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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	1889 Vinal E. Hills
1871 Levin W. Layfield	1890 George W. Bounds
	1890 Melvin D. Nutter
1872 John P. Otis	1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan
	1891 George A. Cooke
1873 Robert Roe	1891 George P. Jones
1876 Wilbur F. Corkran	1892 Theodore F. Beauchamp
1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker	1892 Clarence W. Strickland
	1892 Francis B. Short
1878 Robert K. Stephenson	1893 John P. Outten
	1893 James T. Richardson
1879 Joshua M. Lindale	1894 Henry G. Budd
	1894 John H. Beauchamp
1881 Louis P. Corkran	1895 Edward H. Collins
1882 Allison P. Prettyman	1895 Daniel J. Givan
1882 Charles H. Williams	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	1900 Frank N. Faulkner
1887 Harvey W. Ewing	1900 Goldsborough W. Hastings
	1900 William E. Greenfield
1888 John F. Anderson	1900 Oscar L. Martin
1888 Joshua W. Gray	

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  
 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

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 Ralph L. Minker

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  
 1923 George L. Withey  
 1923 Lawrence E. Wimbrow

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 Peter B. Burleigh  
 1927 John A. Clark  
 1927 Roscoe W. Campbell  
 1927 John R. Diehl  
 1927 Conrad Hamer  
 1927 Harvey O. Hufnal  
 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

1930 Henry T. Caldwell  
 1930 William J. Ennis  
 1930 James M. Faulkner  
 1930 Frank D. Milbury  
 1930 Roland H. Nelson  
 1930 Lucian L. Powell

**(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	Anderson, J. F.	R 2122 Gillis St., Wilmington, Del.	9
1921	Andrews, M. S.	E Dover, Del.	3
1917	Atkins, C. H.	E Tilghman, Md.	2
1924	Bailey, H. N.	E Seaford, Del.	1
1926	Baker, F. A.	D Newark, Md.	3
1923	Barlow, W. G.	E Cherry Hill (P. O. Elkton, Md.)	1
1924	Bartley, O. A.	E Preston, Md.	3
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E Somerset (P. O. Chance, Md.)	1
1892	Beauchamp, T. F.	E Snow Hill, Md.	1
1894	Beauchamp, J. H.	E Wilmington, Del.	10
1897	Bennett, W. O.	E Hurlock, Md.	2
1914	Benson, N. C.	E Frederica, Del.	5
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E Scott (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	4
1920	Bolton, J. C.	E Deal Island, Md.	3
1890	Bounds, G. W.	R Wilmington, Del.	1
1885	Bowman, G. W.	R Laurel, Del.	25
1926	Bradley, S. B.	P Ebenezer (P. O. Newark, Del.)	1
1926	Branford, C. W.	E Ocean View, Md.	4
1926	Branford, H. V.	E Nanticoke, Md.	2
1907	Briggs, W. H.	Sy R. # 3, Vancouver, Washington	4
1915	Broadway, L. M.	E Perryville, Md.	5
1904	Buckson, J. A.	E Chester-Bethel (P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.)	2
1894	Budd, H. G.	E Princess Anne, Md.	2
1909	Bunting, J. J.	E Crisfield, Md.	6
1927	Burleigh, P. B.	P St. Thomas (P. O. Bishop's Head, Md.)	1
1930	Caldwell, H. T.	P Church Hill, Md.	1
1927	Campbell, R. W.	D Magnolia, Del.	4
1915	Clark, C. W.	E Sudlersville, Md.	2
1927	Clark, J. A.	E East New Market, Md.	2
1883	Collins, V. S.	R Wilmington, Del.	2
1895	Collins, E. H.	E Harrington, Del.	7
1924	Collins, O. J.	E Marshallton, Del.	1
1902	Colona, J. W.	E Harrison St. (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1912	Connelly, O. H.	E Dagsboro, Del.	1
1891	Cooke, G. A.	R Wilmington, Del.	1

	Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1876	Corkran, W. F.	R Seaford, Del.	1
1881	Corkran, L. P.	R Church Hill, Md.	14
1918	Cummings, W. H.	E Vienna, Md.	2
1899	Dashiell, E. H.	E Delmar, Del.	2
1900	Davis, Howard	E Selbyville, Del.	2
1921	Davis, C. E.	E Hockessin, Del.	1
1899	Dawson, G. W.	E Centreville, Md.	2
1884	Derrickson, E. H.	R Odessa, Del.	10
1927	Diehl, J. R.	D Mt. Vernon (P. O. Pr. Anne, Md.)	1
1886	Dulany, H. S.	E Asbury (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1885	Easley, J. W.	R 4632 Walnut St., Phila., Pa.	12
1929	Eckhardt, Elwood B.	P Oxford, Md.	2
1902	Eldridge, J. S.	E Grace (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)	1
1930	Ennis, W. J.	P Quantico, Md.	1
1927	Everett, Willard	D Hillsboro, Md.	2
1887	Ewing, H. W.	R Newark, Del.	7
1900	Faulkner, F. N.	R Delmar, Del.	5
1930	Faulkner, J. M.	P Ellendale, Del.	1
1905	Ford, D. J.	E Hebron, Md.	1
1928	Friedel, O. J.	P Pomona (P. O. Chestertown, Md.)	2
1915	Frye, A. B.	E Greensboro, Md.	2
1902	Gardner, J. H.	E Frankford, Del.	1
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.	E Trappe, Md.	2
1895	Givan, D. J.	E Camden, Del.	2
1884	Given, T. N.	R Cheswold, Del.	8
1917	Godwin, W. F.	S Milton, Del.	1
1903	Goodhand, A. W.	E Sharptown, Md.	1
1917	Grant, W. S.	E Rock Hall, Md.	4
1888	Gray, J. W.	R Willards, Md.	8
1928	Green, R. E.	P Fairlee (P. O. Chestertown, Md.)	2
1900	Greenfield, W. E.	E Berlin, Md.	3
1903	Gunby, W. E.	E Newark, Del.	2
1903	Habbart, W. E.	E Dover, Del.	2
1910	Hallman, E. C.	E Denton, Md.	1
1921	Hamblin, S. T.	E Odessa, Del.	2
1927	Hamer, Conrad	D Kenton, Del.	1
1906	Harris, W. G.	E Georgetown, Del.	1
1916	Harris, C. C.	E Eastlake (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1914	Harrison, W. E., Jr.	E McCabe (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	6
1900	Hastings, G. W.	R Blades, Del.	2
1917	Hearn, W. A.	E Easton, Md.	3
1918	Henvis, E. W.	E St. Michaels, Md.	2
1909	Herson, Frank	E Milford, Del.	4
1920	Hess, W. L.	E Galena, Md.	2
1889	Hills, V. E.	E Mt. Pleasant (P. O. Edge Moor, Del.)	6
1918	Hodgson, R. S.	E Townsend, Del.	4
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	R Easton, Md.	13
1897	Holt, T. S.	R Federalsburg, Md.	19

