middletown, Still Pond, and Blackbird on Townsend Charge. Three schools of Week Day Religious Instruction are in progress right now on the District—at Galena, Millington, and Sudlersville. These have an enrollment of 232, with children coming from the homes of members of seven denominations other than our own—including Catholic and Seventh Day Adventist. I do not hesitate to say that nothing has been done on the District these six years that promises richer results in Christian living. These schools are all conducted in cooperation with the public school authorities under the very competent management of Miss Margaret Hlsley, the Director of Religious Education for the Sudlersville Group. Other churches are asking for them and are ready to put them on. Four Standard Training Schools have been held on the District—at Chestertown, Denton, Easton, and Middletown. These, so far as we can tabulate the enrollment, together with those from the District attending our Summer School of Religious Education at the Wesley Collegiate Institute and also the Epworth League Institute, give us a total of 377 young people and older workers of the District that are out to get ready for better, yes, for the very best service in

the Church for His sake. I should like to mention for the sake of the encouragement of us all in this preparation that one of the ministers of the District, a College graduate and Seminary man, and for a long while officially connected with the educational work of our Church, no longer now a young man, Dr. H. G. Budd, this summer took a correspondence course from Columbia University in Boy Scout training, and that I take to be mighty fine religious education work.

(2) Visitation Evangelism is a development practically within these six years. The first Preachers' Meeting of the Conference year responded to my plea concerning this by formally voting to ask me to prepare a plan for such a campaign according to the half dozen groups of the churches of the District. I prepared such a program following largely the plan given us at the Area meeting last year by that great soul winner, now crowned and glorified, Bishop Henderson. I met each group and in every case the preachers enthusiastically adopted it and asked me to secure the leadership to put it on. I thought I had this arranged for but through some misunderstanding with the Department of Evangelism of our Board of Home Missions, the leaders failed to materialize except for one I secured, at the suggestion of our Bishop, for the Middletown group. Only two charges of this group cooperated with the Middletown Church, really only one other charge worked the plan. But under the brotherly and understanding leadership of Dr. Woodard, of St. Paul's Church in this city, the program was put on and tested out and proven to be splendidly effective not only for winning souls but for stirring up and renewing the spiritual life of the Church. At Middletown 47 united with the Church as the outcome of this work. Galena rejoiced in some 14 accessions. At two other points on the District this has been tried out. In the little country church on Hillsboro Charge, right out in the country, and in the town of Preston, this campaign has been put on by the pastor, in each case without outside help, and with the same heartening results—souls have been won and the Church has been awakened to a newer and richer life.

As I think of this I am preserved from any feeling of discouragement over evangelism. With every one of you, my Brother Ministers, I share the longing to see souls saved. For this I have preached and planned and prayed and worked this year as every year. What matter all we do if the Church is not gathering life, young life and old, under the transforming touch of His Spirit! And this year there has been no outstanding evangelistic service on the District at all. Some souls have been saved and we are very grateful for them. The same old effort in all honesty and love has been made but the results are not according to other years, not according to hopes and plans and efforts at all. And with some of us the effort has not even been made, through no lack of eagerness and willingness but just from the self-defeating consciousness of its failure before ever it was made. But where the Visitation Evangelism plan has been tried preacher and people alike are eager and keen and enthusiastic. "We never saw it in our Church like this before," says one. One eager worker after reporting on the evening's visiting exclaims: "I can't under-

stand why this has not been thought of by some one years ago." As a matter of fact it has, and the element in this evangelistic plan that makes it a success is the very thing that has ever made successful the old revival that some of us love so dearly. More and more I am convinced that this is the way, because this capitalizes, makes definite and systematic and cooperative the one thing that always wins souls. Souls can still be saved, Oh, yes they can, many souls, and when His Spirit is upon us and we are willing to do this work, souls will always be saved, and I believe that the personal work involved in Visitation Evangelism is the way to save them and incidentally to save the Church herself.

(3) The Larger Parish Plan is another new feature in our work. This has come to us, at least in part, in the Sudlersville Group. It is simply the relation of smaller and weaker churches with those that are stronger "that," in the words of Wesley, "they may help each other to work out their salvation." In the Sudlersville group of churches there is only one phase of the Larger Parish in operation, and that is the religious education work. The idea really involves relationship for preaching, teaching, for all the activities of the Church. It is the only salvation for our rural situation.

I have witnessed this year a fine demonstration that you can save the little church if you can get the leadership. At one point, Royal Oak, the congregation had dwindled and dwindled until, just before a change of pastors there in the fall, one Sunday evening 13 were present, and the next evening only 7. The new preacher, a young man, started in with a two weeks revival and averaged 75 a night, with as many as 125 one night. If we can get the leadership the problem is solved in a good many instances, and the only way in which we can get it in the small, outlying country church is by association of that point with other churches and the whole to head up in some larger town. Now, this is a perfectly modern idea, of course, but it smacks a good bit of the old circuit system, and can never be worked unless both preachers and churches are willing to sacrifice and have that passion of the Master that does not save self but freely spends all to save others. I should like to say that in two Quarterly Conferences of this last round this situation as to enighboring territory out in the country was discussed and there is a willingness to do something when we know what to do. It is just a bit significant that both these Quarterly Conferences were within the Sudlersville group.

(4) One more new factor in the work that I wish to mention is the new relation of the Church to our great benevolences. Of course, there are collections that still are "sent down" as some of the critics of the Church are so fond of putting it. Some of them are small items that in the nature of the case must be apportioned and others are like the Conference Claimants Fund, which, as part of the pastoral support, is automatically determined for us. But more and more the local church is being given a voice and a vote in this matter of benevolence.

The Endowment for Conference Claimants was put before Official Boards and Quarterly Conferences and they formally voted to accept it.

In some churches some changes were made in the amount asked for and the Commission gracefully accepted these changes. Some few churches, for one reason or another, did not accept it at all. But on the Middletown District there is not a church with an apportionment standing against it on this Endowment for our Conference Claimants but had a frank and full statement of it and voted to accept it and gave a pledge signed by the Secretary of the Quarterly Conference and the Pastor and the District Superintendent. Now, I submit to you that nothing like that was ever known by the fathers. The trouble is that we have gotten this action and in a great many cases that is all we have gotten, and that is all we have gotten because that is practically all that has been done about it. I do not think, for a moment that the churches mean to fail in this, but, with all willingness, pressed to the limit as they are by so many things, I believe they will fail unless they are led in it. It cannot be left to Official Boards and to Quarterly Conferences. It will take leadership that is patient and loving and close at hand—the leadership of the pastor, at the last, to do it. This is a great obligation that we have taken upon ourselves and, for the honor of our Church, if for nothing else, we must meet it.

The World Service apportionments in every instance are goals selected by the Quarterly Conference and adopted by formal vote. You might think this is a perilous thing to do when you remember the days when there were a number of saints who did not believe in missions, and there were those to suggest that it was not the part of wisdom to raise the apportionment in full because it would just be increased the next year. What might not the churches do if they set their own apportionment! Well, strange to say, there has not been a church on my District that has set the World Service goal at a figure lower than the giving of the year before, and again and again it has been in advance.

Now, this to me is a fairly startling change that has come about and almost without our knowing it. It simply proves to me again that you can trust the people when they know and understand the work of the Kingdom. And more and more they are coming to do that. The attendance at our great District Conference held in the fall in the interest of Foreign Missions, the laymen who came from all over the District, the eager interest, the enthusiasm, all are in evidence of that. A day's District Conference was held in February in connection with the Preachers' Meeting in order to get to the Church something of the message and spirit of the Evanston Meeting. Laymen came as well as the preachers. The attendance was almost that of the regular District Conference and it was advertised as a World's Service Conference. Think of that interest and eagerness over Missions!

I do not know, of course, just how our World Service is coming up this year. I am confident that we will, at least, hold our own. The preachers of the District have reported to me as follows: 17 give the same as last year, 19 indicate a gain of \$967, and 8 a loss of \$839, making a gain for the District of \$128 over last year. These are only tentative

reports. They were made in many instances on faith before the money was in sight. But however the exact result in the final figures, I do know that there is a new spirit in the Church about the Kingdom work. The people are thinking and talking about it. They want to know about it. It is their work. I believe they will do it. I think you can trust the Church. Here is a young woman, the sister of one of the preachers on my District, a trained nurse, and saving up for a long while for a trip to California. She was about ready to sail, for she was going by way of the Panama Canal, and she went to hear Stanley Jones at one of our District Conferences last fall. The next morning she came to her brother with a check and said: "Here is my fare to California. I can't take that trip. I want you to send this to Stanley Jones and ask that it may help send Dr. Warner back to India." I say you can trust a Church that can produce love and faith and sacrifice like that. The Master trusts us. He has been trusting us for many years. God make us worthy such love and confidence.

#### Divineness of the Work.

5. And, lastly, there is the increasing assurance that has come to me of the Divineness of the work of the Church. "My Church," said the Master one time, you will remember. And it is His Church. It is His not because He organized it, marked out its lines of activities, worked out its offices, and gave it its peculiar form. He did not. It is His because He is in it and gives Life and Spirit to it. Its work is His work and He is in that work.

That is the only explanation I have for it all. I think of the work of the Church—so little sometimes seems to get done, there are so many mistakes and failures, so many things, I know, these six years I set out to do and I haven't done them at all, I haven't done them at all; I think of the scant attention paid to the Church sometimes, the feeble interest in its work, the few workers, and yet the Church lives; and, then, I think of those who love it and sacrifice for it, and nobly serve it, the many who have met me in summer and winter, by day and by night, in all sorts of weather, all over this District in the work of the Church these six years; I think of the lives it has made beautiful with the grace and fashion of God and the blessed service it is giving in all the world, and I wonder at it, as it lives on and on. And I know the reason is because it is His Church. He loves it. He is in it. "The best of all is God is with us," cries John Wesley. It still is. And He is with us. He is with us!

A thoughtful young preacher asked me the other day, "After your close study and service of these many churches of the District, tell me, do you think the Church is going forward or is it going back?" It is going forward. It will never, it can never go backward while God is with us. With a new appreciation of my Church, a new happiness in her life, a new love for her service after these six years, the thing I most long and pray for my Church is what I most long and pray for myself and for each of you, my Brothers in His Church—His own blessed Spirit.

"O that it now from heaven might fall,  
And all my sins consume!  
Come, Holy Ghost, for thee I call;  
Spirit of burning, come!

"Refining fire, go through my heart;  
Illuminate my soul;  
Scatter Thy life through every part,  
And sanctify the whole."

### SALISBURY DISTRICT.

E. H. DASHIELL, District Superintendent.

Reports are as old as organized human life—possibly older. They have been given and received with various degrees of attention, and with various emotions, from the beginning of the world. They sometimes inspire joy, as when during the World War it was announced in the French Chamber of Deputies that America had entered the conflict, and that whole nation went into a delirium of rejoicing. Sometimes they are ill-considered and misleading, as when Napoleon dispatched a courier to gallop through the streets of Paris and announce that Waterloo was won. Sometimes they are far from pleasant. Occasionally they are unpleasant, even unnerving, the messenger himself shrinking from their delivery. When the Ark of God has been taken, who shall carry the news to Eli? When Absalom's locks are entangled, and he has miserably perished, who shall bear the tidings to the King? When Belshazzar's impious revelry has reached its height, who shall interpret to him the blazing letters of his doom?

For five years it has been my pleasure to deliver reports as Superintendent of Salisbury District. Here is another—the last—and I pray that, whether momentarily shadowed by untoward circumstance, or gilded by the bright glow of Divine Presence and triumph, its total effect may be cheering and inspiring.

The year began with a distinct feeling that its days must be woven into a wreath worthy to be laid at the Master's feet. In that spirit we now come, seeking to cover His ugly scars with the bloom and aroma of our humble offering.

The first Quarterly Conferences were occasions of spiritual blessing. The Superintendent gave short addresses on vital themes, the presence of God was manifest, the hearts of the officials warmed, and the entire District began the year breathing this prayer:

"Though like a wanderer,  
The sun gone down,  
Darkness be over me,  
My rest a stone;  
Yet in my dreams I'd be  
Nearer, my God, to thee,  
Nearer to thee."

From this there has been no departing. As storms may rage at certain spots on the vast ocean, without elsewhere disturbing its calm; so nothing has occurred—as regrettable as some things have been—to seriously affect the District's rest in God. In this atmosphere we have proceeded, and we bring it with us to Conference, singing in our hearts:

"Is not this the Land of Beulah,  
Blessed, blessed Land of Light,  
Where the flowers bloom forever,  
And the sun is always bright."

Not all we desired has been accomplished, nor all for which we planned—but, to change the figure, in the face of adverse gales, the ship has been brought into harbor with a cargo worthy of report. Some voyages are pursued with no resistance of wind or wave. Others are full of the mutter and clamor of the elements. In the latter instance it is felt to be an achievement when, through continual buffetings, the captain lands his ship.

No apologies are offered for failure. That would do violence to our principles. But it is certainly due our faithful farmers to state that for three successive years their crops have failed—in most cases, not in part but completely. Not until last spring did our Water People experience any relief from a three-year succession of failures in fish, oysters and crabs. Yet our preachers have led them to feel the obligations of the Kingdom, and they have sent us to Conference with reports of which we are not ashamed.

Last October thirty-first our District was over two thousand dollars in advance of the previous year in World Service, and has held that advance from month to month until now. We fear, however, the advance represents payments on an accepted yearly goal. Let us trust not, and that that inspiring rally may be maintained throughout the Church. The need is too real, and the cry for help too pitiful, for any lessening of effort. World Service largely depends upon world-survey. The Church at home must see the Church abroad. To hear only the call for funds, paralyzes. To see the heart-breaking condition electrifies, almost automatically moving to sacrifice. Last fall our Foreign Board put on one of the most effective District Meetings we have had. Nationals from various countries were present, and, in the deep spirit of Christ, set forth the needs of their fields. Stanley Jones spoke at night. The presence of God was there. The people were intensely interested, and once or twice deeply

moved. The appeal for money was subordinated, yet it was always and unavoidably in the background of thought. Our people went away with hearts touched. The meeting inspired real missionary enthusiasm, and bore fruit. In January the Superintendent was called to a great gathering at Evanston, Illinois. Bishops, Superintendents, World-Service officers, and other leaders from every part of the nation—some from beyond the nation—were there. The program and addresses were of high order; and, having been furnished all the preachers, should help them place on the hearts of their people the burden which is so heavily on the heart of our Lord.

The salvation of souls has in no sense been neglected. I think, however, we should clearly understand the Church and each other at this point. When gathering benevolences we are making possible the existence of some of the most efficient soul-saving agencies on earth. Twenty-five dollars to an Orphans Home, a Hospital, or a Mission Field, may redeem a life which otherwise had been lost forever. I have never, as a minister, been able to distinguish between money-getting and soul-saving. But when we say soul-saving we mean the actual work of bringing lost men to decision. In this our preachers have labored and rejoiced through the year, going from charge to charge one to help the other. There has been a really great revival at Deal's Island with 138 conversions; Roxana 10; Selbyville 10; Phoebus 10; Princess Anne 10; Fruitland 12; Pittsville 12; Dagsboro and St. George's 14; Pocomoke Circuit 17; Parker and Zion 17; Bishopville 17; Ocean City 23; Smith's Island 33; Pocomoke City 40; Onancock 45; Sharptown 50; Stockton 59. Last year was one of sweeping victory, the District reporting fifteen hundred conversions. This year visible results are not as large, but we have done our best and carry with us the approval of God. With this we are content. We remember, as a boy, standing on the shore and listening to the fishermen sing as they drew their nets. So God's fishermen. How our hearts swell, and how we voice that swelling, as the nets are drawn "full of great fishes."

Building and improvements are continuous. They are as certain as decay of material and progress of plan. This year, as usual, two or three outstanding things have been done. On the night of June 9th, a severe storm demolished our strong frame Church at Oriole. In spite of confusion and doubting, the corner stone was laid September 9th, and the new building—much better appointed than the old—with a two-story Sunday School addition, was ready for occupancy December 9th—exactly six months after the supposed calamity. One-half the cost of this plant has been paid in cash, and the other arranged for on a basis that promises retirement of all debt within two years. At Phoebus a beautiful new parsonage, costing between seven and eight thousand, strictly modern, has been built beside the Church, and on it only \$1500 remains unpaid. In view of everything connected with that enterprise, this is an achievement of note. Asbury, Salisbury, has completed its magnificent Church School and Social Building at a cost of \$110,000. On the day of dedica-

tion the architect pronounced it the best equipment of its kind within his knowledge. Asbury, Crisfield, has put in another year on its cathedral! Everything is finished except the furnishings and organ. Present indebtedness is only \$9,000. Fifteen thousand additional will complete everything and restore to the service of God a Church with many improvements over its wonderful predecessor. Rock Creek Church of Somerset charge has built a \$4,500 Community Hall, all paid without a subscription except \$900, and the Ladies Aid have assumed that. The Pastor, and one of our finest laymen, Dr. E. P. Simpson, did nearly all the work with their own hands. The community owes them a lasting debt of gratitude. A Social House, excellent in every respect for that community, has been erected at Powellville. St. Georges, of Dagsboro and St. Georges, has carried to successful completion a project contemplated for several years—a commodious Sunday School annex, easily opened into the auditorium, with a concrete basement under the entire building. This improvement cost \$9,500, and is paid. Sharptown completed its most attractive auditorium and new Sunday School rooms, with an expenditure of \$15,000. Twelve thousand has been paid, and fourteen hundred of the balance pledged. In early spring work was begun on a new parsonage at Upper Fairmount to replace the one destroyed by fire, and was finished in the early fall. It is a strictly up-to-date home—one of which the charge and pastor should be proud. Twelve hundred dollars remain unpaid. Our people at Tylerton, on Smith's Island charge, who for years have walked a half mile across marsh on boards to service, are now taking down their fine church edifice and erecting a new one in the heart of their village. The new church and location will prove a great blessing. Other building and improvements are as follows: Nanticoke \$500; Delmar \$1250 for plans for new church; Parsonburg \$700; Newark \$810; Gumboro \$150; Stockton \$250; Deal's Island \$1800; Roxana \$140; Claremont \$78; Pocomoke City \$130; Pocomoke Circuit \$100; Cape Charles \$400; Onancock \$200; Hebron \$50; Selbyville \$500; Berlin \$1777; Frankford \$500; White Haven \$150; Whitesville \$500; Princess Anne \$300; Smith's Island \$700; Bishopville \$200; Chincoteague \$225; Pittsville \$400.

The liquidation of old indebtedness follows: Immanuel, Crisfield, \$1500; Parsonburg \$500; Mt. Vernon \$267; Ocean City \$2700; Deal's Island \$2600; Pocomoke City \$1562; Onancock \$200; Snow Hill \$150; Smith's Island \$200; Chincoteague \$400; Fruitland \$1200.

The debt on the District Parsonage has been reduced to the negligible sum of \$600.

From these figures it will be seen that this has been a year of debt paying and improvement to property. These years come occasionally, and are not to be despised, since they serve distinctly spiritual ends.

Salary increases have been: Selbyville \$100; Bishopville \$100; Deal's Island \$200; Ocean City \$300. I do not feel anything can be added to what I have previously said about the justice of proper support for God's ministers.

The Conference Claimants Endowment has received careful attention, but I fear the result will be less than we could desire. My last District



communication carried this paragraph: "The Conference Claimant Endowment should receive a payment from your charge this year. Please do not forget that, in a few years, you will be receiving income from this Fund. If the ministers do not lead it, and see it is done, it will never be done. Some in the Churches may object, but when it is finally accomplished, they will rejoice that the money is in hand for so Christian a purpose. While it is being done, we must kindly ignore the objections of a few in the interest of a great work." In my opinion a different method should be adopted to secure payment of the pledges. I still firmly believe that, if properly appealed to and handled, the charges will redeem their pledges in full.

A delightful event of the year was the celebration of Brother and Sister Dulany's Golden Wedding Anniversary. Their church was beautifully decorated, a host of friends were present, they were remarried by the District Superintendent, and received a large number of valuable presents. Also, nearly \$500 in gold was given them. Of this the Preachers and Preachers' Wives Association presented them with \$50.

In the middle of last September Dr. A. J. Croft was transferred to Wichita, Kansas, and Dr. Samuel McWilliams, of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, was called to Asbury, Salisbury. Dr. McWilliams assumed his new pastorate about the first of October. His brotherliness and able gospel sermons are fast endearing him to the men of our Conference. We pray that his ministry among us may prove an inspiration.

Our Training Schools and Vacation Church Schools are doing finely. At Salisbury there were 102 registrations; at Snow Hill 82, and at Delmar 60. The last was under the leadership of Delmar's pastor. Of the three Vacation Church Schools, Asbury, Crisfield, had 118, Cape Charles 115, and Fruitland 52. A School was held for one week during Camp on Smith's Island. Membership must have been large, but is not known. When we think of this number of persons, from children to adults, systematically studying to better equip themselves for life and leadership in God's Church, it is not difficult to foresee the result. Ten years of this program will produce a small army of persons with intelligent grasp of spiritual truth, and ready for far more effective service. Brother Lindhorst gives himself unreservedly, and with marked efficiency, to this great task.

It is unnecessary to further specify. Other departments of the work are going forward as usual.

Although there are seventeen memoirs, our district ranks have been broken only by the transfer of Joseph P. Wilson to the Heavenly City.

Six years have passed, and we count them six rounds on the golden ladder that leads to God.

"Only in dreams is a ladder thrown  
From the weary earth to the sapphire walls;  
But the dream departs, and the vision falls,  
And the sleeper wakes on his pillow of stone.

"Heaven is not reached at a single bound;  
But we build the ladder by which we rise  
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies,  
And we mount to its summit round by round."

The District is turned over to another without reluctance or regret, but with a song of gratitude for any contribution we may have been enabled to make to that universal Kingdom so soon to be set up. No claim of infallibility is made, but we do claim never to have performed one act of administration that we did not believe was legal and best for every interest involved. The confidence of the laymen and the love of the ministers has been wonderful, and the District has steadily advanced toward the delightful harmony and peace which now obtains. Here and there something has occurred to give pain, but for the most part "justice and mercy have met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other." Like the ancient king who was charmed by the friendship of Damon and Pythias, if there can be a finer fellowship I should like to join it.

This brings us to the end; but ends have impressiveness, as well as beginnings. Indeed, Solomon says: "Better is the ending of a thing than the beginning thereof." Sunset has its glories no less than sunrise. "The end of a perfect day," with its pillars of gold, often more deeply thrills the mind than the opening of its gates of light. The side of a hill, with a few gnarled apple trees, bent and twisted by the blasts of many winters, on which sit an aged couple gazing pensively at the moss-covered frame of an old mill whose broken wheel no longer turns, while he sings to her: "When You and I were Young, Maggie," is far more beautiful than the same scene when, at eighteen, they were pledging to each their untried love. The finish is the climax. Paul, with expectant eye on his goal, said: "I count not my life dear unto myself, so I may finish my course with joy." Jesus' life began with the star, the singing angels, "a mother's deep prayer, and a baby's low cry"; it ended, amid bursting rock and blackened sky, with His expiring but triumphant groan: "IT IS FINISHED."

"On a hill lone and gray,  
In a land far away,  
Went a Man to suffer and die."

That was the climax. That was His victory. That was His throne. That was His crown.

May God fix our eyes on the triumphant end!

### WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

J. W. COLONA, District Superintendent.

It is a very great pleasure to join with the pastor of Harrison St. Church, Brother J. L. Johnson, and his faithful officials, in extending to this Conference a most sincere welcome to hold this, the sixty-first session of the Conference in this great Church. It will be remembered that this is the second session that is being held in this church during the last six years and the fourth held in this City and on this District during the same period. This is no indication of any purpose on the part of our Wilmington Churches to monopolize the pleasure of entertaining the Conference, but it does mean that they are always loyally ready and happy with their fine facilities for the comfort and conveniences for taking care of the growing work of the Conference to open their doors for the entertainment of any session whenever it is the pleasure or desire of the Conference to come. And this hearty welcome is superbly supported by both the Wilmington press and the public at large.

The Wilmington District of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church includes the northern end of the State of Delaware extending from the Pennsylvania line south to St. Georges, and Cecil County, Maryland. From Claymont on the east to the Susquehanna River on the West is about 50 miles, the length of the District, and from Hockessin in the north to St. Georges in the south is about 25 miles, the breadth. In the east end of this territory is situated the city of Wilmington with its beautiful suburban sections and their many and varied industries, while in the West is our agricultural section dotted with its thriving towns and villages. On the Wilmington District there are 67 Methodist Episcopal churches organized into 52 Charges with a membership and constituency of more than twenty-five thousand, and having fifty-two ministers in the pastoral care of the same. It is my duty and responsibility now as Superintendent to present to this Conference my annual report of the life, activities and growth of these churches under the leadership of their respective pastors during this Conference year. I shall seek to do this as briefly as I can in justice to all the interests involved. With very few exceptions general good health has prevailed in our parsonage homes this Conference year. Among the exceptions are Brother L. M. Broadway, Mrs. W. L. Hess, and Mrs. J. S. Eldridge, all of whom have undergone hospital treatment and have quite completely regained their health.

The Grim Reaper has invaded our ranks and removed from our midst Brother Thomas Pardee, faithful Supply and pastor of our Church at Colora, Md., and Brother George L. Hardesty, Retired and living in Wilmington. Also five others of our Claimants: Dr. C. W. Prettyman, of Carlisle, Pa., F. O. B. Wallin, Sweden, Mrs. Martha Robinson, Perryman, Md., O. S. Walton, Red Lion, Del., and Mrs. Laura E. Weston, Wilmington, Del., have passed on to their eternal reward during the Conference year. Suitable memoirs will be presented to the Conference.

The following Charges have increased the support of their pastors respectively for this Conference year as follows: Grace, \$500; Hillcrest, \$250; Cookman, \$200; Brandywine, \$200; Rising Sun, \$100; Brack-Ex, \$100. Total increase for the year is \$1350.

The various agencies of the churches over the District have been functioning with their usual vigor and effectiveness in every possible way in support of the work and causes of the Church. The Ladies Aid Societies together with kindred organizations have raised and disbursed for the maintenance of their parsonages and other projects the total sum of \$22,693.

The 21 Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies on the District have carried on their work with characteristic aggressiveness and self-sacrificing spirit and their reports indicate having raised and disbursed for their missionary work in the foreign fields \$8,606. The 23 Woman's Home Missionary Societies likewise have been busy in the Lord's work, for their reports show that they have raised and disbursed for the maintenance and expansion of their work in this Country \$9,420. No finer example of courageous leadership, wise administration and consecrated cooperation in the work of kingdom building can be found than among these faithful women of the Church. The magnitude and scope of the fruits of their labors are indeed amazing. The Epworth Leagues of the District are continuing to function effectively in their devotional services, social fellowship, religious education and works of mercy. Commendation of the foundation work being done by the biblical instruction being imparted to the children in the many strong Junior Leagues can not be too strongly made. The annual convention of the Senior League was held in St. Paul's Church on May 25, and a Mid-Winter Institute with an excellent program of religious education, and conducted by a very strong faculty was held in Grace Church, Wilmington, January 21-25. Thanksgiving and Easter Sunrise services were held in Harrison Street and Union Churches respectively. Our young people are ever alert to accept a challenge to service and faithful to the worshipful programs of their own churches.

#### Buildings and Improvements.

A new Church House has been erected at Perryville at a cost of \$10,000. It is built of cement block and was dedicated on September 20th by the Writer, assisted by the Pastor and Dr. H. G. Budd. The building was designed to provide facilities for religious education, social functions, administrative purposes and some forms of athletics for the young people of the Church and community. It is a gift of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Cole to the Church, and is named "The Broadway Church House," in honor of the Pastor, under whole inspiration, vision and leadership it became a reality.

A new addition has been built to our Church in Brack-Ex. The dedication services were conducted by the Writer, assisted by the Pastor on Sunday morning, November 4th. This was the joyful climax of the visions, planning, faithful cooperation and much self-sacrifice on the part

of the Pastor and people through many years. The new addition doubles the capacity of the Church for all purposes of worship, religious education and church activities. The total cost of the new addition was \$8100, \$5000 of which have been raised and paid.

Our Church at Elkton has advanced from one achievement to another during these recent years under the leadership of Brother W. G. Harris, the pastor. During this year the entire exterior of the Church has been resurfaced with brown stone, making the Church, from the standpoint of architectural beauty and durability, one of the most impressive structures in the Conference. Also the interior has been extensively improved in beauty and comfort. The entire cost is \$12,000, all of which was raised in cash and subscriptions by the Pastor one Sunday morning in about twenty minutes. Such a triumph is due, of course, to both the pastoral leadership and the loyal, prompt and generous support of the members and friends of the Church. This Church has paid \$8000 this year on their new improvements in addition to maintaining their benevolent and local budgets in full.

Calvert Church on Zion Charge has undergone improvements to both the exterior and interior of same. The Pastor and congregation has reason to rejoice together at the reopening on September 16th when the appeals for funds sufficient to cover the cost of the improvements were abundantly successful. The total cost was \$600, all of which was raised and paid in full.

Early in the Conference year very extensive repairs were made upon our church at Hopewell. The improvements to the auditorium have made it very beautiful indeed. On Sunday morning, June 24th, the reopening services were held. Brother F. C. MacSorley was present to preach the sermon. The total cost of the improvements was around \$1800.00, all of which was raised and is paid. Also an electric lighting system has been recently installed in the parsonage.

On Sunday morning, February 17th, the \$1,400 mortgage that had been existing against Holly Oak Church was burned. Also on Sunday evening, March 24th, the mortgage of \$1,500 against Trinity church was burned. An electric lighting system has been installed in both Bethel and Town Point Churches on Bethel and Town Point Charge, the total cost of which has been raised and paid. It is the plan to wire the parsonage also soon.

#### Benevolences.

The eight great causes included in World Service have had their proper representation in the Quarterly Conferences and throughout the Conference year. Our pastors have labored faithfully and conscientiously to hold their offerings up to the high level and to make some advance where possible. Especially was this true at the close of the last fiscal year. Many special gifts were secured to supplement the regular contributions of the churches. As a consequence, mainly from that effort, \$27,104 were remitted to the Chicago Office from the Wilmington Dis-

trict from April 1st, to February 28th, as compared with \$24,322 remitted for the same period last year, or an increase of \$2,781 over last year for that period. Whether this increase will be maintained for the Conference year can not be known until the Conference Treasurer completes his report from the pastors' reports to the Conference. Some churches are reporting substantial increases over their offerings of last year.

A program of education such as was contemplated in the Evanston Conference vigorously carried on so as to bring to all our people the facts as to the existing world needs, the duty and obligations of Christians and members of our churches consequent upon their prosperity under the providence of God, is absolutely imperative, if our great benevolent Boards are to be able to go forward with their programs for world betterment.

Most of our churches are making substantial payments on their pledges toward our Conference Claimant Endowment Fund. But if we are to collect all the pledges in full, as we must, if we are to be in a position to properly take care of our Claimants and ever enter the new Reserve Pension Fund, now in the process of being completed, we must employ some agency additional to the District Superintendents to assist the pastors in devising ways and means to raise the money. The cause must be personalized as the Superintendents, in the nature of the situation, can not do.

All the benevolent causes of the general church and of our annual Conference have been presented to our people for their support.

#### Evangelism.

The Great Commission to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, is still binding upon the Church. Indeed the primary apology for the continuance of the church is to carry out that Commission. True, the Church has done and will continue very properly to do a great many other things incident and germane thereto, but for us all the great task we are primarily ordained to perform is to introduce men and women, boys and girls to Jesus Christ and persuade them to accept Him as their Lord and Master. But when that is done, as, for example, consequent upon a special evangelistic campaign, the task is by no means finished. Many a new convert, most promising for the kingdom, is lost by our failure often to follow up and complete the good work started. If our new converts as a rule, are to be built securely into the Temple of our Christ, we must not only preach the Word faithfully from our pulpits, but also be "Instant in season and out of season" in pastoral visitation and spiritual leadership in the everlasting effort to guide, instruct, comfort and encourage with all tenderness and love to the end that they may be established firmly in the faith of Christ and in the House of the Lord. And, Brethren, just this is the most fundamental work in the world today. Evangelism involves the whole task of saving souls from the temptations and damages of sin and their lives from

childhood on through the years unto all goodness and usefulness, even unto the uttermost, until they are called to meet their Pilot face to face. This kind of evangelism carried on by all Christian ministers and churches in cooperation, one with the other, will inevitably work, as nothing else can, toward peace,—community peace, national peace, world peace. All our pastors have conducted evangelistic campaigns in one way or another. Some have employed a special evangelist to assist them. Brother George W. Cooke, whose ministry has proven a real blessing to many of the churches in our Conference these recent years, conducted very fruitful services at both Newark and McCabe. Other pastors have been their own evangelists. Home visitation programs have been put on by many with good results. All known ways of approach have been employed to win people from the ways of sin to Christ and His Church. Reports received to date show 977 having been received into the churches in Full-Membership and 594 into Preparatory Membership.

#### Wilmington City Missions.

Under the mandate involved in the special resolutions adopted by the last session of our Conference the Wilmington City Missionary Society proceeded this Conference year with their ministries and activities in cooperation with the Board of Home Missions at Sixth Avenue, Wesley, Asbury and Kingswood. Six workers under the leadership of Miss Elizabeth DeMaris, one of the best trained and most efficient mission workers in the whole Church, have been giving their full time in service in their ministries through their varied activities to the physical, social, intellectual and moral well-being of the youth of these sections of our City. They are laying the foundations for a better and more intelligent Christian citizenship in this City and State.

But from the latest reports of the Treasurer of the City Missionary Society the prospect we have been facing is that the churches of the Conference will not support the Conference resolutions by larger offerings for the work. If that proves to be true when our Conference Treasurer makes his report, we will face a deficit for the year in the face of the fact that about \$1,700 were raised in a special canvass last May. Therefore a meeting was called recently by Dr. Kohlstedt in his office to face the situation and determine the procedure for the next year. A special meeting of the City Missionary Society was called by Rev. G. T. Alderson, the Secretary, on the 12th of February to consider the suggestions made in the meeting in Philadelphia. Accordingly, after a thorough discussion of the matter at the special meeting a committee was raised and requested to canvass the total situation and bring in their report and recommendations as to procedure for the ensuing Conference year at the annual meeting of the Society. In the meantime at the 4th Quarterly Conference of Asbury Church, held March 4th, it was unanimously decided, on motion of Dr. G. T. Alderson, the pastor and Secretary of the Society, to request the Conference to divorce the work of the City Missionary Society from Asbury Church. So in accordance with the action

of the Asbury Quarterly Conference, the special committee brought in their report to the annual meeting of the Society on March 12th, recommending that the City Missionary work be separated from Asbury Church and placed under the Superintendent of the Wilmington District. The report and recommendations were unanimously adopted. But unless a larger support is obtained from the churches, the program of the good work will either have to be seriously curtailed or discontinued. Also some missionary assistance must be found for Asbury Church, our mother Church of this City, situated in the midst of a section of the City that is increasingly revealing missionary needs. Very careful and prayerful consideration should be given to this cause by this Conference session. Dr. G. T. Alderson will bring the detailed report of the work and situation.

#### Goodwill Industries.

The Goodwill Industries of Wilmington, as the Goodwill institution does everywhere it functions, seeks above all else to give to the handicapped and unfortunate a chance rather than charity. In the work of rendering this service to the community during the past year, Dr. J. H. Beauchamp, the Superintendent of the Wilmington Goodwill Industries, reports "Four thousand one hundred and forty-one calls have been made, collecting three thousand five hundred bags of clothing and paper and five hundred and eighteen pieces of furniture. Twenty-nine thousand hours of work have been furnished to handicapped folk and fourteen thousand three hundred and twenty-three customers served. Our audited report for 1928 shows store sales and salvage \$8,282.36, donations and membership fees \$2,156.25, making a grand total for the year \$10,438.61.