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1910 Hopkins, J. C. B.	E Still Pond, Md.	1
1922 Hudson, C. H.	E Trinity (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1927 Hufnal, H. O.	D Marydel, Md.	1
1896 Jackson, Leolan	E Kent Is. (P. O. Stevensville, Md.)	1
1913 Jacobs, D. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	2
1907 James, O. E.	R Cambridge, Md.	7
1926 Jefferson, O. P.	D Chincoteague, Va.	1
1906 Johns, B. M.	E Grace (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	8
1899 Johnson, J. L.	E Middletown, Del.	2
1891 Jones, G. P.	R Smyrna, Del.	2
1898 Jones, J. W.	E Pocomoke City, Md.	5
1898 Jones, O. E.	E Cambridge, Md.	2
1900 Jones, C. N.	E Milton, Del.	2
1903 Jones, C. T.	E Red Lion (P. O. New Castle, Del.)	2
1915 Jones, R. C.	E Lewes, Del.	1
1898 Kelso, H. B.	E Tangier, Va.	1
1904 Kelso, J. M.	E Dover, Del.	8
1928 Lawrason, N. B.	D Fairmount (P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.)	1
1871 Layfield, L. W.	R Greenwood, Del.	7
1879 Lindale, J. M.	R Chestertown, Md.	12
1912 Lindhorst, F. A.	E At School	1
1928 Louhoff, F. C.	P Elk Neck (P. O. North East, Md.)	2
1905 McCoy, J. C.	E Rising Sun, Md.	6
1905 McDade, H. R.	E Newport, Del.	1
1906 McDowell, E. W.	E Claymont, Del.	1
1927 McRill, J. H.	D Girdletree, Md.	1
1898 McWilliams, Samuel	E Salisbury, Md.	2
1914 Marine, M. W.	E Laurel, Del.	2
1902 Marshall, E. H.	R Salem, Va.	6
1900 Martin, O. L.	R Salisbury, Md.	7
1902 Matthews, W. E.	R Smyrna, Del.	9
1930 Milbury, F. D.	P At School, Madison, N. J.	1
1927 Mills, R. W.	D St. Peter's (P. O. Oriole, Md.)	4
1920 Minker, R. L.	E Silverbrook (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1905 Moore, C. W.	R Cordova, Md.	1
1898 Moore, F. X.	R New Freedom, Pa.	10
1911 Moore, D. J.	E Millsboro, Del.	2
1918 Moore, W. V.	E Mt. Salem (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	5
1905 Morgan, L. B.	E Elkton, Md.	1
1886 Mowbray, W. R.	R Lewes, Del.	5
1930 Nelson, R. H.	P Millington, Md.	1
1907 Nichols, R. P.	E Federalsburg, Md.	3
1890 Nutter, M. D.	R Newark, Del.	1
1928 O'Neil, James	D Nassau, Del.	2
1872 Otis, J. P.	R Wilmington, Del.	12
1893 Outten, J. P.	E Bridgeville, Del.	2

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1924 Parker, J. E.	E Felton, Del.	4
1925 Parks, H. M.	E St. Johns (P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	2
1896 Poole, L. E.	E Cape Charles, Va.	2
1900 Poole, W. C.	E Chesapeake City, Md.	3
1930 Powell, L. L.	P Secretary, Md.	1
1882 Prettyman, A. P.	R Galena, Md.	14
1897 Prettyman, J. W.	E Zion Ct. (P. O. North East, Md.)	8
1909 Prettyman, E. C.	E Wilmington, Del.	16
1908 Price, J. T.	E Fruitland, Md.	2
1886 Prouse, J. T.	R Edge Moor, Del.	18
1885 Reese, J. D.	R Houston, Del.	12
1907 Revelle, W. H.	E North East, Md.	1
1927 Reynolds, P. E.	D Hillcrest (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1911 Rice, O. B.	E Parsonsburg, Md.	1
1893 Richardson, J. T.	R Smyrna, Del.	2
1873 Roe, Robert	R Easton, Md.	19
1918 Rowlenson, J. T.	E Phoebus, Va.	3
1929 Russell, W. L.	P Claremont, Va.	1
1910 Sard, T. J.	E Crisfield, Md.	5
1886 Sharp, W. W.	R Penney Farms, Fla.	6
1919 Shockley, E. M.	E Brandywine (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1892 Short, F. B.	E New York City	10
1922 Short, W. D.	E At School	1
1907 Smith, Tilghman	E Port Deposit and Colora (P. O. Port Deposit, Md.)	1
1906 Sparklin, J. L.	E Madeley (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1926 Spence, P. W.	P Delaware City, Del.	1
1911 Spry, C. W.	E Clayton, Del.	2
1870 Stengle, Adam	R Wilmington, Del.	16
1878 Stephenson, R. K.	R Rehoboth Beach, Del.	2
1912 Sterling, G. E.	E Cookman (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1923 Stockley, D. A.	R Fruitland, Md.	2
1892 Strickland, C. W.	E Epworth (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1928 Strickland, A. W.	D Crumpton, Md.	1
1885 Sunfield, E. C.	R Barnegat, N. J.	9
1908 Sutton, J. W.	E Blades and Epworth (P. O. Seaford, Del.)	2
1928 Tawes, R. L.	D Ridgely, Md.	1
1886 Taylor, W. P.	E Whitesville, Del.	1
1904 Taylor, E. B.	E Crapo, Md.	1
1897 Taylor, Harry	R Dover, Del.	2
1916 Thawley, R. T.	E Cecilton, Md.	2
1903 Thomas, G. S.	E St. Georges and Summit (P. O. St. Georges, Del.)	1
1914 Thomas, E. P.	E Smyrna, Del.	2
1895 Van Dyke, T. R.	E New Castle, Del.	4
1910 Wheatley, M. E.	E Middletown, Del.	1

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1929 Wheatley, G. H.	P Onancock, Va.	2
1919 Whedbee, J. H.	E Hopewell (P.O. Port Deposit, Md.)	2
1908 White, Leonard	E Salisbury, Md.	2
1914 White, Frank	E Richardson Park, Del.	1
1882 Williams, C. H.	R Snow Hill, Md.	17
1885 Willis, D. H.	R Cambridge, Md.	18
1912 Willis, Ivanhoe	E Kingswood (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1887 Wilson, J. H.	R Mt. Lebanon (P.O. Rockland, Del.)	4
1906 Wilson, Daniel	R Centreville, Md.	6
1923 Wimbrow, L. E.	E Grace (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1916 Windsor, L. E.	E Seaford, Del.	5
1884 Wise, W. A.	R Wilmington, Del.	1
1923 Withey, G. L.	E Union (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1886 Wood, G. E.	E Beckwith & Spedden (P. O. Cornersville, Md.)	1
1907 Woodard, A. S.	E St. Paul's (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	5
1905 Woodell, W. R.	E Mt. Pleasant (P. O. Laurel, Del.)	1
1918 Wootten, J. W.	E Ocean City, Md.	1
1922 Wright, J. H.	E Chestertown, Md.	2
1918 Zimmerman, A. F.	E Smith's Is. (P. O. Ewell, Md.)	6

## SUPPLIES.

Name	Appointment	Year
Adams, R. H.	Brack-Ex (P. O. Elsmere, Del.)	11
Atkinson, W. F.	Royal Oak, Md.	2
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**Dover District**—M. S. Andrews, Frank Herson.  
 ✓ **Middletown District**—E. C. Hallman, E. P. Thomas.  
**Salisbury District**—H. G. Budd, E. H. Dashiell.  
**Wilmington District**—T. R. Van Dyke, W. E. Gunby.  
**At Large**—J. W. Colona.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION WITH COMMITTEE FOR SUPPLIES.**

W. E. Greenfield, Frank Herson, W. A. Hearn, E. W. McDowell,  
 W. F. Corkran.

## VII.

### DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. (a) **Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**  
Yes.
- (b) **What Officers and Persons holding Moneys, Funds, etc., are Bonded, and in what Amounts, According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**  
John L. Sparklin, Treasurer, \$50,000; W. A. Hearn, Treasurer Board of Conference Trustees, \$20,000; Geo. P. Jones, Treasurer Board of Stewards, \$60,000.
2. **Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?**  
Peter B. Burleigh, Northern Minnesota; Ralph L. Minker, New Hampshire; Lawrence E. Wimbrow, St. John's River; George L. Withey, New York.
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.**  
Henry T. Caldwell, James M. Faulkner, Roland H. Nelson, Lucian L. Powell.
  - (b) **In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.**  
William J. Ennis, Frank D. Milbury.
  - (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, Walter L. Russell, Preston W. Spence.
  - (b) **In Studies of Second Year.**  
Peter B. Burleigh, Elwood B. Eckhardt, Frederick C. Louhoff, Grayson H. Wheatley.

- (c) **In Studies of Third Year.**  
None.
- (d) **In Studies of Fourth Year.**  
None.
7. **Who have been Discontinued?**  
None.
8. **Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**
  - (a) **Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.**  
Frank A. Baker, Harvey O. Hufnal, Otis P. Jefferson, Nathaniel B. Lawrason, James O'Neil, Alfred W. Strickland, Roy L. Tawes, Paul E. Reynolds.
  - (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.**  
Otis P. Jefferson, Nathaniel B. Lawrason, James O'Neil, Alfred W. Strickland, Roy L. Tawes, Paul E. Reynolds.
  - (b) **Admitted into Full Membership previously.**  
Roscoe W. Campbell, Conrad Hamer.
10. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**  
Frank A. Baker, Harvey O. Hufnal, John R. Diehl, Willard Everett, James H. McRill, Rufus W. Mills.
11. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
  - (a) **Elected and Ordained Elders this year.**  
Harry V. Branford, Charles W. Branford.
  - (b) **Elected and Ordained Elders previously.**  
None.
  - (c) **Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.**  
None.
  - (d) **Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.**  
Oliver J. Collins, subject to his graduation from Drew University.

- (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.  
S. L. Hanby, Malcolm Mussina.
- (b) Under Missionary Rule.  
None.
- (c) Under the Seminary Rule.  
William J. Ennis, Frank D. Milbury.
- (d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.  
None.
- 13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
- (a) As Local Deacons.  
John H. Thornton.
- (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?**  
F. A. Lindhorst, F. D. Milbury, W. D. Short.
- 15. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**  
It was.
- 16. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**  
James A. Leach, New York.
- 17. Who have Died?**  
George T. Alderson, Frank C. MacSorley, Joshua B. McCabe, George E. Reed, George W. Townsend.
- 18. Who have been Located at their own Request?**  
O. B. Reed.
- 19. Who have been Located?**  
None.