The first of last September our Directors, assisted by a large number of our leading citizens, put on a drive to raise funds to put up a new building and purchase some much needed machinery for the work. Up to date we have in cash and subscriptions \$45,635.00. Cash \$33,623.71. Subscriptions to be paid in \$12,011.29. We still need \$40,000, which we expect to get at an early date.

#### The Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Wilmington Conference manages and supports the Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, located at 307 West Street. Miss Irene Worrell, the Superintendent, reports having more than two hundred children enrolled in the twenty-three classes and clubs held each week. A Junior League with seventy enrolled has an average attendance of more than fifty each week. There are eleven different nationalities and nine religious sects represented among the children. A Daily Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of seventy-five and an average attendance of fifty-five was held four weeks.

On November 14th the writer, assisted by Drs. B. M. Johns and V. S. Collins dedicated the "Mary Todd Gambrill Neighborhood House" in South Wilmington, a building that had been purchased by the Woman's Home Missionary Society to provide facilities for much needed community

missionary work. The cost of the building was \$5,500, Mrs. Gambrill donating one thousand dollars of the purchase price. Eight nationalities are represented among the children receiving religious instruction in the classes. Seventy-six children who had never been to any Sunday School are now in regular attendance. Who can adequately appraise the value and good consequences of this character of missionary activities. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

#### Religious Education.

The modern movements in the Church toward more definite and effective methods for the religious education of our growing hosts of young people hold untold possibilities of good for the church and the cause of Christ in the future. In this field of activities probably no Conference in the entire Church has made more advance than ours, if as much, during the last four years. And that advance has been due to the faithful, untiring, consecrated leadership of our Conference Director, Brother F. A. Lindhorst. A man with penetration of intellect, with the far vision of a true seer and with a fine human touch that inspires youth to a search for knowledge and experience in Christ, he has rallied the hosts of young people from one end of this Peninsula to the other to the religious schools of various kinds with astounding success. On this District two Standard Teacher Training Schools with excellent faculties and large enrollments, one at Elkton and the other at Scott, Wilmington, have been held. 11 Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been held with a total enrollment of just about 1000 children. The churches are increasingly making better provision in the way of improved facilities for this growing work and our youth are more and more responding to the challenge of the broader, deeper, richer and more useful life.

The following is a brief summary for the last six years: Total increase in support of pastors \$15,060; Total raised and disbursed for World Service \$259,243; Total expended on buildings and improvements on church property \$352,744; Total raised by the Ladies Aid Societies \$132,127; Total raised by Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies \$47,065; Total raised by Woman's Home Missionary Societies \$47,777; Total paid on old debts \$205,018; Total received into Full Membership 5,721; Total received into Preparatory Membership 3,883.

In submitting this, my sixth and final report as Superintendent of the Wilmington District, I desire to thank the pastors and officials, members and friends of all the churches of the District for their uniform kindness, courtesy and cooperation in the work of the churches, without which the good works described in all our reports would have been an impossibility, and to my Heavenly Father for my sustained good health and strength with which to carry on the work committed to my care.

## (b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

### EDUCATION.

The Greek rhetorician Longinus quotes from the Mosaic account what he calls the sublimest passage ever uttered: "And God said Let there be light." Every one recognizes how essential light is in the natural world. It is also universally acknowledged that light is exceedingly beneficial in the realm of metaphysics. One of our great tasks is to help that light to shine in the consciousness of man. The process by which the mind is enlightened we term education.

The mind, by education, should be made appreciative and of finer worth. The trained mind appreciates fittingly and is enabled to catch the beauty of God's handiwork displayed everywhere in the changing scenes of His universe. The truly educated mind should see every roadside bush aflame with beauty and every cloud a shekinah leading the soul to new splendor.

The scriptural passage containing the statement that: "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man" has led to the idea of physical, mental, social and spiritual development. No one phase of man's education should be neglected to the detriment of the other. Develop the physique to the detriment of the mind and you may produce a Samson or a Goliath. Educate the mind to the disadvantage of the spirit and there may be produced an Alcibiades or a Francis Lord Bacon. To educate the whole man is the ideal and helps one to attain to the "measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." If any one of these phases should have the preference it should be the spiritual so that the hand and head might be properly directed.

We think approvingly of our educational institutions. Their history, buildings, endowments, and faculties win our admiration. The environment at these institutions should be such as to help students to a sublime height. We concur with the judgment of Dr. G. A. Gordon, that Pericles was profoundly wise when he concluded: "That if Athens were filled with worthy images of the gods and heroes, and with temples of beauty and splendor the men and women who lived in the presence of this universal display of high excellence would be constantly exposed to an influence, a judgment that could not but refine and exalt the mind." So permit our youth to be in the atmosphere and under the influence of our educational institutions and associate with their noble instructors and there will be refinement as well as qualification for Christian citizenship and duty.

It is therefore with pardonable pride that we glory in our great Methodist educational institutions. The academies, seminaries, colleges,

and universities of Methodism deserve our sincere commendation and praise. Because of their influence for good scholarship and refinement we give them our hearty endorsement and pledge to them our sympathy, influence, gifts and prayers.

#### CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Board of Managers of the Wilmington Conference Education Society, organized for the purpose of giving financial help to needy and worthy young people who are seeking preparation for Christian service, makes the following report for the present school year.

During this year we have given financial help to 14 young men who are preparing for the Christian ministry in our Conference. Two of these young men, who are already members of our Conference, are students in Drew University. They are receiving help from the Riddle Fund to the amount of \$200.00 each.

Two of our students are in the American University, Washington, D. C.; two are in the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio; one is in Dickinson College, and seven are in the Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover, Del. These twelve receive from \$50 to \$100 each from the General Fund, making an aggregate from the General Fund of \$875.

For some time we have been receiving from The Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church only \$500, less than one half what we were receiving from that source a few years back. This drop in our receipts from the church greatly reduces our power to help needy students. Indeed but for a small income from some invested funds, and occasionally the return of a loan by some one who did not take work in our Conference after graduation, our ability to help would be pitifully small.

Persons who wish to make investments in our Lord's work that will continue to bear fruit long after they have gone home, should consider the work being done by this Society. For if the Christian minister is to meet successfully the many demands made upon him he must not only be filled with the Holy Spirit but have the best intellectual equipment the schools can give him. He must carry, and wield, the two-edged sword of intellectual equipment and Spiritual endowment. But the financial cost to many young men who hear the divine call, "Go preach my Gospel," is more than they can meet.

Two members of our board have passed to their home beyond during the conference year now closing, namely, the Rev. C. W. Prettyman, long the president of the board, and Mr. E. Benson Dennis of Crisfield, Md. Their terms of membership would have expired in 1930. To fill out the unexpired terms of these brethren I am instructed to nominate as follows: Minister, M. S. Andrews; Layman, J. Millard Tawes.

The terms of six members of our board expire by law with the close of this conference session. They are: Ministers: H. G. Budd, V. S. Col-

lins, F. C. MacSorley; Laymen, Victor C. Hitchens, L. M. Price, Mayrice F. Alexander. I am instructed to nominate these men for reelection.

We also nominate the following named persons as official visitors to the schools named:

Drew University, E. P. Thomas, J. B. McCabe.  
Dickinson College, W. A. Hearn, John M. Kelso.  
Wesley Collegiate Institute, L. E. Windsor, W. G. Harris.  
Morgan College, J. J. Bunting.  
Princess Anne Academy, R. P. Nichols.  
Ohio Wesleyan University, H. G. Budd.

#### WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

Wesley Collegiate Institute is closing the fifty-fifth year of its career as a preparatory school.

The outstanding feature attained scholastically during the past year has been the placing of the Institute on the list of accredited preparatory schools of the Middle Atlantic States and Maryland by the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This insures the admission of its graduates to all colleges and universities that will accept certification.

The attendance for this year has been: Academic, 68; Business Courses, 22; Special, 3; a gain of 7 over last year, chiefly in the Academic Department. The number of ministerial students is 12, the same as last year.

The Special Preparatory Course has attracted an unusually large number this year and promises to be as popular the coming season. Eight of our graduates of 1928 are in college. Three that pursued the Special Preparatory Course but did not graduate are also in college, while four of the graduates are in business.

The increase in the yearly tuition and the change in the discount for ministerial students voted by the Board of Trustees at a special called meeting on February 28, 1928, has been a material help to the school without the loss of patronage. The place where it would be felt most keenly should have been in the local patronage. The local patronage, however, has materially increased this year. Many of the students entering from Dover and vicinity are first-year students and are likely to be with the school for the full four years.

There seems to have existed for a number of years some doubt as to the need of a preparatory school of the character of the Wesley Collegiate Institute on the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula. These doubts should be completely dispersed by the action of a sister denomination, that has made provision to spend one and one-half million dollars to establish a preparatory school near Middletown, Delaware. They seem to realize that many of the schools on the Peninsula at the present time do not meet the requirements necessary for successful work in colleges and universi-

ties. Assuredly, the Methodists with the dominant part of the population should not lag behind any other denomination in securing the best there is in the way of preparatory education for their sons and daughters. Wesley Collegiate Institute is our Conference's own school and every loyal Methodist should bear this school in mind when he sees young men and young women in need of the kind of education offered by the independent school, and do his very best to direct them to this school.

Again the budget will not balance for the year. There has been an increase in the number of students but not large enough to put the school upon a self-supporting basis, and this year's work will again show a deficit. As stated in previous reports, seventy boarding pupils besides the local patronage will insure a successful school financially as well as scholastically.

The student aid by interested friends of the school has been increased. One member of the Board of Trustees is paying two full tuition scholarships. A friend of the Institute is paying the full cost of a boarding student for this year, while another friend has paid \$70 toward the expenses of a boarding pupil. Still another friend, a graduate of the school, has offered a current scholarship of \$50 for some worthy and needy student, the same to be recommended by the President of the Institute. If some generous person or persons would but see their way clear to establish some current scholarships to aid needy young men and young women, I am sure that we could secure six or eight students preparing for Christian work for the next school year, and I know of nothing that would pay greater dividends than just this one thing—educating young people who feel the need and are anxious to get the preparatory work to fit them for greater service in the Master's cause.

With the colleges and universities making their scholastic requirements stronger and stronger, the need for the preparatory school is becoming greater than ever before. With a systematic active cooperation on the part of the ministers and the key laymen in the Wilmington Conference, Wesley Collegiate Institute another year can be placed on a paying basis.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE A. SHORT.

#### BOARD OF CHURCH SCHOOLS.

For centuries the Christian church had no Sunday Schools. Then came men who saw both the need, and an opportunity, and schools on Sunday were organized for the instruction of children in the fine art of right living.

Possibly Martin Luther was one of the first, if not the first, in this fruitful line of church work, for in 1527 he established several Sunday schools in Germany. The work soon spread to other countries, notably to England.

Among the earliest Sunday schools in the American colonies were those in Roxbury, Mass. in 1674, Norwich, Conn. in 1676, and in Newton, Long Island in 1683. In Philadelphia, in 1791, a First Day, or Sunday School Society was organized "to give religious instruction to poor children."

But the Sunday schools of that day were exceedingly crude, as measured by the standards of today. And they were few and far between. Today we are living in the age of international Sunday School organizations, and of World Sunday School Conventions, held in various countries, with delegates from all the world.

As the science of teaching in general has advanced church leaders have seen the necessity for better methods of teaching in our Church, or, Sunday Schools. This has led to carefully prepared courses of study covering every phase of Christian living, and introducing our children and young people to the Bible as our unchanging authority on all questions of morals and religion.

But higher grade teaching material, and approved methods of teaching, called for a better prepared teaching force. Hence the rise of Teacher Training Schools as authorized by the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and as conducted by our Conference Director of Religious Education, under the supervision of the Conference Board of Church Schools.

The report of the Conference Director of Religious Education will show the several lines of work done, and will recount some of our achievements during the year now closing.

For the last two years we have asked the Conference for \$3600.00 for helping to finance this work, this sum to be apportioned among the charges of the Conference by the District Superintendents. And that request has been granted. Had we received the amount asked for we would not have been financially cramped, though we would have been financially closely limited. In fact we received \$865 less than we were voted by the Conference; that is, we had a few dollars more than three-fourths of what we actually needed. Let any tailor try to cut a suit for a man six feet tall out of cloth that is barely sufficient for a suit for a man four and one-half feet tall. Yet that is a job we have had to work at this past year. For the coming year we ask the same amount, \$3600, to be apportioned among the charges as formerly. And we will need every dollar of that amount to finance the work already planned.

Highly appreciating the Christian character of the Rev. Frank A. Lindhorst, and in acknowledgment of the fine work he has accomplished since coming to us, we ask of Bishop McDowell his reappointment as our Conference Director of Religious Education.

### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Bishop McDowell and Brethren:

Religious Education is rapidly being recognized as one of the most successful, permanent, and promising methods of Evangelism the Church has known. It is no longer an experiment. When youth brought before the Juvenile Court of one of our cities are not sent to reform schools or jails, but rather to the School of Religion, we have evidence that this method is proving to be not only a conserving method but also a reclaiming method of Evangelism. We rejoice daily at the increasingly favorable reaction coming from the laymen and clergy of our own Conference. We confidently believe that the Heavenly Father rejoices as the church revives its interest in the youth and the child, as well as in the adult. Again and again, there comes to our thought—"Who is big enough to meet the opportunity which the church has today? Who is capable of meeting the situation?" Truly, human agencies alone are not equal to the task. Only as the Spirit of the Divine permeates our thinking, planning, and actual endeavors can we hope to make the most of the opportunity before us.

To the best of our ability we have followed that which seemed to us to be the leadings of the Heavenly Father. We have not been equal to the task,—mistakes have been made. Yet we believe that in spite of these there has been progress in the great cause in which we are all concerned.

Constantly bearing in mind our great purpose of saving men, of building Christlike character into present and future generations, let us examine some of the actual procedures which we should follow on this Peninsula to realize our goal.

**First, we must train a leadership** capable of meeting the problems of present day Christian Living. All forces already established and contemplated must be strengthened.

1. Standard Training Schools have proven themselves worthwhile. These have been strategically located. Fourteen have been held this year with a total registration of 1277. Of these 157 were of other denominations. The Summer School added 67, making a total of 1344. Some of these schools are in their fifth and sixth year. People continue to make sacrifices of no small degree to take advantage of these opportunities. The latest example coming to our attention is a woman who drives fifteen miles to participate in study. She has two children and thirteen college student boarders. This training program must be carried to the more **isolated sections** which are not now reached. One or two more schools should probably be added as soon as the demand warrants them.

2. The Wesley Summer School of Religious Education launched last year was considered a successful project. This school will undoubtedly become a great training center. More advanced work must gradually be introduced in addition to the regular courses, and the Demonstration School of Children, which was well conducted by our Conference Director of Elementary Work this last year, must become in very truth a Labora-

tory School. Here advanced students will not only study method, but practice teaching under expert supervision. Wesley Summer School has the possibilities of becoming the Church's Normal School for this Peninsula.

3. The Epworth League Institute continued for its eleventh year with as crowded quarters as ever. This is our opportunity with High School young people. The new legislation and readjustment of our national organization opens the way for this splendid training center to make its appeal even more widely than heretofore to **all** High School youth of the Conference. Here we can more and more deal with the actual problems of young people, helping them to think through their difficulties, broaden their visions, and strengthen them for the great task of Christian Living. This whole Conference owes Dean W. G. Harris and Manager George Sterling an immeasurable debt of gratitude for having carried the responsibilities of this Institute so well during the last ten years. He who inherits the task from which Brother Harris resigns, enters upon one which has a splendid foundation, and one which holds one of the greatest opportunities for influence within the Conference.

4. The same spirit of helpfulness for youth must be carried into local centers in Mid-year Institutes and Conferences, that more of these High School youth may reap the benefit. Already, responses to such a suggestion in various centers have proven to us the open door that awaits, if we may have sufficient leadership to carry on.

5. The younger teen-age group, not yet entered High School and known in some communities as the Junior High group, must be touched in a real vital way. A camp program would make its appeal. The harvest is ripe. Would that we could now launch upon a great Camp program with one hundred boys and one hundred girls each summer in such a religious training center. We need a site. The pastors and laymen present at the Summer School on their Special Day authorized a Committee to work cooperatively with a similar committee of the Conference Board of Church Schools. It is hoped that this joint committee will ere long bring a feasible plan before us for consideration.

6. In order to do this training task aright, advanced leadership must be trained in Seminars in larger numbers and repeatedly. Young people of greatest promise must be encouraged to enter into specialized training. Money for scholarships is greatly needed, and must be found if our work is to proceed as rapidly as the way opens.

**Secondly**—Greater emphasis must be placed upon the **local church's program of teaching**. Here is where our people are touched in the largest numbers. The demand is increasing constantly for assistance through personal touch and correspondence. Vacation Church Schools, Weekday Schools, and problems of the Sunday session demand attention. To adequately meet these needs, a staff of specially trained workers such as we now have should be able to give their **entire time** to contacts with the local churches. The coming of Miss Ruth Lindseth to Selbyville as their local Director of Religious Education and as Conference Director of Young Peo-



ple's Work has greatly strengthened our staff. The time she can give to the Conference at large is necessarily limited. She is needed for the wider contact, and will be so more and more as her ability becomes known.

**Third—A Conference-wide survey** probably by sub-district groups should be made in the near future. This means a large undertaking, but it is worthwhile. Parish lines are not always certain. There is evidence of many so-called "no man's land" where no church gives very serious attention to the people living there. One whole community has been revived on one charge because the church, through its pastor and others, made a study of the situation. One church found by a community survey that there were many Methodists in the Constituency not formerly realized or observed by the church. Town churches sometimes expect rural churches to care for the people in the country;—the rural churches say they go to the town. The facts are the people go nowhere. Parish lines should be scientifically established and then all available families within the lines reached for Religious Nurture.

Some parishes should be grouped in the Larger Parish program; a survey would determine where these groupings might feasibly be made. Some churches appear to be in such condition as to warrant their combining with other congregations. A survey would reveal this fact. Surely no churches should be closed before an adequate study has been made. Surely some should not go to the expense of money, time, and energy of pastoral leadership when combining with other congregations would mean better work done and at less expense. Churches two miles apart, for example, generally have a hard time explaining their excuse for continued separate existence. We live under changing conditions today. We should adjust our church program to meet these changed conditions. A survey would reveal some of these needs and the places where special attention should be given in the near future. **These existing conditions are partial causes for the Church's failure to reach the unchurched child and youth.**

The Larger Parish Plan as is being carried out on the Sudlersville Group, and can be developed in the Selbyville locality, has proven an efficient form of supervision and local church contacts. Our rural sections must be organized into these larger parishes, with trained leadership for this phase of the work. Thus may one of the most difficult fields be strengthened. The Sudlersville group program has been so gratifying in results that the local board has authorized the employment of another worker to take Miss Margaret Ilsley's place, she having resigned to make a home of her own. She will leave many friends behind her, and a work especially firm in its foundation. At least two other charges are seeking to be added to this group.

Because of the emphasis upon the local church's program in the last five years and more, we can count over fifty churches where real worthwhile definite projects of advancement are under way. Lack of time, leadership, and finance alone holds us back from realizing far greater results in the contacts made with local churches.

In the **Fourth Place**—We must build a **closer correlation of all our forces in the Church and Conference** dealing with educational work. The new legislation by the General Conference last May, and the carrying out of that legislation by the National Boards of Education, has led the way. Many have felt the need and urge for this development. Individual churches, such as Fruitland, Wesley-Dover, Asbury-Salisbury, McCabe-Wilmington, and Ocean City, have taken steps in this direction. The Dover District has led the way in District Organization by setting up in the Young People's field a Council of Young People's Work including both the Church School and Epworth League. Their program is already set up and moving. The same thing will undoubtedly be developed some day in the Children's and Adult phases of our program in all the districts. A leader in Adult Education writes, "We can have little hope for the Childhood of today unless we can reach the Adults of today." How true. Adult religious education must be stressed with that of Children and Youth.

Man is a Unit. His whole life is to be Evangelized. Therefore all those agencies working for his Evangelization should be closely allied, and all using the educational method should determine common objectives and harmonize methods and procedures. The plan for reorganization of the Conference educational interests, to be brought to your attention this session, is a vital matter and we hope will receive the wholehearted support of the Annual Conference membership.

We call your attention to the fact, however, that in a great many of our churches it is not a question of lack of correlation of young people's organizations, but the lack of any organized program for youth. That it is not a problem of multiplicity of Missionary Organizations, but the lack of any worthwhile program of Missionary Education. Many churches do not provide systematic temperance training or regular training of youth for church membership. We need to concentrate our attention, brethren, upon our Educational work and see to it that where there is duplication, adjustments be made to eliminate it, and where the program is weak or lacking entirely, to provide it!

Our **Fifth Need** in this field is for a **closer cooperation with churches of other denominations**, which must gradually come for the best interests of the Kingdom. The Methodist Episcopal Church is the strongest denomination on the Peninsula. This does not mean, however, that we cannot learn from others, nor that we should hesitate to aid others. Our strength places a responsibility upon us. The Methodist Episcopal Church has always favored cooperation, and will more so as time proceeds. That cooperation, however, will take place, only on the plane of highest standards of work and efficiency, when we not only have the enjoyment of promoting and carrying out the program of cooperative effort, but also share the responsibility of helping to plan the content of that program and method by which procedure shall take place. This is the only basis upon which genuine cooperation can succeed. Definite steps in this direction have been made this year through the Educational Committee of the

State Organization, through the Wilmington Council of Churches, and in local community projects.

**Sixth.**—Greater use of the scientific plan of procedure in all our work is needed. This means a careful study of the needs of individuals and churches, an evaluation of our past work and a carefully planned program for the future to meet these needs. When this is done we will carefully advance step by step, going only so rapidly as we can see the way fairly clear before us. Our faith will be stronger, and results more sure if we do so.

In keeping with this principle, it is proposed that we hold a Youth Conference shortly following the Annual Conference session to consider our youth program in this Conference territory. A small group of leading young people and adult leaders of youth will sit down to consider the needs of the field, objectives for our future work, evaluate past efforts, and plan steps for the future. Because of this planned Conference of Young People, it was thought best not to hold the Older Boys' Conference this year.

Likewise this principle was carried out in trying to determine the best lesson courses for the new Young People's Department in Harrison Street Church. Youth were invited to discuss their interests and problems, and to vote upon proposed courses of study. Courses were suggested as a result of the findings.

Another case in point needing close study and an adequate program to meet the needs is the problems in our summer resorts. These resort churches face a problem that is unique. The influx of population during the vacation period is far beyond their regular constituency. Every other type of activity is urged upon the people while they are in these vacation resorts. It is not the time for the letting down of their religious interests. Our pastors in these places are working nobly to meet the problems, but to solve them alone is almost beyond the powers of any one individual. Boys and girls and youth, as well as adults, should be helped to see that religion and Christian living is as vital during the vacation period as at any other time. The Board of Home Missions, through its Department of Rural Work, has responded favorably to a request that they cooperate with us in the providing of a conference for ministers who serve resort communities. The thought is that perhaps three or more of our water-front Conferences might join in this discussion, hoping to work out a challenging program of religious activity for these communities.

**Seventh.**—As they become more and more acquainted with the nature, possibilities, and actual results of this whole program of religious education, men and churches will consider it worth their while to invest their money in it. Larger gifts and offerings must be made. The resources of our Peninsula are hardly tapped. Men must be taught to give. Several opportunities for increasing our resources for this work are now provided.

The Rally Day offering is a real opportunity for us. We are now permitted to receive back into the Conference all money sent to Chicago

as a Rally Day offering, and for this credit is given to the church sending it, on World Service apportionment. This is a challenge. Our Rally Day offering increased sufficiently this year to make available for our treasurer \$200.00 more than he has hitherto received from the National Board.

The Anniversary of Organized Young People's Work in Methodism comes in May. All offerings received that day and sent to the Board of Education will again, be returned to this Conference for Young People's Work. World Service credit will be given for at least this year. Here is an opportunity for young people themselves, as well as others, to make their contribution to young people's work. If Epworth Leagues and Young People's Classes of the Church School will put forth a special effort on that day, we can more adequately meet the needs of this age group.

Small special gifts have been coming into this work for the first time this year. These will undoubtedly increase. There is no reason why some folks of means should not endow the religious educational work of this Conference, except that people generally do not know the possibilities. To some, upon first thought, this may seem strange, but upon thinking it over, more and more will see the need and wisdom of such a plan. The harvest is ripe. If we had sufficient funds, this Conference could, in five years time, make such an impression upon the religious life of its youth and adults as would give us a new church life. In so far as we have the vision, brethren, let us give it to the people.

This work has been made financially possible this year, in addition to what the local churches have done, by contributions from the Board of Education, Board of Home Missions, and friends of the movement. These have totaled approximately \$5550.00.

The Conference Board is asking you to again approve an asking of the churches to the amount of \$3600.00, and entreat each charge to do their utmost to bring up their share.

#### Recommendations.

1. That the Conference Board of Education take under advisement this year the question of an adequate survey of our parishes, and bring report, with plans, to the Annual Conference at its 1930 session.
2. That we urge our churches to a closer correlation of all their educational work.
3. That our churches be asked to stress their Rally Day offering, sending it to the Chicago office for World Service credit, from where it will be returned to our Conference for educational work.
4. That our Young People's Organizations be urged to observe the Anniversary of the Methodist youth movement in May, and secure as large a special offering as possible for young people's work in the Conference.
5. That a Youth Conference for a limited number of leading young people and workers with young people be held this spring for the purpose of evaluating our present program and organization, and working out a procedure for the next five years.

6. That we approve the holding of an Institute on problems of summer resort churches and pledge our cooperation in the setting up of such an Institute for our own Annual Conference, or for ours in cooperation with other nearby Conferences.

7. That we approve the asking our churches for a sum of \$3600.00 for this coming year, and urge them to meet their individual share in full.

8. That we express our appreciation to the General Board of Education and Board of Home Missions for their liberal financial help and cooperation in our Conference program of Religious Education.

9. That we extend to the newly elected Secretary of the "Division of Religious Education in the Local Church" for the General Board, Dr. Merle N. English, and his staff our vote of confidence in their leadership in this important work with our people.

10. That this Annual Conference adopt unanimously the program for reorganization of its educational interests.

Finally,—We again emphasize—we must realize more deeply that the **great objective** of all this is the Salvation of Human Life,—not only from a hell and to a heaven of the future, but very definitely from a hell to a heaven now. "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done," is the earnest prayer of every true Evangelistic Worker in Christian Education. Pray the Father of us all that the day shall speedily come when that Will is done on Earth, now, as in Heaven.

We would not think of closing this statement without this personal word. For four and a half years we have enjoyed this fellowship. Not the least appreciated is that with these four District Superintendents who are to leave that office this year, for regions yet unknown. I have never approached them but what there has been evidence of their true sincerity for the work, faith and devotion for the Church, and abiding confidence that the Heavenly Father and his Cause would eventually win. They gave me a brotherly welcome even before I reached the Peninsula, and that brotherly spirit has remained. For their and your cooperation I am deeply grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

F. A. LINDHORST.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

### Article I—Name.

This organization shall be called the Board of Education of the Wilmington Annual Conference and shall be auxiliary to the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

### Article II—Functions.

The Conference Board of Education shall cooperate with the Denominational Board of Education:

1. By promoting the cause of religious education and training through the Church Schools and Epworth Leagues of the Conference, and, whenever practicable, to provide for the appointment of a Conference Director of Religious Education who shall be accredited by the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

2. By taking special interest in the education of young people who are looking toward the ministry and other forms of Christian service as their life work, and aiding them financially, when needed, and in so far as possible, through the Conference Educational Society.

3. By the development of and cooperation, as the Conference may direct, on behalf of Methodist students, with the Wesley Foundations established at tax-supported and other educational institutions.

4. By cooperating with the educational institutions of the Church under the patronage of the Conference in promoting the cause of Christian Education throughout the Conference, in awakening interest on their behalf and in encouraging their constituencies to afford them adequate support.

5. By providing for the appointment by the Annual Conference of visitors to the educational institutions under the patronage of the Annual Conference, who shall report their findings to the Annual Conference Board of Education.

6. By receiving Annually from each educational institution under the patronage of the Annual Conference such reports of its educational affairs as the President deems wise to give.

## Article III—Composition of Board.

1. **Elected Members.** This Board shall consist of an equal number of ministers and laymen, elected by the Conference as follows: three ministers and three laymen from each District, nominated by the Conference Board of Education.

2. **Ex-officio Members.** In addition to the elected members, the following individuals shall be members ex-officio: The District Superintendents; members of the General Board residing in the territory; the President of the Wesley Collegiate Institute; Conference President of the Epworth League; Dean of the Delmarva Institute; Dean of Wesley Summer School of Religious Education; Wesley Foundation Executives (pastors of college churches in communities where State colleges exist, when there is no Foundation Executive); Conference Director of Religious Education and Staff; and the members of the Conference Education Society.

3. **Cooperating Members.** The ranking officers of any other Conference organizations doing educational work, such as Woman's Missionary Societies, shall be invited to sit with the Board of Education and participate in its plans and discussions as cooperating members.

## Article IV—Officers.

The officers of this Board shall be a President, a Vice-President, and

a Secretary. The duties of these officers shall be such as usually pertain to their respective offices.

#### Article V—Organization.

The Board shall be organized into Committees and Sub-Committees as follows:

##### 1. Committees.

a. A Committee of Educational Institutions which shall have responsibility for the development and promotion of Wesley Foundations and of Christian education in cooperation with Methodist Educational institutions, and administration of Loan Funds, as indicated in Article II, Section 2, of this Constitution.

b. A Committee on Religious Education. The functions of this Committee shall be (1) to promote religious education through Church Schools and Epworth Leagues; (2) to promotion correlation of Church School, Epworth League, and other educational programs within the Conference and in the local church; (3) to extend the work of religious education into new communities and to improve it where already established; (4) to promote Week-Day and Vacation Church Schools; (5) to cooperate with the Conference Director of Religious Education who shall be executive responsible, in cooperation with the Conference Board, for the total program of religious education within the Conference; (6) to devise ways and means of financing the total program of religious education as carried on under the direction of the Conference Board of Education, this to be done in cooperation with such sub-committee on Finance as may be appointed by the Executive Committee.

c. An Executive Committee, consisting of the Officers of the Board, the District Superintendents, the Chairmen, Secretaries, and Treasurers of the Committees on Educational Institutions and on Religious Education, together with the Chairmen of Sub-Committees. The Executive Committee shall act for the Board in the interim between its meetings and shall assume such other regular duties as may be committed to it by the Board.

NOTE. Each of the foregoing Committees shall organize with a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, and with at least such Sub-Committees as may be hereinafter provided. Each Committee may appoint an Executive Sub-Committee, in which case its members shall be the officers of the Committee, the District Superintendents, and the Chairmen of the Sub-Committees.

##### 2. Sub-Committees.

At least the following Sub-Committees shall be appointed by each of these Committees:

##### a. Sub-Committees of Committee on Educational Institutions.

- (1) Educational Institutions.
- (2) Wesley Foundations.
- (3) Finance.

##### b. Sub-Committees of Committee on Religious Education.

- (1) Children's Work.
- (2) Young People's Work.
- (3) Adult Work.
- (4) Leadership Training.
- (5) Finance.

NOTE 1. To the Sub-Committee on Children's Work shall be added the following who are not members of the Board of Education:—Superintendents of Children's Work for each District when there are such.

NOTE 2. To the Sub-Committee on Young People's Work shall be added the following who are not members of the Board of Education:—District Presidents, and District Counselors of Young People's Organizations.

NOTE 3. To the Sub-Committee on Adult Work shall be added the following who are not members of the Board of Education:—District Presidents of Adult Work when there are such.

#### Article VI—Meetings.

1. The Conference Board shall meet annually some time during the thirty days preceding the Annual Conference session.

2. Committees and Sub-Committees shall meet as their responsibilities require.

#### Article VII—Reports.

1. Reports of the Sub-Committees and Staff shall be made to the Board at the Annual Meeting.

2. Reports of the Committee on Educational Institutions and Committee on Religious Education shall be formulated at the Annual Meeting and presented to the Annual Conference.

3. The Order of the Day, immediately following the reading of the Journal, on Thursday of the Annual Conference Session shall be the presentation of these reports and consideration of the same.

#### Article VIII—Quorum.

One-fifth of the membership in each case shall constitute a quorum for the Board and its Committees.

#### Article IX—Amendments.

This Constitution may be amended by recommendation of the Board at its Annual Meeting and adoption by the Annual Conference.

**WORLD SERVICE.**

"God so loved the World." "Go ye into all the World."

These and many other passages of Holy Scripture surely teach us that the world with all of its sin and ignorance was and is constantly in the mind and heart of our Lord. We rejoice that the commission is an abiding one, and that we all are included in it. We realize in it not merely a tremendous task, but a holy and glorious opportunity.

We glory in what has been accomplished in the other years, and pray for a deeper spirit of earnestness and zeal in the work now entrusted to us.

We urge our people through the literature provided by the Church, as well as by the Official papers, to keep in touch with our ever expanding program of World Service, and to contribute liberally of their means, so that we may share with our brethren everywhere the benefits of His Grace.

We call upon all the ministers of our Conference to present the full program of World Service to our people, and earnestly do we recommend that an every member canvass be made of all our members and friends in order that more and larger contributions may be made.

We reaffirm our loyalty to the doctrine of Stewardship of prayer, personality and of possessions, and thus go forward to win the world for which He died.

"On every side the walls are down,  
The gates swing wide to every land,  
The restless tribes and races feel  
The presence of thy pierced hand;  
Thy way is in the sea and air,  
Thy world is open every where."

**EPWORTH LEAGUE.**

The Epworth Leagues of the Conference have had a progressive year. The Epworth League is the organization which provides the opportunity for self-expression and activity in the local church.

Young People's work for young people within the Conference has been encouraged and advanced by District conventions, conferences, and Institutes.

Here lies one of our greatest opportunities for contact with the youth of this Conference, and we therefore urge the pastors of the churches to give this work the hearty support and sympathy that it merits.

We pledge ourselves in favor of the proposed correlation of activities for youth training within our Conference.

And we also heartily recommend for your consideration and support the Epworth League Institute, Dover, Del., July 6-12. The Institute has

served a real purpose and done a noble piece of work for our youth, and we believe that you cannot afford to have the young folk of your church miss this splendid opportunity for enrichment and leadership training. The total cost for the seven days is \$11.00.

We would further urge our pastors to make much of the League Anniversary in May, and at that time take an offering for the support of this work in our Conference.

We recommend the following for members of the Board of Epworth League for the ensuing year:

Conference President—J. J. Bunting.  
Vice-Presidents—District Presidents.  
Secretary and Treasurer—George E. Sterling.  
Life Work Secretary—Miss Mildred Van Dyke.  
Dean of the Institute—J. H. Wright.  
Manager of Institute—George E. Sterling.

**STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS, INCORPORATED.**

The Strawbridge Home for Boys the past two years has been publishing an illustrated, eight-page quarterly, "Our Boys," which has a circulation of seven thousand and is a potent force in distributing information concerning our home. Other methods of interesting folks in this important work of our church are the presentation of our work by the Superintendent throughout the Conferences and the generous co-operation of our friends.

The audit of Black & Co. of Baltimore, which has recently been made, states we have no indebtedness either for building, equipment or maintenance.

Even more important than our financial success has been the response of the boys to our training and discipline. Their physical, mental and above all their spiritual growth has delighted and at times amazed us.

We need a Trade School Building, a Gymnasium, and a Chapel. One of these buildings is now in prospect of realization. We are growing steadily and now have forty boys in the Home with many more applying.

A number of wills have been written this year and when probated will give us much needed endowment but if we fill our dormitories as we will doubtless do, we will be too large an institution to carry on only by free will offerings. We need endowments now and already five thousand dollars have been received for that purpose and we hope will be the nucleus of a number of thousands more this coming Conference year.

We record with great sorrow the death of John C. Melville, the chairman of our Executive Committee, and one of the most valued members of our Board.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for his blessings and to our ministers and their people for their generous co-operation.