- 20. Who have Withdrawn?**
- (a) From the Ministry.  
None.
- (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?**  
None.
- 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 (4), W. F. Godwin (1).
- 26. Who are the Retired Ministers?**  
J. F. Anderson, G. W. Bounds, G. W. Bowman, V. S. Collins, G. A. Cooke, L. P. Corkran, W. F. Corkran, E. H. Derrickson, J. W. Easley, H. W. Ewing, F. N. Faulkner, T. N. Given, J. W. Gray, G. W. Hastings, E. L. Hoffecker, T. S. Holt, O. E. James, G. P. Jones, L. W. Layfield, J. M. Lindale, O. L. Martin, E. H. Marshall, W. E. Matthews, C. W. Moore, F. X. Moore, W. R. Mowbray, M. D. Nutter, J. P. Otis, A. P. Prettyman, J. T. Prouse, J. D. Reese, J. T. Richardson, Robert Roe, W. W. Sharp, Adam Stengle, R. K. Stephenson, D. A. Stockely, E. C. Sunfield, Harry Taylor, C. H. Williams, D. H. Willis, Daniel Wilson, J. H. Wilson, W. A. Wise.
- 27. Who have been Granted Leave of Absence?**  
None.
- 28. Who are the Triers of Appeals?**  
W. R. Mowbray, E. H. Dashiell, W. O. Bennett, V. S. Collins, W. A. Wise. Reserves: G. W. Dawson, 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?  
\$117,659.
- (b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolence Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?  
\$24,010.
34. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?  
For Annuity distribution, ——— years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$— per year, \$49,804. For Necessitous distribution, \$8,000. Total, \$57,804.
35. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?  
From The Book Concern, \$2600; From Annual Conf. Investments, \$11,457.16; From the Chartered Fund, \$50; From Pastoral Charges, \$39,276 From Board of Pensions and Relief, \$—; From Other Sources, \$1768. Total, \$54,151.17.
- (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?  
Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Crisfield, Maryland.

## VIII.

## APPOINTMENTS.

## DOVER DISTRICT.

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

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

## MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

J. L. Johnson, District Superintendent, (P. O. Middletown, Del.)	
Barclay Circuit, (Sup.) L. P. Corkran	Marydel Larger Parish,
P. O. Church Hill, Md.	B. F. Wentworth and H. O. Hufnal
Bayside, (Sup.) L. T. McLain	P. O. Marydel, Md.
P. O. Sherwood, Md.	Middletown, Del., M. E. Wheatley
Bozman and Neavitt,	Millington, Md., R. H. Nelson
(Sup.) Alonzo Travers	Odessa & Friendship, S. T. Hamblin
P. O. Bozman, Md.	P. O. Odessa, Del.
Burrsville, (Sup.) W. I. Littleton	Oxford, Md., E. B. Eckhardt
P. O. Denton, Md.	Piney Neck, (Sup.) T. S. Barrett
Cecilton, Md., R. T. Thawley	P. O. Rock Hall, Md.
Centreville, Md., G. W. Dawson	Pomona, O. J. Friedel
Chestertown, Md., J. Harry Wright	P. O. Chestertown, Md.
Cheswold, Del., (Sup.) J. C. Hanby	Preston, Md., O. A. Bartley
Church Hill, Md., H. T. Caldwell	Queenstown, Md.,
Clayton, Del., C. W. Spry	(Sup.) A. G. Thomas
Concord, (Sup.) S. L. Hanby	Ridgely, Md., R. L. Tawes
P. O., Federalsburg, Md.	Rock Hall, Md., W. S. Grant
Cordova, Md.,	Royal Oak, Md.,
(Sup.) R. Bowen Moore	(Sup.) W. F. Atkinson
Crumpton, Md., A. W. Strickland	St. Michaels, Md., E. W. Hennis
Denton, Md., E. C. Hallman	Smyrna, Del., E. P. Thomas
Easton, Md., W. A. Hearn	Still Pond & Betterton,
Fairlee, R. E. Green	J. C. B. Hopkins
P. O. Chestertown, Md.	P. O. Still Pond, Md.
Galena, Md., W. L. Hess	Sudlersville, Md., C. W. Clark
Greensboro, Md., A. B. Frye	Tilghman, Md., C. H. Atkins
Hillsboro, Md., Willard Everrett	Townsend, Del., R. S. Hodgson
Kent Island, Leolan Jackson	Trappe, Md., J. H. Geoghegan
P. O. Stevensville, Md.	Wye Mills & Starr,
Kenton, Del., Conrad Hamer	(Sup.) W. L. McClintock
	P. O. Wye Mills, Md.

## SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

Berlin, Md., W. E. Greenfield	Dagsboro & St. Georges,
Bishopville, Md.,	O. H. Connelly
(Sup.) R. H. Wilson	P. O. Dagsboro, Del.
Cape Charles, Va., L. E. Poole	Deal's Island, Md., J. C. Bolton
Chincoteague, Va., O. P. Jefferson	Delmar, Del., E. H. Dashiell
Claremont, Va., W. L. Russell	Fairmount, N. B. Lawrason
Crisfield, Md.:	P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.
Asbury, T. J. Sard	Frankford, Del., J. H. Gardner
Immanuel, J. J. Bunting	Fruitland, Md., J. T. Price

Girdletree, Md., J. H. McRill	Princess Anne, Md., H. G. Budd
Gumboro, (Sup.) J. P. Kelley	Quantico, Md., W. J. Ennis
P. O. Frankford, Del.	Roxana, Del., (Sup.) F. K. McCorkle
Hebron, Md., D. J. Ford	St. Peter's, R. W. Mills
Mardela Springs, Md.,	P. O. Oriole, Md.
(Sup.) J. H. Thornton	Salisbury, Md.:
Marion, Md., (Sup.) J. T. Graham	Asbury, Samuel McWilliams
Mt. Vernon, J. R. Diehl	Grace, J. S. Eldridge
P. O. Princess Anne, Md.	Selbyville, Del., Howard Davis
Nanticoke, Md., H. V. Branford	Sharptown, Md., A. W. Goodhand
Newark, Md., F. A. Baker	Smith's Island, A. F. Zimmerman
Ocean City, Md., J. W. Wootten	P. O. Ewell, Md.
Ocean View and Millville,	Snow Hill, Md., T. F. Beauchamp
C. W. Branford	Somerset, O. T. Baynard
P. O. Ocean View, Del.	P. O. Chance, Md.
Onancock, Va., G. H. Wheatley	Stockton, Md.,
Parsonsburg, Md., O. B. Rice	(Sup.) D. B. Prettyman
Phoebus, Va., J. T. Rowlenson	Tangier, Va., H. B. Kelso
Pittsville, Md., (Sup.) D. E. Carr	Westover, Md.,
Pocomoke City, Md., J. W. Jones	(Sup.) C. S. Larrimore
Pocomoke Circuit,	White Haven, Md.,
(Sup.) Carroll Justis	(Sup.) David Campbell
P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.	Whitesville, Del., W. P. Taylor
Powellville, (Sup.) C. V. Smith	Willards, Md., (Sup.) J. W. Gray
P. O. Pittsville, Md.	

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

D. W. Jacobs, District Superintendent, (P. O. 2705 N. Harrison St., Wilmington, Del.)

Bethel and Town Point,	Elk Neck, F. C. Louhoff
(Sup.) C. D. Sharpless	P. O. North East, Md.
P. O. Chesapeake City, Md.	Elkton, Md., L. B. Morgan
Charlestown, Md., (Sup.) J. G. Lynn	Hockessin and Cedars, C. E. Davis
Cherry Hill, W. G. Barlow	P. O. Hockessin, Del.
P. O. Elkton, Md.	Holly Oak, Del., (Sup.) J. E. Layton
Chesapeake City, Md., W. C. Poole	Hopewell, J. H. Whedbee
Chester-Bethel, J. A. Buckson	P. O. Port Deposit, Md.
P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.	Marshallton, Del., O. J. Collins
Christiana, Del., (Sup.) R. M. Green	Mt. Lebanon, (Sup.) T. O. M. Wills
Claymont, Del., E. W. McDowell	P. O. Rockland, Del.
Delaware City, Del., P. W. Spence	Mt. Pleasant, V. E. Hills
Ebenezer, S. B. Bradley	P. O. Edge Moor, Del.
P. O. Newark, Del.	Newark, Del., W. E. Gunby
Edge Moor, Del.,	New Castle, Del., T. R. Van Dyke
(Sup.) W. E. Fosnocht	Newport, Del., H. R. McDade



North East, Md.,	W. H. Revelle	Brack-Ex, (Sup.)	R. H. Adams
Perryville, Md.,	L. M. Broadway		P. O. Elsmere, Del.
Port Deposit and Colora,	Tilghman Smith	Brandywine,	E. M. Shockley
	P. O. Port Deposit, Md.	Cookman,	G. E. Sterling
Red Lion, Del.,	C. T. Jones	Eastlake,	C. C. Harris
	P. O. New Castle, Del.	Epworth,	C. W. Strickland
Rising Sun, Md.,	J. C. McCoy	Grace,	B. M. Johns
St. George's & Summit,	G. S. Thomas		and L. E. Wimbrow
	P. O. St. George's, Del.	Harrison Street,	J. W. Colona
St. John's,	H. M. Parks	Hillcrest,	P. E. Reynolds
	P. O. Lewisville, Pa.	Kingswood,	Ivanhoe Willis
Stanton, Del., (Sup.)	J. B. Vaughn	Madeley,	J. L. Sparklin
Zion Circuit,	J. W. Prettyman	McCabe,	W. E. Harrison, Jr.
	P. O. North East, Md.	Mt. Salem,	W. V. Moore
Wilmington:		Richardson Park,	Frank White
Asbury,	H. S. Dulany	Scott,	J. R. Bicking
Bellefonte,	(Sup.) J. C. Steen	Silverbrook,	R. L. Minker
		St. Paul's,	A. S. Woodard
		Trinity,	C. H. Hudson
		Union,	G. L. Withey

- J. H. Beauchamp, Superintendent of Goodwill Industries, Asbury Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.
- E. C. Prettyman, Superintendent Connecticut Anti-Saloon League, McCabe Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.
- J. M. Kelso, Professor, Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.
- F. B. Short, Lecturer for Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, Grace Quarterly Conference, Wilmington, Del.
- F. A. Lindhorst, left without appointment to attend school.
- F. Douglas Milbury, left without appointment to attend school.
- W. D. Short, left without appointment to attend school.
- Miss Minnie Pabst, Mary Todd Gambrill Settlement House.
- Miss Clarabel Winchester, Supt. Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home.
- Miss Elizabeth Hall, New Castle Quarterly Conference.

## IX.

## JOURNAL.

### DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

#### FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—The Wilmington Annual Conference assembled for its Sixty-Second Session in Silverbrook Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, on Wednesday morning, March 26, 1930, at nine o'clock, Bishop Frederick D. Leete presiding and conducting the devotions. W. O. Hoffecker led in prayer.

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

**ROLL CALL.**—The Secretary of the previous Conference called the roll, one hundred and forty-five members and probationers responding to their names. Conference arose and stood while the Secretary called the names of our deceased brethren. Harvey W. Ewing led in prayer.

**ORGANIZATION.**—**Secretary.**—The following were nominated for the office of Secretary: J. R. Bicking, E. M. Shockley, Tilghman Smith and O. A. Bartley, Tilghman Smith withdrawing his name. On motion it was decided that a majority vote would elect. The ballot was taken and J. R. Bicking having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected. The Secretary named as his assistants E. M. Shockley, J. H. Wright and O. A. Bartley, and they were confirmed.

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

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

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

**BISHOP LEETE.**—The following resolution was presented by Leonard White and it was adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

We, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference, wish to record our pleasure at the assignment of Bishop Fredrick D. Leete as Presiding Bishop at this session of our Conference, and we hereby

extend to him a most cordial welcome to our midst, praying that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we may have a Conference rich in spiritual blessing and power.

**GREETINGS TO BISHOP McDOWELL.**—Leonard White announced greetings from Bishop W. F. McDowell and on his motion the Secretary was instructed to return the greetings of the Conference.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—On motion of G. P. Jones, consideration of the change in charter of the Board of Stewards was made the order of the day immediately after convening this afternoon.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—On motion of E. C. Hallman, an executive session was ordered for Thursday at 1:30 P. M.