We ask the election of Mrs. Mary T. Gambrill, J. W. Colona, and C. Wilson Hughes as trustees, representing the Wilmington Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS S. LONG,  
Executive Secretary.

#### WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY

The year opened with the conviction that the Conference, after thoroughly discussing the matter, had given a most direct mandate to go forward with our program as laid out, pledging itself to stand by and make an honest endeavor to raise the entire amount apportioned.

With this mandate upon us, taking the Conference action in good faith, we plunged into the work to have the best year ever and this we have had. And, if when the record is completed, it shall be found that the charges have met their obligations, then we shall be able to pay all expense of the year's work.

We have gone forward with our staff remaining the same—except our boys' worker. Mr. Carli, who had so efficiently filled that post for three years, was transferred to Philadelphia. His going was a distinct loss to our work. Another man was secured but he soon found he could not carry a university course and be in our work every night and some afternoons, and was obliged to relinquish his task. These activities are now being carried on by two part-time men, the responsibilities divided between them.

Early in the conference year the staff faced the financial outlook and saw that something should be done to supplement our income. We were heading toward a deficit of more than \$2,500 and this would only be met if the Conference raised every dollar apportioned to it. We knew this meant a 100 per cent. increase in the offerings of the charges, and notwithstanding the hearty pledge and endorsement of the Conference, we feared that it was even more than our fondest dreams could picture.

It was agreed that we would undertake a drive in the city, not among the churches as such, for the amount of the deficit.

We organized for the task. A mailing list was built up and nearly 1,000 letters were sent out. The four centers of activity—Sixth Avenue, Kingswood, Wesley and Asbury, set the pace by each subscribing \$100. Follow-up letters were written and much personal canvassing was done. This drive yielded us \$1,559. With this extra amount coming into our treasury, if the Conference shall generally back up its pledge, we shall meet our obligations in fine shape. But be it known, my brethren, that just to the extent the Conference fails to meet its apportionment, to that extent the Society will face a most embarrassing debt.

I herewith submit the Treasurer's full statement:

#### Receipts and Disbursements from April 1, 1928 to March 31, 1929.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand April 1, 1928 .....	\$ 17.26	
From Conference Treasurer, April 12 .....	1776.00	
Total from Home Board .....	5083.94	
Special Drive .....	1559.00	
From churches since Conference .....	831.50	
Rent .....	200.00	
Kindergarten teacher, Miss Collins, Treasurer .....	900.00	
From Wesley Center .....	173.00	
Cash Donation .....	110.00	
Return on salary overpaid .....	16.50	
Demand Note .....	1500.00	
Several small items .....	56.83	
		\$12224.03

##### DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries .....	\$8503.63	
Rent .....	420.00	
Interest .....	259.20	
Daily Vacation Bible Schools .....	360.00	
Kindergarten teacher, Miss Collins, Treasurer .....	900.00	
Two years' taxes on Broome Street lot .....	68.40	
Cash returned to Home Board .....	66.00	
Paving tax at Wesley .....	405.31	
Coal bill at Wesley .....	285.25	
Repairs at Wesley .....	184.87	
Janitor at Wesley .....	170.25	
Water, insurance, lights, phone, supplies, ptg., etc... ..	500.16	\$12123.07
Balance .....		\$ 100.96

While reporting on financial matters, let me record this also. The different centers of activities have not been indifferent to the financial obligations we were under, and in endeavoring to do their share, have raised as follows:

Sixth Avenue .....	\$ 443.00
Asbury .....	305.00
Kingswood .....	226.00
Wesley .....	578.00
Total .....	\$1552.00

Add to this the amount of the special drive and you have a total of \$2,781 raised by the Society during the year. This represents more than

twice what was paid for administration and \$500 more than the rest of the Conference gave last year for the support of this rapidly-expanding work.

I am quite convinced that missionary centers, so willing out of their poverty to help themselves, and activities which meet the approval and generous support of the Home Board should be esteemed worthy of the backing of our entire Conference.

The Asbury Day Nursery venture, a kind of by-product of our City work, has proved the wisdom of projecting the enterprise. Not only did the undertaking save a distressing material situation right across the street from the church—one that was giving us grave concern—but it is supplying a real need in our city work. Already we are obliged to turn away mothers begging us to care for their children while they earn their bread. The next step will be to enlarge our force and double our service. The purpose and work of the Nursery have won it many friends. It is financed entirely by the public and has not cost the Society a single dollar. During the past three years we have raised more than \$15,000 to buy, alter, equip and maintain this new institution.

Our staff has been busy with many lines of work, trying to be all things to all persons in order to save some. These many features of service can only be summarized.

Again this year, as we have found in the past, the Daily Vacation Bible School is one of the best pieces of work we are doing. We still call it the "Bible school" and make it such. This year we had four schools with a faculty of fifteen trained persons. We had a total enrollment of 360, in which were nine different nationalities. More than 50 Polish children were enrolled and nearly 100 Italians. This is not only one of the finest pieces of work done, but here, as nowhere else in our study activities, the race distinction and barrier disappear. I predict that the day will come, right in Asbury Church, when five or six nationalities will sweetly worship together on the Sabbath as harmoniously as now they study together in the Daily Vacation Bible School.

I want to incorporate here a few items, without a change, reported to me by one of the staff, giving a sample of work done at this point:

Primary and Beginners' Department in Sunday School—Total enrollment—94. American, 72; Italian, 5; German, 5; English, 2; Swedish, 2; Russian, 3; French, 1.

Kindergarten: Total enrollment—88. American, 44; Italian, 32; German, 7; Jewish, 2; Polish, 2; French, 1.

Junior League: Total enrollment—61. American, 27; Italian, 22; Polish, 6; German, 3; English, 2; Russian, 1.

Booster Club: Total enrollment—69. American, 33; Italian, 25; Polish, 7; German, 2; Swedish, 1; English, 2; Russian, 1.

Daily Vacation Bible School: Total enrollment—107. American, 72; Italian, 24; German, 5; Polish, 4; Austrian, 2.

This is just an illustration of what a cross section of our work would look like. If the following figures carry to your mind what they picture

to mine, you will thank God and take courage when I speak them. In our combined work this year we have had enrolled 2,405 and in this enrollment there are 1407 different persons. And who can venture a prophecy as to the value of our touch in their lives when the sturdy tasks and responsibilities of tomorrow shall come to them? If I have any capability of evaluating service and seeing a golden opportunity, I register my profound conviction that in the midst of this 1400 young people lies the chance for the noblest service one can render, an opportunity an angel might desire.

In the Wesley Center a sub-city library has been in operation for three years and more. This year more than 2,000 books have been circulated.

Inasmuch as both the pastor and official board of Asbury Church have asked that the pastor be relieved of the office of Corresponding Secretary, I am probably making my final report of this work, presuming, of course, that the Conference will accede to this joint request. Therefore I may perhaps with propriety indulge a word about the future.

Immediately after Conference urgent financial demands must be met. A coal bill must be paid, a payment on the Broome Street lot must be made, and the lot must be paved. These will require at least \$1,000. To finish the year the Society has borrowed on a demand note \$1,500. This should be paid also.

In the near future, and the sooner the better, considerable repairing must be done on the Wesley property. This cannot long be deferred in justice to our own material interest there, not even to mention the convenience and comfort of our workers.

In June we shall be called upon to vacate the property we now occupy at Sixth Avenue. Here, in this hopeful field, we continue the sin of omission. Here is a growing work, more than a mile from every other Methodist Episcopal Church in the city, with a Sunday school enrollment of 123 and a church membership of 14 and various activities reaching 348 different children; a field with approximately 250 Protestant families, one-half of whom are Methodist Episcopalians, and this people have no building in which to worship.

My long-standing conviction is this: We shall not solve this problem at Sixth Avenue and Broome Street until the Annual Conference shall somehow provide direct pastoral supervision by a man with a vision and heroic spirit, willing to undertake the solution of this pressing situation. And by unanimous vote the Society requests the serious consideration of such a course by the Bishop and his cabinet.

I sometimes wonder if we are aware of the great responsibility and opportunity which the church has in its City Missionary field. I cannot imagine a task more serious, complicated, and withal promising, than that which is right at our door.

There are three distinct types of work. Of Sixth Avenue and Broome Street I have spoken. This is a new work in a new part of the city. Here is a chance to grow and ultimately reach church proportions.

Wesley is doing a unique and unprecedented piece of work, and if it can be financed, and its present leadership retained, it will be a growing credit to the city, the Society and the Home Board.

But the church, our church, is facing its most complex task in the Eastside problem, and here the statesmanship of the church will be severely tested. I wonder if we pause to think what it means that that vast territory east of Market Street and south of the Brandywine, so far as the white population is concerned, is left almost exclusively to us; that the teeming multitudes in this field must look wholly to our church for spiritual direction, insofar as they are Protestants.

Oh, what a chance and what a responsibility! Brethren, we cannot think in the terms of even ten years ago and hope to meet the situation. It is a crime before God to be content to mark time in a changing field like this. It should be approached with the deep conviction that it is the task of the whole church and that the problem is a single one and cannot be solved by any local church. To this important duty the church should bring its biggest heart, its maturest thinking and its wisest and most modern methods. And I bring to you the request of the Society that the Conference shall authorize and instruct it to make a complete, thorough and scientific survey of this field and make recommendations which shall ultimately be carried back to the Annual Conference for its judgment. I sincerely hope this action will be taken.

It is with great delight that I acknowledge for all concerned increasing gratitude to the Home Board for its wise counsel and splendid backing in all our work. Without this, much that has been done could never have been achieved.

I have given to the work of the Society six years of the hardest and best service I have ever rendered. It has been a great delight to be associated with our staff of workers—a more self-sacrificing, task-loving, consecrated group I have never seen. May heaven's blessing rest upon them.

To my Heavenly Father, who hath given me perfect health during these strenuous years, so that I have not lost a day because of illness, to whom we ascribe credit for any work done, I give my profoundest thanks as I relinquish the responsibility entrusted to me six years ago.

G. T. ALDERSON,  
Corresponding Secretary.

#### GOODWILL INDUSTRIES.

The Bureau of Goodwill Industries was organized to encourage the establishment of auxiliary and affiliated Goodwill Industries and such auxiliary Industrial manufacturing plants as will aid in the religious, educational and industrial welfare of the unfortunate. By the inspiration of religion, by providing industrial education and an opportunity to

work, by the encouragement of thrift, by promotion of industrial democracy and cooperation, the Bureau of Goodwill Industries seeks to prevent pauperism, relieve the temporary distress of the unfortunate, and train the unskilled and handicapped in self-supporting occupations.

Thus in the short space of ten years the number of Goodwill Industries has grown from seven to sixty-three, and the annual operating budget has increased from four hundred thousand dollars to two million four hundred thousand dollars. During these ten years more than five million people have been interested in the work of the Goodwill Industries and have had a very real part in serving their less fortunate neighbors by saving the material they no longer needed. It is to these five million that the Goodwill Industries has carried the social gospel and the message of their responsibility and opportunity to help these less fortunate ones realize the "More Abundant Life" of which the Master spoke.

In the Goodwill stores more than a million and a half purchases are made annually by people of limited means. In these sixty-three Goodwill plants in the last ten years twelve million dollars have been raised through saving the waste and nine million three hundred thousand have been paid in wages to under privileged folk.

Our Wilmington Goodwill Industries have had a part in this work. Four thousand one hundred and forty-one effective calls have been made, collecting three thousand five hundred bags of clothing, one thousand bags of paper and five hundred and eighteen pieces of furniture. Twenty-nine thousand hours of work have been furnished to handicapped folk and fourteen thousand three hundred and twenty-three customers served.

Our audited report for 1928 shows store sales and salvage \$8282.36, donations and membership fees \$2156.25, making the grand total for the year \$10,438.61.

The first of last September our directors, assisted by a large number of our leading citizens put on a drive to raise funds to put up a new building and purchase some much needed machinery for the work. Up to date we have in cash and subscriptions forty-five thousand six hundred fifty-six dollars and twenty-one cents. Cash, thirty-three thousand six hundred forty-five dollars and seventy-one cents. Subscriptions to be paid twelve thousand ten dollars and fifty cents. We are still in need of forty thousand dollars more to fully equip us for efficient work, and we expect to get it.

We are very grateful to all who made it possible for us to render this report and we solicit the co-operation of all to help us have a better report next year.

J. H. BEAUCHAMP, Superintendent.



**HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

The Wilmington Conference Historical Society has settled upon a policy of collecting and digesting historical material as it relates itself to our Conference.

This year we have been able to complete the file of minutes of our Conference and we are now trying to collect for a second file.

We have also been able to secure a practically complete file of the minutes of the Philadelphia Conference, of which we were originally a part. We have secured an almost complete file of the Methodist Review for the last twenty-five years, the minutes of the Wilmington Preachers Association from its beginning, and the minutes of the Snow Hill Preachers Association from June 15, 1858 to June 7, 1896 have been presented to us and stored in a fireproof vault in the Farmers Bank of Dover, Del. Among other gifts might be mentioned, Simpson's Encyclopaedia of Methodism, also a bill of specifications of Tilghman Island Church made in 1879. We have about fifty copies of the Washington Christian Advocate, and quite a few histories of local churches.

During the year we have also become a member of the Association of Historical Societies of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our officers have written several historical papers, made a few speeches on historical subjects, acted as hosts to some historical pilgrimages and answered numerous inquiries.

We are anxious to locate the graves of all Pioneer Preachers who are buried within the bounds of the Conference. Therefore we earnestly request that a serious search be made of all local records and cemeteries for such. We would urge the churches to celebrate any outstanding historical event, and that a careful preparation of local church histories be made and sent us. We would suggest to the Trustees of the Wesley Collegiate Institute that they could greatly assist us if they would see their way clear to let us have a room in the Institute where we could display our many historical treasures.

The outstanding desire of our officers is to have a complete file of all Methodist papers and magazines published within the bounds of, and covering events of our Conference.

E. C. HALLMAN, President.

**STATE OF THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE.**

The teachings of Jesus covered every practical relation of man to man. His thought of an earthly Kingdom was one of peace and goodwill. The government of God on earth is one of moral and spiritual order. The Committee on the State of the Church and Social Service calls your attention to some fields of practical Christian Service.

**Politics.**

The Church as the body of Christ on earth can not afford to be partisan. Her members have the privilege of setting the example of moral soundness in political activities in which their personal energies are exerted. The duty of the individual Christian to shape and maintain good government is beyond debate.

**Business.**

The Christian Church can not ignore unfair and dishonest business. All sound and honest business is good for every one engaged in its pursuit.

Big business, which engages in manipulation of the market and channels of trade for the purpose of killing small enterprises is unsound in principle and deadly in result.

**Race Relations.**

The Races of men must seek to learn the common grounds of agreement, and also the reasons for terms of peace and harmony. Much of the talk for world peace is neutralized by the immediate preparation for war.

If we build large warships we will give employment to thousands out of work, but thereby all treaties to settle disputes by arbitration are belittled. We deplore the constant increase of battleships. War is destructive to morals and religion and contrary to the spirit of Jesus. We protest against compulsory military training in our colleges and any form of military training in our public schools.

**Sunday.**

We reiterate that it is forever necessary for Christian men and women to keep one day out of seven as Sunday. The Sabbath day should be observed as a day of rest and worship by all the people. Let every person "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

**Prohibition.**

Prohibition has not as yet been given an opportunity to demonstrate its full value to our nation.

Prohibition has proven itself to be a great boon to social betterment, increased safety in manufacture, increased trade, made travel more safe, increased domestic peace and multiplied saving accounts.

There should be universal instruction on the dangers of alcohol. We must call for honest law enforcement.

**Methodist Federation of Social Service.**

We believe that our ministers and laymen should avail themselves of the facts and information to be obtained from the "Information Service of the Federal Council of Churches."

**Leadership.**

The time has come for the whole Christian world to follow a leadership whose standard of action is sane, as measured by the Holy Scriptures. The declaration of the Prophets, the teachings of Jesus and His Apostles are precedents of the highest order.

**THANKS.**

We cannot come to the close of our Conference without an expression of gratitude for the many favors received during these busy days that we have spent together.

We want particularly to mention: The Pastor and people of Harrison Street Church, who have not only met our needs as they have arisen, but have anticipated our wants and amply provided for them.

The organist and the Church Choir and also the Conference Choir, who have enlivened our services with uplifting songs.

The newspapers of the City that have given liberal space for the reports of our sessions and have shown a sympathetic interest in all matters relating to the Conference.

Those men who have come to us with their great soul-stirring messages. We have been particularly helped by the messages brought to us by Dr. Charles L. Goodell. They have made us yearn to be more effective in our evangelistic ministry.

Our own Bishop W. F. McDowell, whose morning messages have enlightened our minds and stimulated in the deep of our souls a determination to be better ministers of Jesus Christ; whose sermon on Sunday was a high-spot in many a life, and whose courtesy and fairness as a presiding officer have made our sessions both pleasant and profitable.

Our Heavenly Father, who has dealt with us always as special objects of His care. Under His protection we want to show our loyalty to Jesus Christ by rendering him an ever greater service, and by contributing all we can toward His kingdom in the coming year.

**(c) SPECIAL AND FINANCIAL.****CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.****Treasurer's Report, April 1, 1929.****RECEIPTS.**

Balance, March 30, 1928 .....	\$ 762.54
Sale of Church at Holland's Island .....	200.00
Earnings on Investments .....	354.00
Interest on Savings .....	31.82
Interest from Washington Foster Estate .....	525.00
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$1873.36</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

Box Rent, Easton National Bank .....	\$ 2.00
Beckwith, from Thomas Fund .....	110.00
Goshen, from Carey Fund .....	115.00
Clayton, from Clifton Fund .....	28.00
Parsonburg, from Wimbrow Fund .....	45.00
C. H. Atkins, Cabinet for Barratt's Chapel .....	10.00
Bird, Ford and Co., Renewal of Bond .....	12.50
J. M. Kelso, for Historical Society .....	8.50
J. W. Colona, from Washington Foster Estate .....	450.00
J. W. Colona, from Washington Foster Estate .....	70.00
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b>\$ 851.00</b>
<b>Balance in Bank, April 1, 1929 .....</b>	<b>\$1022.36</b>

W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.

**Barratt's Chapel Fund.**

April 1, 1929.

**RECEIPTS.**

Balance, March 30, 1928 .....	\$ 358.54
Earnings on Investments .....	60.00
Interest on Savings .....	14.61
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 433.15</b>
<b>Balance in Bank, April 1, 1929 .....</b>	<b>\$ 433.15</b>

W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.

## WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

## RECEIPTS.

	Fund General	Fund Riddle
1928		
March 24, To Balance . . . . .	\$ 782.26	\$1916.93
Apr. 3, To Chk. Int. Squirrel Run Hill Co. Mortg. . . . .	22.50	
Apr. 3, To Cash (Gift from Lady to Bishop McDowell) . . . . .	90.00	
Apr. 14, To Chk. Security Trust Co. . . . .		182.37
Apr. 14, To Chk. The Board of Education, New York . . . . .	41.66	
May 8, To Chk. The Board of Education, New York . . . . .	41.66	
June 1, To Chk. Int. Svgs. Acct. Fruit Growers Nat'l Bank & Trust Co. . . . .		37.99
June 12, To Chk. The Board of Education, New York . . . . .	41.66	
June 16, To Chk. Return Loan to Louis Reece Dennis . . . . .	25.00	
July 7, To Chk. Int. Squirrel Run Hill Co. Mortgage . . . . .	22.50	
July 12, To Chk. The Board of Education, New York . . . . .	41.66	
Aug. 17, To Chk. The Board of Education, New York . . . . .	41.67	
Sept. 17, To Chk. The Board of Education, New York . . . . .	41.67	
Oct. 9, To Chk. The Board of Education, New York . . . . .	41.67	
Oct. 9, To Chk. Int. Squirrel Run Hill Co. Mortgage . . . . .	22.50	
Oct. 22, To Chk. Int. Security Trust Co. . . . .		196.47
Nov. 13, To Chk. The Board of Education, New York . . . . .	41.67	
Dec. 1, To Chk. Int. Svgs. Acct. Fruit Growers Nat'l Bank & Trust Co. . . . .		37.07
Dec. 14, To Chk. The Board of Education, New York . . . . .	41.67	
1929		
Jan. 15, To Chk. The Board of Education, New York . . . . .	41.67	
Jan. 15, To Chk. Int. Squirrel Run Hill Co. Mortgage . . . . .	22.50	
Mch. 11, To Chk. Board of Education, N. Y. (Jan.) . . . . .	41.67	
Mch. 11, To Chk. Board of Education, N. Y. (Feb.) . . . . .	41.67	
	\$1487.26	\$2370.83

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1928		
April 21, By Loans to Students . . . . .	\$ 452.50	
April 21, By Chk. to Conrad Hamer (Scholarship) . . . . .		\$ 100.00
Oct. 22, By Loans to Students . . . . .	400.00	
Oct. 22, By Check Oliver J. Collins . . . . .		100.00
Oct. 22, By Check Conrad Hamer . . . . .		100.00
1929		
Feb. 21, By Check L. Richard Horner . . . . .	37.50	
	\$ 890.00	\$ 300.00
March 25, By Balance . . . . .	\$ 597.26	\$2070.83
	\$1487.26	\$2370.83

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

## BUREAU OF SESSIONS.

## RECEIPTS.

1928	
March 24, To Balance . . . . .	\$4025.75
April 3, To Check Conference Treasurer, V. E. Hills . . . . .	2000.00
April 14, To Check Conference Treasurer, V. E. Hills . . . . .	832.00
April 20, To Check Conference Treasurer, V. E. Hills . . . . .	55.00
June 1, To Interest Savings Department . . . . .	32.34
June 8, To Check Thomas L. Allston, returning funds not used . . . . .	410.35
Dec. 1, To Interest Savings Department . . . . .	26.84
Total Receipts . . . . .	\$7382.28

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1928	
March 24, By Check Rev. G. T. Alderson . . . . .	\$ 11.20
March 24, By Check K. A. Horner Co. . . . .	15.24
March 24, By Check Thomas L. Allston . . . . .	1000.00
March 29, By Check Thomas L. Allston . . . . .	2000.00
March 31, By Check Thomas L. Allston . . . . .	1500.00
April 30, By Check American Surety Co. Conference Treas. Bond . . . . .	150.00
July 11, By Check V. E. Hills, Treas., Returning Excess Payment . . . . .	55.00
Dec. 6, By Check Rev. G. T. Alderson . . . . .	8.95
1929	
Feb. 21, By Check K. A. Horner Co. . . . .	16.28
Total Disbursements . . . . .	\$4756.67
March 25, By Balance . . . . .	\$2625.61
	\$7382.28

1929	
March 25, By Balance Active Account . . . . .	\$1256.37
March 25, By Balance Savings Account . . . . .	1369.24
Total Balances . . . . .	\$2625.61

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Smyrna, Del., March 25, 1929.

## RECEIPTS.

1928	
April 12, To Check Rev. V. E. Hills, Conference Treasurer . . . . .	\$1673.00

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1928	
June 8, By Check Rev. J. W. Colona, Wilmington District	\$ 546.00
June 8, By Check Rev. O. E. Jones, Middletown District	378.00
June 8, By Check Rev. W. E. Gunby, Dover District	434.00
June 8, By Check Rev. E. H. Dashiell, Salisbury District	315.00
	<u>1673.00</u>

W. O. HOFFECKER, Treasurer.

## MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury March 31, 1928	\$1404.63
Received of V. E. Hills, Treasurer	167.00
Received from Charges	86.13
Interest on deposits	60.58
Total Receipts	<u>\$1718.84</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

G. P. Jones, error due C. C. End. Fund	\$ 20.00
E. H. Dashiell, District needs	200.00
H. C. Caldwell, funds sent in error	14.00
D. W. Jacobs, printing notices	3.25
R. K. Stephenson, stationery and postage	1.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 238.25</u>
Balance in Treasury	<u>\$1480.59</u>

R. K. STEPHENSON, Trustee.

## BOARD OF CHURCH SCHOOLS.

March 27, 1928, to March 31, 1929.

On hand March 27, 1928	\$ 224.75
Received of Conference Treasurer	1546.00
Special Gifts	166.00
Refunds—Training Schools and Books	577.38

Bulletin Subscriptions	26.00
Receipts from Churches, 1928-29	1597.00
Net from notes to Peoples Bank (Gross \$1515)	1458.32
Note to H. H. Nuttle	290.00
Board of Home Missions	200.00
Rally Day Offering Return	200.00

Total Receipts \$6285.45

## EXPENDITURES.

Salary	\$ 500.04
Rent	600.00
Travel and Field Expense	1138.82
Supplies and Postage	350.77
Printing	214.60
Telephone and Telegraph	148.28
Slides	33.66
Clerical	895.45
Rent and Office Fixtures	237.65
Insurance	3.66
Interest	18.00
Miscellaneous	127.96
1927-28 Notes paid	1570.00

Total Paid out \$5838.69In hand March 31, 1929 \$ 446.76

## ASSETS.

Bond	\$ 500.00
Expense Fund	50.00
Furniture, Office Fixtures, etc.	125.00
Training School Fund	<u>31.93</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 706.93</u>

## LIABILITIES.

Notes to Peoples Bank	\$1515.00
Note to H. H. Nuttle	290.00
Check to Ruth Lindseth	200.00
Total Liabilities	<u>\$2005.00</u>

H. H. NUTTLE, Treasurer.

**Auditor's Report of Accounts of H. H. Nuttle, Treasurer of Board of Church Schools.**

Balance on hand March 27, 1928 . . . . .	\$ 224.75
Received during the year . . . . .	6060.70
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Total Receipts . . . . .	\$6285.45
Total Expenditures . . . . .	\$5838.69
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Balance on hand March 31, 1929 . . . . .	\$ 446.76
Savings Account.	
Balance on hand March 27, 1928 . . . . .	\$ 175.70
Received . . . . .	140.23
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Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 315.93
Total Expenditures . . . . .	\$ 284.00
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Balance on hand March 31, 1929 . . . . .	\$ 31.93
Notes are due the Peoples Bank of Denton for . . . . .	\$1515.00
Note due H. H. Nuttle for . . . . .	\$ 290.00
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Total . . . . .	\$1805.00

**REPORT OF AUDITOR.**

Your Auditor has examined carefully the accounts of the following Treasurers, and believes them to be correct:

**Rev. W. E. Gunby, Treasurer of Domestic Missions.**

Total received . . . . .	\$ 434.00
Total disbursed, including overdraft from previous year . . . . .	\$ 434.00

**Rev. E. W. McDowell, Treasurer Summer School of Theology Fund.**

Balance in hand March 28, 1928 . . . . .	\$ 26.13
Total receipts from churches . . . . .	801.00
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Total receipts . . . . .	\$ 827.13
Disbursements . . . . .	\$ 582.23
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Balance in hand April 3, 1929 . . . . .	\$ 244.90

**Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer of Conference Trustees.**

Balance in hand March 30, 1928 . . . . .	\$ 762.54
Received . . . . .	1110.82
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Total receipts . . . . .	\$1873.36
Disbursements . . . . .	\$ 851.00
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Balance in hand April 1, 1929 . . . . .	\$1022.36
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**Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer of Barratt's Chapel Fund.**

Balance in hand March 30, 1928 . . . . .	\$ 358.54
Receipts . . . . .	74.61
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Total receipts . . . . .	\$ 433.15
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Balance in hand . . . . .	\$ 433.15
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**Rev. R. K. Stephenson, Treas. Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.**

Balance in hand March 31, 1928 . . . . .	\$1404.63
Receipts . . . . .	313.71
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Total receipts . . . . .	\$1718.34
Disbursements . . . . .	\$ 238.25
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Balance in hand . . . . .	\$1480.09
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**Rev. Omar E. Jones, Treasurer of World Service Maintenance.**

Total receipts . . . . .	\$ 438.75
Disbursements . . . . .	\$ 438.75

**Rev. Omar E. Jones, Treasurer of World Service Building.**

Total receipts . . . . .	\$ 250.00
Disbursements . . . . .	\$ 250.00

**Rev. Omar E. Jones, Treasurer of Domestic Missions.**

Total receipts . . . . .	\$ 497.00
Disbursements . . . . .	431.00
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Balance in hand . . . . .	\$ 66.00
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**Rev. Omar E. Jones, Treasurer of World Service Special Gift.**

Total receipts . . . . .	\$ 50.00
Disbursements . . . . .	\$ 50.00

**Hon. W. O. Hoffecker, Treasurer and Trustee of Domestic Missions.**

Received from Conference Treasurer . . . . .	\$1673.00
Disbursed to District Superintendents . . . . .	\$1673.00

## Hon. W. O. Hoffecker, Treasurer of Bureau of Sessions.

Balance in hand March 24, 1928	\$4025.75
Received	3356.53

Total receipts	\$7382.28
Disbursements	\$4756.67

Balance in hand March 25, 1929	\$2625.61
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## Hon. W. O. Hoffecker, Treas. Wilmington Conference Education Society.

	General Fund	Riddle Fund
Balance in hand March 24, 1928	\$ 782.26	\$1916.93
Receipts	705.00	453.90

Total receipts	\$1487.26	\$2370.83
Disbursements	\$ 890.00	\$ 300.00

Balance in hand March 25, 1929	\$ 597.26	\$2070.83
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Upon their invitation your Auditor met with the Auditing Committee appointed by the Board of Stewards and assisted them in auditing the books and vouchers of their Treasurer. He has inspected every security held by the said Treasurer, and verifies the report submitted by the Board. The care used in the investment of the funds for the benefit of our worthy Conference Claimants is to be commended and approved. The Treasurer's records are kept with scrupulous detail.

The records of Hon. H. H. Nuttle, Treasurer of Board of Church Schools were carefully inspected and found to be correct.

HUGH B. KELSO,  
Conference Auditor.

## Rev. Vinal E. Hills, Treasurer Wilmington Conference.

Balance on hand	\$ 50.09
Received from the Charges	108092.64

Total receipts	\$108142.73
Disbursements	108149.00

Balance due the Treasurer	\$ 6.27
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HUGH B. KELSO,  
Conference Auditor.

## BISHOP'S RESIDENCE FUND.

## Statement of Morris E. Swartz, Financial Secretary, to Close of 1929 Conference Session.

(Charges marked with an asterisk have paid their apportionment in full. Please note suggestions at the end of this statement.)

## Dover District.

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
Beckwith and Spedden	\$ 73.00	\$ 36.50	\$ 36.50
Bethel	56.00	—	56.00
Blades and Epworth	36.00	—	36.00
Bridgeville	93.00	5.00	88.00
*Cambridge	224.00	224.00	—
Camden	64.00	5.00	59.00
Canterbury	50.00	—	50.00
Church Creek and Taylor's Is.	45.00	—	45.00
Crapo	51.00	—	51.00
Dover—St. Paul's	21.00	—	21.00
Wesley	158.00	—	158.00
East New Market	85.00	—	85.00
Ellendale	46.00	—	46.00
Elliott's Island	26.00	6.00	20.00
Farmington and Epworth	71.00	—	71.00
*Federalburg	100.00	100.00	—
*Felton	92.00	92.00	—
Frederica	86.00	6.00	80.00
Galestown	29.00	—	29.00
*Georgetown	149.00	149.00	—
*Georgetown Circuit	80.00	80.00	—
Greenwood	73.00	43.00	30.00
Harrington	92.00	62.00	30.00
Hooper's Island	33.00	—	33.00
Houston	64.00	5.00	59.00
Hurlock	69.00	—	69.00
Laurel	181.00	—	181.00
*Lewes	150.00	150.00	—
Lincoln	73.00	—	73.00
Little Creek	34.00	—	34.00
Magnolia and Barratt's Chapel	81.00	—	81.00
*Milford	169.00	219.00	—
Milford Neck	33.00	3.00	30.00
*Millsboro	63.00	63.00	—
Milton	89.00	30.00	59.00
Mt. Pleasant	64.00	—	64.00
Nassau	67.00	—	67.00
Rehoboth	85.00	28.00	57.00

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
Reliance . . . . .	63.00	—	63.00
St. Thomas . . . . .	50.00	—	50.00
*Seaford . . . . .	142.00	142.00	—
Seaford Circuit . . . . .	95.00	—	95.00
Secretary . . . . .	—	—	—
Vienna . . . . .	33.00	—	33.00
Williamsburg . . . . .	41.00	—	41.00
Wyoming . . . . .	70.00	—	70.00
Zoar Circuit . . . . .	—	—	—

## Middletown District.

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
Barclay Circuit . . . . .	—	—	—
Bayside . . . . .	34.00	16.00	18.00
*Bozman and Neavitt . . . . .	40.00	40.00	—
Burrsville . . . . .	32.00	—	32.00
*Cecilton . . . . .	57.00	57.00	—
Centreville . . . . .	80.00	10.00	70.00
*Chestertown . . . . .	100.00	100.00	—
*Cheswold . . . . .	50.00	65.00	—
*Church Hill . . . . .	45.00	45.00	—
Clayton . . . . .	57.00	8.00	49.00
*Concord . . . . .	68.00	68.00	—
Cordova . . . . .	47.00	5.00	42.00
*Crumpton . . . . .	40.00	60.00	—
Denton . . . . .	103.00	89.00	14.00
*Easton . . . . .	128.00	128.00	—
*Fairlee . . . . .	48.00	48.00	—
Galena . . . . .	53.00	10.00	43.00
Greensboro . . . . .	79.00	20.00	59.00
Henderson . . . . .	27.00	9.00	18.00
Hillsboro . . . . .	57.00	18.00	39.00
Kent Island . . . . .	76.00	—	76.00
Kenton . . . . .	44.00	10.00	34.00
Marydel . . . . .	53.00	23.00	30.00
*Middletown . . . . .	122.00	122.00	—
*Millington . . . . .	53.00	53.00	—
*Odessa and Friendship . . . . .	51.00	51.00	—
*Oxford . . . . .	28.00	28.00	—
*Piney Neck . . . . .	6.00	8.00	—
Pomona . . . . .	40.00	10.00	30.00
Preston . . . . .	68.00	25.00	43.00
Queenstown . . . . .	42.00	20.00	22.00
Ridgely . . . . .	64.00	27.00	37.00
Rock Hall . . . . .	62.00	11.00	51.00
Royal Oak . . . . .	28.00	25.00	3.00

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
St. Michaels . . . . .	88.00	53.00	35.00
*Smyrna . . . . .	159.00	159.00	—
*Still Pond . . . . .	82.00	82.00	—
*Sudlersville . . . . .	65.00	65.00	—
Tilghman . . . . .	53.00	40.00	13.00
*Townsend . . . . .	76.00	76.00	—
Trappe . . . . .	43.00	—	43.00
Wye Mills and Starr . . . . .	26.00	—	26.00

## Salisbury District.

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
*Annamesssex . . . . .	60.00	60.00	—
Ayres Chapel . . . . .	60.00	—	60.00
*Berlin . . . . .	130.00	130.00	—
Bishopville . . . . .	70.00	—	70.00
*Cape Charles . . . . .	79.00	79.00	—
Chincoteague . . . . .	65.00	—	65.00
Claremont . . . . .	30.00	—	30.00
Crisfield—Asbury . . . . .	188.00	—	188.00
*Immanuel . . . . .	180.00	180.00	—
Dagsboro and St. Georges . . . . .	110.00	—	110.00
Deal's Island . . . . .	100.00	—	100.00
Delmar . . . . .	120.00	70.00	50.00
Fairmount . . . . .	105.00	—	105.00
Frankford . . . . .	80.00	—	80.00
Fruitland . . . . .	85.00	—	85.00
Girdletree . . . . .	65.00	—	65.00
Gumboro . . . . .	70.00	—	70.00
Hebron . . . . .	65.00	—	65.00
Mardela Springs . . . . .	45.00	—	45.00
Marion . . . . .	50.00	—	50.00
Mt. Vernon . . . . .	85.00	—	85.00
Nanticoke . . . . .	69.00	—	69.00
Newark . . . . .	59.00	—	59.00
Ocean City . . . . .	35.00	—	35.00
Ocean View and Millville . . . . .	85.00	—	85.00
Onancock . . . . .	120.00	20.00	100.00
Parsonsburg . . . . .	85.00	—	85.00
Phoebus . . . . .	44.00	11.00	33.00
Pittsville . . . . .	70.00	—	70.00
Pocomoke City . . . . .	135.00	—	135.00
Pocomoke Circuit . . . . .	50.00	—	50.00
Powellville . . . . .	60.00	—	60.00
Princess Anne . . . . .	115.00	—	115.00
Quantico . . . . .	80.00	10.00	70.00
Roxana . . . . .	70.00	—	70.00

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
St. Peter's . . . . .	84.00	—	84.00
Salisbury—*Asbury . . . . .	341.00	341.00	—
Grace . . . . .	50.00	—	50.00
Selbyville . . . . .	129.00	—	129.00
*Sharptown . . . . .	60.00	60.00	—
Smith's Island . . . . .	105.00	35.00	70.00
*Snow Hill . . . . .	105.00	105.00	—
Somerset . . . . .	85.00	—	85.00
Stockton . . . . .	115.00	—	115.00
Tangier . . . . .	159.00	—	159.00
Venton . . . . .	10.00	—	10.00
Westover . . . . .	39.00	—	39.00
White Haven . . . . .	29.00	—	29.00
Whitesville . . . . .	100.00	—	100.00
E. H. Dashiell . . . . .	—	100.00	—

## Wilmington District.

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
Bethel and Town Point . . . . .	18.00	—	18.00
Belle Fonte . . . . .	10.00	—	10.00
Cedars . . . . .	—	—	—
*Charlestown . . . . .	30.00	30.00	—
*Cherry Hill . . . . .	30.00	30.00	—
Chesapeake City . . . . .	39.00	—	39.00
Chester-Bethel . . . . .	51.00	8.00	43.00
*Christiana . . . . .	36.00	36.00	—
*Claymont . . . . .	35.00	35.00	—
Colora . . . . .	24.00	10.00	14.00
*Delaware City . . . . .	23.00	23.00	—
*Ebenezer . . . . .	42.00	42.00	—
*Edge Moor . . . . .	8.00	8.00	—
*Elkton . . . . .	134.00	134.00	—
Elk Neck . . . . .	—	—	—
*Hockessin . . . . .	32.00	32.00	—
*Holly Oak . . . . .	13.00	13.00	—
Hopewell . . . . .	60.00	5.00	55.00
Marshallton . . . . .	53.00	27.00	26.00
Mt. Lebanon . . . . .	17.00	—	17.00
*Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	35.00	35.00	—
*Newark . . . . .	102.00	102.00	—
New Castle . . . . .	140.00	—	140.00
Newport . . . . .	69.00	—	69.00
North East . . . . .	101.00	—	101.00
*Perryville . . . . .	50.00	50.00	—
*Port Deposit . . . . .	50.00	50.00	—
*Red Lion . . . . .	24.00	24.00	—

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
*Rising Sun . . . . .	69.00	69.00	—
St. George's and Summit . . . . .	53.00	10.00	43.00
St. John's . . . . .	30.00	—	30.00
*Stanton . . . . .	25.00	25.00	—
Zion Circuit . . . . .	84.00	—	84.00
Wilmington—			
Asbury . . . . .	85.00	—	85.00
*Brandywine . . . . .	146.00	146.00	—
*Brack-Ex . . . . .	35.00	35.00	—
Cookman . . . . .	75.00	55.00	20.00
Eastlake . . . . .	92.00	30.00	62.00
Epworth . . . . .	128.00	—	128.00
*Grace . . . . .	372.00	996.00	—
Harrison Street . . . . .	198.00	80.00	118.00
Hillcrest . . . . .	15.00	—	15.00
*Kingswood . . . . .	42.00	42.00	—
Madeley . . . . .	105.00	—	105.00
*McCabe . . . . .	139.00	139.00	—
Mt. Salem . . . . .	120.00	—	120.00
Richardson Park . . . . .	56.00	14.00	42.00
*Scott . . . . .	168.00	168.00	—
Silverbrook . . . . .	101.00	—	101.00
St. Paul's . . . . .	315.00	115.00	200.00
Trinity . . . . .	105.00	5.00	100.00
Union . . . . .	188.00	—	188.00

Note: The above apportionments, with a few exceptions, were made eight years ago. This will account for blanks in the quota column. Where amounts due are small, please try to clean them up this Conference year. If this is impossible, pay the balance in not more than three installments so the end of the quadrennium will see the whole amount paid.