**BAR OF CONFERENCE.**—The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the church auditorium with the exception of the last four rows of pews.

**WELCOME.**—On behalf of the Pastor, officials and members of Silverbrook Church, D. W. Jacobs made a short historical statement concerning the church and welcomed the Conference, Bishop Leete responding.

**CONFERENCE RELATIONS.**—On motion of Leonard White, Secretary of the Cabinet, all cases of men in the retired and supernumerary relation, seeking a change of relation, were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

**CHANGE OF RELATION.**—On motion of Leonard White, Secretary of the Cabinet, the requests of the following were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, C. W. Moore, G. W. Bounds, W. F. Corkran, W. A. Wise, and M. D. Nutter for the retired relation, W. F. Goodwin for the Supernumerary relation and O. B. Reed, that he be located.

#### Memorial Service.

The order of the day was called, and R. K. Stephenson was requested to preside at the Memorial Service. W. E. Matthews led in prayer.

The memoir of Joshua B. McCabe was presented and read by Essel P. Thomas; that of G. T. Alderson by T. R. VanDyke; that of George W. Townsend by Wilbur F. Corkran; that of George E. Reed by B. M. Johns and that of Frank C. MacSorley by Harvey W. Ewing.

The memoir of Mrs. Marilla Gould Sunfield was read by W. F. Corkran.

On motion of G. W. Dawson, Conference then postponed further reading of memoirs until this afternoon's session.

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

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Conference then adjourned, Bishop Leete pronouncing the benediction.

## SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

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

### Memorial Service.

R. K. Stephenson was called to the chair.

The memoir of Mrs. Henrietta C. Bowman, prepared by W. E. P. Haas of the Philadelphia Conference, was read by Marion W. Marine; that of Mrs. Sarah B. Bain, prepared by W. W. Banks of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, was read by Henry G. Budd; that of Mrs. Clara Wilson Koons by J. C. McCoy.

On motion of R. K. Stephenson the memoir of Mrs. Mary E. Foreman was ordered printed in the minutes without reading.

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

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

**DRAFTS.**—The Bishop presented a draft from the Chartered Fund amounting to \$50.00, and one from the Methodist Book Concern for \$2383.88 and they were ordered paid in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

**QUESTION 16.**—The Sixteenth Question, "Who have been transferred and to what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of James A. Leach to the New York 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 George L. Withey from the New York Conference; that of Lawrence E. Wimbrow from the St. John's River Conference; that of Ralph L. Minker from the New Hampshire Conference, and that of Peter B. Burleigh from the Northern Minnesota Conference.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—The order of the day was taken up and G. P. Jones read a certificate from the Board of Stewards relative to a change in the charter and on motion of G. W. Dawson, Conference voted to concur with the Board of Stewards in securing the amendment to their charter submitted to us at this the 1930 session of the Conference, said amendment to be secured in harmony with the laws of the State of Delaware and of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

George A. Cooke requested that he be recorded as voting in the negative.

Leonard White, Secretary of the Cabinet, presented the following nominations for members of the Board of Stewards and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot: Wilmington District: Ministerial, L. B.

Morgan for two years; Lay, F. P. Gentieu for two years. Dover District: Ministerial, L. E. Windsor for two years; Lay, T. N. Rawlins for two years. Middletown District: Ministerial, E. P. Thomas for one year; Lay, Jefferson Cooper for one year. Salisbury District: Ministerial, J. W. Jones for one year; Lay, Ralph O. Dulaney for one year.

**CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, consideration of matters pertaining to the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society was made the order of the day for Thursday afternoon.

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

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, the Bishop pronouncing the benediction.

### THIRD SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at nine o'clock, Bishop Leete presiding and conducting the devotions.

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

**G. A. COOKE.**—G. A. Cooke presented a paper explaining his vote in the negative on the concurrence of the Conference in amending the charter of the Board of Stewards. On motion, this paper was laid on the table.

**ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The order of the day was taken up. W. E. Gunby read the report of the Board of Education and it was adopted with the recommendations contained therein. The report of the committee on Educational Institutions and the report of the Board of Epworth League were ordered published in the minutes without reading.

J. H. Wright brought an informal report of the Committee on Education and the formal report was ordered printed without being read.

James H. Bishop, Conference Director of Religious Education, read his report and it was adopted with the recommendations contained therein. On motion of W. E. Gunby, Conference requested the re-election of Mr. Bishop.

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT.**—Leonard White presented and read the joint report of the District Superintendents. The report was adopted. On motion of L. B. Morgan, amended by J. W. Prettyman, Conference by rising vote gave hearty approval of the new method adopted of reporting their work and requested that it be continued.

**EXCUSED.**—J. H. Wright and Ivanhoe Willis were excused to attend funerals.

**STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS.**—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.

**FRATERNAL GREETINGS.**—The Revs. C. Morgan Compher, Raymond A. White and J. L. Ward, representing the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, were introduced, the first named bringing the greetings of that Conference, the Bishop responding.

**WORLD SERVICE.**—Dr. Thomas S. Brock of the New Jersey Conference, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of World Service.

**GENERAL CONFERENCE.**—L. B. Morgan presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Atlantic City is well qualified by her large number of excellent hotels to accommodate thousands of people with ease and acceptability; and

WHEREAS, A stately and commodious auditorium has been erected by the city containing a large Convention Hall and Assembly Hall, together with a large number of committee rooms and every modern facility for large conventions; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference in meeting assembled, request the Commission on Entertainment to use its utmost effort to make satisfactory arrangements for holding the next General Conference at Atlantic City; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of this Annual Conference be and hereby is instructed to send a copy of this resolution to said Commission on Entertainment immediately after the adjournment of this Conference.

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

**BISHOP'S ADDRESS.**—Bishop Leete read the first four verses of the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles and gave an illuminating and inspiring address on "The Meaning of Pentecost."

**CORPORATE SESSION.**—The Conference went into Corporate Session for the purpose of electing ministerial trustees of the Wesley Collegiate Institute, W. O. Hoffecker, President of the Board, presiding. The following were nominated and elected trustees for the term of three

years: J. L. Johnson, V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran, L. B. Morgan, and T. F. Beauchamp. W. G. Harris was elected to fill the unexpired term of F. C. MacSorley, deceased.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made, the doxology was sung and Conference adjourned, Bishop Leete pronouncing the benediction.

#### FOURTH SESSION—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened in Executive Session at 1.30 o'clock, Bishop Leete presiding and conducting the devotions. A. F. Zimmerman and W. L. Hess were appointed doorkeepers.

On motion of W. E. Gunby the lay trustees of Wesley Collegiate Institute were permitted to remain until after consideration of matters pertaining to the Institute.

**GROUP INSURANCE.**—On motion of G. W. Dawson, a special session to consider Group Insurance was ordered for Saturday afternoon at 1:30.

**WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.**—W. E. Gunby read a statement concerning the Wesley Collegiate Institute, after which Mr. Melvin Hopkins, Mr. Harry Mayer and President C. A. Short were granted the privilege of the floor and addressed the Conference on behalf of the Institute.

**CHAIR.**—W. E. Gunby assumed the chair at the request of the Bishop. After discussion, W. F. Corkran assumed the chair and W. E. Gunby presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

WHEREAS, The Wesley Collegiate Institute has through all its time-honored history stood for all that is best in Christian Education and

WHEREAS, It has trained many of our youth for useful service in all the higher reaches of life, and

WHEREAS, It has been through the years, and continues to be, an almost indispensable factor in the educational preparation of so many members of this Conference, and other Conferences, as well as lay-helpers in our Churches, and

WHEREAS, The urgent need for the type of work done at this Institution is just as apparent today, as in any previous age; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, 1. That it is the policy of the Wilmington Conference to continue the work of the Wesley Collegiate Institute indefinitely, and

2. That we pledge ourselves this day to renewed loyalty and devotion to the interests of this Institution, and

3. That we urgently call upon all Pastors, and those in administrative capacities, and the Alumnae of this Institution, and our Methodist constituency generally, to give to this, our School, the cordial support it merits and deserves, and which its unique relation, and strategic importance render both vital and imperative.

On motion of Tilghman Smith, Conference authorized the Trustees of the Institute to take whatever steps necessary for financing the Institute.

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

**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 Henry T. Caldwell, Roland H. Nelson, Lucian L. Powell and James M. Faulkner. They were introduced to the Conference, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendents represented and by formal action they were Received on Trial and placed in the Studies of First Year.

The recommendations were received in due form for Admission on Trial of William J. Ennis and Frank D. Milbury, they were introduced to the Conference, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendents represented and they were admitted on Trial, placed in Studies of Third Year and elected to Deacon's Orders under the Seminary Rule.

**QUESTION 8.**—The Eighth Question, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Otis P. Jefferson, James O'Neil, Alfred W. Strickland, Roy L. Tawes and Nathaniel B. Lawrason were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented, the Committee recommended, they were elected to Deacon's Orders, advanced to Studies of Third Year and Conference voted to admit them into Full Membership on condition they answer satisfactorily the usual disciplinary questions.

Frank A. Baker and Harvey O. Hufnal were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented, the Committee recommended, they were elected to Deacon's Orders, advanced to Studies of Fourth Year, the first named being conditioned in one study, and Conference voted to admit them into Full Membership on condition they answer satisfactorily the usual disciplinary questions.

**ORDER OF THE DAY.**—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, consideration of the financial status of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society was made the order of the day for Friday morning at ten o'clock.

**G. S. ALLEN.**—L. E. Windsor presented a resolution from Reliance Quarterly Conference recommending that the credentials of George S. Allen be returned to him and that he be restored to membership in the Wilmington Annual Conference.

On motion of J. W. Colona, this paper was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Conference then adjourned.

#### FIFTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at nine o'clock, Bishop Leete presiding and conducting the devotions.

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

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Robert A. Brooks, representing the Methodist Book Concern, and Dr. Arlo A. Brown, President of Drew University, were introduced and addressed the Conference. On motion of C. N. Jones, Conference requested Dr. Brown to convey our greetings to J. M. Lindale.

**EXCUSED.**—J. W. Prettyman was excused to attend a funeral.

**ORDER OF THE DAY.**—Eleven o'clock Saturday morning was fixed as the hour for receiving the class into Full Membership.

**QUESTION 11.**—The Eleventh Question, "What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Harry V. Branford and Charles W. Branford were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and, on motion, they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elder's Orders.

Oliver J. Collins 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, subject to his graduation from Drew University.

**QUESTION 12.**—The Twelfth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up. The recommendations of Malcolm Mussina and S. L. Hanby were received in due form for their election to Deacon'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 6.**—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Preston W. Spence, Sidney B. Bradley, Oliver J. Friedel, Robert E. Green and Walter L. Russell were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and they were Continued on Trial in Studies of First Year.

Frederick C. Louhoff, Elwood B. Eckhardt and Grayson H. Wheatley were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and they

were Continued on Trial and advanced to Studies of Second Year. It was announced that Peter B. Burleigh, transferred from the Northern Minnesota Conference, is on Trial in Studies of Second Year.

**QUESTION 10.**—The Tenth Question, "What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up. Willard Everett, John R. Diehl, Rufus W. Mills and James R. McRill were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and they were advanced to Studies of Fourth Year.

Roscoe W. Campbell and Conrad Hamer were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and they were continued in Studies of Third Year.

**QUESTION 39.**—The Thirty-Ninth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. Through its Pastor, Thomas J. Sard, Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Crisfield, Maryland, invited the Conference to hold its next annual session in said church on Plan No. 3. The invitation was unanimously accepted.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Andrew J. Dolbow, through whose efforts the work at Silverbrook was inaugurated, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The order of the day was taken up and D. W. Jacobs, Executive Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, presented a statement showing the financial status of the Society. Miss Elizabeth DeMaris was granted the privilege of the floor and spoke of her work at Wesley Community Center. D. W. Jacobs then moved that the following recommendation be adopted:

That the Society's program for the next year be formulated on the basis of the receipts from apportionments to pastoral charges the previous Conference year, and that we respectfully request the Home Board to continue its cooperation on this basis with the understanding that as the receipts from pastoral charges increase the Home Board will increase its appropriations to our work and the program of our Society will be enlarged accordingly.