Make checks and money orders payable to Morris E. Swartz, Financial Secretary, and send to him at 148 Arch Street, Sunbury, Pa.

Pastors who find it difficult to raise this fund will find, in most places, the Ladies' Aid Society willing to help to care for the "Area Parsonage."

## CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.

Your Commission begs to submit the following report:

1. That your Commission has held four meetings during the current Conference year. The first meeting was held on June 5, 1928, at Wesley M. E. Church, Dover, Delaware, at which meeting the Secretary was re-



quested to mail out during the Conference year three letters to each pastor in the Conference, calling the attention of the pastors to the urgency of the cause and the necessity for definite action, and offering the assistance of the Commission if desired. These letters were mailed out as follows:

The first letter on July 15, 1928; the second letter on September 25, 1928, in which was set out a motion by Dr. Dashiell, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, as follows:

"That the second Sunday in October (October 14) be known throughout the Conference as 'Retired Ministers Day,' and that all our preachers be requested to preach at the morning service on this subject with affectionate appeal to our people for response."

A third letter was mailed out on February 23, 1929, which contained the following appeal:

"The Commission is writing this third letter asking that you do all in your power to help put this matter over the top at the 1929 Conference. Will you be able to say in your report at Conference that you have done everything you could do honorably to attain this end?"

A further meeting of the Commission was held at Wesley M. E. Church, Dover, Delaware, on March 13, 1929. At that meeting, on motion of Dr. J. W. Colona, the Chairman appointed a committee of five for the purpose of taking a canvass of the entire situation, and of recommending as to whether another agency should be employed to supplement what the district superintendents could do, so that the Commission might recommend to the Conference the best procedure looking toward the collection of the pledges of the various charges.

This special committee of five met in Wilmington on Wednesday, March 20, 1929, with all five members present, and after a thorough discussion by all the members, of the entire matter in hand, this special committee outlined a plan which it reported back to the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission at a called meeting of the said Commission at Harrison Street M. E. Church on Wednesday evening, April 3, 1929, at which time the report of the committee was adopted.

At a meeting of the Commission held in Harrison Street M. E. Church, Wilmington, Delaware, at three o'clock P. M., Thursday, April 4, 1929, the report of the special committee was amended and made, as amended, the recommendation of your Commission to this Conference. It is as follows:

WHEREAS, We are now nearing the end of the third year in our five year program of raising One Hundred and Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00) from the Churches of the Conference; and  
WHEREAS, Our Treasurer has received up to this date only

about Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) on the One Hundred and Thirty-five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00) from the churches, leaving still about Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000.00) to be raised in the next two years to keep faith with all concerned; and

WHEREAS, It is our conviction that much of the money will never be collected unless we employ some agencies additional to what the District Superintendents and pastors can do, in the nature of the situation; and

WHEREAS, It becomes more imperative every day that we collect every dollar of this in full so as to be in position not only to better take care of our present claimants, but also to comply with the conditions required for entrance, as a Conference, into the new Reserve Pension Fund, which is in the process of completion at the earliest date possible, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, 1. That your Commission recommends that it be authorized to employ a first class, full time member of the Conference as a field secretary, whose duty it shall be to use his best efforts to bring about, within the ensuing Conference year, the completion of the task heretofore laid on your Commission, to-wit: The raising of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) to be added to our Conference Claimant Endowment Fund.

2. That the District Superintendents be requested to discuss the urgency of this cause in every quarterly Conference, and to call upon the pastors to urge the matter before their respective official boards and congregations.

Respectfully submitted by the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission.

WALTER O. HOFFECKER, Chairman;  
ELWOOD F. MELSON, Secretary.

Statement of the Endowment Showing Credits to Churches, Including Conference Year 1928-29.

DOVER DISTRICT.

(An asterisk (\*) indicates paid in full.)

Church	Pledge	Total Credit		Total
		1925-1928	Paid 1929	
Beckwith & Spedden . . . . .	\$ 225.00	\$ 12.00	—	\$ 12.00
Bethel & Zion . . . . .	100.00	—	—	—
Blades & Epworth . . . . .	262.50	70.00	\$ 10.00	80.00
Bridgeville . . . . .	1000.00	—	—	—
Cambridge . . . . .	2500.00	352.56	150.00	502.56
Camden . . . . .	430.00	110.00	27.00	137.00
Canterbury . . . . .	140.00	46.33	—	46.33
Church Creek & Taylor Is. . . . .	150.00	—	—	—

Church	Pledge	Total Credit		Total
		1925-1928	Paid 1929	
Crapo . . . . .	265.00	—	—	—
Dover—St. Paul's . . . . .	38.00	—	—	—
Wesley . . . . .	2200.00	—	—	—
East New Market . . . . .	260.00	—	—	—
Ellendale . . . . .	200.00	22.00	—	22.00
Elliott's . . . . .	40.00	12.00	—	12.00
*Farmington & Epworth . . . . .	160.00	107.00	53.00	160.00
Federalburg . . . . .	1400.00	—	—	—
*Felton . . . . .	400.00	266.00	134.00	400.00
Frederica . . . . .	475.00	10.00	95.00	105.00
Galestown . . . . .	30.00	—	—	—
Georgetown . . . . .	1700.00	850.00	425.00	1275.00
Georgetown Circuit . . . . .	240.00	59.00	—	59.00
Greenwood . . . . .	160.00	—	29.00	29.00
*Harrington . . . . .	640.00	540.00	100.00	640.00
Hooper's . . . . .	200.00	—	—	—
Houston . . . . .	250.00	40.00	—	40.00
Hurlock . . . . .	1200.00	200.00	—	200.00
Laurel . . . . .	1800.00	900.00	100.00	1000.00
Leipsic . . . . .	40.00	—	—	—
*Lewes . . . . .	1400.00	932.00	468.00	1400.00
Lincoln . . . . .	175.00	—	—	—
Little Creek . . . . .	60.00	—	—	—
Magnolia & Barratt . . . . .	225.00	44.00	—	44.00
Milford . . . . .	3200.00	2134.00	296.00	2430.00
*Milford Neck . . . . .	30.00	30.00	—	30.00
*Millsboro . . . . .	275.00	275.00	—	275.00
Milton . . . . .	—	—	—	—
Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	250.00	75.00	25.00	100.00
Nassau . . . . .	275.00	26.00	115.00	141.00
Rehoboth . . . . .	250.00	166.00	37.00	203.00
Reliance . . . . .	150.00	—	—	—
St. Thomas . . . . .	665.00	115.00	—	115.00
Seaford . . . . .	1500.00	563.00	569.00	1132.00
Seaford Circuit . . . . .	350.00	260.00	90.00	315.00
Secretary & McKendree . . . . .	100.00	2.00	—	2.00
Vienna . . . . .	150.00	—	—	—
Williamsburg . . . . .	100.00	—	—	—
Wyoming . . . . .	275.00	15.00	5.00	20.00
Zoar Circuit . . . . .	100.00	10.00	—	10.00
Other Sources . . . . .	45.00	45.00	—	45.00

## MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

Church	Pledge	Total Credit		Total
		1925-1928	Paid 1929	
*Barclay Circuit . . . . .	\$ 80.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 80.00
Bayside . . . . .	275.00	103.00	36.00	139.00
Bozman & Neavitt . . . . .	275.00	138.00	35.00	163.00
Burrsville . . . . .	—	—	—	—
Cecilton . . . . .	600.00	—	—	—
Centerville . . . . .	1000.00	250.00	250.00	500.00
Chestertown . . . . .	1500.00	—	—	—
Cheswold . . . . .	200.00	80.00	40.00	120.00
Church Hill . . . . .	300.00	—	—	—
Clayton . . . . .	500.00	28.00	—	—
Concord . . . . .	300.00	—	—	—
Cordova . . . . .	100.00	10.00	—	—
Crumpton . . . . .	200.00	5.00	—	10.00
Denton . . . . .	1200.00	500.00	315.00	815.00
Easton . . . . .	2000.00	—	400.00	400.00
Fairlee . . . . .	220.00	110.00	55.00	165.00
Galena . . . . .	250.00	50.00	50.00	100.00
Greensboro . . . . .	875.00	—	50.00	50.00
Henderson . . . . .	100.00	50.00	—	50.00
Hillsboro . . . . .	200.00	45.00	—	45.00
Kent Island . . . . .	600.00	—	—	—
Kenton . . . . .	200.00	100.00	50.00	150.00
Marydel . . . . .	200.00	—	—	—
Middletown . . . . .	1400.00	933.00	100.00	1033.00
Millington . . . . .	300.00	25.00	25.00	50.00
Odessa & Friendship . . . . .	500.00	225.00	86.00	311.00
Oxford . . . . .	200.00	—	—	—
Piney Neck . . . . .	50.00	25.00	13.00	38.00
Pomona . . . . .	—	—	—	—
Preston . . . . .	600.00	208.00	100.00	308.00
Queenstown . . . . .	120.00	5.00	—	5.00
Ridgely . . . . .	300.00	65.00	54.00	119.00
Rock Hall . . . . .	300.00	91.00	40.00	131.00
Royal Oak . . . . .	—	—	—	—
St. Michaels . . . . .	650.00	—	—	—
Smyrna . . . . .	3000.00	800.00	750.00	1550.00
Still Pond & Betterton . . . . .	800.00	—	100.00	100.00
*Sudlersville . . . . .	400.00	300.00	100.00	400.00
Tilghman . . . . .	640.00	158.00	—	158.00
Townsend . . . . .	700.00	59.00	—	59.00
Trappe . . . . .	200.00	—	—	—
Wye & Starr . . . . .	—	—	—	—
Other Sources . . . . .	150.00	150.00	—	150.00

## SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Church	Pledge	Total Credit 1925-1928	Paid 1929	Total
Annamessex . . . . .	\$ 408.00	\$ 102.00	\$ —	\$ 102.00
Ayers Chapel . . . . .	345.00	—	—	—
*Berlin . . . . .	735.00	549.00	186.00	735.00
Bishopville . . . . .	440.00	15.00	25.00	40.00
Cape Charles . . . . .	1000.00	200.00	200.00	400.00
Chincoteague . . . . .	766.00	—	—	—
Claremont . . . . .	—	—	—	—
Crisfield: Asbury . . . . .	1084.00	—	—	—
Immanuel . . . . .	1300.00	—	—	—
Deals Island . . . . .	900.00	—	—	—
Delmar . . . . .	866.00	432.00	—	432.00
Fairmount . . . . .	550.00	—	—	—
Frankford . . . . .	—	—	—	—
Fruitland & Siloam . . . . .	675.00	250.00	125.00	375.00
Girdletree . . . . .	500.00	—	—	—
Gumboro . . . . .	433.00	—	—	—
Mardela Sp. & Zion . . . . .	100.00	—	—	—
Marion . . . . .	450.00	75.00	—	75.00
Mt. Vernon . . . . .	600.00	—	—	—
Nanticoke . . . . .	466.00	—	—	—
Newark . . . . .	583.00	—	—	—
Ocean City . . . . .	526.00	—	—	—
Ocean View & Millville . . . . .	583.00	—	—	—
Onancock . . . . .	566.00	100.00	15.00	115.00
Parsonburg . . . . .	500.00	70.00	—	70.00
Phoebus . . . . .	800.00	—	—	—
Pittsville . . . . .	666.00	—	—	—
Pocomoke City . . . . .	813.00	—	—	—
Pocomoke Circuit . . . . .	389.00	—	—	—
Powellville . . . . .	441.00	—	—	—
Princess Anne . . . . .	700.00	—	—	—
Quantico . . . . .	375.00	—	—	—
Roxana . . . . .	566.00	—	—	—
St. Peter's . . . . .	880.00	—	—	—
Salisbury: Asbury . . . . .	2000.00	—	500.00	500.00
Grace . . . . .	580.00	—	—	—
*Selbyville . . . . .	766.00	512.00	256.00	766.00
Sharptown . . . . .	600.00	—	—	—
Smith's Island . . . . .	550.00	136.00	100.00	236.00
Snow Hill . . . . .	834.00	260.00	130.00	390.00
Somerset . . . . .	666.00	—	—	—
Stockton . . . . .	180.00	—	—	—
Tangler . . . . .	883.00	—	—	—
Westover . . . . .	300.00	8.00	—	8.00

Church	Pledge	Total Credit 1925-1928	Paid 1929	Total
White Haven . . . . .	326.00	50.00	—	50.00
Whitesville . . . . .	550.00	—	—	—
Other sources . . . . .	570.00	570.00	—	570.00
Personal pledges . . . . .	750.00	—	—	—

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Church	Pledge	Total Credit 1925-1928	Paid 1929	Total
Bethel & Town Point . . . . .	\$ 160.00	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
Bellefont . . . . .	—	—	50.00	50.00
Cedars . . . . .	162.50	20.00	10.00	30.00
Charlestown . . . . .	200.00	100.00	50.00	150.00
Cherry Hill . . . . .	260.00	105.00	50.00	155.00
Chesapeake City . . . . .	100.00	40.00	60.00	100.00
Chester-Bethel . . . . .	—	—	—	—
*Christiana . . . . .	227.00	54.00	173.00	227.00
Claymont . . . . .	800.00	400.00	200.00	600.00
Colora . . . . .	100.00	—	—	—
*Delaware City . . . . .	200.00	100.00	100.00	200.00
Ebenezer . . . . .	450.00	99.00	56.00	155.00
Edge Moor . . . . .	—	—	—	—
Elkton . . . . .	2500.00	—	500.00	500.00
Elk Neck . . . . .	—	—	—	—
Hockessin . . . . .	350.00	175.00	—	175.00
Holly Oak . . . . .	200.00	70.00	40.00	110.00
Hopewell . . . . .	400.00	80.00	80.00	160.00
Marshallton . . . . .	487.50	—	—	—
Mt. Lebanon . . . . .	200.00	25.00	—	25.00
Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	550.00	90.00	40.00	130.00
Newark . . . . .	2000.00	98.00	350.00	448.00
New Castle . . . . .	1100.00	200.00	127.00	327.00
Newport . . . . .	300.00	150.00	75.00	225.00
North East . . . . .	800.00	200.00	150.00	350.00
Perryville . . . . .	500.00	125.00	125.00	250.00
Port Deposit . . . . .	850.00	200.00	100.00	300.00
Red Lion . . . . .	260.00	130.00	65.00	195.00
Rising Sun . . . . .	1000.00	295.00	210.00	505.00
St. Georges . . . . .	500.00	—	—	—
St. John's . . . . .	260.00	—	—	—
Stanton . . . . .	200.00	150.00	25.00	175.00
Zion Circuit . . . . .	475.00	200.00	100.00	300.00
<b>WILMINGTON:</b>				
Asbury . . . . .	900.00	262.00	—	262.00
Brandywine . . . . .	1600.00	600.00	600.00	1200.00
Brack-Ex . . . . .	250.00	124.00	99.00	223.00

Church	Pledge	Total Credit 1925-1928	Paid 1929	Total
Cookman	400.00	—	—	—
Eastlake	1100.00	550.00	52.00	602.00
Epworth	1050.00	700.00	—	700.00
Grace	12282.00	1100.00	5900.00	7000.00
Harrison St.	2638.00	500.00	—	500.00
Hillcrest	200.00	50.00	—	50.00
*Kingswood	350.00	350.00	—	350.00
Madeley	800.00	—	—	—
McCabe	2500.00	600.00	900.00	1500.00
Richardson Park	900.00	—	—	—
Mt. Salem	800.00	—	—	—
Scott	800.00	400.00	200.00	600.00
Silverbrook	800.00	250.00	100.00	350.00
St. Paul's	6000.00	—	—	—
Trinity	600.00	—	—	—
Union	2200.00	—	—	—
Other sources	1601.66	1601.66	—	1601.66
Personal pledges	200.00	—	—	—
*Holston Estate	200.00	200.00	—	200.00

## Endowment Summary.

	Total Paid 1925-1928	Paid 1929	Totals
Dover District	\$ 8288.89	\$ 2728.00	\$11016.89
Middletown District	4573.00	2669.00	7242.00
Salisbury District	3529.00	1537.00	5066.00
Wilmington District	10393.66	10587.00	20980.66
	<u>\$26784.55</u>	<u>\$17521.00</u>	<u>\$44305.55</u>
Received from other sources			\$13000.00
Totals			<u>\$57305.55</u>

## Investments.

By audit Conference 1929 Report	\$162175.00
By audit Conference 1928 Report	145475.00
	<u>\$ 16700.00</u>

GEORGE P. JONES, Treasurer.

## BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Dr.

Balance from last year		\$11316.58
Received from Conference Treasurer	\$40845.00	
Received from Methodist Book Concern	2639.00	
Received from Chartered Fund	40.00	
Received from Interest on Deposits	848.22	
Received Credits on Mortgages	250.00	
Received direct from Churches	529.00	
Received from Invested Funds	9062.14	\$54213.36
Total Receipts		<u>\$65529.94</u>

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Paid to Annuitants	\$49018.70	
Paid for Reinvestment Mortgage Credits	250.00	
Paid, Premium on Bond	125.00	
Paid, Interest on Reynolds Legacy	57.00	
Offices Expenses	93.53	
Balance in Checking Account	820.19	\$50364.42
Balance on Hand for Current Year		\$15165.52
Apr. 8, 1929, Dividend from Book Concern	\$ 2600.00	
Chartered Fund	40.00	
From Conference Treasurer to date	39251.00	
		<u>\$57056.52</u>

G. P. JONES, Treasurer.

To the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference,  
Methodist Episcopal Church.

Brethren:

As the Auditing Committee appointed by your Board, to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and to conduct an inspection of the securities covering the investment of the funds under the control of this Board, we respectfully report the following:

An inspection of the securities held by Rev. Geo. P. Jones, Treasurer, covering the investments of the Board for the Claimants of the Wilmington Conference, was held on April 5th and 6th, 1929. We examined each security and the insurance policy protecting the same. We found that the funds are invested in eighty-eight first mortgages on real estate, to the value of \$162,175.00. The investments are protected by insurance policies held by the Treasurer to the amount of \$278,900.00 in addition to the land value of the properties. The amount invested shows an in-

crease of \$16,700.00 over last year or an increase of \$31,900.00 during the past two years.

We find that the interest is being exceptionally well collected, the rate being 6% net and all details in connection with this Fund are being cared for by the attorneys of this Board. An itemized list of each mortgage, showing the name of the mortgagor, amount and insurance on the same is submitted herewith.

The Treasurer's accounts have been audited and we find all receipts have been properly entered and all payments accounted for by cancelled checks, the balance in hand on the date of this audit being \$15,165.52, which corresponds with the statement submitted by the bank.

REV. E. P. THOMAS,  
FRANK P. GENTIEU,  
Auditing Committee.

April 8, 1929.

#### 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. . . . .	\$ 150.00
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 Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wilson, parents. By Timanus J. Wilson and wife, North Tonowanda, 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
To Emma Prettyman, wife. By Rev. C. W. Prettyman, Carlisle, Pa. . . . .	\$ 500.00
To Vaughan S. Collins Fund . . . . .	\$ 500.00
To Anna Victoria Collins Fund of Victor, N. Y. By Mary Collins Sprague, Executrix, Claremont, Va. . . . .	\$3,156.26
To Etta Pilchard, mother. By Dr. S. N. Pilchard, Salisbury, Md. . . . .	\$ 500.00

#### 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 1929. They were approved by the Conference.

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.				
		Annuitant Claim	Annuitant Allowed	Special Fund	Total	
CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.						
MINISTERS.						
1922	34	Anderson, J. F., 2122 Gillis St., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	\$816	\$748	\$ 54	\$802
1906	17	Bowman, G. W., Laurel, Del. . . . .	408	374		374
1929	46	Collins, V. S., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	1104	1012		1012
1917	36	Corkran, L. P., Church Hill, Md. . . . .	864	792		792
1921	37	Derrickson, E. H., Odessa, Del. . . . .	888	814		814
1919	34	Easley, J. W., 122 N. 65th St., Philadelphia, Pa. . . . .	816	748		748
1924	37	Ewing, H. W., Newark, Del. . . . .	888	814		814
1926	23	Faulkner, F. N., Delmar, Del. . . . .	552	*		
1923	34	Given, T. N., Cheswold, Del. . . . .	816	748	102	850
1925	35	Gray, J. W., Landover, Md. . . . .	840	770	80	850
1929	26	Hastings, G. W., Seaford, Del. . . . .	624	572		572
1918	42	Hoffecker, E. L., Easton, Md. . . . .	1008	924		924
1911	10	Holt, T. S., Federalsburg, Md. . . . .	240	*		
1929	38	Jones, George P., Mystic, Conn. . . . .	912	836		836
1924	16	James, O. E., Y. M. C. A., Baltimore, Md. . . . .	384	352	98	450
1924	53	Layfield, L. W., Greenwood, Del. . . . .	1272	1166		1166
1919	40	Lindale, J. M., 1106 Greenhill Ave., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	960	880		880
1926	53	MacSorley, F. C., 2209 Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, Del. . . . .	1272	1166		1166
1925	23	Marshall, E. H., Salem, Roanoke Co., Va. . . . .	552	506		506
1924	16	Martin, O. L., Salisbury, Md. . . . .	384	352	280	632
1922	20	Matthews, W. E., Smyrna, Del. . . . .	480	440	360	800
1921	23	Moore, F. X., New Freedom, Pa. . . . .	552	506		506
1926	40	Mowbray, W. R., Lewes, Del. . . . .	960	880		880
1919	47	Otis, J. P., 2107 Washington St., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	1128	1034		1034
1917	35	Prettyman, A. P., Galena, Md. . . . .	840	770		770
1913	26	Prouse, J. T., Edgemoor, Del. . . . .	624	572	228	800
1922	52	Reed, Geo. Edward, 3008 Second St., Harrisburg, Pa. . . . .	1248	1450		450
1919	34	Reese, J. D., Frederica, Del. . . . .	816	748	52	800
1929	36	Richardson, J. T., Odessa, Del. . . . .	864	792	33	825
1912	38	Roe, Robert, Trappe, Md. . . . .	912	836		836
1925	39	Sharp, W. W., Penney Farms, Florida . . . . .	936	858		858
1913	40	Stengle, Adam, 407 W. 21st St., Wilmington, Del. . . . .	960	880		880
1929	51	Stephenson, R. K., Rehoboth, Del. . . . .	1224	1122		1122
1929	6	Stockley, D. A., Mrs. Ina Stockley, Trustee, Whitesville, Del. . . . .	144	132		132
1922	37	Sunfield, E. C., Barnegat, N. J. . . . .	888	814		814
1929	32	Taylor, Harry, Dover, Del. . . . .	768	704	146	850
1915	38	Townsend, G. W., Ridley Park, Pa. . . . .	912	836		836
1904	31	Williams, C. H., Snow Hill, Md. . . . .	744	682		682
1913	28	Willis, D. H., Cambridge, Md. . . . .	672	616		616
1925	19	Wilson, Daniel, Centerville, Md. . . . .	456	418		418
1927	39	Wilson, J. H., Newport, Del. . . . .	936	858	17	875
*Relinquished. †Part relinquished.						
CHILDREN.						
1923	10	Williams, Bristol W., Bethel, N. C. . . . .	60	55		55
1923	10	Williams, Grace, Bethel, N. C. . . . .	60	55		55
1923	10	Williams, Maleta, Bethel, N. C. . . . .	60	55		55
1923	10	Williams, Sherman, Bethel, N. C. . . . .	60	55		55
1923	10	Williams, Hugh, Bethel, N. C. . . . .	60	55		55

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.				
		Annuity Claim	Annuity Allowed	Special Fund	Total	
CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.						
WIDOWS.						
1915	43	Adams, Mary R., Rehoboth Beach, Del. ....	\$774	\$710	\$ 55	\$765
1903	21	Avery, Lydia M., 1815 Jones St., San Francisco, Cal. . .	378	347		347
1881	8	Bain, Sarah B., 709 Sixth Ave., Juniata, Pa. ....	144	132	293	425
1903	9	Bowie, Selma C., 37 Red Road, Chatham, N. J. ....	162	149	176	325
1926	18	Brewington, Ida V., Hebron, Md. ....	324	297	303	600
1915	30	Burke, Laura W., 811 West St., Wilmington, Del. ....	540	495		495
1918	31	Burke, Margaret, Newark, Del. ....	558	512		512
1924	30	Burr, Ella E., 3 Nassau Place, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y. . .	540	495	30	525
1925	33	Carpenter, Annie V., Seaford, Del. ....	594	545	255	800
1909	31	Chandler, Mary E., Crumpton, Md. ....	558	512	88	600
1920	23	Chaires, Sarah, Tilghman, Md., W. W. Chaires, Jr., Trustee, Baltimore, Md. ....	414	380	70	450
1890	8	Chatham, Anna D., Rev. R. K. Stephenson, Trustee, Rehoboth, Del. ....	144	132	268	400
1922	5	Cochran, Nora B., 517 Bellevue Ave., Hammonton, N.J. . .	90	83		83
1905	25	Collins, Mary E., 1607 West 13th St., Wilmington, Del. . .	450	413	212	625
1922	6	Compton, Blanche E., 741 N. 64th St., Philadelphia, Pa. . .	108	99	551	650
1929	13	Dawson, Emma Morgan . . . . .	234	215	185	400
1925	4	Esgate, Judith Madeline, 1735 W. 53rd St., Los Angeles, Cal. ....	72	*		
1891	17	Forman, Mary E., 614 W. 20th St., Wilmington, Del. . .	306	281	119	400
1914	39	Fosnocht, Bessie B., 67 Putnam Ave., New Haven, Conn. . .	702	644		644
1906	16	Graham, Annie M., Clayton, Del. ....	288	264	180	444
1893	25	Gregg, G. Anna, Kenton, Del. ....	450	413		413
1908	27	Grise, Mary E., Pocomoke City, Md. ....	486	446		446
1921	34	Guthrie, Elizabeth G., Kenton, Del. ....	612	561	139	700
1924	12	Jester, Georgia, 1617 W. 4th St., Wilmington, Del. . .	216	198	160	358
1919	17	Kenney, Mary J., 2310 Washington St., Wilm., Del. . .	306	281	145	426
1925	20	Koons, Clara W., Rising Sun, Md. ....	360	330		330
1917	9	Lewis, H. Bertrude, Laurel, Del. ....	162	149		149
1917	23	Martindale, Sallie W., Salisbury, Md. ....	414	380		380
1920	31	Mitchell, Jennie S., Denton, Md. ....	558	512	88	600
1917	24	Morgan, Minnie S., Chambersburg, Pa. ....	432	396		396
1916	10	Murray, Pauline N., Snow Hill, Md. ....	180	165		165
1909	35	Nelson, Evelyn J., Snow Hill, Md. ....	630	578		578
1921	38	Neese, Elizabeth F., 221 Geddes St., Wilmington, Del. . .	684	627		627
1924	28	Northrup, Lelia M., 1300 West St., Wilmington, Del. . .	504	462		462
1917	32	O'Brien, M. Cornelia, 512 W. 22d St., Wilmington, Del. . .	576	528		528
1918	7	Poole, Maria O., 724 Edmonds Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa. . .	126	116	225	341
1882	8	Prettyman, Emma, Salisbury, Md. ....	144	132	220	352
1928	18	Reed, Emma J., 210 East New St., Lancaster, Pa. ....	324	297	130	427
1919	29	Roberts, Mary B., 143 West Cedar Ave., Merchantville, N. J. ....	522	479		479
1929	24	Smith, Janie M., Denton, Md. ....	432	396	124	520
1884	15	Shilling, Emma F., 600 Delaware Ave., Wilm., Del. . .	270	248	50	298
1905	12	Siddell, Sarah D., 5434 Ella St., Olney, Phila., Pa. . .	216	198	420	618
1926	25	Smith, Lida J., Dover, Del. ....	450	413	37	450
1922	8	Stallings, Carrie W., Lovettsville, Va. ....	144	132	280	412
1901	12	Swain, Martha H., Dover, Del. ....	216	198	330	528
1906	30	Todd, Alice C., 122 East Main St., Elkton, Md. ....	540	495		495
1924	22	Tomkinson, Julia E., 503 W. 19th St., Wilmington, Del. . .	396	363		363
1926	16	Van Blunk, M. Louisa, 1244 N. 33rd St., Camden, N. J. . .	288	264		264
1929	14	Walton, Sarah E., R. D. #1, New Castle, Del. ....	252	231	169	400
1927	39	Watt, Martha S., 17 Horner St., Worcester, Mass. . .	702	644		644
1918	21	Westerfield, Lula V. G., Port Deposit, Md. ....	378	347	303	650
1924	16	White, Belle V., Salisbury, Md. ....	288	264	236	500
1929	9	Wilson, Carrie E., Aberdeen, Md. ....	162	149	251	400
1923	10	Williams, Laura M., Bethel, N. C. ....	180	165	585	750
1923	19	Williams, Kate, Georgetown, Del. ....	342	314		314

\*Relinquished.

## XI.

## CONFERENCE PLAN OF EXAMINATION.

## RULES.

For General Rules governing Examinations and Courses of Study, see Discipline, 1928, Paragraphs 185, 186, 187 and 188. Local Preachers, see Par. 190, and for Local Orders, read Par. 191.

All examinations shall be in writing, both questions and answers. Each student will be required to furnish his own writing materials. Ten questions must be submitted on each subject, and a choice of ten out of twelve may be allowed. Name, name of examiner, and name of subject must appear on each paper.

Examiners shall report grades of students to Registrar as follows:— For all required written work, on subjects taught at Summer School, by July 10th; for all written work received, and Mid-year Examinations of Local Preachers, by Nov. 15th; all written work received and corrected, February 15th; all other work, both written and examinations, by Wednesday after Conference convenes.

All undergraduates who are not students in one of the Theological Schools of our Church, or who do not hold certificates in lieu of subjects taught, are now required by order of the General Conference to attend the Summer School of Theology, which will be held this year at Asbury Park, N. J., July 15-25. Board and lodging will be paid by the Conference.

No candidate shall be admitted or advanced in classes with conditions, who has failed in more than one subject, nor shall he be examined in studies in advance of the class to which he belongs, except as the Discipline provides, and in no case shall a candidate for full admission be received, or a candidate for Elder's Orders be so elected until every requirement shall have been fully met.

All required written work shall be sent direct to the appropriate examiner as per schedule, who will correct, criticise and return direct to the student, and a failure to get same in the hands of the Examiner after it has been due more than 30 days, will mean a deduction in grade made of 10% from paper.

No student shall be admitted to the Examination in any subject unless his required written work in that subject is in the hands of the proper Examiner.

In pursuing their studies, students may feel free at any time to seek help or advice from the examiner, provided, however, that the examiners may not discuss examinations or grades with the undergraduates. The Registrar alone is authorized to do this.

Applications for acceptance of certificates in lieu of examinations should be made to the Registrar by January 1st of each year, who, in concurrence with the examiner of that subject, shall have authority to decide upon the acceptance of such certificate.

An undergraduate failing to pass an examination on any given subject, shall not be given the second examination on the same subject during the Conference year.

Probationers in the Conference are reminded that the discipline allows two years only on Trial for purposes of annuity upon retirement. Members in full connection please read discipline, Par. 185, Sec. 4.

#### CONFERENCE STUDIES.

##### MID-YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATES AT SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.

First Year—New Testament History .....	W. E. Gunby
The work of Preaching .....	W. E. Harrison, Jr.
Human Behaviour .....	Frank Herson
Second Year—Dictionary of the Bible .....	W. O. Bennett
History of the Christian Church .....	J. A. Leach
The Pastoral Office .....	Tilghman Smith
Third Year—Beacon Lights of Prophecy .....	L. E. Windsor
Foundations of Christian Belief .....	J. A. Leach
Neely's Parliamentary Practice .....	J. J. Bunting
Fourth Year—Paul and His Epistles .....	M. S. Andrews
System of Christian Doctrine .....	J. L. Sparklin
The Book of Isaiah (Vol. I-II) .....	J. B. McCabe

All written work on the above books shall be in the hands of the appropriate examiner on or before July 1, 1929.

##### EXAMINATIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATES AT CONFERENCE.

Tuesday, 2 P. M.

First Year—Evangelism .....	O. E. Jones
Second Year—The Pupil and the Teacher .....	R. P. Nichols
(b) The Graded Sunday School .....	R. P. Nichols
Third Year—The Church and Industrial Reconstruction .....	E. C. Hallman
Fourth Year—Freedom and Conduct .....	J. W. Prettyman

Tuesday, 3:30 P. M.

First Year—The Art of Writing English .....	T. F. Beauchamp
Third Year—The Religions of Mankind .....	J. L. Sparklin

The required written work (See Directions and Helps) on above studies must be handed in on or before March 1st, 1930.

##### EXAMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL AT CONFERENCE.

Monday, 7:30 P. M.

Doctrines and Discipline .....	J. A. Leach
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Tuesday, 9:30 A. M.

(a) Christian Perfection .....	M. D. Nutter
(b) Selections from Wesley .....	M. D. Nutter

Tuesday, 10:30 A. M.

Life of Wesley .....	T. F. Beauchamp
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Tuesday, 2 P. M.

American History .....	E. C. Hallman
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Tuesday, 3:30 P. M.

Bible Biography .....	W. H. Revelle
Sermon .....	W. E. Harrison, Jr.

Candidates will please send written Sermon and written work on Life of Wesley and American History to Registrar by March 1, 1930.

All papers submitted by the candidate shall be examined with reference to the use of English, and the character of this work shall be taken into account in determining the grade in each subject. This rule shall apply throughout the Course.

##### Schedule of Collateral Reading.

All written work on the books in the Course of Collateral Reading must be in the hands of the appropriate Examiner not later than the dates indicated below.

October 15, 1929.

First Year—Jesus in the Experience of Men .....	E. C. Hallman
The Pastor-Preacher .....	L. E. Windsor

- Second Year—Christian View of the Old Testament . . . . . Frank Herson  
 The Church in the City, or The Country Church  
 Serving the Community . . . . . T. F. Beauchamp
- Third Year—Modern Premillennialism and the Christian Hope. J. J. Bunting  
 The Art of Preaching . . . . . E. M. Shockley
- Fourth Year—Outline of Christian Theology . . . . . J. A. Leach  
 James W. Bashford . . . . . E. W. Hervis

January 1, 1930.

- First Year—Citizenship and Moral Reform . . . . . E. W. Hervis  
 Steps in the Development of American Democracy . . . . . E. M. Shockley
- Second Year—Wesley's Sermons (Vol. II) . . . . . M. D. Nutter  
 History of Methodism (Vol. I) . . . . . Tilghman Smith
- Third Year—Jesus Christ and the Social Question . . . . . J. B. McCabe  
 The Life of Phillips Brooks . . . . . W. H. Revelle
- Fourth Year—Church Co-operation in Community Life . . . . . W. O. Bennett  
 Good Ministers of Jesus Christ . . . . . R. P. Nichols

February 15, 1930.

- First Year—Wesley's Sermons (Vol. I) . . . . . M. D. Nutter  
 Life of Asbury . . . . . Frank Herson  
 Homiletical Works (See Directions and Helps) . . . . . L. E. Windsor
- Second Year—The Organization and Administration of  
 Religious Education . . . . . J. A. Leach  
 Life of Luther . . . . . J. J. Bunting  
 Homiletical Works (See Directions and Helps) . . . . . O. E. Jones
- Third Year—Studies in Christianity . . . . . E. C. Hallman  
 History of Methodism (Vol. II) . . . . . Tilghman Smith  
 Methodist Review . . . . . J. L. Sparklin  
 Homiletical Works (See Directions and Helps) . . . . . W. E. Gunby
- Fourth Year—History of Methodism (Vol. III) . . . . . Tilghman Smith  
 Methodist Review . . . . . J. L. Sparklin  
 Homiletical Works (See Directions and Helps) . . . . . J. B. McCabe

### LOCAL PREACHERS.

"Local Preachers who are supplies and who are giving their full time to Pastoral work under the District Superintendent shall be required to take the Local Preachers' Course of Study year by year, under the Annual Conference Board of Examiners, this rule to apply to all men under forty years of age and likewise to all Local Preachers who shall be newly appointed beginning with the fall of 1920." Discipline 1928, Paragraph 187, Section 7.

NOTE: All students in the Local Preachers' Course of Study will be required to state, year by year, in writing, over their own signatures, that they have carefully and studiously read all the books "to be read" in this course of study.

#### Examinations for Local Preachers at Conference.

Tuesday, 2 P. M.

- First Year—The Pastoral Office . . . . . J. W. Prettyman  
 Second Year—Life of Christ . . . . . R. P. Nichols  
 Third Year—History of the Christian Church . . . . . E. M. Shockley  
 Fourth Year—Prophets in the Light of To-day . . . . . O. E. Jones

#### For Local Deacon's Orders.

- Good Ministers of Jesus Christ . . . . . R. P. Nichols

#### Local Elder's Orders.

- Religious Experience . . . . . M. S. Andrews

Tuesday, 3:30 P. M.

- First Year—Discipline . . . . . J. A. Leach  
 Second Year—Human Behaviour . . . . . Frank Herson  
 Third Year—The Church and Industrial Reconstruction . . . . . L. E. Windsor  
 Fourth Year—Christianity in Doctrine and Experience . . . . . E. W. Hervis

#### For Local Deacon's Orders.

- John and His Writings . . . . . W. E. Gunby

#### Local Elder's Orders.

- Modernism and the Christian Faith . . . . . E. W. Hervis

Mid-Year Examinations will be held on Tuesday, October 2, 1929, for all Local Preachers in the Local Preachers' Course, (place to be given by Registrar, consult him) on the following subjects—

- First Year—The Graded Sunday School in Principle  
 and Practice . . . . . E. M. Shockley  
 John Wesley, the Methodist . . . . . T. F. Beauchamp



Second Year—The Work of Preaching .....	W. E. Harrison, Jr.
Third Year—Paul and His Epistles .....	M. S. Andrews
Fourth Year—The Religions of Mankind .....	J. L. Sparklin

**For Local Deacon's Orders.**

Outline of Christian Theology .....	E. C. Hallman
The Bible and Life .....	J. B. McCabe

**Local Elder's Orders.**

The Christian View of the Old Testament .....	W. H. Revelle
Francis Asbury .....	Frank Herson

E. W. McDOWELL,  
2921 Tatnall St., Wilmington, Del.

T. F. BEAUCHAMP, Chairman,  
Georgetown, Del.

**XII.**

**MEMOIRS.**

**OLIN S. WALTON.**

Olin S. Walton, eldest son of the late Rev. William B. Walton, an honored member of this Conference, and his wife, Sarah Deibler Walton, was born on Kent Island, Md., August 31, 1854, and died at Red Lion, Del., April 3, 1928.

He was educated in the public schools, graduating from the New Castle, Del., high school and the Wilmington Conference Academy, now the Wesley Collegiate Institute, with considerable honors. Soon thereafter he entered Wesleyan University, but was compelled to leave before graduating because of impaired health.

Brother Walton was converted at the age of twelve years under his father's pastorate, at St. Georges, Del. Moved by the Spirit of our Heavenly Father to follow in the footsteps of his father and to undertake the work of the ministry, he joined the Wilmington Annual Conference in the year 1879, and had he lived until the present session, he would have completed a membership of a half century.

He served the following charges and appointments: 1879 Sudlersville; 1880 Princess Anne; 1881-2 Chincoteague; 1883-5 Sassafras; 1886 Cape Charles; 1887, Selbyville; 1888-9 Red Lion; 1890 Sy.; 1891 Hopewell; 1892-3 Annamessex; 1894-7 Hockessin; 1898-00 Preston; 1901-5 Sy. In 1906 Brother Walton took the retired relation.

Red Lion, New Castle County, Delaware—the home of his wife's family—became their home from the time of leaving the active work up until the time of his death.

Brother Walton married Miss Sarah Elizabeth Silver, the only daughter of the late Henri M. Silver and his wife, Jane Elizabeth Silver, of Red Lion, Delaware, February 24, 1892.

He is survived by his wife, two sons, and one daughter, also by two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Harry Taylor, in Lebanon Methodist Episcopal Church, Red Lion, Del., April 6, 1928, with interment at St. Georges, Delaware. At the funeral services, prayer was made by Rev. G. W. Bounds; the Scriptures were read by Rev. G. T. Alderson, and short addresses were made by District Superintendent Rev. J. W. Colona and the writer.

**HARRY TAYLOR.**

## TRUSTON CANNON SMOOT.

Truston Cannon Smoot was born in Dorchester County, Md., near Cambridge, October 24th, 1859, and died April the 23rd, 1928, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Of Christian parentage, reared in a community made historic by its strong Evangelistic fervor, very early in life he gave himself to God. Quite soon thereafter his soul longed for an opportunity to minister to others, in a very definite way, of the grace that he had received. In other words he was "called of God" to the Christian ministry. That he might respond effectively, he entered the Wilmington Conference Academy, now the Wesley Collegiate Institute, and later Drew Theological Seminary, graduating from both institutions with honors, applying for admission into our Conference March, 1889.

Brother Smoot was twice married. On April 10th, 1889, he was married to Miss Fannie Griffeth of Princess Anne, Md., who shared with him the joys and sorrows of the Christian ministry, in the following charges: Stanton, Mt. Lebanon, Berlin, Sharptown, Leipsic, Wyoming, Millington, Felton, Nanticoke, Marydel, Galena, Chesapeake City, St. Peters, Whitesville, Kent Island, Newport, East New Market, Rock Hall and Onancock. At our Conference session in this Church, Harrison Street, 1924, Brother Smoot, because of impaired health, asked for the retired relation, which was granted, and he and his faithful companion occupied their home in Denton. This they were not permitted to enjoy very long, for on September 9th, of the same year, Sister Smoot "was not for God took her" to her eternal home.

Of this union four sons were born—Harry C., a mining chemist in Phoenix, Arizona, Ralph G., Assistant Sales Manager of General Motors, Little Rock, Arkansas, Aubrey C., and Merrill C., practicing physicians in Baltimore, Maryland.

In 1925, there being a vacancy at Oxford, Md., Brother Smoot, greatly improved in health, was asked to take charge of the work, which he did, serving until our Conference session of 1927.

While living at Oxford, in October of 1925 he was married to Miss Laura Cannon of Dover, Delaware, who lovingly cared for him until the close of his earthly life.

Brother Smoot is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Stella Todd, Andersontown, Md., Mrs. Rebecca Sparklin, Denton, Md., Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, Lyn Haven, Florida.

In his personal character Brother Smoot was a man of pure heart, chaste lips, clean hands, devout spirit, strong faith, positive and clear religious experience. Socially he was a genial companion, a devoted father, a warm friend, commanding confidence—ever a gentleman. As a minister he clearly recognized, and deeply felt the responsibility of his calling, and diligently applied himself to his God appointed work.

A brief service was conducted in the chapel at Penny Farms, Florida, where he for some months had lived, and where he was very greatly loved.

Rev. W. W. Sharp of our own Conference had charge of this service. The body was then brought to the home of his sister, Mrs. Walter Sparklin, in Denton, the funeral being conducted in our Church there, of which he was a member. The writer was assisted in this service by the following Brethren, Rev. Omar E. Jones, D. D., District Superintendent; Rev. E. H. Dashiell, D. D., Rev. R. P. Nichols, Rev. W. F. Dawson, Rev. O. H. Connelly, Rev. E. H. Collins and Rev. Ivanhoe Willis. The body rests in our Denton Cemetery until awakened to life eternal—for,

"It is not death to die,  
To leave this weary road,  
And 'mid the brotherhood on high  
To be at home with God.

Jesus, thou Prince of life,  
Thy chosen cannot die,  
Like thee, they conquer in the strife  
To reign with thee on high."

MELVIN E. WHEATLEY.

## WILLIAM MULLEN GREENE.

William Mullen Greene, son of Charles C. and Amelia Beaucham Greene, was born on a farm near Marion Station, in Somerset county, Maryland, April 1st, 1847.

Physically he never was strong, due to a fall while still a lad, whereby he sustained an injury to one shoulder, from which he never fully recovered. At times, all through life, he suffered intense pain from this injury.

Converted in youth at old Quindocqua Church, he early felt the divine call to the Gospel Ministry. How to fit and prepare himself for such a high and holy calling, for him, became a real problem. In a family of nine own brothers and sisters, two half-brothers, and one half-sister, with limited means at his disposal, and educational facilities, such as we know to-day then unheard of; to secure an education under those circumstances was indeed no easy task. But to an ambitious youth with high ideals and purposes, and a deep yearning to have his life count for something worthwhile; difficulties and handicaps only served to spur him on.

He attended the Public School near where he was born, and later entered Dickinson Seminary at Williamsport, Pa., teaching between times in order to meet his financial obligations. At one time during this period he taught in Dutch Valley, Pa., near Williamsport.

In the Spring of 1873, at the Easton Conference, Bishop Levi Scott presiding, Brother Greene knocked at the doors of the Wilmington Con-

ference, was admitted and stationed at Millsboro, Del. During his ministry he served the following charges: Millsboro, Felton, Church Creek, Bethel, Kent, Christiana, Galestown, Wyoming, Beckwith, Williston, Farmington, and Nassau. In 1895 he took the Supernumerary relation and in 1904 retired from the active work of the ministry.

Brother Greene was twice married. February 28th, 1877, he married Miss Sarah Frances Morris, daughter of Wesley and Elizabeth Price Morris. She proved herself a helpmate indeed. Her gentle, refined, and cultured manners, her wonderful gift of song, her lovely ways, won for them a place in the hearts of the people wherever Conference assigned them.

To brother and sister Greene were born four children—three sons and one daughter. The daughter, now Mrs. Mary G. Knight, lives on a farm near Cheswold, Del. The youngest son, Belville F. Greene, while serving his Country in France during the World War was gassed. After returning home it became necessary for him to seek a mild even climate. Whereupon he went to Arizona, borne thither upon a stretcher, accompanied by the oldest brother, William M. Greene, Jr. Although Belville has apparently regained his health he cannot live in the East again, therefore the two brothers are permanently located in Arizona. Because of these circumstances they were unable to visit their father in his last illness which was a source of very great sorrow to them. The second son, James M. Greene, became a most successful physician, located in Norfolk, Va., and had before him, what to all human appearances seemed the prospect for a brilliant future. But the dread Reaper, who is no respecter of persons, early claimed him for his own and mowed him down e'er his sun had reached its zenith. His going was a great blow to the father.

Upon retiring from the active ministry Brother Greene lived for a time on a farm near Wyoming, Del. However, in 1920, largely because of the failing health of sister Greene they relinquished the farm and moved to Seaford, where on June 26th, 1920, Mrs. Greene entered her Heavenly home, there to unite her angelic voice with the voices of the Redeemed of the Lord in singing the Songs of Moses and The Lamb. After the death of his wife Brother Greene made his home for a time with his daughter, Mrs. R. W. Knight, near Cheswold, Del.

On November 16th, 1922 he married for his second wife Mrs. Lucy Atkins, widow of the late George W. Atkins, of Milton, Del. She too seemed to be God-given, and by her gentleness and beautiful Christian life was able to make the last years of his earthly pilgrimage restful and happy. They made their home in Milton, Del., until Brother Green's death last summer.

As noted above the untimely death of his second son, Dr. James H. Greene, some three years ago, brought very great sorrow to the heart of the father. Brother Greene never seemed quite the same again. Soon afterwards an attack of La Grippe left him much weakened physically. Complication of diseases followed. He gradually grew weaker until final release from earthly cares and sufferings came June 23rd, 1928, and his

soul winged its flight to "That Beautiful Land on high," there to be forever with the Lord and rejoin the loved ones who had gone on ahead to prepare for his home coming. Appropriate funeral services were held in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Milton, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. C. N. Jones; Dr. W. E. Gunby, Superintendent of the Dover District, delivering the principal address. The pastor of the local Methodist Protestant church also taking part. The body was borne to its final resting place in Odd Fellow's Cemetery, Camden, Del., where it reposes by the side of that of his first wife, to await the general resurrection at the last day.

Thus briefly have we sought to record a very few of the facts concerning the active life of our deceased brother. But beloved, the full story of the life and work of one of Christ's divinely ordained ministers can not be told in human language. The arduous labors wrought; the sacrifices made; the heavy burdens carried; the yearning of soul to make sure proof of ones ministry; the faithfully proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ; the rich influence set in motion never to cease this side of eternity; the men, women, boys, and girls introduced to and made acquainted with our blessed Lord; the unkind criticisms suffered; the discouragements met and conquered; the disappointments turned into unrecognized blessings; ah, yes, the joys, the sorrows, the peace, the anxieties, the longings, the hopes, the aspirations, and a thousand and one other things that fill up the life of him whom God calls to be His minister; all that these mean can never be told on earth. Brother Greene experienced all of this and more. But He who never slumbers nor sleeps and keeps faithful watch above His own, noting the sparrow's fall, He holds the Book of Life, in which a true and accurate record is kept, and happy indeed will they be who in "That Great Day" shall hear Him say "Well Done."

William M. Greene was a good minister of Jesus Christ, and although it was never his good fortune to serve in any of the larger fields of our Conference, nor did he every attain to any high official position in the councils of the church; yet by his goodness of soul, his cheerfulness of heart, his optimistic spirit, his faithful ministry to those under his care, he rendered such loyal and unselfish service that we are sure the Master has said unto him, "In-as-much as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye did it unto Me." And what more could any man desire?

Brother Greene believed and preached the great fundamental doctrines of Christianity as taught in the Scriptures. A loyal Methodist, he loved the church of his choice. Believed in her polity, defended her doctrines. It was one of the great joys of his later years, when he could no longer engage in the active work of the ministry, to listen to his brother ministers proclaim the glorious Gospel of the Son of God. Every service he was able to attend in the House of God was food to his soul. And whenever deprived of such privileges it was a source of very great regret to him. He was a good man and true, a faithful dispenser of the word of life.

"Sunset and evening star,  
 And one clear call for me!  
 And may there be no moaning of the bar  
 When I put out to sea;  
 But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
 Too full for sound and foam,  
 When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
 Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,  
 And after that the dark!  
 And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
 When I embark;  
 For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place  
 The flood may bear me far,  
 I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
 When I have crost the bar."

JOHN L. SPARKLIN.

#### CORNELIUS WILTBANK PRETTYMAN.

When on June 28, 1928, at Carlisle, Pa., Rev. C. W. Prettyman ceased to breathe, one of God's chosen saints went to the home of the blessed. No one who knew him doubts that.

Cornelius Wiltbank Prettyman, son of William and Catharine Prettyman, was born at Camden, Del., June 26, 1844. In that early day country boys and girls found it exceedingly difficult to secure higher education; and so in accordance with those times we find our lad working on the farm until he was twenty years of age, with only the advantages afforded by the rural schools the State gave its rural boys and girls.

While yet a lad he felt the divine call to both a holy life and to the ministry as his life work. Nor was he disobedient to the heavenly vision. Not only did he accept the double call, but set earnestly about securing an education that would best fit him for the work of the ministry. Mostly through his own efforts he went to Dickinson College, and took a partial course; and Dickinson did so much to help him that from the day he matriculated Brother Prettyman became a loyal supporter of his Alma Mater. He loyally sent his own sons to Dickinson, and was always seeking to turn students toward the college; and the College acknowledged his devotion by honoring him with election to its Board of Trustees, and also granting him the honorary degree of "Doctor in Divinity."

After leaving Dickinson Brother Prettyman, with a class of sixteen other young men, applied in 1868 for admission into the old Philadelphia Conference, which met that year in Union Methodist Episcopal Church,

Philadelphia, Bishop Janes presiding, and was admitted, and appointed to Millington, Md., as junior preacher to Rev. John Hough. The following year, 1869, the Wilmington Conference was organized, and being within our territory Brother Prettyman decided to cast in his lot with the new Conference; and from its organization until his death was one of the most valuable, loyal and successful members of the Conference. During his long ministry there was never a forward movement in the Conference that failed to receive his hearty support by voice, vote and financial help. When the movement was started to have a Methodist School, which developed into the Wilmington Conference Academy, Brother Prettyman heartily supported the project, and for many years was a trustee, and part of the time Vice-President of the Board. When the Conference Education Society was organized Brother Prettyman linked up with it, was one of its managers for years, and for several years its President. For more than forty years one can not mention an advance movement in the Conference without finding C. W. Prettyman in the group called progressives.

There was a reason for this. In preparation for this memoir I asked Dr. Prettyman, of Dickinson, a son of the deceased, to tell me what, in his judgment, was the most characteristic trait of his father's character. His reply was, "He was a confirmed optimist true to the end." No wonder. While yet a young man (in 1870) he selected for his life companion Miss Emma Gooding, daughter of William and Emma Gooding, a woman of culture both mental and spiritual, and an artist of no mean ability. A woman of fine poise, an excellent home-keeper, with a charm of manner that greatly endeared her to the best people in the community,—no wonder living in a home ruled by such a spirit Brother Prettyman was inclined to look on the roseate side of life. Nor is it any wonder that we see him advancing step by step in the grade of his appointments until we see him serving some of the very best Churches in the Conference, as the list of his charges shows. Nor is it any wonder that the children born of such parents, and reared under such favorable Christian influences, should have reached the prominence that is theirs, viz.: Dr. Virgil Prettyman, for many years at the head of Teachers' College, New York, now retired; and Dr. C. W. Prettyman, Professor of German at Dickinson College. The third son, Ovid, died in early manhood.

The list of his appointments shows the growth of the man. Starting in 1869 at Wyoming as Junior to Rev. J. B. Mann, from the record he seems to have left the work to take further study at Dickinson. His record shows: 71-2, Leipsic; 73-4, Appoquinimink; 75-6, Sudlersville; 77-9, Centreville; 80-2, Lewes; 83-5, Union, Wilmington; 86-7, Newark, Del.; 88-92, Fairmount (which was then at high-water mark); 93-5, Seaford; 96-00, Asbury, Salisbury; 01-2, Brandywine; 03-5, New Castle; 06-11, Snow Hill; 12 and part of 13, Centreville; then, when Rev. W. D. Parry, soon after the closing of the Conference session, left Smyrna, the officials of Asbury Church unanimously requested that Dr. C. W. Prettyman might be sent to their vacant pulpit. This proved to be his last pastorate,

and one of the most successful of his entire ministry. During the second year Asbury was visited by a revival of such mighty power that 300 conversions were reported as a result. Dr. Prettyman was supremely happy that God should so own his ministry to the very end; and the writer offered a series of commendatory resolutions on his retirement in 1916, which the Conference unanimously adopted by a rising vote, as follows:

"Whereas, after forty-nine years of most active and useful service among us, and forty-eight years a member of this Conference, Reverend Doctor Cornelius W. Prettyman is compelled, because of physical disability, to retire from the active ranks of the itinerant ministry; therefore

Resolved, that in the retirement of Brother Prettyman the Conference loses one of its most loyal members. Successful as a Pastor, faithful as a friend, a model as a worker on committees—one who never stops work until the work is completed—he has for nearly half a century set an example which any Methodist preacher might be glad to follow. The Conference gladly bears testimony to the fidelity, purity and unselfish devotion of this man of God. It is a matter of congratulation that his last pastorate, that of Asbury, Smyrna, was blessed with the greatest revival of his entire ministry. Into his retirement Brother Prettyman carries with him the esteem of every member of this Conference, and the love of every member who knew him intimately."

Then followed twelve years as a retired minister, during which Brother Prettyman radiated sunshine and happiness from the summer Camp in the Maine woods to his winter home amid the flowers of Florida. About him was ever the glory of the sunset glow. A happier closing to a life well spent I have never known. He did not prate of his religion, he LIVED it. He did not often tell how happy he was, but the "light ne'er seen on land nor sea" illumined his handsome face until the end came, June 28, 1928, in the home of his faithful son in Carlisle, Pa. Interment followed June 30th in the old cemetery at Camden, Del.

"Let me die the death of the righteous; let my last end be like His."

VAUGHAN S. COLLINS.

#### FRANS O. B. WALLIN.

Frans O. B. Wallin was born in the province of Halland, Sweden, on May 31, 1838. Early in his childhood days his parents moved to Gothenburg, where he went to school. When he was fifteen years of age, he became a sailor, and as such he traversed every sea in the world for a number of years.

When he now and then came to his mother country, he studied at the Navigation School of Gothenburg, where he also took both the Mate's, the Master's and the Steam Master's examinations.

When F. O. B. Wallin discharged at Stockholm in 1868, he came in contact with the Methodists, was converted, and having arrived in his home town (Gothenburg) in 1869, he was received into the church. The same year he was made a local preacher and was appointed as an assistant pastor at the St. Paul's church in Stockholm. This happened one year after the organization of the first Methodist Episcopal Church in Sweden. Thus it may be said that Wallin was with our work almost from its beginning in that Northern country.

In 1875 Wallin was ordained an elder by Bishop Simpson and at the same conference he was appointed a presiding elder on the Gottland District (Gottland being an island in the Baltic Sea). Later on he served the following charges: Hallsberg, Kumla, Lerback, Monsternas, Vallda, Slap, Sandlyckan, Visby, Filipstad, Orebro, Bofors and Degerfors.

In 1887 brother Wallin came to the United States where he served several charges in the East. In 1894 he joined the Wilmington Conference and was for a time pastor of the Swedish Church in this city, the church having been organized in 1883.

Soon, however, brother Wallin went back to Sweden, where he occasionally took active part in the work, although he still retained his membership in this Conference. The last few years our brother has had a good home in the Methodist Episcopal Home for Rest at Ahlefors, Sweden. It was also here that he, on the fourth of July, 1928, was called to his Heavenly Father. He was then over 90 years of age, being the senior among the Methodist preachers in Sweden.

"He was," says one of our pastors in Sweden, who has known him for over fifty years, "a dear friend and brother, a warm and humble Christian, a faithful and enthusiastic Methodist, always believing in Wesley's preaching of the full, free and present salvation for all the people. He was devoted to the teaching regarding holiness in heart and life and had a child's confidence in God."

Under our long term of friendship, he goes on to say, I never heard him speak about anyone in a criticizing manner, always being content, thankful and happy. In the many letters that I have received from him, one could always read between the lines of his great love for Christ and His kingdom and for the brethren."

Such a man was Frans O. B. Wallin, the good and faithful steward who now has been called to the eternal rest. May he rest in peace!

JOHN G. JOHANSSON.

## ALFRED SMITH.

Alfred Smith, son of William and Margaret Ann Smith, was born on a farm near Thomas' Chapel, Kent County, Delaware, July 28th, 1852. He was one of ten children. Seven sons and three daughters; three of the sons becoming ministers of the Gospel.

The home in which he was reared was a typical Methodist christian home. The family altar, the open Bible, rigid observance of the Sabbath and regular attendance upon church services were outstanding features of the home.

He was converted at about twelve years of age and immediately joined the Methodist Episcopal Church and became active in its work. He was educated in the public schools of Delaware and of Baltimore City; he taught the Union Public School in Queen Anne's County, Maryland, one year before going to the Maryland State Normal School. He then entered Drew Theological Seminary and graduating at the latter institution in the spring of 1878, remained at that institution one year after graduation, preaching under the Elder in the Newark Conference.

He joined the Wilmington Conference in the spring of 1879, the Conference meeting at New Castle, Delaware, Bishop Matthew Simpson presiding, and was sent to Dorchester Circuit, Dorchester County, Maryland, headquarters at East New Market. He remained on Dorchester Circuit two years, living among the people and reaching his appointments on horseback. In 1881 he was sent to Oxford, Md., where he remodeled the church, paid the cost and increased the membership, where at the end of two years he married Janie M. Bratt, daughter of Samuel Bratt, the leading layman of his church. From Oxford he was sent to Greensboro, Md., in 1883. From Greensboro to Cambridge, Md., in 1886. Remaining at Cambridge four years. This was his most notable pastorate. During the four years he was at Cambridge, he paid off a heavy debt that was on the church, had an extensive revival each year, more than doubled the benevolences and rid the town of speakeasies. In the spring of 1890 he went to Middletown, Delaware, by invitation, remaining there only one year, when he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Easton District. He remained a full term of six years in the Presiding Elder's office during which time he was twice elected to the General Conference; first at Omaha, Nebraska, in 1892, and second at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1896. During the time that he was Presiding Elder of Easton District, Washington College, an old historic College, within the bounds of the District, conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. At the close of his term as Presiding Elder, of Easton District, he was sent to Wesley Church, Dover, Delaware, where he remained five years. During his pastorate in Dover the church was remodeled and the beautiful auditorium as now seen was constructed. From Wesley Church, Dover, he went to Epworth Church, Wilmington, in 1902; he remained at Epworth but one year, when at his own request he was appointed the Conference Temperance Evangelist. He remained in this position eight years, devoting his whole time to preaching temperance and prohibition in the pulpits of the vari-

our churches of the Conference. In July, 1911, he was elected Assistant Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, headquarters at Chicago, Dr. Clarence True Wilson as Secretary. He remained in this position two years, during which time he traveled over a large part of the territory east of the Mississippi River, addressing the Annual Conferences and assisting in Local Option and Constitutional Amendment campaigns. On account of the serious and protracted illness of his wife he resigned his position as Assistant Secretary and returned to the pastor at Camden, Delaware, in 1913, where he remained four years; at the end of which time he took a retired relation, bought a home in Camden and continued to live there the remainder of his days.

During the years of his retirement he acted as Superintendent of the home Sunday School, assisted neighboring pastors in revival work and supplied for ministers in their time of illness, preaching many funerals and entering every door of opportunity that opened to him. It was during this period of his life that he served the church in Easton, Maryland, for four months rendering a service which was of great value and remembered by the people as a time of refreshing from the Lord.

The demise of Alfred Smith took place July 18th, 1928. His funeral services were held in Wesley Church in Dover, and his body was interred in the family lot in the cemetery in Camden, Delaware.

A short time before his death he sent for me. There was prompt response to his call. His malady was incurable and he knew it, he was marching steadily to the grave, but as a victor in triumph. Hearing his testimony of his salvation I thought of the shout of St. Paul, "O death where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The tabernacle in which he had lived for more than three-quarters of a century was falling into decay but this man of God was sustained by an unflinching trust—and as I looked upon him that day I thought of Oliver Goldsmith's lines describing a good man in adversity—said to be the finest in our literature.

"As some tall cliff that lifts its awful form,  
Swell from the vale, and midway leaves the storm,  
Though round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,  
Eternal sunshine settles on its head."

The writer has known personally most of the members of this Conference since its organization in 1869, and can confidently affirm that he has not known a better man to enter its ranks than Alfred Smith; and when he went to his reward in Heaven, he left no better man alive on earth than he himself, had been. Having known him for more than a half century we say this without equivocation or mental reservation. He was a man of the highest principles, of faith, and of prayer. With deep experience of the truth of the Gospel, an exponent of mystical religion, knowing God and walking with Him in vital relation, in the fellowship of the Spirit.

He was a good minister of the Gospel, a preacher whom the people heard gladly. He has gone away to be forever with the Lord, but he

has left to us his brethren, and to the church he served so well, and to his good wife that he loved so fondly, and to his sons and daughters, so dear to his heart, the heritage of an unsullied name.

Farewell my brother and lifelong friend, we will meet thee again in the home of the Saints.

Till then we bid thee ADIEU.

E. L. HOFFECKER.

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GEORGE LACEY HARDESTY.

When Frederic W. Robertson, the polished English preacher died, one said of him, "We have lost a man but we have gained a Spirit." When Theodore Roosevelt, the great Statesman, passed on, it was said of him, "Now he belongs to the whole World."

The Bible tells us that Moses, the mouthpiece of the law, and Elijah, the prophet of the Gospel, met Jesus on the Mt. of Transfiguration to talk with him about his plan for the World's Salvation, a subject that unfallen Angels are interested in. Abraham and Dives met in the Spirit World, the one to plead for the rescue of Souls in Sin here and the other to explain how it could be done.

These quotations and references indicate very clearly that those who gave them to us felt assured that disembodied Spirits are very much interested in the welfare of people still in the flesh.

The PASSIONS of the human Soul, as we experience them, point in the same direction.

The devoted Deaconess whose nerves were exhausted by much serving, when notified that she must take months of rest by the sea or in the mountains said, "Not so long, I shall grow homesick for these pinched faced children, these weary over-burdened women who need my sympathy and these men who need me to talk them away from brutal temptations." Then alone she was overheard to say, "I suppose I shall have to go to Heaven sometime, but I shall ask the Lord of Glory to grant me an August Vacation that I may spend 'Dog Days' in the Slums."

A kindred soul sang:

"Happy if with my latest breath  
I may but grasp his name;  
Preach him to all and cry in death  
Behold; Behold the Lamb"

and another sang—

"Then in a noble and Sweeter song,  
I'll sing thy power to save,  
When this poor lisping, stam'ring tongue  
Lies Silent in the Grave."

The accident of death can not blow out the sacred flame of divinely unkindled love and zeal that burns upon the altar of the consecrated soul.

The flesh may be of such gross material and the Soul itself may become so dull in all its sensibilities that we can not see the forms, nor hear the voices nor feel the touch of the disembodied spirits of our loved ones, yet, they are as real as we are, and the element in which they live presses in on us from every side. Heaven is not some far off World to be measured and weighed and located. It is life, Joy and Kindred experience and these are not subject to mathematics and geography.

Do you ask what this has to do with a Memoir of a brother who WAS with us but has vanished?

Much every way, I am articulating the voice of love that is asking, What is he? What is he doing? Does he think of us? Does he know us? Is he with us? It is a strange experience for us to meet in Conference Session and not to see the stalwart form, hear the cheerful voice and feel the grip of Brother Hardesty's hand. For forty-five Conference Sessions he was with us without a break. If need be hasn't the Lord of the City of light granted him a vacation to be with us at this Session "though not seen by Mortal eye?" Yet, perhaps a sense of loneliness had been creeping over him as with some of the rest of us as we come together. The fathers and prophets of the Conference of 45 years ago are all gone save fourteen.

In reality he has rejoined HIS Conference on the other side.

Brother Hardesty was born on a farm in Caroline County, Maryland, near Denton, on January 4th, 1853. His parents were Thomas Hardesty and Elizabeth Morris. They were Methodists of the Old Fashioned type who believed God and accepted the Bible as a revelation from him. They accepted all the institutions of Christianity. The Church was God's house and the Sabbath was his day to be kept Holy.

The preacher was the anointed of the Lord and his message was direct from the throne of Justice and Mercy. George's earliest recollections were associated with Wesley Church, Burrsville. Here he attended Sunday School, here he was converted and joined the Church, was made a Sunday School Teacher, a Class Leader, an exhorter and a local preacher. Here he did his first preaching, and the people rejoiced that God had raised up a prophet in their midst, of their own people.

His education was the best he could get from the School of his home village, supplemented by diligent reading of all the worthwhile books within reach. Like the writer of this Memoir he began public speaking in a debating society in the village school house. He was a public School Teacher before he was twenty-one years of age.

Brother Hardesty was a big man in body, mind and soul. Physically he stood six feet in height and normally weighed two hundred pounds, mostly bone and muscle. He was a giant in strength and very athletic. He was strong on athletic sports and kept himself in a high state of physical fitness.

He was big in Mentality. He inherited an alert vigorous mind and he applied it diligently to the tasks of life. The outstanding characteristic of his mentality was his memory, this was marvelous. He seemed never to forget anything that he wanted to remember, and he could reproduce it whenever occasion required. He applied himself to the study of the Bible and hardly a fact, incident, or statement therein that he could not recall accurately. The same was true with reference to general history and current events.

His marvelous mental power to retain and reproduce at will, coupled with his ability to imitate in voice and gesture, made him the centre of interest for every circle.

He was a matchless story teller. Abraham Lincoln, our famous story telling President, as compared to Brother Hardesty was as a baby to a giant. He had a story to emphasize and illustrate every point and to fit every occasion and they were told in his inimitable way. But let it be said with proper regard for his memory, that his stories were above reproach in language, in action and in suggestion. And a remarkable thing about his story telling was it never found any place in his pulpit ministrations. There he was the embodiment of the dignity of the prophet and seer.

Brother Hardesty was a great souled man. If possible this characteristic shone with greater luster than his mentality. He was a man of great affection.

That he loved God, his lifelong devotion to and sacrifice for Him gave full proof. His unswerving loyalty to the Church of his choice, her established order, all her doctrines and her enterprises, were proofs of his love for her. Whilst he was exceedingly liberal toward all branches of the Church and greatly rejoiced in the assurance that the prayer of Christ for the Unity of believers was being answered, yet he thought of the Methodist Episcopal Church as peculiarly the bride of Christ and the incarnation of His spirit.

Brethren of the Conference, this great hearted man loved us with a wealth of affection of which but few if any of us are capable. He was a great unifying force among us because he loved us all and we all loved him. We are not perfectly happy without him and I can't think of him as perfectly happy away from us. Somehow, he is with us and we are with him. Many times in the last ten years as I have bent beneath the extra burdens of the Churches that I have carried, the problems have multiplied, the clouds have gathered and my faith and courage were seeping away. Wife would say, you are sick. I would answer no, I am not sick, but we will have Hardesty come and spend a week end with us, and she always felt as I did about his coming. His ear was always open to the cry of distress. His coming was always as a burst of sunshine on a stormy day. The clouds would part, the problems dissolve, faith and courage return, the night, the storm were gone and a new day had come.

Brother Hardesty loved everybody without regard to nationality, race, color or creed.

He lived by the roadside and had a helping hand and a cheering word for everybody. He loved horses, cattle, dogs, cats, birds, insects and every living thing. He would take special pains to avoid hurting the humblest worm of the dust. But it was after all in the privacy of his own home that his devotion was the most lustrous, with what patient tenderness he cared for his semi-invalid companion for most of the years of his retirement, and that was but the continuance that marked the devotion of the forty-seven years of his married life. He lavished his affection upon his children, and when one of the ten was taken in childhood it left a wound in his heart that never healed.

Brother Hardesty's great intellect, flaming soul and physical power, combined to make him a great preacher. He was not a great student of books except of a few classics, such as the Bible, and History and biography. He gathered his information and inspiration chiefly from life in action, from the living and the present rather than from the dead or the absent.

He wrote many sermons in the quietude of his study, but when he went to the pulpit every sail was set for every breeze that blew and his alert mind, his quick ear, his keen vision, and his tender heart were sure to find a gale that moved his whole massive being and moved his hearers as well. He was a fearless warrior for the right and in defense of the weak and oppressed.

The tragedies wrought by the legalized liquor traffic aroused the best that was in him and he early enlisted in the war for a dry nation, first under the Local Option banner, and later as a third party prohibitionist. This field called forth his fervent zeal, his oratorical and poetic powers.

His poem called "The Stainless Banner" set to the tune of "Star Spangled Banner" was a clarion call to every Delawarean to join the prohibition army, and it was sung with telling effect all over this peninsula.

He made a large contribution to the dry sentiment of the nation that ultimately crystallized into the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the U. S. and the Volstead enforcement law.

Brother Hardesty was married to Annie M. Towers of Caroline County in the month of March, 1877. Mrs. Hardesty was a beautiful character, a devout Methodist Christian. From this union there were born ten children, nine of whom are still living and honoring the name they bear. He joined this Conference in 1883, having served Harrington Circuit two years as a supply. He was in the active ranks thirty-three years and in all his charges he had splendid success. At the Conference of 1914, because of the failing health of his wife, he asked for the retired relation and lived on a farm near Seaford for several years and then moved into the town, where he tarried until after his faithful wife went to heaven in May, 1925, after that he made his home with his oldest daughter Anna in this City. His last illness was of a lingering character but the end came peacefully September 15th, 1928. His body was taken to Seaford



and there in the Church in the presence of a great congregation from far and near his obsequies were held in charge of the Pastor of the Church, Brother L. E. Windsor.

The principal addresses were made by Brother L. W. Layfield and the writer. The body was then laid to rest in the beautiful Odd Fellows Cemetery of the town, by the side of his devoted companion who toiled and sacrificed with him for 47 years. Their dust sleep together here, their spirits, with that of the dear child "they loved and lost awhile," live together yonder, waiting for the other members of the family to join them.

I know thou has gone to the home of thy rest,  
Then why should my soul be so sad?  
I know thou hast gone where the weary are blest,  
And the mourner looks up and is glad!  
Where love has put off in the land of its birth  
The stains it had gathered in this,  
And hope, the sweet singer that gladden'd the earth,  
Lies asleep on the bosom of bliss.  
I know thou hast gone where thy forehead is starr'd  
With the beauty that dwelt in thy soul,  
Where the light of thy loveliness cannot be marr'd  
Nor the heart be flung back from its goal.  
I know thou hast drunk of the Lethe that flows  
Through a land where they do not forget,  
That sheds over memory only repose,  
And takes from it only regret.

W. F. CORKRAN.

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#### JOSEPH PIERCE WILSON.

Joseph Pierce Wilson, son of Rev. Joseph Pierce Wilson and Ellen Smith Wilson, was born in Baltimore City, June 21st, 1875. His father was a member of the Baltimore Conference, and the boy of whom we write was converted under his father's influence at Bel Air, Maryland, at the age of twelve. He received his education largely in the schools of Baltimore. In his thirty-fifth year, August 27th, 1910, he was married to Miss Carrie E. Wells, also of Baltimore. Between them there existed a most beautiful affection, which never waned. About five years after his marriage, he became conscious that God called him to follow the footsteps of his father, and gave all that remained of his life to the ministry. This he did joyfully; and, after such preliminary steps as were necessary, went west in November, 1915, to begin work in the Northwest Iowa Conference, joining that Conference in the fall of 1916. There he had two

successful pastorates—four years at Radcliffe and two and a half-years at Lehigh. These pastorates were accompanied by gracious revivals. But his health broke; and his wife, who was never strong, desired to return east that she might be nearer her family. He came, and was placed at Grace, Salisbury—being transferred to us at the Conference of 1924. Here he spent four efficient years, passing through both radiance and cloud. Then his health broke more seriously, and the doctor advised removal to higher altitude. Being given the supernumerary relation, he secured work in the Baltimore Conference, becoming supply-pastor of North Harford Circuit, where he wrought successfully for eighteen months. But the end was inevitable. After two weeks of utter prostration, he was taken to Union Memorial Hospital, where, after three weeks lingering, he died at 2 A. M., Saturday, November 17th, 1928. Few of God's miracles are performed for public gaze. His greatest glory breaks upon humble men, who seek in His bosom relief from loneliness and heavy burden. In this Hospital on this Saturday morning, while loving friends wept because of the parting, and because they could not see beyond the border, "listening love heard the rustle of a wing," and a triumphant spirit passed from the shadows of mortality to coronation on a deathless throne.

To review all the good in this man is too great a task. Here are two or three crimson drops voluntarily yielded by the broken heart of his wife:

"Joe did a fine work on North Harford Circuit, and was loved by all his members."

"If you decide to write the memoir, please finish with 'Crossing the Bar.' HE liked it so."

"It seems as if Joe is away and I am looking for him to come, but he cannot return to me. I miss him so. He was so kind and loving to me. He was a good Christian man."

The beauty of these words is the touch of love. True, they are interesting testimony, but valuable because of long and intimate association.

Brother Wilson was:

1. A Strong Character. Civic matters always had his attention, and he was ever attempting something for community welfare. In moral reform he was found in the front rank, careful to maintain a minister's place, and yet never shirking responsibility.

2. An Attractive Preacher. His message was the gospel, from which he never deviated, and his style distinctly oratorical. The people loved to hear him.

3. A Friend of the Poor. Helplessness and poverty appealed to him. On several occasions while at Grace he made trips to Baltimore at his own expense to help poor men whom he believed imposed upon by corporations,—not hesitating, where justice was involved, to align himself with the weak as against the strong. He became known as "the friend of the poor"; which he was.

His end was such as may be expected for those who live and labor as he did. Under the gospel, nothing else COULD BE logical or natural.

Grace rejoices over the sombre trappings of death. Not only the close of life was bright with divine light; but, according to his wife, even his funeral was attended by natural brightness. From a church service at Dublin, his body was taken to Perryman and interred. She says: "He was buried at sunset. As we entered the cemetery, clouds passed over the sun, making the western sky beautiful. As he was lowered from my sight, I turned to see the sun sink with him." To her this was significant and comforting; and his own prayer, expressed by long love for Tennyson's classic, seemingly found answer in the manner of his going.

"Sunset and evening star,  
And one clear call for me!  
And may there be no mourning of the bar,  
When I put out to sea,  
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,  
Too full for sound and foam,  
When that which drew from out the boundless deep  
Turns again home.

"Twilight and evening bell,  
And after that the dark!  
And may there be no sadness of farewell,  
When I embark;  
For, though from out our bourne of time and place  
The flood may bear me far,  
I hope to see my Pilot face to face  
When I have crossed the bar."

E. H. DASHIELL.

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#### WILLIAM F. DAWSON.

A recent editorial in the Christian Advocate said of the late and much beloved Bishop Henderson, "Death with him was like the crash of an aeroplane with its triple motors running at full speed. There was no slowing down to make a landing,—he was in full flight when he fell." This could very properly be said of the Rev. William F. Dawson, the subject of this memoir—he was in the midst of planning a Union Revival Campaign with the other churches of the town, "All cancelled at one stroke of the pen."

He was born at Calvert, Cecil County, Md., April 27, 1857, and died at Hurlock, Md., November 26th, 1928. His parents were William F. Dawson and Mary A. Dawson.

He was converted in his 17th year, Dec. 20th, 1873. He at once connected himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church and proved an active and faithful member of the same. His manifest piety and deep

interest in the salvation of souls led Rev. Andrew D. Davis, Pastor of Zion Circuit, to give him exhorter's license Aug. 8, 1880. He was given local preacher's license by the Quarterly Conference on Feb. 25th, 1882.

Ebenezer Charge on Zion Circuit, where Brother Dawson was a Sunday school boy and in which community many old friends still reside, held a Memorial Service for him the Sunday following his death.

Forty-five years ago, nine young men were admitted on Probation in the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held at Asbury Church, Wilmington, Delaware, Bishop W. S. Harris presiding. Today three of that number survive, namely: Revs. W. A. Wise, E. H. Derrickson and I. S. Wood.

Thus for nearly 45 years amid storm and calm, in darkness and in sunshine, with zeal born of knowledge and with fire kindled by the Spirit of God, Rev. Wm. F. Dawson faithfully preached the glorious Gospel of the Son of God.

His record challenges our admiration and very justly entitles him to our high esteem and ardent Christian affection and demands for his name an honorable place in the roll of our "crowned ones." As a minister of the Gospel, he belonged to that class who are "Called of God," and he clearly recognized and deeply felt the responsibility of his calling and diligently did he apply himself to the God-appointed work. As a preacher, he was always evangelical and forceful, having decided convictions, and fearless in expressing them. His sermons appealed to the reason and touched the heart, while the fire of his own soul kindled the emotions of his hearers. In every field to which he was appointed, revival fires burned under his ministry and among the many fruits of his labors on this peninsula are many hundreds of souls who found pardoning grace, who gratefully cherish his memory.

His District Superintendent, Dr. Walter E. Gunby, says of him: "We have lost a truly great man. A faithful Pastor, carefully shepherding his flock; a Preacher who brought forth things both new and old from out the Gospel Treasury; a fearless Reformer with a consuming passion for righteousness; a Friend of God and Man. Gifted in debate, eloquent in Prayer, possessed with an unquestioning faith in the goodness of God, and the final triumph of the Kingdom of our redeeming Lord, W. F. Dawson was a rare combination of those elements and graces which bespeak noble Christian manhood. We shall miss him from among us, as when a sturdy, rugged, sheltering oak, under the blast of the tempest, goes down with a shout, and 'leaves a bare place against the sky.'"

Rev. G. T. Alderson says: "I knew Brother Dawson, knew him well. He belonged to that big and worthy class we sometimes call plodders. He was diligent in and out of season. Anything worth doing was never too hard for him to undertake and he was so optimistic that he never thought of anything else but success when he put his hands to the plow.

He did not work like other men and possibly had no example which he followed, but in his unique way pushed his work, dreamed only of success, and kept cheerful while acquiring it."

A further word from Rev. V. S. Collins, "As to Brother W. F. Dawson, I always considered him a hero. A married man and a successful farmer, when the call came to him to preach, he sold out his farms and stock, and spent the money at the Conference Academy to fit himself for his high task. I call that a MAN. No wonder God blessed him wherever he went."

Brother Dawson was twice married. His first wife was Miss Elizabeth Hillman Leigh, with whom he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Dec. 16, 1885 at Milford, Del., and for nearly 29 years she shared the ever-varying experiences incident to the life of the itinerant ministry with wonderful fortitude and with graces most queenly as well as Christian. During the closing years of her life she was a great sufferer. On the 14th day of September, 1914 she quietly slipped away. Besides the sorrowing husband, two sons and two daughters mourned her departure from this life.

He was married the second time to Miss Emma N. Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Morgan, and the ceremony was performed by the writer at the home of the bride, Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Dawson was a typical helpmeet in every sense of the word—inspiring, encouraging and comforting her husband to the very end.

The following indicates the various fields of his ministerial labors: 1884-5, Houston; 86-7, Millsboro; 00-2, Beckwith; 93-5, Magnolia; 96, Mt. Vernon; 97, Whitesville; 98, Chester; 99-02, Wesley; 03-7, Cecilton; 08, Church Hill; 09-12, Camden; 13, Cheswold; 14-15, Hillsboro; 16, Nanticoke; 17, Cape Charles; 18-19, Tangier; 20-22, Princess Anne; 23-24, Felton; 25, Hurlock.

When through death he was transferred to the Church Triumphant he was serving his fourth year at the last named appointment, where as well as elsewhere, his ministrations were greatly appreciated and he was highly esteemed for his unwavering loyalty to Christ as well as for his many excellent personal qualities. This is reflected in the very kind treatment on the part of the members of his church during the closing days of his life and the repeated kindnesses shown to those whom he left behind.

The funeral was held in his own church on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 29, 1928, at 11:00 o'clock, and was largely attended by his ministerial brethren on surrounding charges and members of his congregation. Services were in charge of the writer, assisted by Rev. W. E. Habbart, Rev. W. D. Short, Rev. L. C. Randall, Pastor of the M. P. Church, Hurlock, Md., Rev. John H. Thornton, Rev. G. E. Sterling, Rev. N. A. Catlett, Pastor of the Baptist Church, Hurlock, Md., and Rev. E. C. Sunfield. Beautiful and touching selections were sung by the choir.

The tenement of clay was then taken to the Riverview Cemetery, Wilmington, Del., where his kindred sleep, to await the resurrection of the Just.

We invoke the blessing of God upon the widow, children, sisters and brother, all nephews and nieces, his brother ministers and, indeed,

ire many friends everywhere as they sit in the shadows of bereavement. Appropriately may we say of him in the language of the immortal Charles Wesley, "Servant of God, well done. Thy glorious warfare's past; the battle's fought, the race is run, and thou art crowned at last."

E. H. COLLINS.

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### THOMAS PARDEE.

Thomas Pardee was born in Magnolia, Delaware, March 17th, 1850. The names of his parents were John and Matilda Butler Pardee.

At the age of 21 Brother Pardee became a captain of a sea-going vessel and so "followed the water" continuously for 38 years.

He was first married in 1873 to Sarah Ratledge and from that union there were five children, as follows: Mrs. John B. Hutton, Mrs. Ernest Samworth, Mrs. Frank F. Hill, Mr. T. Harry Pardee, and Mr. Rawlins Pardee. Mrs. Pardee died October 24th, 1896.

In 1900 Brother Pardee was married for the second time, and to Miss Ella Mensch. From this union there are two sons, Clark M. and John Pardee.

In 1909 Brother Pardee was assigned to Salem Charge as a Supply pastor and served there for one year. He spent the remainder of his life serving as a Supply pastor as follows: 1910-1914, Ellendale; 1914-1915, Zoar Circuit; 1915, Phoebus; 1916-1918, St. Paul's, Dover; 1919-1921, Vienna; 1921-1926, Christiana; 1926-, Colora, Md.

In October, 1927, Brother Pardee suffered a stroke of paralysis, from which he never completely recovered. On February 11th, 1929, he departed this life to await the resurrection of the dead. Funeral services were conducted by Brother J. C. McCoy in Colora, Md., and by Rev. L. E. Layfield in Dover, Delaware. Interment in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Camden, Delaware.

Brother Pardee was a good minister of Jesus Christ. His life of beautiful humility, sincerity and fidelity to every trust, will ever be cherished by his loved ones and friends. The congregations it was his privilege to serve esteemed him most highly. All the members of his family must be comforted in the assurance of the triumph of his faith and can look forward by faith into eternity with a radiant hope that, if they are faithful to the end, they shall see him face to face in that City where there is no sickness, sorrow or death.

J. W. COLONA.

**WILLIAM BENJAMIN HORNER.**

William Benjamin Horner, servant of God in the christian ministry for sixteen years, was born on Deal's Island, Maryland, September 12, 1871. His parents were William Benjamin and Adeline Webster Horner. When he was but four years of age, death took his father and made necessary the breaking up of the home which might have meant so much to him. He was received into the hearts and home of Captain and Mrs. William J. Webster, and became in all effects, except in adoption, their son. We are informed that the lad early revealed marked religious tendencies; it is not surprising, therefore, to discover the record of his conversion at sixteen years of age in an Island class meeting. Captain and Mrs. Webster gave the boy a home and parental love, but the youth of sixteen returned to them one evening with rich payment of his debt of gratitude, for it was given him to be used by God in the conversion of his foster parents immediately after his own conversion. Throughout his unusually useful life, during the period in which he was a successful business man, as well as in the extended years of his ministry, a clear and definite possession of religious certainty was his outstanding characteristic, easily obvious to all who knew him well.

Brother Horner was married twice. First, in his youth, to Estelle Dashiell of Mount Vernon, Maryland, from which union there were three children, William, who died in childhood, Marvin and Hazel, who survive him. On August 28th, 1910, he was married to Mrs. Ella McDaniel of Mount Vernon, Maryland, and to them was born William Benjamin, Jr., now fourteen years of age. Mrs. Horner's helpfulness in her husband's work is so generally known that few words about it are necessary here. It is sufficient to write that in many significant and beautiful ways she has constantly contributed to his success. Brother Horner's consistent development along lines of personal religious experience and those of churchmanship made inevitable the important place which he soon came to hold as a layman in his home church. During the pastorate of Rev. George White Dawson at Deal's Island, he was granted local preacher's license. He freely served for quite a while in this relation. The Conference will recall how graciously he served the Church at Chance, Maryland, during the illness and after the death of Rev. J. R. Cannon.

In the spring of 1913 he entered the itinerancy and was sent to Golts, Maryland. In that appointment and in the rest of the places in which he ministered, he revealed rare carefulness and efficiency as pastor, and taking into consideration the restrictions of his training, most remarkable ability as a preacher. The writer had opportunity to observe the work of this good minister of Jesus Christ for nearly five years. Revivals in every church, unprecedented gains in financial ways, improved church buildings and increased congregations, is the record of his last pastorate. And people who have known him longest say that this is representative of the entire period of his ministry.

On Monday, March 18th, at the height of his usefulness, not having

reached his fifty-ninth birthday, with plans for his family and his work ripe in his mind, looking forward to entrance upon the tasks of a new charge, he was suddenly translated to the fellowship of the Saints. But he was not called into the beyond before he was prepared to go. Our friend lived the faith he preached. He was God's man here; of course he has gone to be with God. God called him home early and in a manner which we wish he could have been spared, but he has gone home, nevertheless, and that is what really matters. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, who was assisted by Rev. E. H. Dashiell, Rev. W. C. Buckson, Rev. E. H. Collins, Rev. W. E. Gunby, close friend of brother Horner, and his District Superintendent made the address. Centenary Church, Laurel, was crowded with friends who wept with the family over the sudden going of this man of God. The presence of forty ministers suggests the high regard in which he was held by his brethren.

He did the worker's toil. He has received the worker's reward. In richness of life he went into eternity. There can be no element of defeat in the death of a man who lived as did William B. Horner.

ESSELL PARKS THOMAS.

**REBECCA TICE McLAIN.**

Rebecca A. Tice, the daughter of Joshua and Lydia Tice, was born in Williamstown, N. J., November 30, 1855. Reared in a Christian home, she gave her heart to God when but a child, in the old Foundry Methodist Episcopal Church, Millville, N. J. She united with that Church and took upon herself the duties devolving upon a young Christian. She entered into the work of the Church with all her heart. She was married to Levin T. McLain April 15, 1873. When her husband took work on the Dover District under J. A. B. Wilson, she entered the work as a helpmeet and continued to do the work of a preacher's wife so long as her health permitted. She was always happy in making and retaining friendships, especially those who were associated with her husband in his work. Her home was always open to them and she was happiest when she could extend hospitality and friendship to the Methodist preachers who came.

During the last years of her life she was a great sufferer but made very little complaint. One visiting her would scarcely know she was suffering, so well did she hide this.

On the eleventh of August, 1928, she passed to her reward, saying "Glory, glory."

She was laid to rest in the cemetery at Millville, N. J., to await the resurrection.

"There is a day of peaceful rest  
From every dark and troubled night;  
And grief may hide an evening guest  
But joy shall come with morning light,  
God has marked each sorrowing day,  
And numbered every secret tear,  
And heaven's long age of bliss shall pay  
For all his children suffer here."

N. C. BENSON.

#### ELLEN M. BRINDLE.

On January 21, 1929, Mrs. Ellen M. Brindle, the widow of Rev. James A. Brindle, passed to her eternal reward. Mrs. Brindle was Miss Ellen Bernard of Greensboro, Md., and she was the companion and helper of Rev. Mr. Brindle for four years, until he passed into the land beyond in 1894.

During her unmarried life, Mrs. Brindle conducted a millinery business in her native town and was considered an artist in her profession. She used her means liberally for the support of the church, and her many benefactions among the poor. Not only she, but her family was long prominent in the activities of Methodism in Greensboro and in Caroline County. She had been a member of St. Paul's M. E. Church since childhood and in her more active days she took a large part in the instruction of the child life through the Sabbath School.

For several years Mrs. Brindle had been an invalid, but she was always cheerful and considerate of those who had the care of her. Almost totally blind and quite deaf she would say: "I cannot read my Bible any more, and I cannot see to sew, and I cannot hear the services in the Church nor the song of the birds. I am just waiting for the Lord to take me home to my loved ones and to my Savior."

Her boast of her age and her desire to live a hundred years gradually gave way until she lost her interest in life and only looked for the end. She was ninety-eight years and seven months old when she died. Mrs. Brindle was buried in Greensboro Cemetery in the lot of her brother, Joseph A. Bernard. She was the first born, and by many years, the last of her family to go.

Rev. Henry G. Budd officiated at the funeral services.

H. G. BUDD.

#### CHARLOTTE ELLEN COLLINS GRAY.

An Artist will tell you that the background is a vital part of a picture. A biographer will give you a history of the times back of his subject as well as of his Ancestry.

We are all the heirs of the ages, and those ages include people, events and things. What we become depends first of all upon what we begin with, and what we begin with depends upon what was back of that beginning.

To get the immediate background of this subject we must go back eighty years to a section of Country in Central Southern Sussex County, Delaware, then the frontier of the State. The writer served in this section forty years ago, and since progress is slow among an isolated people, it is easy to picture conditions as they were forty years previous to my time of service.

This section was sparsely settled by a hardy, honest, industrious, religious people. If the roll were called you would hear the names of Jones, Short, Baker, Hearn, Gumby, Wooten, Gray, Magee, Lewis, Collins and others, all of which are with us still and most of them have been enshrined in the business, political and professional life of Delaware and other places.

Into this soil was planted the seed of Methodism very early and it took deep root and spread out over all that land so completely that there has been no room for any other religious "isms" to this day.

Jones' Church, located in a beautiful oak grove in the midst of this section, was the mecca for these people in those early days. Here they gathered in great numbers on the Sabbaths and for the revival meetings. The Camp meeting held in the grove adjoining the Church was the event of the year and everybody was there.

Preaching, singing, testifying and praying went on all day and far into the night and often until the breaking of dawn.

It was the writer's good fortune to serve these God-fearing people for three years in his early Ministry and to have it burned ineradicably into his conviction that the trinity and order of Christianity is Experience, Deed, Creed. A heart burning experience will always work itself out in definite Christian activity and crystalize into biblical theology. Our activities will never lag nor our theology go wrong if we have the right type and full measure of religious experience.

The religion of these people entered every phase of their lives, and created a corresponding atmosphere.

It was into such an atmosphere that the subject of this memoir was born July 5th, 1850. Her parents, Josiah W. and Nancy Ellen Collins, were devout Methodist Christians. She was definitely converted in childhood and united with Jones' Church. She was a bright, beautiful, winning child and carried her charm into womanhood. At the age of twenty-three, on December 5th, 1873, she was united in marriage to Joshua W. Gray, a young farmer of the neighborhood. Of this union five children

were born, three girls and two boys. The two boys and one daughter preceded the Mother to the Country beyond.

The oldest daughter, Bertha, who had just grown to beautiful womanhood, went out tragically by drowning in the Tangier Sound.

One of the boys, Oliver, became a medical doctor and was rising to fame in this City when the end came. The loss of these children in young manhood and womanhood crushed the heart of this devoted mother, and she was only able to go on by her faith in the God who tempers the storm to the shorn lamb and makes all things work together for good to those who love Him.

When Brother and Sister Gray were married he was not a preacher, but the efficient activity of both of them in Church work prompted their home Circuit to vote him a Local Preachers' License.

These he used to the delight of the people of his own Circuit, and the adjoining charges. When the conviction came to him that he should apply for admission into the traveling connection it corresponded with the movings of the spirit in her own soul. So they entered the traveling connection together in the fullest measure and through all the subsequent years she was with him in all his toils and sacrifices to make himself a good Minister of Jesus Christ, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Read Prov. Chap. 31 and you have a picture of Sister Gray as a wife and mother.

Her price to him and to them was above rubies.

"She did them good and not evil all the days of her life."

She was always popular with their parishioners, and many of these will rise up in the great day and call her blessed.

Her husband says of her, "She was an optimist in life, patient in affliction and happy in death."

Brother Gray retired in 1925 and they made their home with a devoted daughter at Landover, Maryland. Here she was tenderly cared for until the infirmities of age exhausted her vitality and she fell asleep May 22nd, 1928.

Her treasured dust was brought to Cambridge, Md., and laid away in the beautiful Green Lawn Cemetery, Brother W. E. Habbart officiating.

With her let us join in triumphantly singing:

"I go to Life and not to death;  
From darkness to life's Native Sky;  
I go from sickness and from pain,  
To health and immortality.  
I go from poverty to wealth,  
From rags to raiment Angel-fair,  
From the paleness of the flesh  
To Beauty such as saints shall wear.  
For toil there comes the Crowned rest;  
Instead of burdens, eagles' wings;  
And I, even I, this lifelong thirst  
Shall quench at everlasting Springs.

God Lives! Who Says that I must die?  
I cannot while Jehovah liveth!  
Christ lives! I cannot die but live;  
Her life to me forever giveth."

W. F. CORKRAN.

#### MARY ANNIE JAGGARD.

Mrs. Mary Annie Jaggard passed away December 15, 1928, in her 74th year. Sister Jaggard was converted when quite young and united with the Methodist church.

On July 30, 1884 she was married to the Rev. Wilber Jaggard, a member of the Wilmington Conference who was serving at Georgetown Circuit. She promptly and beautifully entered into her husband's work and was through all his days a helpmeet indeed. Their only child lived a few short days and went home to Heaven.

Sister Jaggard was the daughter of William O. and Annie Jacobs Short of near Georgetown, Delaware. This home was one of the most prominent Methodist homes in Sussex County. Many a minister found here a hearty welcome at any time.

After the retirement of brother Jaggard, which was caused by paralysis, they bought a comfortable home in Millsboro, Delaware.

Sister Jaggard was a great comfort to her husband during his four years of helplessness. She was true to the church she loved, was present on Sunday morning, took sacrament, and was stricken on the following Monday morning.

Her body was laid away Dec. 18, 1928, at 1.30 P. M., in Millsboro cemetery, by the side of her deceased husband.

During her five weeks illness her dear sister (Mrs. Clara Belle Johnson) was ever by her side, doing all she could for her comfort.

Funeral service was conducted at Grace M. E. Church by the writer and Rev. L. E. Windsor, our Pastor at Seaford Church.

J. A. BUCKSON.

#### MARTHA B. ROBINSON.

Martha R. Robinson, widow of Rev. Joseph Robinson, was born Feb. 9th, 1840, on a farm between Perryman's and Aberdeen, Harford County, Md. She was the daughter of Thomas and Martha Stodsham, who, like her husband, were people of sturdy English descent. She died June 24th, 1928, being in her 89th year, and was buried in Spesutia Cemetery. She was married to Brother Robinson in 1879, and was his companion in the following appointments: Camden, Del., Galestown, Md., Rising Sun, Md., Milton, Del., Stevensville, Md., and Farmington, Del. In 1892 Bro. Robinson retired and took up his residence in Perryman's, Md., where he

died the following year, and where his widow resided until her death, 36 years later. In all these charges and in our church at Aberdeen, Md., of which she became a member, Mrs. Robinson was active in church life, adapting herself to the varying conditions, and, like her husband, had many friends, and was highly honored, continuing in such activities until incapacitated by advancing years. Thus, amid congenial surroundings, though somewhat remote from our Conference territory, were passed more than a generation of a beautiful evening of life.

J. P. OTIS.

#### LAURA E. WESTON.

Mrs. Laura E. Weston was born near Harrington, Delaware, March 25, 1844, the daughter of Charles and Elizabeth Powell Jones. She was educated at Irving Female College in Mechanicsburg, Pa., and in March, 1865, was married to Rev. John Wesley Weston. She often said that at the time of her marriage she "went into the ministry" for it was a period when short pastorates made the Methodist ministry a real itinerancy. This was said truly for her life was one of untiring ministry and service to others.

Rev. Weston was at the time of their marriage a member of the Philadelphia Conference, which then included what is now the Wilmington Conference. He became a member of the Wilmington Conference when it was established. He was in the ministry twelve years, during which time he served various pastorates. Throughout this entire period his wife assisted him with unselfishness and devotion, always ready and willing to do whatever lay in her power. At the close of his pastorate at Mt. Salem in April, 1877, he died. Under his leadership there, work was begun on a new stone church which was burned before it could be dedicated and was replaced by the present edifice.

For a few years after Rev. Weston's death, Mrs. Weston attended Grace Church. After some time, she moved to Dover so that her children could attend the then Conference Academy. Ten years later she returned to Wilmington and became a member of her son's household.

Mrs. Weston passed away April 29, 1928, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George C. Parry, in Philadelphia, after she entered upon her eighty-fifth year. She was grieved by the host of friends she had won by her charm. To the end of her long life she remained a beautiful character and a true Christian woman. She was buried from the home of her son, Charles K. Weston, in Wilmington, on May 2. The pastor of Grace Church, assisted by Dr. Ray N. Keiser, pastor of the Saynes Memorial Church in Philadelphia, conducted the service. Interment was made at Mt. Salem Cemetery.

She is survived by four children: Harry J. Weston of Ridgefield, Ill.; Charles K. Weston of Wilmington; Dr. Jessie Weston Fisher of Middletown, Conn.; and Mrs. George C. Parry of Philadelphia. Another

daughter, Maggie Weston, wife of William J. Stoner, died many years ago. "Her children rise up and call her blessed."

Our faith will not permit us to say this wife and mother is dead. It is not so. The circle is not broken,—it is forming in heaven. Confident in our faith, we tarry a little longer, until, please God, we meet again in the heavenly home.

B. M. JOHNS.

#### ELMIRA ATKINS WYATT.

To write these brief words of one into whose family circle we were admitted as a brother, is indeed a delicate and tender privilege. Sister Elmira Atkins Wyatt, beloved wife and helpmeet of the late Dr. Clinton T. Wyatt, was born in Berlin, Maryland, and died in Laurel, Delaware, July 18, 1928, and slipped away to meet her husband. For many months she had suffered intensely. Her going was not sudden. Well did she know that the end was near, but, like God's true children, she was not afraid, but calmly used the waiting moments to arrange every detail of her funeral, even providing for this brief memoir.

When only a girl of 14, Sister Wyatt gave her heart to God, and her name to the church in Berlin, Maryland. While both were yet young, she was married January 22, 1889, to Clinton T. Wyatt, then pastor of Berlin Church, a minister of rare gifts and great promise. She was ever at his side, watching with keen interest his development; always alert and ready to share the toil of the journey, but just as unwilling to usurp the tasks belonging to other hands. To her husband she was a wise counselor, and with profound delight silently but truly shared the high honor and great esteem bestowed upon him. His success, his problems, his trials and his friends were hers and belonged to the twain.

When she was left a widow the earth was a lonely place to her. Impaired health made a bright outlook well-nigh impossible. The struggle to live was not ordinary, but all the while she was fighting a losing battle. With her beloved sisters at her side, the end came serenely July 18, 1928. The body was taken to Denton, Maryland, and in the church where eight and a half years before the funeral of her husband was held, the last sad words were spoken of her, with Brother E. P. Thomas, her truly loved pastor in charge, the writer making the address at her special request. We bore the body thence to Greensboro, Maryland, and tenderly laid it beside her husband in the confidence that already their spirits were united in the Father's house, never more to be separated, for

"In heaven above, where all is love,  
There'll be no parting there."

G. T. ALDERSON.

## XIII.

## 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 EFFECTIVE
1859	John E. Elliott	Nov. 8, 1868	Snow Hill, Md.	30	10
1836	Thos. J. Quigley	Oct. 19, 1870	Laurel, Del.	65	44
1850	Daniel Titlow	Feb. 7, 1871	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	4
1867	Amos A. Ewing	Jan. 19, 1872	Cecil County, Md.	30	4
1848	Alfred Cookman	Nov. 13, 1872	Newark, N. J.	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey	July 9, 1871	Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct. 3, 1872	Frankford, Del.	34	13
1825	T. J. Thomson	Nov. 29, 1874	Wilmington, Del.	71	49
1828	Robert E. Kemp	Mar. 6, 1875	Greensboro, Md.	73	32
1832	Wesley Kenney	June 24, 1875	Smyrna, Del.	70	42
1835	Henry Sutton	Mar. 23, 1876	Philadelphia, Pa.	68	23
1871	George A. Campbell	Sept. 7, 1876	Frankford, Del.	30	4
1862	John W. Weston	Apr. 23, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	38	15
1837	John D. Curtis	July 25, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	61	40
1845	David R. Thomas	Feb. 13, 1878	Wilmington, Del.	58	30
1870	Andrew J. Crozier	Jan. 21, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	41	7
1829	Joshua Humphriss	Jan. 23, 1879	Salisbury, Md.	78	41
1868	Francis M. Chatham	May 29, 1878	Berlin, Md.	41	8
1857	Edward G. Irwin	Mar. 12, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	50	21
1848	John Hough	Mar. 27, 1879	Near Trenton, N. J.	58	31
1857	Thomas J. Williams	Mar. 29, 1879	New Castle, Del.	53	21
1870	William I. Bain	May 13, 1880	Pocomoke City, Md.	36	10
1832	William Urle	Nov. 13, 1880	Smyrna, Del.	67	43
1860	Thomas F. Plummer	Feb. 2, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	44	8
1833	Elijah Miller	Apr. 15, 1881	Sudersville, Md.	71	49
1836	John W. Pierson	May 6, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1880	Francis B. Quigley	Aug. 19, 1881	Hopewell, Md.	27	2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman	Feb. 27, 1882	Newark, Md.	36	9
1865	Benj. W. Chase	Dec. 11, 1882	Seaford, Del.	48	17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack	June 24, 1883	Cambridge, Md.	67	46
1834	I. T. Cooper	Apr. 12, 1884	Camden, Del.	78	26
1829	Henry Colclazer	Dec. 18, 1884	Philadelphia, Pa.	75	55
1833	John L. Taft	May 30, 1884	Norristown, Pa.	72	41
1869	John Shilling	July 22, 1884	Wilmington, Del.	52	15
1842	Arthur W. Milby	June 13, 1886	Harrington, Del.	71	44
1840	Elon J. Way	July 5, 1886	Baltimore, Md.	75	26
1839	Valentine Gray	Jan. 21, 1887	Gap, Pa.	72	42
1881	Isaiah D. Johnson	Mar. 4, 1887	Bridgeville, Del.	33	6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil	Mar. 9, 1887	Church Hill, Md.	55	28
1854	Joseph 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
1833	James L. Houston	Sept. 18, 1892	Trappe, Md.	82	32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin	Oct. 17, 1892	Bel Air, Md.	52	24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher	Dec. 12, 1893	Bridgeville, Del.	62	17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg	Jan. 24, 1893	Wyoming, Del.	68	36
1847	Joseph Robinson	Feb. 18, 1893	Perrymans, 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

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	AGE	YEARS EFFECTIVE
1859	Thomas E. Bell	Mar. 21, 1895	Easton, Md.	58	
1868	James Conner	Sept. 10, 1896	Selbyville, Del.	59	28
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	Mch. 11, 1899	Dover, Del.	79	45
1860	Andrew D. Davis	Apr. 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	North East, 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	Apr. 19, 1901	Brooklandville, Md.	78	40
1877	Walter E. Avery	Apr. 22, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	50	25
1860	J. Owen Sypherd	Sept. 3, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	69	39
1872	John D. Kemp	Sept. 21, 1902	Chestertown, Md.	65	30
1856	William F. Talbot	Feb. 26, 1903	Dover, Del.	73	27
1859	Chas. F. Sheppard	Apr. 13, 1903	Frankford, Del.	65	41
1843	Thos. H. Haynes	May 23, 1903	Smyrna, Del.	81	51
1853	Geo. A. Phoebus	May 28, 1903	Brooklyn, N. Y.	74	33
1868	Jonathan S. Willis	Nov. 24, 1903	Milford, Del.	74	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.	69	
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow	Feb. 3, 1909	Dover, Del.	81	42
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 Wilm., Del.	42	9
1868	I. G. Fosnocht	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. MacNicol	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
1901	R. H. Lewis	Aug. 30, 1916	Fishing Creek, Md.	41	12
1876	T. A. H. O'Brien	Oct. 21, 1916	Salisbury, Md.	63	40
1887	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	Apr. 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.	62	34
1887	Ralph T. Coursey	Jan. 5, 1919	Wyoming, Del.	56	31
1885	James M. Mitchell	Sept. 25, 1919	Millington, Md.	61	32
1878	Charles A. Hill	Oct. 11, 1919	Smyrna, Del.	62	39
1870	Joseph A. Arters	Dec. 14, 1919	Cordova, Md.	86	40
1886	Clinton T. Wyatt	Feb. 7, 1920	Denton, Md.	56	34
1884	Daniel F. McFaul	Mar. 6, 1920	Wilmington, Del.	82	34
1878	Howard T. Quigg	Apr. 4, 1920	Newport, Del.	61	42



Entered Ministry	Name	Time of Death	Place of Death	Years Age Effective
1892	William O. Hurst	Aug. 4, 1920	Phoebus, Va.	54 28
1878	Gordon R. Neese	Feb. 10, 1921	Wilmington, Del.	62 41
1881	Frederick J. Cochran	Oct. 11, 1921	Hammonton, N. J.	71 40
1858	William W. Redman	Feb. 24, 1922	Lincoln, Del.	86 28
1869	Phillip H. Rawlins	Nov. 11, 1921	Seaford, Del.	87 39
1887	Zach H. Webster	Dec. 10, 1921	Denton, Md.	63 33
1862	George S. Conaway	Feb. 25, 1922	Smyrna, Del.	86 44
1889	James W. Fogle	Feb. 26, 1922	Seaford, Del.	61 29
1888	William P. Compton	Mar. 11, 1922	Lansdowne, Pa.	63 20
1876	Louis E. Barrett	Mar. 25, 1922	Chestertown, Md.	78 43
1912	George W. Williams	Oct. 6, 1922	Mt. Vernon, Md.	50 10
1892	Wm. S. H. Williams	Mar. 3, 1923	Georgetown, Del.	71 25
1903	Walter W. White	June 21, 1923	Salisbury, Md.	72 16
1902	Benjamin F. Jester	July 13, 1923	Wilmington, Del.	66 11
1892	Van P. Northrup	Sept. 27, 1923	Baltimore, Md.	54 31
1898	George R. Ellis	Dec. 1, 1923	Millsboro, Del.	61 25
1871	William E. Tomkinson	Dec. 26, 1923	Harrisburg, Pa.	86 23
1888	Warren Burr	Feb. 12, 1924	Hempstead, L. I.	72 30
1886	William G. Koons	May 14, 1924	Rising Sun, Md.	60 31
1866	James Esgate	Nov. 9, 1924	Riverside, Cal.	85 5
1888	Frank F. Carpenter	Jan. 7, 1925	Cambridge, Md.	58 37
1871	Thomas H. Harding	Feb. 8, 1925	Wilmington, Del.	84 35
1890	Julius A. Brewington	April 5, 1925	Hebron, Md.	68 30
1876	Thomas E. Terry	June 25, 1925	Magnolia, Del.	80 39
1893	William L. White	July 23, 1925	Easton, Md.	72 31
1896	George P. Smith	Sept. 30, 1925	Dover, Del.	72 26
1905	Jos. M. S. Van Blunk	Dec. 6, 1925	Salisbury, Md.	57 15
1885	Robert Watt	Dec. 20, 1926	Worcester, Mass.	70 38
1876	John M. Collins	Mar. 28, 1927	Wilmington, Del.	81 27
1881	Sewall N. Pilchard	June 9, 1927	Salisbury, Md.	68 40
1888	Wesley W. Chaires	Sept. 13, 1927	Bozman, Md.	70 23
1910	Harry E. Reed	Dec. 8, 1927	Philadelphia, Pa.	51 17
1888	George W. Stallings	Feb. 3, 1928	Lovettsville, Va.	71 33
1883	William B. Guthrie	Mar. 30, 1928	Kenton, Del.	78 37
1879	Olin S. Walton	April 3, 1928	Red Lion, Del.	73 27
1889	Truston C. Smoot	April 23, 1928	Jacksonville, Fla.	68 35
1873	William M. Greene	June 23, 1928	Milton, Del.	81 31
1868	C. W. Prettyman	June 28, 1928	Carlisle, Pa.	84 48
1871	Frans O. B. Wallin	July 4, 1928	Ahlefors, Sweden	90 30
1879	Alfred Smith	July 18, 1928	Camden, Del.	76 38
1883	George L. Hardesty	Sept. 15, 1928	Wilmington, Del.	75 31
1916	Joseph P. Wilson	Nov. 17, 1928	Baltimore, Md.	53 11
1884	William F. Dawson	Nov. 26, 1928	Hurlock, Md.	71 45

## XIV.

## 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	John D. Rigg
14	" 8, '82	Middletown	J. F. Hurst	John D. Rigg
15	" 7, '83	Cambridge	M. Simpson	John D. Rigg
16	" 5, '84	Wilm'ton—Asbury	W. L. Harris	John D. Rigg
17	" 12, '85	Snow Hill	S. M. Merrill	John D. Rigg
18	" 4, '86	Elkton	W. F. Malleu	John D. Rigg
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield	H. W. Warren	John D. Rigg
20	" 7, '88	Wilm'ton—Union	C. D. Foss	John D. Rigg
21	" 20, '89	Easton	R. S. Foster	John D. Rigg
22	" 26, '90	Milford	Thos. Bowman	John D. Rigg
23	" 19, '91	Centerville	C. H. Fowler	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	Wilm'ton—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	Wilm'ton—Grace	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise
38	" 14, '06	Pocomoke City	C. C. McCabe	W. A. Wise
39	" 20, '07	Smyrna	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
40	" 18, '08	Wilm'ton—Asbury	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise
41	" 16, '10	Milford	D. H. Moore	W. A. Wise
42	" 16, '10	Salisbury	J. W. Hamilton	W. A. Wise
43	" 15, '11	Wilm'ton—Asbury	T. B. Neely	W. A. Wise
44	" 13, '12	Wilm'ton—St. Pauls	L. B. Wilson	W. A. Wise
45	" 28, '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	Wilm'ton—Union	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
52	" 24, '20	Wilm'ton—Grace	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
53	" 30, '21	Crisfield—Immanuel	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
54	" 22, '22	Cambridge	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
55	April 4, '23	Dover	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
56	March 26, '24	Wilm'n—Harrison St.	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
57	" 25, '25	Wilm'n—McCabe	W. P. Thirkield	D. W. Jacobs
58	" 24, '26	Dover	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
59	" 23, '27	Salisbury	F. J. McConnell	D. W. Jacobs
60	" 28, '28	Wilmington—Union	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
61	April 2, '29	Wilm'n—Harrison St.	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs

## XV.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

#### GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.

1872. J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney, Charles Hill. Reserves—J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd.  
1876. L. C. Matlack, W. E. England. Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.  
1880. L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby, Charles Hill. Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R. W. Todd.  
1884. J. H. Caldwell, Charles Hill, J. B. Quigg. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, J. A. B. Wilson.  
1888. Jacob Todd, J. A. B. Wilson, N. M. Brown. Reserves—W. S. Robinson, John France.  
1892. W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, R. H. Adams. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, T. E. Terry.  
1896. Merritt 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, Adam Stengle, W. G. Koons, 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. Reserves—G. T. Alderson, C. T. Wyatt.  
1920. W. A. Wise, Robert Watt, H. G. Budd, W. R. Mowbray. Reserves—G. T. Alderson, V. S. Collins, J. W. R. Sumwalt.  
1924. G. T. Alderson, E. H. Dashiell, T. F. Beauchamp, F. C. MacSorley. Reserves—J. W. Colona, O. E. Jones, W. E. Gunby.  
1928. J. W. Colona, W. E. Gunby, O. E. Jones, J. J. Bunting. Reserves—Leonard White, D. W. Jacobs, E. H. Dashiell.

#### LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

Members of Lay Electoral Conference of Wilmington Conference held at Harrison Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, April 5, 1929.

##### Dover District.

Bethel, Urie Smith; Blades, T. P. West; Bridgeville, C. E. Anderson; Cambridge, Granville Hooper; Canterbury, J. S. Burchenal; Church Creek, Carlton N. Jones; Dover, Wesley, Clarence A. Short; Ellendale, J. A. Ellegood; Elliotts', Shelton Gray; Farmington, J. L. Hopkins; Federalsburg, J. A. Hyland; Felton, N. L. Sipple; Frederica, L. E. Cain; Galestown, J. W. Hastings; Georgetown, Frank M. Jones; Harrington, L. T. Jones;

Houston, George E. Roach; Hurlock, L. H. Harper; Laurel, J. A. Prettyman; Lewes, T. P. Scott; Magnolia, C. W. Johnson; Milford, Thos. Davis; Milford Neck, H. A. Thompson; Millsboro, E. E. Carey; Milton, J. Leon Black; Mt. Pleasant, A. J. Workman; Nassau, Raymond Lank; Rehoboth, T. W. Palmer; Reliance, F. L. Williams; St. Thomas, J. E. Todd; Seaford, W. B. Thornburgh; Seaford Circuit, T. L. Calhoun; Williamsburg, Christian Nagle; Zoar, Frank Lawson. (34).

##### Middletown District.

Barclay, John Godwin; Cecilton, Wm. H. Brown; Centerville, J. M. Arringdale; Cheswold, J. Herman Anderson; Concord, H. H. Nuttle; Cordova, J. W. Wood; Easton, C. Norman Jefferson; Fairlee, B. F. Rash; Galena, Romie Jones; Greensboro, Miss Lena A. Lewis; Henderson, W. H. Goodwin; Hillsboro, H. P. Flowers; Kent Island, Lemuel Kirwan; Marydel, Miss Mary Knotts; Middletown, James E. Walls; Millington, R. J. Taylor; Odessa and Friendship, Jos. G. Brown; Oxford, A. R. Conley; Pomona, R. H. Starr; Preston, J. P. Harris; Queenstown, J. K. Wrightson; Ridgely, J. F. Elliot; St. Michaels, W. J. Keithley; Smyrna, L. M. Price; Still Pond and Betterton, Harry B. Moore; Sudlersville, Spencer Walls; Townsend, D. B. Jones; Trappe, Harvey L. Slaughter. (28).

##### Salisbury District.

Annamessex, C. B. Smith; Berlin, A. P. Christopher; Bishopville, O. M. Shockley; Chincoteague, J. T. Mears; Crisfield, Immanuel, Dr. C. E. Collins; Deal's Island, W. J. Mister; Delmar, J. H. Atwell; Ocean View and Millville, G. F. McCabe; Onancock, Charles F. Watson; Pocomoke City, Charles Ennis; Pocomoke Circuit, F. G. Dryden; Princess Anne, Dr. H. C. Robertson; Quantico, C. R. Hayman; Roxana, Geo. W. Derrickson; Frankford, Wm. F. Brasure; Fruitland, Vernon Powell; Gumboro, Roy Jones; Hebron, D. E. Denson; Mardela Springs, J. F. Hatton; Marion, E. T. Landon; Mt. Vernon, Geo. Simpkins; Nanticoke, Paul Hamburg; Ocean City, Granville Cooper, Sr.; Salisbury, Asbury, George Chandler; Selbyville, I. S. Long; Sharptown, I. H. Rider; Smith's Island, James Snead; Stockton, C. C. Pilchard; Tangier, Frank Dize; Westover, C. H. Layfield; Whitesville, J. S. LeCates. (31).

##### Wilmington District.

Bethel and Town Point, W. F. Dean; Bellefonte, LeRoy Grimes; Charlestown, Albert F. Graham; Cherry Hill, Arthur Harvey; Chesapeake City, Charles A. Beiswanger; Chester-Bethel, Robt. E. Pyle; Claymont, E. T. Seibert; Delaware City, Levi T. Rhodeaker; Ebenezer, C. E. Guthrie; Edgemoor, Thos. H. Dorman; Elkton, A. D. Dean; Hockessin, Edwin Golding; Holly Oak, Mrs. Anna Williams; Hopewell, H. H. Kirk; Marshallton, P. M. Ford; Mt. Lebanon, W. H. Ballard; Mt. Pleasant, W. I. Legates;

Newark, Dr. E. B. Crooks; New Castle, Geo. T. Tobin; Newport, A. M. Craig; North East, J. E. Davis; Perryville, W. H. Cole; Port Deposit, Mrs. Lulu Westerfield; Red Lion, W. F. Silver; Rising Sun, E. L. Haines; St. Georges and Summit, D. L. Atwood; St. John's, Leon Ewing; Zion, E. D. Kirk; WILMINGTON: Brandywine, G. L. Bilderback; Brack-Ex, Mrs. Eva Pullman; Cookman, Edith Behringer; Eastlake, W. J. Baldwin; Epworth, Willis L. Overdeer; Grace, J. M. Winner; Harrison St., I. Elmer Perry; Hillerest, W. B. Alfree; Kingswood, Mrs. Sarah E. Hoeffcker; Madeley, Mrs. Reba McGleneghan; McCabe, T. B. Ely; Mt. Salem, J. Elmer Betty; Richardson Park, F. E. McKinsey; Scott, C. P. Harvey; Silverbrook, E. W. Samworth; St. Pauls, W. B. Smith; Trinity, C. W. Cook; Union, Alfred Dahling. (45).

The Lay Electoral Conference of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference met in Harrison Street Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, April 5, 1929. The devotional exercises were in charge of Brother I. Elmer Perry of the local church. Prayers were offered by Brothers J. A. Ellegood, and W. J. Baldwin. As the subject of a few remarks Brother Perry, the messenger of the Lord who asked, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" During the testimony meeting fifty-eight delegates spoke and a period of spiritual helpfulness was enjoyed by all.

At 9:30, the business session of the Lay Electoral Conference was called to order by the Enrolling Secretary, Clarence A. Short. Brother H. H. Nuttle was elected temporary chairman. The roll of delegates was called, to which one hundred and eighteen responded. A committee on credentials was then appointed composed of Brothers J. Herman Anderson, John A. Hyland, A. P. Christopher, J. P. Harris and Ernest W. Samworth. The committee reported as follows: "Your committee on Credentials recommend that the roll as called and checked by the secretary be accepted as the roster of delegates to this Lay Electoral Conference. Additional names upon roll call of absentees shall be added to the roster. Also any question of the right of a delegate to sit as a representative of a charge shall be referred to the Committee on Credentials before eleven o'clock to-day, April 5th, 1929." Upon motion the report was adopted by the Conference.

Dr. Francis Burgette Short was introduced by Rev. George Dawson and spoke on the "Ministerial Endowment Fund," asking the laymen to get back of the efforts to collect the subscribed amounts to this fund, keep our contracts, and secure the balance of the sum promised by him five years ago.

Permanent organization was then made by the election of Brother H. H. Nuttle, chairman; Clarence A. Short, secretary, and C. W. Cook, assistant secretary. The chairman appointed the following committees:

Committee on Relations with Annual Conference: Brother I. Elmer Perry, W. T. Brasure, Mrs. C. J. Smithers, and R. J. Taylor.

Committee on Resolutions: Dr. E. B. Crooks, W. B. Thornburgh, Thos. Davis, D. B. Jones, J. K. Wrightson, J. T. Mears, E. L. Haines and J. Elmer Betty. The subject of "Ministerial Endowment" spoken upon by Dr. Short was now taken up and views were expressed by Brothers I. Elmer Perry, L. T. Jones, T. P. Scott, C. P. Harvey, A. M. Craig, Mrs. Sarah E. Hoeffcker, and Levi T. Rhodeaker. The Committee on Resolutions was instructed to prepare a resolution asking the laymen to effectively support all efforts to collect outstanding pledges to the Endowment Fund.

Miss Ruth Lindseth, Director of Young Peoples Work in the Wilmington Conference, now stationed at Selbyville, was introduced and told of her work, outlining its aims and needs.

Brother Charles N. Phillips, who was a delegate to the last General Conference for a part of its session, was introduced and spoke briefly on the subject of Missions and Evangelism. Brother W. B. Smith, first alternate to the General Conference, and who substituted for Brother W. G. Abbott, who was not able to attend, spoke on his impressions of the General Conference in an interesting way, giving briefly the make-up of the body and its magnitude. Brother Elwood F. Melson, delegate from the Wilmington District, was the next speaker, and gave a rather humorous but sincere sketch of his experiences at the General Conference. He was followed by Brother H. H. Nuttle, who was a delegate from the Middletown District. He gave an excellent description of the work done in the Conference and the way it is done. He gave some interesting incidents of the sessions, among which was the way Miss Kein caused the General Conference to reverse itself on Korea.

Dr. George W. Anderson gave the laymen instruction regarding entertainment and funds for the same.

Hon. W. O. Hoeffcker was given the privilege of the floor to present the report of the Ministerial Endowment Commission. On motion of Brother Hoeffcker, the report was made special order of business and the resolution taken up at once instead of being referred to Committee on Resolutions. After much discussion, especially regarding a special secretary for the Commission, the recommendations of the report were rejected by a vote of 54 to 51.

Rev. E. H. Collins in interest of the Methodist Book Concern urged upon the delegates of the Lay Electoral Conference to take home with them at least one book each a year, also he gave a list of good books that should be in the home of every member of the church.

Upon motion the Conference adjourned at 12:05 P. M. to meet at 2:00 P. M.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

Chairman Nuttle called the Conference to order promptly at 2:00 o'clock. Professor W. B. Thornburgh led in prayer. The roll of absentees was called and 21 names added to the roster. The Constitutional Amendments handed down to the Annual Conferences by the last General Conference were taken up in order.

Amendment No. 2 was taken up and after discussion by Brother Clarence A. Short, J. A. Ellegood, Charles N. Phillips, G. L. Bilderbach, W. L. Overdeer, I. Elmer Perry, F. C. McKinsey and H. H. Nuttle the vote was taken with result: Ayes—88, Noes—20.

The Florida Conference Memorial making changes in Amendment No. 2 was adopted by the Conference by a vote of Ayes 93, Noes 4.

A report of Wesley Collegiate Institute as presented to the Annual Conference was given to the laymen by the president of that institution.

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

**Resolution I—Thanks to Harrison St. Church Congregation.**

RESOLVED, That we express our warm appreciation to the pastor and the members of Harrison Street Methodist Episcopal Church for the generous hospitality they have shown us. Passed unanimously.

**Resolution II—Thanks to Press.**

RESOLVED, That we express our appreciation to the Press of the city for the kind and efficient manner in which they have handled news of the Conference. Passed unanimously.

**Resolution III—Rev. F. A. Lindhorst.**

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Lay Electoral Conference of the Wilmington Conference, go on record as heartily endorsing the work of Rev. F. A. Lindhorst, the Director of Religious Education of our Conference, and that we pledge him our hearty support in his work, at the same time, expressing our fullest confidence in Brother Lindhorst personally. Passed unanimously by a rising vote.

**Resolution IV—Retiring District Superintendents.**

RESOLVED, That we as laymen wish to express to our District Superintendents, now retiring, our keen appreciation of the work which they have done in building up the interests of the Church and the Kingdom in our Conference. We wish further to express our appreciation for the kindly spirit in which they have handled the ofttime difficult tasks of their offices. Passed unanimously.

**Resolution V—Presiding Bishop.**

RESOLVED, That we, the Laymen of the Wilmington Conference in Convention met, send our greetings to our revered presiding Bishop and express to him our happiness in his return as our Chief Pastor. Passed unanimously.

**Resolution VI—Lord's Day Alliance.**

Believing that there is an evident rising tide for a better Lord's Day throughout the boundaries of our Conference, but realizing the vital importance of the Lord's Day to our church life as well as our Christian civilization, we recommend:

1st—That all our churches and Sunday Schools use the Educational Program of the Lord's Day Alliance as a part of our regular work.

2nd—That the Lord's Day Alliance as quickly as possible complete and publish the proposed Lord's Day study book.

3rd—That each of our District Superintendents be requested to serve as chairman of a Lord's Day District Committee to consist of not less than two ministers and two laymen, named by the District Superintendent to cooperate with the Lord's Day Alliance.

4th—That we rejoice in the success of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland in defeating House Bills 59 and 190, introduced by Mr. Callan of Baltimore City, legalizing Sunday motion pictures for Baltimore City; and also Senate Bill 407 by Mr. Meyers of Baltimore City and House Bill 563 by Mr. Lee of Montgomery County, both bills designated as "Home Rule Bills," giving the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore the right to legalize all kinds of amusements, all day Sunday in Baltimore City. Passed unanimously.

**Resolution VII—Conference Claimants' Endowment.**

RESOLVED, That this Lay Electoral Conference gives its hearty support to the Conference Claimants' Endowment Fund and further that we pledge ourselves to return to our churches and complete our pledges to this fund. Passed unanimously.

Report signed by Bros. E. B. Crooks, chairman; W. B. Thornburgh, Thomas Davis, D. B. Jones, J. K. Wrightson, J. T. Mears, J. Elmer Betty and E. L. Haines, Secretary.

Dr. Crooks reported a resolution on the Hynson Bill in his hands that had come too late for Committee action and placed the same before the Conference. The Conference upon motion unanimously adopted the following:

"Realizing the need for better enforcement of the prohibition laws in our State of Delaware, and knowing that those whose duty it is to enforce the prohibition laws are badly hindered because of a lack of sufficient law to reach many of the most persistent violators; and

Realizing that the passage of the Hynson Bill will go far toward giving to those officers the necessary law to reach these criminals; and Knowing that those whose duty it is to enforce the prohibition laws are a unit in asking for the passage of the Hynson Bill; also

Realizing that only those who violate the 18th Amendment will be affected by the passage of the Hynson Bill and the failure of the bill to pass will greatly benefit bootleggers and keepers of speakeasies,

We, the members of the Lay Electoral Conference of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the interest of law enforcement most earnestly request the members of the State Senate, irrespective of party affiliations, to bring out of Committee and pass the Hynson Bill."

Centennial copies of the Christian Advocate, gifts of Methodist Book Concern, were distributed to the delegates. Announcement that no collection was needed to meet expenses was made by the Secretary.

Upon motion, the Conference adjourned sine die.

H. H. NUTTLE,  
Chairman.

CLARENCE A. SHORT,  
CHARLES W. COOK,  
Secretaries.

#### 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; Secretaries, C. A. Short, H. R. Moore.  
1916—Pres., E. J. Winder; Secretaries, C. A. Short, A. Galt Starr.  
1920—Pres., H. C. Conrad; Secretaries, C. A. Short, V. C. Hitchens.  
1921—Pres., H. C. Conrad; Secretary, C. A. Short.  
1924—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secretaries, C. A. Short, John Shilling.  
1925—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secretaries, C. A. Short, John Shilling.  
1928—Pres., H. H. Nuttle; Secretaries, C. A. Short, C. W. Cook.  
1929—Pres., H. H. Nuttle; Secretaries, C. A. Short, C. W. Cook.

#### 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.  
Alternates, T. J. Truxton, G. F. Jones.  
1900—Delegates, Chas. B. Lore, G. E. Hukill, Jos. E. Holland, Geo. A. Cox.  
Alternates, 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.  
Alternates, A. W. Sisk, Geo. C. Moore, L. S. Melson.  
1908—Delegates, J. P. Holland, I. T. Parker, W. O. Hoffecker, R. D. Jones.  
Alternates, John G. Townsend, Jr., Joseph W. Coley, J. C. Mullikin.

1912—Delegates, Chas. H. Jefferson, John G. Townsend, Wm. Saulsbury,  
Joseph W. Coley.

Alternates, Mrs. Jeannie M. Field, A. W. Sisk, Wm. T. Records.

1916—Delegates, E. J. Winder, Thos. H. Bock, Melville Gambrill, Martin  
B. Burris.

Alternates, I. M. Lenderman, W. O. Hoffecker, L. E. P. Dennis.

1920—Delegates, E. C. Hardesty, H. C. Conrad, L. Atwood Bennett, J. W.  
Wheatley.

Reserves, Joseph Mallalieu, R. F. Powell, J. S. Mullin, Jr.

1924—Delegates, I. Elmer Perry, W. Harry Jones, Orlando Harrison, T. N.  
Rawlins.

Reserves, W. O. Hoffecker, E. P. Wyatt, H. C. Conrad.

1928—Delegates, W. Newton Jackson, H. H. Nuttle, W. G. Abbott, E. F.  
Melson.

Reserves, W. B. Smith, Jr., W. T. Brasure, C. M. Phillips.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

OF

## WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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V. E. HILLS, Treasurer.

Assistants:

J. L. Sparklin, J. E. Parker, R. T. Thawley, O. H. Connelly,

A. F. Zimmerman, F. C. Louhoff, O. J. Friedel.

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N. C. BENSON, Statistician.

Assistants:

DOVER DISTRICT

L. E. Windsor, R. W. Mills, S. T. Hamblin.

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT

R. W. Campbell, P. E. Reynolds, H. N. Bailey

SALISBURY DISTRICT

O. A. Bartley, C. W. Clark, W. L. McClintock.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

L. M. Broadway, R. S. Hodgson, W. D. Short.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns for Church Membership (Prep'y Mem., Full Members, Deaths During Year) and Church Property (Churches, Parsonages, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, etc.). Rows list various churches and their statistics.

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns for NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishop, Support Conf. C'mnts), and Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Bptizead). Rows list charges and pastors with their respective support and baptism statistics.

District Parsonage at Dover, Del., estimated value \$15,000.

STATISTICAL

DOVER DISTRICT.

List No.	Sunday Schools										Supplemental Report			Epw'th League						
	Enrollment							Church Membe'ip	Finances		Vacation Schools		Senior and Young People		Intermediate and Juniors					
	Number of Schools	No of Classes Under 18 Years	No. of Classes Using Closely Graded Lessons	Officers and Teachers	Pupils of all Grades	Cradle Roll	Home Department	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Pupils incl. Home Dept. who are Ch'ch Mem. or Prep. Mem.	Accessions to Ch. from Membership of S. S.	Paid by S. S. to World Service not including Rally Day Offering				Expenses for Lesson Materials, Supplies, Etc.	Enrollment Leadership Training Classes	No. Vacation Schools	Pupil Enrollment	Average Attendance
1	2	12	11	40	398	20	458	280	180	2	175	278	11	70	70	70	70			
2	2	12	11	35	240	20	412	310	100	6	75	100	6	34	12	34	12			
3	2	12	10	48	412	20	470	200	220	4	160	150	3	34	12	34	12			
4	1	12	9	26	260	20	325	200	200	10	211	150	4	34	12	34	12			
5	1	20	20	36	600	62	720	375	500	2	1000	720	28	200	170	100	50			
6	1	16	10	36	208	12	276	150	150	2	1000	720	28	200	170	100	50			
7	2	2	4	25	92	3	120	90	90	1	75	15	1	10	10	10	10			
8	4	5	4	14	62	3	76	26	26	1	50	26	1	19	22	19	22			
9	4	9	4	32	216	16	264	57	46	23	90	123	5	19	22	19	22			
10	2	2	3	6	35	2	46	21	21	8	40	6	1	32	32	32	32			
11	1	16	18	28	201	15	261	160	230	1	191	271	29	1	50	32	27			
12	2	9	9	27	184	19	230	85	85	1	95	123	14	1	27	27	22			
13	2	9	9	27	308	19	333	155	155	3	180	117	4	309	151	44	22			
14	1	3	3	16	105	2	124	75	75	1	180	75	1	75	35	35	35			
15	4	14	18	79	315	20	422	200	154	2	210	230	1	37	29	32	32			
16	1	16	16	32	229	17	303	161	181	2	125	165	7	1	25	25	25			
17	3	8	3	32	248	18	280	160	160	12	100	100	2	1	25	25	25			
18	1	7	10	17	137	18	187	62	130	1	100	29	1	1	25	25	25			
19	1	10	10	16	86	8	100	100	100	1	300	325	3	1	140	140	140			
20	1	10	10	38	289	55	398	152	248	30	300	325	3	1	140	140	140			
21	4	12	6	60	216	22	294	150	100	16	71	174	15	1	35	44	44			
22	1	10	6	56	339	50	441	202	250	12	400	302	15	1	35	44	44			
23	2	4	1	18	120	7	138	70	90	1	150	110	1	1	30	30	30			
24	2	4	1	38	252	20	310	200	190	1	150	100	1	1	75	75	75			
25	2	12	12	27	200	20	227	108	200	1	375	160	6	1	140	140	140			
26	1	17	14	45	572	33	630	301	403	17	486	400	27	1	120	108	65			
27	1	10	10	35	450	35	595	156	375	1	179	346	4	1	108	108	108			
28	2	12	12	37	313	37	350	250	175	5	100	200	1	1	108	108	108			
29	2	12	12	37	313	37	350	250	175	5	100	200	1	1	108	108	108			
30	(2)	(2)	(12)	(4)	(151)	(25)	(170)	(135)	(50)	(100)	(90)	(90)	(6)	(90)	(85)	(85)	(85)			
31	2	8	8	30	140	43	170	135	50	1	100	90	6	1	85	85	85			
32	1	19	22	35	351	43	499	240	378	28	300	612	14	1	90	85	85			
33	1	2	2	12	103	30	115	35	60	10	30	10	3	1	65	65	65			
34	1	4	3	22	360	40	422	190	335	112	140	140	1	1	65	65	65			
35	3	4	3	25	165	26	190	90	115	206	115	80	1	1	65	65	65			
36	3	9	8	30	320	20	350	280	200	2	240	180	4	1	70	70	70			
37	2	8	6	50	262	10	320	160	160	2	240	180	4	1	70	70	70			
38	2	8	6	24	160	20	208	80	100	100	100	3	1	40	40	40				
39	3	12	12	36	350	36	382	300	50	18	500	160	10	1	40	40	40			
40	4	12	12	32	350	31	381	311	25	487	228	178	53	73	40	40	40			
41	1	26	26	51	323	30	380	281	198	200	260	6	1	20	20	20	20			
42	3	10	1	57	63	18	74	54	54	59	159	8	1	20	20	20	20			
43	1	4	7	11	40	25	295	155	155	2	120	200	8	1	40	40	40			
44	4	10	2	30	188	21	218	150	150	105	48	5	1	35	35	35	35			
45	3	10	2	23	270	21	310	65	7	122	95	6	1	24	24	24	24			
46	1	5	3	23	270	21	310	65	7	122	95	6	1	24	24	24	24			
47	3	6	3	25	150	15	175	125	125	40	40	40	1	1	24	24	24			
99	389	246	1502	11032	692	379	13994	6864	5726	249	7627	8749	338	4	716	458	1032	507		

TREASURER'S

DOVER DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference					Benevolences as ordered by the Annual Conference										Other Cash Items	Miscellaneous	
	World Service	Children's Day Fund	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Hospitals and Homes	City Missionary or Chur'h Extension Society	Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund	Domestic Missions	1/2 Salary Conference Entertainment	Director of Religious Education	Other Items	Total Benevolences Ord'd by Annual Conference	Annual Conf. Investm'ts for Conf. Claims	General Conference Expenses	Local Preachers	Subscribers to the Advertisements	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society
1 Beckwith and Spedden	200	5	50	255	6	5	5	12	10	23	61	10	21	82	1	5	582	
2 Bethel	100	5	105	31	9	12	15	18	81	179	10	192	286	10	1	5	812	
3 Blades & Epw.	256	5	261	32	9	12	15	18	81	179	10	192	286	10	1	5	450	
4 Bridgeville	400	8	127	130	665	15	12	15	20	32	192	286	10	1	5	190		
5 Cambridge	1531	10	240	1781	20	30	28	50	128	150	27	143	195	27	1	12	190	
6 Camden	220	3	39	267	5	5	16	21	143	195	27	143	195	27	1	12	190	
7 Canterbury	80	3	83	2	2	2	3	5	18	38	1	3	205					
8 Church Creek & Taylor's Isl.	80	5	85	4	8	4	10	12	18	4	60	1	1	62				
9 Crapo	190	10	205	14	10	22	46	1	4	222								
10 Dover St. Pauls	40	5	45	10	12	3	25	1	1	303								
11 Wesley	1218	27	168	256	1669	20	25	25	45	347	462	1	12	471				
12 E. New Market	100	5	105	15	5	18	40	93	10	15	40	10	2	625				
13 Ellendale	180	10	10	200	10	15	15	40	10	2	625			175				
14 Elliott's Island	15	2	17	5	4	22	35											
15 Farmington & Epworth	225	5	230	10	3	6	5	17	55	86	53	1	1	550				
16 Federalsburg	1000	8	177	10	15	20	30	132	227	12	557			12				
17 Felton	375	6	108	489	62	12	15	15	20	113	259	134	8	407				
18 Frederica	185	40	53	76	364	12	18	5	35	95	4	100						
19 Galestown	60	2	62	2	2	5	3	15						66				
20 Georgetown	1500	6	105	1611	25	44	154	223	425	12	1200			12				
21 Georgetown Ct	180	2	182	10	15	22	47				900							
22 Greenwood	134	5	139	10	12	15	92	141	29	1	224							
23 Harrington	500	35	8	10	553	5	14	2	12	17	22	276	348	100	5	7	512	
24 Hooper's Isl'd.	34	5	34	5	8	3	8				1							
25 Houston	168	6	174	5	8	12	10	53	88	1	2	325						
26 Hurlock	700	33	22	755	14	10	18	15	53	127	1	1	57					
27 Laurel	1700	85	5	115	179	2084	20	5	15	30	35	60	165	100	2	20	800	
28 Lewes	1190	10	74	264	1548	35	16	20	32	214	337	468	12	282				
29 Lincoln	180	5	185	12	11	10	42	80			1	50						
30 Little Creek																		
31 Magnolia and Barretts Chp	200	5	205	15	14	18	129	176			1	1	300					
32 Milford	2056	335	314	2705	10	10	32	50	580	702	296	31	252					
33 Milford Ne'k.	20	20	20	3	6	3	12											
34 Millsboro	300	6	15	321	21	12	18	16	22	72	161			180				
35 Milton	539	6	77	622	17	20	33	70			1	6	222					
36 Mt. Pleasant	229	3	232	5	8	27	40	25										
37 Nassau	240	5	245	8	14	12	20	34	88	115	3	289						
38 Rehoboth	185	6	73	264	8	10	14	12	18	134	196	37	5	195				
39 Reliance	50	5	55	10	10	4	24				3	450						
40 St. Thomas	500	6	506	10	15	15	10	50	85		3	1						



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NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership							Church Property									
	Received During Year	Now on Roll	Rec'd from P. M. or on Prof'n of Faith	Full Members				Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc.	Paid by Charge for Buildings and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest	Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Exp's	Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support	
				Received by Transfer	Full Members on Roll Not incl. Nonres't. Inactive Members	Non-Resident. Inactive Members	Removed by Transfer										Deaths
1 Barclay Circuit				58			2	\$ 5000				\$ 50			\$20		
2 Bayside	9	9		120			2	15000	1	\$2500		216	\$530	\$370	232		
3 Bozman and Neavitt			10	139			2	15000	1	2500		450	75	700	150		
4 Burrsville				74	9		4	6500	1	2200		275			75		
5 Cecilton		13	36	212	30		2	35000	1	3000		662	3400		900		
6 Centerville	5	15	13	325	13		1	40000	1	6000	1000		5000	2500	1200		
7 Chestertown	6		1	315	75		1	100000	1	8000		960	9000	25000	1175		
8 Cheswold				243	16		2	75000	1	2300		380			200		
9 Church Hill	10	9	5	150	25		3	12000	1	2500					400		
10 Clayton				260	10		2	10000	1	3500		100			650		
11 Concord		30		228	60		14	13750	1	2100		561	90	400	350		
12 Cordova	5	5	2	72	45		1	10000	1	2000		550			150		
13 Crumpton	16	16	16	140			6	9000	1	2500	500	125			350		
14 Denton		3	9	338			5	110000	1	10000		5			785		
15 Easton	9	19	18	381	60		3	30000	1	8000		2250			1406		
16 Fairlee				115	6		10	14000	1	4000		377			508		
17 Galena	8		8	190	8		2	11000	1	5000		600	600	1600	350		
18 Greensboro		9		245	53		3	15000	1	4000	1200	15	50	65	651		
19 Hartley	5	5	2	38			1	6000	1			4019		2080	90		
20 Henderson				111	16		1	6000	1	2000		110			145		
21 Hillsboro	13	4	10	180	51		1	10000	1	5000		750			175		
22 Kent Island	10	30	2	373	15		8	20000	1	24000	1000	1000			350		
23 Kenton	1	7	2	120	20		2	12000	1	2000		150	200	3000	325		
24 Maryland				84	10		2	7000	1	2500		95			145		
25 Middletown	21	5	20	392	68		5	30000	1	6000		1300			1625		
26 Millington	11	10		223	12		2	10000	1	2000		190			300		
27 Odessa and Friendship			4	211	48		3	15000	1	2000		700			300		
28 Oxford		14		68	2		3	4000	1	2000		395			175		
29 Piney Neck				22	11		2	4000	1	2000		144		50	125		
30 Pomona	6		6	132	1		1	6000	1	1500	950	320			150		
31 Preston	4	8	10	180	12		6	15000	1	3000		1024			400		
32 Queenstown	8	15	5	169			4	12000	1	3000		500	225				
33 Ridgely		5	8	136	12		1	15000	1	2000		150	200	500	315		
34 Rock Hall	2	4	6	163	25		2	13000	1	6000	5000	1500		4000	430		
35 Royal Oak	18	6	14	63	2		5	8000	1	3000		300			175		
36 St. Michael		29		216	9		6	30000	1	3000		244	85		945		
37 Smyrna	5	20	10	569	75		6	30000	1	3750		2400	800	2950	1757		
38 Still Pond & Betterton	18		22	252	8		7	22000	1	3000	247	1213			588		
39 Sudlersville	1	3	14	230	31		13	10000	1	5000		150		441	555		
40 Tilghman Island		12	6	108	9		3	14000	1	2500		500	500	1700	500		
41 Townsend			2	280			2	19500	1	4000		100			500		
42 Trappe	2	6	2	147	12		3	3000	1	3000		250		150	127		
43 Wye Mills and Starr	5	6	34	96	10		1	6000	1	2500	1800	575			140		
Total	198	317	276	123	8159	873	102	153 81	854250	41	162850	11697	23350	23005	45506	20190	

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NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support											Baptisms		
		Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.		Support Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'mnts		Support Ministerial		Total Deficiency	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Total Claim incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Total Paid incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Total Paid for Ministerial Support				
1 Barclay Circuit	L. P. Corkran	\$600	\$600		48	48	8	8	82	75	731	7	2		
2 Bayside	W. P. Taylor	1200	1200	\$100	88	88	14	7	165	83	1378	89	6		
3 Bozman and Neavitt	F. K. McCorkle	1350	1350	150	92	92	15	15	187	187	1644		8		
4 Burrsville	Henry Caldwell	1120	981	120	80	69	13	3	180	35	1088	305			
5 Cecilton	G. W. Dawson	2150	2150	150	160	160	24	24	323	273	2607	50	10	1	
6 Centerville	L. F. Poole	2600	2600	400	176	176	29	29	333	333	3138		8		
7 Chestertown	W. F. Corkran	3000	3000	500	200	200	34	34	413	413	3647		10		
8 Cheswold	Willard Everett	1350	1350	150	96	96	15	15	157	157	1618		5		
9 Church Hill	M. D. Nutter	1350	1350	150	96	96	15	15	198	198	1659		9	1	
10 Clayton	D. J. Givan	1900	1900	300	128	112	20	15	285	125	2152	181	7		
11 Concord	C. H. Atkins	1300	1300	100	96	96	15	15	195	47	1458	148	10		
12 Cordova	Alonzo Travers	1150	1150	150	80	80	15	10	172	60	1300	267	8		
13 Crumpton	S. B. Bradley	1620	1620	120	120	120	18	18	255	50	1808	205	28	2	
14 Denton	M. E. Wheatley	2300	2300	300	160	160	26	26	315	315	2801		7		
15 Easton	W. A. Hearn	2900	2900	400	200	200	33	33	420	420	3553		20		
16 Fairlee	S. L. Hanby	1400	1400	200	96	96	16	16	210	175	1687	35	7		
17 Galena	Ivanhoe Willis	1950	1950	200	140	140	22	22	300	300	2412		10	1	
18 Greensboro	H. G. Budd	2000	2000	200	144	144	23	23	300	300	2467		9		
19 Hartley	J. B. Vaughn	400	400		32	32					432		3		
20 Henderson	E. N. Wright	950	950	100	76	76	12	12	157		1038	157	5		
21 Hillsboro	J. W. Fasley	1500	1500	200	104	104	12	12	218	88	1704	130	2		
22 Kent Island	H. R. McDade	2000	2000	200	136	136	21	21	200	150	2307	50	18		
23 Kenton	J. H. Geoghegan	1350	1350	150	85	85	15	13	200	60	1508	142	5		
24 Maryland	J. P. Kelley	1000	1000	100	76	76	10	8	136	101	1185	37	5		
25 Middletown	R. L. Tawes	2700	2700	300	192	192	30	30	375	375	3297		5		
26 Millington	J. B. McCabe	1350	1350	150	102	102	15	15	187	187	1654		5		
27 Odessa and Friendp	J. T. Richardson	1650	1650	150	120	120	19	15	203	100	1885	107	7		
28 Oxford	L. T. McLain	1250	1250	200	84	84	14	14	187	115	1463	72	1		
29 Piney Neck	T. S. Bartlett	825	737	75	60	60	9	9	116	41	847	163	10		
30 Pomona	R. E. Green	1000	1000	100	81	81	11	11	142		1092	147	2		
31 Preston	O. A. Bartley	2000	2000	200	144	144	23	23	300	300	2467		4	1	
32 Queenstown	A. G. Thomas	1300	1300	100	96	96	5	5			1401		13		
33 Ridgely	D. J. Moore	1700	1700	200	120	120	19	19	255	255	2094		3		
34 Rock Hall	W. S. Grant	2000	2000	200	144	144	20	20	255	200	2364	55	8		
35 Royal Oak	E. B. Eckhart	685	685	150	47	47	7	7	135	10	749	125	4		
36 St. Michael	C. W. Moore	1700	1700	200	120	120	19	19	255	255	2094		14		
37 Smyrna	R. K. Stephenson	3250	3250	250	240	240	37	37	488	488	4015		10		
38 Still Pond & Btrn	C. W. Clark	1800	1800	200	128	128	20	20	255	255	2203		2		
39 Sudlersville	E. W. Hennis	1800	1800	200	128	128	20	20	270	270	2218		11	10	
40 Tilghman's Is.	R. T. Hawley	1700	1700	100	128	128	18	15	250	200	2043	53	10		
41 Townsend	R. S. Hodgson	1800	1800	200											



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NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership							Church Property									
	Received During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members				Deaths During Year	Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties Endowments, Bonds, etc	Paid by Charge for Buildings and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness Not including interest	Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Expenses	Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support	
			Prep'ry Mem	Rec'd from P. M. or Prof'n of Faith	Received by Transfer	Full Mem'rs on Roll											
						Not Incl. Nones' Inactive Members											Non Resident-Inactive Members
1 Annessex	2	5	2	162	45	2	2	\$11000	1	\$2500					\$100		
2 Ayres Chapel		5	2	148	26	4	3	6500							200		
3 Berlin	2	13	2	307	26	3	2	25000	1	5000		\$1800			697		
4 Bishopville	15	5	4	350		10	4	10000	1	1200		300			300		
5 Cape Charles	3	2	2	256	18	2	2	12000	1	8000	3030				700		
6 Chincoteague			1	203	13	2	1	32000	1	2500		251	\$412		863		
7 Claremont		3	1	63	21	2	1	2000	1	1500					175		
8 Crisfield-Asbury	5	5	5	607	427	9	4	15000	1	5000		28254		\$10000	2000		
9 Immanuel		18	7	629			8	50000	1	10000			1315	1900	2125		
10 Dagsboro & St Ge'ges	11	11	11	489		5	2	20000	1	5000		9500			300		
11 Deal's Island	15	15	64	340	10	3	6	30000	1	2500		1800	2600		1165		
12 Delmar			1	525	50	4	3	15000	1	10000		1250			850		
13 Fairmount				150	6	2	3	12500	1	3500		2500	1500		300		
14 Frankford	8	8	3	248			2	10000	1	2000		525			250		
15 Fruitland	13	16	28	315	10	5	2	15000	1	2500		1200			500		
16 Girdleec			4	143		3	3	10000	1	3000		120			300		
17 Gumboro	36	16	38	400	6	2	4	15000	1	1500					200		
18 Hebron				107	5		1	15000	1	2500		50			190		
19 Marcella Springs	4			115	4	1	1	6000	1	2500		200			100		
20 Marion				73	25	2	2	13000	1	4000					360		
21 Mt. Vernon				358	2	3	2	13000	1	4500		267	50		350		
22 Nanticoke			16	263	28	3	14	9500	1	1500					250		
23 Newark	20	20	20	193	20	3	3	15000	1	3500	6000	875			250		
24 Ocean City	20	20	1	163	37	4	5	30000				200	2400	1650	750		
25 Ocean View & Millvie	5	2	5	225	25	2	16	15000	1	2500		100	300		375		
26 Onancock	32	32	4	231	3	1	2	8000	1	5000		225			400		
27 Parsonsburg	12	4	12	288	25	7	4	8000	1	1600		700	500	400	300		
28 Phoebus	6	10	2	167	35	2	2	51500	1	7500		5000		19000	1100		
29 Pittsville	17	15	2	389		1	3	10000	1	3500		120			250		
30 Pocomoke City	29	29	1	396	36	6	9	30000	1	15000		134	500	6819	1128		
31 Pocomoke Circuit			17	175			3	5000	1	1100		100			125		
32 Powellville			3	350		4	2	6000	1	2500		2800	30		200		
33 Princess Anne		10	2	279	77	1	2	30000	1	6000		300			560		
34 Quantico		9	1	148	2	2	3	7000	1	2000		268			125		
35 Roxana		9	11	221	5	5	3	7000	1	3000		195			294		
36 St. Peter's	6	4	2	229			4	15000	1	3000	1000	6409	50	3891	400		
37 St. Luke & Stenge				60			2	3000							23		
38 Salisbury-Asbury	10	10	9	950	90	15	12	20000	1	9000	7500	18600	1000	17000	7000		
39 Grace	3		6	216	92		8	16000	1	3300		150			195	511	
40 Selbyville	3		12	381	75	4	5	30000	1	4000	600	500			900		
41 Sharptown	14	5	9	159	100		2	23000	1	4000		12000		3000	360		
42 Smith's Island	30	30	3	387			2	26000	1	1500		700	200		500		
43 Snow Hill	3	20	3	323	68		8	30000	1	17000	3000		50	400	1100		
44 Somerset		30	3	288			2	16000	1	8000	5000	4000		2000	650		
45 Stockton	34	34		360			4	25000	1	3000		250			200		
46 Tangier	6	160		400		6	4	30000	1	9000		1800	800	1900	1000		
47 Venton				14			1	1000							12		
48 Westover			1	87	15	1	2	8000	1	2000		291		60	150		
49 White Haven	1	1		86	17	5	2	6000	1	2000		175			150		
50 Whitesville	5			285			20	15000	1	1500		500					
51 Parkers and Zion	2	20		20			1	1500	1								
Total	403	467	381	73	13721	1425	100	199	105	1150500	46	201200	28130	103142	13124	68265	30088

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NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Bap-tisms			
		Support of Pastor			Support of District Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'mnts			Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Total Claim incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Total Paid incl. H. R. & Adm. Ex.	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid					
1 Annessex	E. M. Byrd	\$1350	\$1350	\$150	\$80	\$80	\$16	\$202	\$40	\$1470	\$178	9	3		
2 Ayres Chapel	A. T. Hudson	1075	1075	75	76	76	13	156	156	1320		4			
3 Berlin	W. E. Greenfield	2500	2500	250	160	160	29	29	368	368	3057	6	1		
4 Bishopville	R. H. Wilson	1550	1550	150	103	108	16	16	199	199	1873	30			
5 Cape Charles	Howard Davis	2750	2750	250	132	132	37	37	460	200	3119	260	18		
6 Chincoteague	A. W. Goodhand	2100	2100	300	147	147	32	32	345	345	2624	4			
7 Claremont	Sherman Newton	900	900	100	60	60	10	5	135	35	1000	105	1		
8 Crisfield-Asbury	T. J. Sard	3250	3250	250	230	230	37	37	488	488	4005	6			
9 Immanuel	J. J. Bunting	3900	3900	300	240	216	45	45	585	450	4611	159	8		
10 Dagsboro & St. G	G. S. Thomas	1900	1900	200	140	140	22	22	255	255	2317	3			
11 Deal's Island	J. C. Bolton	2400	2400	200	140	140	32	32	323	323	2895	10	2		
12 Delmar	Leonard White	3400	3400	400	170	170	39	39	435	435	4044	4			
13 Fairmount	J. C. B. Hopkins	2000	1550	200	140	90	23	23	251	50	1713	711	2		
14 Frankford	J. T. Price	1950	2100	150	98	98	21	21	247	80	2299	167	1		
15 Fruitland	A. B. Frye	1850	1850	150	125	125	21	21	262	262	2258	15			
16 Girdleec	Roland Nelson	1650	1665	150	100	19	20	247	100	1885	147	2			
17 Gumboro	J. T. Graham	1500	1500	100	100	15	15	195	50	1665	145	53	1		
18 Hebron	J. H. McRill	1700	1500	200	88	88	20	20	210	193	1801	217			
19 Marcella Springs	J. C. Hanby	1200	1200	100	68	68	14	3	188	40	1311	159	3		
20 Marion	H. V. Branford	1450	1450	150	92	92	17	17	192	192	1751	1			
21 Mt. Vernon	G. W. Hastings	2000	2000	200	108	108	22	22	270	250	2380	20	7		
22 Nanticoke	G. H. Wheatley	1700	1700	200	100	100	20		225	63	1863	182	6		
23 Newark	F. A. Baker	1800	1800	200	84	84	21	21	262	262	2167				
24 Ocean City	O. P. Jefferson	2200	2200	400	100	100	22	22	236	100	2422	136	12		
25 Ocean View & M'	C. W. Branford	1750	1750	150	114	114	20	20	263	263	2147	6	1		
26 Onancock	E. B. Taylor	1700	1700	300	108	108	20	20	255	255	2083				
27 Parsonsburg	W. H. Cummings	2000	2000	200	110	110	23	23	255	200	2333	55	12		
28 Phoebus	J. T. Rowleson	3000	3000	500	170	170	34	34	360	360	3564	6	2		
29 Pittsville	W. G. Barlow	2000	2000	200	100	100	23	23	300	152	2275	148	14		
30 Pocomoke City	J. W. Jones	2760	2760	360	167	167	39	39	375	375	3341				
31 Pocomoke Circuit	C. S. Larimore	1400	1340	100	73	73	17	17	210	230	1460	240			
32 Powellville	J. W. Gray	1325	1077	125	92	90	15		199		1167	464			
33 Princess Anne	W. O. Bennett	2100	2100	300	156	156	24	24	315	315	2595				
34 Quantico	N. B. Lawrason	1650	1616	150	80	80	19	19	247	247	1962	34	1		
35 Roxana	R. T. Baynard	1750	1750	150	100	100	20	20	255	255	2125				
36 St. Peter	R. W. Mills	2250	2250	250	140	140	25	25	337	200	2615	137	7		
37 St. Luke & Sten'e	D. T. Campbell	300	300		12	12			10	10	322				
38 Salisbury-Asbury	S. H. McWilliams	5320	5320	720	380	380	60	60	750	750	6510				
39 Grace	H. S. Dulany	1900	1900	400	100	100	21	21	261	261	2382				
40 Selbyville	M. W. Marine	2800	2800	300	170	170	29	29	382	382	3381	13	3		
41 Sharptown	C. C. Harris	2300	2300	300	140	140	24	24	270		2464	270	3		
42 Smith's Island	A. F. Zimmerman	1850	1850	150	132	132	21	21	278	278	2281	22			
43 Snow Hill	Frank White	2750	2750	250	170	170	31	31	390	390	3341		1		
44 Somerset	J. W. Wooten	2050	2050	250	128	128	24	24	300						

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List No.	Sunday Schools										Supplemental Report			Epw'th League				
	Number of Schools	No. of Classes Under 18 Years	No. of Classes Using Closely Graded Lessons	Enrollment				Church Member'ip	Finances		Enrollment Leadership Training Classes	Vacation Schools		Senior Members	Junior Members			
				Officers and Teachers	Pupils of all Grades	Cradle Roll	Home Department		Total Enrollment	Average Attendance		Paid by S. S. to World Service not including Rally Day Offering	Expenses for Lesson Materials, Supplies, Etc.			No. Vacation Schools	Pupil Enrollment	Average Attendance
							Pupils incl. Ho'e Dept. but not B.C. who are Ch. M. or Prep. M.	Accessions to Ch. from Membership of S. S.										
1	2	12	130	142	60	5	65	65										
2	2	223	250	125														
3	1	27	244	315	101	242	868	183					20					
4	1	30	520	530	300	6		150	5									
5	1	35	267	354	187	168	8	312	1	120	92	45	22					
6	1	22	203	260	189	93		238										
7	1	12	73	94	65			53										
8	1	45	469	570	235		4	500	1	118	101	170						
9	1	34	851	975	385		17	1100				450	150					
10	2	34	400	450	225	360	11	350	270	1		46						
11	2	44	390	434	290	200	25	150	150									
12	1	37	627	700	262	490		1125	575	63								
13	1	17	173	200	65	65		50	80									
14	2	28	312	340	150			75				157						
15	2	44	396	440	245			175	15	1	56	42						
16	3	15	153	168	125		200	200	2			20	15					
17	4	40	260	300	200	30		175	5									
18	1	18	134	170	95			110					32					
19	3	18	108	140	85	2	60	110										
20	2	12	160	176	60		155	50										
21	2	40	325	365	150			200										
22	3	24	347	379	240			94	6									
23	3	27	200	252	127	135	22	112	2									
24	2	30	180	228	115	110	18	65	250	27		28	35					
25	2	30	235	290	125			125	10			40	25					
26	2	34	261	310	125	165	32	266										
27	3	36	264	300	180			180	2			25						
28	1	28	144	207	115		170	245				42						
29	3	28	246	274				125					20					
30	1	37	332	389	165		465	250	19			42						
31	3	32	331	363														
32	4	40	410	450	350		55	50										
33	1	27	200	251	153	139	10	300	7			32						
34	2	32	201	252	100			100	12									
35	2	36	351	396	204	270		218	3									
36	2	35	198	233	120		100	75	6			20	30					
37	2	6	45	51	35			23										
38	1	48	714	762	340	630	10	650	19									
39	1	25	315	441	150	157	7	102	15			42						
40	2	38	260	361	220	222	12	400	9									
41	1	34	212	246	138		10	347				40	25					
42	3	52	824	876	380			97				187	95					
43	1	27	251	300	140	220	3	500	18									
44	2	27	203	250	150			150	6									
45	3	37	442	524	250		19	90	8									
46	1	33	600	633	450	450	6	600	190			350						
47	1	6		26	15	14												
48	2	15	100	115	60	50		30		16		25						
49	2	9	71	80	55	61	1	90	60	6								
50	4	60	180	240				150		6								
51								20										
100	283	180	1484	14535	726	161	16872	7911	4241	258	9324	8750	275	3	294	235	1830	449

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NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference					Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference					Other Cash Items	Miscellaneous								
	World Service	Children's Day Fund	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Hospitals and Homes	City Missionary or Ch'ch Extension Society	Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund	Domestic Missions	1/2 Salary Conference Entertainment			Director of Religious Education	Other Items	Total Benevolences Or'd by Annual Conference	Annual Conf. Investm'ts for Conf. Claims	General Conference Expenses	Local Preachers	Subscribers to the Advo-cates	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society
1 Annessex	25		25		50				5	5			10						200	
2 Ayres Chapel													25						275	
3 Berlin	1000		249		1249	31	10		36	22	24	222	345	186			1	6	829	
4 Cape Charles	713		92	5	805	10			31	14	10	90	155	25					400	
5 Chincoteague	800				800	25	5	5	32	25	14	90	171	200	10	1	8	900		
6 Claremont	60		7		67				16	8	18	199	295					208		
7 Crisfield																		3	204	
8 Asbury	825				825	21			50	30	31	128	260				1	6		
9 Immanuel	1100			88	1188	24			30	36		183	273				1	5	719	
10 Dagsboro and st. Georges	350				350				25	17	20	13	75						500	
11 Deals Island	235				235		17		32	20	24	17	110				2	1	1000	
12 Delmar	1572		10	15	53	1650	19		36	30	24	174	283					27	1200	
13 Fairmount	50				50													1	2	253
14 Frankford	72				72				32	17		41	90						500	
15 Fruitland	600		15		212	827	15		30	17	18	93	173	125						
16 Girdletree	320				320				30	15	18		63					1	111	
17 Gumboro	150				150				30	13	10	18	71					1	400	
18 Hebron	105		10	49	164				22	17		11	50				2	2	380	
19 Mardela Spgs.	60				60				16			13	29				2	1	553	
20 Marion	155				155				22	13			35						780	
21 Mt. Vernon	300		5		305		5		32	18	17	30	102				1	1		
22 Nanticoke	170				170				15			15								
23 Newark	145				145	59	14		20	16	16	61	186					3	700	
24 Ocean City	200		10		210		10		18	18	15	6	67					1	953	
25 Ocean View	240				240	29			30	16	19	22	121	15	5	1	2	600		
26 Onancock	372			52	424		14		30	14	18	38	114				1	2	150	
27 Parsonburgs	265				265				18	18	7	43						2	500	
28 Phoebus	180				180				20	25	17	10	72					1	926	
29 Pittsville	215				215		14		35	18	18	55	140					1	400	
30 Pocomoke City	800		15	134	949				40	24	24	78	166				8	15	745	
31 Pocomoke Ct.	60				60				18	13		17	48							
32 Powellville	109		2		111				3				3					1	600	
33 Princess Anne	300				300		10		25	18	22	20	95					5	445	
34 Quantico	291			22	313	18	9		25	15	21	34	127				14		233	
35 Roxanna	226				226	19	10		30	16	20	11	106						60	
36 St. Peters	100		5		105				5	10	20	15						2	175	
37 St. Lukes-St. e Salisbury	28				28															
38 Asbury	3150	47	40	464	1088	4789	22	37	200		54	388	701	500			28	900		
39 Grace	178	5	5	14	72	274	5		5	24	15	65	123				2	1	75	
40 Selbyville	1080			45	75	1200	82	19		36	25	91	278	256	12	1		150		
41 Sharptown	103				15	118				20	25		45					1	176	
42 Smith's Island	284				284				32	17	22	79	164	100						
43 Snow Hill	700	5		67	772		14		40	25	28	64	157	130						
44 Somerset	325				325				32	18	20	70						2	18	671
45 Stockton	452				452		14		35	16	17	64	146					3	450	
46 Tangier	800		10	15	825				10	38	25	19	92					3	150	
47 Venton	97				97				5				12							
48 Westover	110		3		113				2	10	5	20	8	23	76			2	399	
49 White Haven	120				120				25	15	8	7	55					2	1	
50 Whitesville	20				20				1											

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NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership								Church Property								
	Received During Year	Now on Roll	Full Members					Deaths During Year	Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc.	Paid by Charge for Building and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest	Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Expenses	Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support
			Prep'y Memb.	Received by Transfer	Full Members on Roll Not Incl. Nonres't Inactive Members	Non Resident-Inactive Members	Removed by Transfer										
1 Bethel and Town Point	4	13	70	15	3	2	3	\$11000	1	\$2600	\$900	\$1500	\$330				
2 Belle Fonte	4	13	44	10	1	1	1	7500									
3 Cedar	47	47	3	5	68	9	1	14000	1	3000	242		300				
4 Charlestown	6	23	33	7	217	15	1	10500	1	2000	100						
5 Cherry Hill	18	20	3	4	140	10	2	12000	1	3000	1000	400	1200	250			
6 Chesapeake City	3		123	33	102		4	15000	1	5000	3000	100		270			
7 Chester-Bethel	39	47	29	17	276	8	9	2	10000	1	1500	500		325			
8 Christiana			(66)		8		2	50000	1	10000	425	5000	16000	1495			
9 Claymont	6	5	14	9	92	20	2	8000	1	1500	1000		300	200			
10 Colora	12	12	12	4	149	2	2	17000	1	10000	545		1000	700			
11 Delaware City	1		1	1	51		1	15000	1	5000	300	800	555	304			
12 Ebenezer			83	7	571		3	6000			200			150			
13 Edge Moor	3	3			71		1	75000	1	12000	20000	7000		1700			
14 Elkton	3	3			103	10	4	3000	1	1500		225		15			
15 Elk Neck	5	5			60	8	3	6000	1	5000		100		150			
16 Hockessin	4	9	4	8	60	8	1	10000	1	2000	2000	1724	190	440	350		
17 Holly Oak	7	12	2	2	218	11	3	20000	1	3500			500	2000	480		
18 Hopewell			6	6	160	3	2	7000	1	7000		125		250			
19 Marshallton	5	4	1		76		1	8000	1	5500	1000			400			
20 Mt. Lebanon	20	20			60	13	3	22000	1	5000	18000			2000			
21 Mt. Pleasant	67	20	76	23	477		9	45000	1	4700				1800	1316		
22 Newark	4	8	21	4	466		3	14000	1	5000	600		360	1200	425		
23 New Castle		1	12	2	116	7	1	40000	1	5000	4700		1200	4000	800		
24 Newport	16	4	12		321	34	3	35000	1	5000		10000		1200			
25 North East	16	16	17	10	394	10	2	60000	1	3000	36000	800	500	5700	1325		
26 Perryville	4	2	2		190	38	2	15000	1	5100		30		125			
27 Port Deposit	1	10	3		300	15	2	2	50000	1	3000			1260			
28 Red Lion	8	8	7		167	20	4	12000	1	2500		280		350			
29 Rising Sun	10	10	2		108		2	12000	1	2000		425		450			
30 St. Georges & Summit	6	2	4	1	57	11	2	12500	1	500		500		500			
31 St. John's	35	23	20	5	265		4	25000	1	3000	8000	1000		1482			
32 Stanton	9	6	8		218		10	50000	1	3000		400		2310			
33 Zion Circuit	27	14	40	9	505	65	12	40000	1	7000		1106		968			
34 Wilmington-Asbury	3	3	3	20	163	3	4	20000	1	7500		5100		7000	1500		
35 Brandywine	6	15	8	4	159	22	1	30000	1	5000			200	4300	1500		
36 Brack Ex	10	3	12	12	468	10	4	28000	1	5000		480	3200	6800	1210		
37 Cookman	21	22	25	5	320	72	16	40000	1	5000		583		1410			
38 Eastlake	10	4	36	42	1171	181	35	215000	1	15000	12200	2500		21573			
39 Epworth	28	36	30	8	861	89	6	125000	1	10000		800	6000	14000	7267		
40 Grace	5	2	5	2	108	9	2	15000	1	7500				5900	500		
41 Harrison Street	5	5	10		135	15	2	15000	1	3000		150	200	555			
42 Hillcrest	7				300	20	6	20000	1	3500		160	350	1950	800		
43 Kingswood	59	28	56	45	674	22	17	150000	2	25000		500	1000	50000	9438		
44 Madeley	25	25	8	3	351	40	3	55000	1	6000		1169		2455			
45 McCabe	18	9	8	3	363		3	60000	1	9000		400	2000	48000	1100		
46 Mt. Salem	5	30	1	355	30	5	6	55000	1	8000		400	200	2450			
47 Richardson Park	40	5	45	8	420	50	6	100000	1	5000			3864	1736	4750		
48 Scott	26	56	40	30	1134	82	31	90000	1	6500		900	9300	10416			
49 Silverbrook	26	26	11	245	20	4	5	23000	1	9000		500	300	750			
50 St. Paul's	15	14	8	9	504	75	8	65000	1	15000		700	1400	7200	5000		
51 Trinity																	
52 Union																	
Total	701	553	765	370	14084	1121	212	19866	48	1858500	48	278400	107500	41103	30964	196081	95341

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NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support												Bap-tisms
		Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.	Support of Bishops	Support Conf. Cl'mnts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized		
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Par-sonage			Claim	Paid					Claim	
1 Bethel & Town Pt.	C. D. Sharpless.	\$1325	\$1325	\$125	\$55	\$55	\$15	\$10	\$199	\$65	\$1455	\$139	15	6
2 Belle Fonte	J. C. Steen	500	500		30	30	6	6	45	45	581		6	
3 Cedars	John Galloway	450	450		27	27	6	6	68	68	551		11	6
4 Charlestown	A. W. Strickland	1350	1350	150	72	72	17	17	195	195	1634		2	
5 Cherry Hill	C. E. Davis	1750	1750	150	96	96	18	18	262	262	2126		10	12
6 Chesape'ke Cy	W. C. Poole	1800	1700	200	81	81	15	15	247	155	1951	192	19	
7 Chester-Bethel	C. T. Jones	1700	1700	300	80	80	18	18	232	100	1898	132	5	
8 Christiana	P. W. Spence	1200	1380	200	36	36	14	14	165	165	1595		11	
9 Claymont	H. B. Kelso	2400	2400	200	132	132	27	27	330	330	2889		51	7
10 Colora		700	700	200	25	25	7	7	105	20	752	85		
11 Delaware City	V. S. Collins	1890	1890	300	80	80	21	21	225	225	2216		4	4
12 Ebenezer	O. J. Collins	1500	1500	150	81	81	17	17	203	203	1801		7	1
13 Edge Moor	W. E. Fosnocht	300	300		12	12	4	4	45	45	361		4	1
14 Elkton	W. G. Harris	2900	2900	300	156	156	32	32	405	405	3493		11	
15 Elk Neck	H. O. Hufnal	1000	1000		60	60					1060		13	
16 Hockessin	O. B. Reed	1550	1550	240	78	78	17	17	240	100	1745	140	7	
17 Holly Oak	J. E. Layton	900	900	200	28	28	8	8	105	105	1041		15	
18 Hopewell	J. A. Clark	1700	1700	200	90	90	18	18	255	255	2063		16	3
19 Marshallton	Tilghman Smith	2025	2025	300	108	108	22	22	300	235	2390	65	7	
20 Mt. Lebanon	H. M. Parks	1300	1300	200	55	55	15	15	195		1370	195	11	1
21 Mt. Pleasant	V. E. Hills	1650	1650	250	84	84	18	18	217	217	1969		5	
22 Newark	D. W. Jacobs	3400	3400	400	180	180	38	38	465	465	4083		34	12
23 New Castle	T. R. Van Dyke	2800	2800	300	150	150	35	35	420	420	3405		27	1
24 Newport	J. L. Sparklin	1900	1900	200	102	102	21	21	285	285	2308		7	
25 North East	E. M. Shockley	2250	2250	250	120	120	25	25	271	271	2666		13	1
26 Perryville	L. M. Broadway	2500	2500	300	132	132	26	26	345	345	3003		8	
27 Port Deposit	J. S. Eldridge	1800	1800	300	90	90	22	22	255		1912	255	10	2
28 Red Lion	Harry Taylor	1450	1450	250	50	50	15	15	217	50	1565	167	15	
29 Rising Sun	J. C. McCoy	2200	2200	200	120	120	22	22	300	300	2642		16	
30 St. Georges & Summit	O. B. Rice	1900	1900	300	96	96	21	21	285	200	2217	85	19	
31 St. John's	G. A. Cooke	1500	1500	150	75	75	15	15	210	100	1690	110		
32 Stanton	F. C. Louhoff Jr.													

STATISTICAL WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: List No., Number of Schools, No. of Classes Under 18 Years, No. of Classes Using Closely Graded Lessons, Officers and Teachers, Pupils of all Grades, Cradle Roll, Home Department, Total Enrollment, Average Attendance, Church Membership, Finances, Supplemental Report, Epw'th League, Vacation Schools, Senior and Young People, Intermediate and Juniors.

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Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference, Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference, Other Cash Items, Miscellaneous. Sub-columns include: World Service, On Apportionment, Specials, Annuit-ies, Legacies, etc., Children's Day Fund, Woman's Foreign Mis-sionary Society, Woman's Home Mis-sionary Society, Total Disciplinary Be-nevolences, Hospitals and Homes, City Missionary or Ch'h Extension Society, Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, Domestic Missions, 1/2 Salary Conference En-tertainment, Director of Religious Ed-ucation, Other Items, Total Benevolences Or'd by Annual Conference, Annual Conf. Investm'ts for Conf. Claimants, General Conference Ex-penses, Local Preachers, Subscribers to the Advo-cates, Amount Contributed by Ladies Aid Society.



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