On motion of Leonard White, amended by E. H. Dashiell, Conference voted to take, on Easter Sunday, a special collection in every Charge, and remit immediately the full amount of their apportionment for the Society and pay any balance toward World Service, each Pastor being urged to pledge himself to make such an appeal and take such a collection. The passage of this motion included the recommendation presented by Executive Secretary Jacobs.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Dr. Clarence True Wilson, General Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. Thomas A. Stafford, Recording Secretary of the Board of Pen-

sions and Relief, was introduced and addressed the Conference, presenting an appropriation from the Board amounting to \$184.00 to be applied to the Necessitous Fund.

**PENSION PLAN.**—On motion of E. H. Dashiell, Conference authorized a committee of nine to study the new pension plan, the committee to be constituted as follows: Two from each district, to be nominated by the District Superintendents, and one at large.

**INTRODUCTION.**—D. H. Hargis, District Superintendent of the Wilmington District of the Delaware Conference, was introduced to the Conference.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**—Announcements were made.

**BISHOP'S ADDRESS.**—Bishop Leete addressed the Conference, giving a helpful exposition of the Eighth Chapter of Romans.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Conference then adjourned, Bishop Leete pronouncing the benediction.

#### SIXTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at nine o'clock, Bishop Leete presiding and conducting the devotions.

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

**CONF. CLAIM. ENDOWMENT FUND.**—W. F. Corkran, Field Secretary of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission, read his report, which was adopted.

**METHODIST REVIEW.**—C. N. Jones was appointed Agent for the Methodist Review.

**CONF. HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**—E. C. Hallman presented the report of the Historical Society, which was adopted and the following officers were elected: E. C. Hallman, President, H. S. Dulany, Vice President; Ivanhoe Willis, Vice President, R. T. Thawley, Vice President; O. A. Bartley, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; John Kelso, Research Secretary.

On motion of E. C. Hallman, the Historical Society was granted the sum of \$100 from the Conference Budget for expenses during the coming year.

**QUESTION 15.**—The Fifteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was taken up. Each of the District Superintendents was called, his character passed, together with the characters of the Effective Elders on his district.

**CHANGE OF RELATION.**—The Committee on Conference Relations made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee recommends that W. A. Wise, W. F. Corkran, M. D. Nutter and G. W. Bounds be granted the retired relation, by their request.

That C. W. Moore be given the retired relation because of physical disability and that W. H. Briggs be continued in the Supernumerary relation.

That W. F. Godwin's relation be changed from Effective to Supernumerary.

The Committee recommends that O. B. Reed be granted Location in accordance with his request.

The Committee recommends that the relation of G. A. Cooke be changed from Supernumerary to Retired, at his own request.

**G. S. ALLEN.**—The Committee on Conference Relations made the following report on the paper concerning G. S. Allen:

The paper referred to the Conference Relations Committee relative to the case of G. S. Allen by the Quarterly Conference of Reliance Charge, recommending his reinstatement, to our Conference, the Committee begs to report that the form of the paper appears to be in harmony with Par. 356 of our discipline, and, therefore, can be presented to the Conference.

On motion of J. W. Colona, discussion of this paper was referred to an Executive Session to be held Monday morning at 8:30.

**CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.**—W. A. Hearn, Treasurer of the Conference Board of Trustees, made his report, which was adopted.

**GOOD WILL INDUSTRIES.**—John H. Beauchamp, Superintendent of the Wilmington Good Will Industries, made his report, which was adopted.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Dr. Allan MacRossie, Director of the Commission on the Courses of Study, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**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.

**QUESTION 15.**—The Fifteenth Question, "Was the Character of each preacher examined?" was resumed. The character of the members in the Supernumerary Relation were passed. The characters of the men in the conference classes were passed, as were the characters of the men in detached service.

The characters of the members of the Conference as a whole were then passed.

**WILLIAM H. BRIGGS.**—The Secretary was instructed to write to William H. Briggs assuring him of our love, our sympathy and our prayers.

**QUESTION 8.**—The Eighth Question, "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was resumed. Paul E. Reynolds was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendent represented and he was elected to Deacon's Orders, advanced to Studies of Third Year and Conference voted to admit him into Full Membership on condition he answer satisfactorily the usual disciplinary questions.

**CONF. DEACONESS BOARD.**—On motion, the following were elected ministerial members of the Conference Deaconess Board: District Superintendents, ex-officio; T. R. VanDyke, W. G. Harris, R. C. Jones, Howard Davis.

**DISTRICT SUPT. SALARIES.**—W. A. Hearn read a report of the committee appointed at the last Conference Session concerning equalization of District Superintendents' salaries.

On motion of W. F. Corkran, action was deferred until the 1932 Session and the Committee was discharged.

**CONFERENCE BUDGET.**—On motion of T. R. VanDyke, the following were elected members of the Bureau of Conference Budget to serve for a term of three years: T. F. Beauchamp, R. K. Stephenson and George E. King. J. W. Colona was elected to fill the unexpired term of G. T. Alderson, deceased.

**BOARDS & SOCIETIES.**—Leonard White, on behalf of the Cabinet, nominated the members of the various Boards and Societies, and they were confirmed.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS.**—On motion of Tilghman Smith, the following were elected members of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications for a term of three years, the Secretary casting the ballot: M. W. Marine, L. E. Windsor, M. E. Wheatley and J. W. Colona. W. G. Harris was elected to fill the unexpired term of F. C. MacSorley, deceased.

**WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.**—M. E. Wheatley, D. W. Jacobs, M. S. Andrews, W. O. Hoeffcker, A. C. Humphries and J. M. Tawes were elected members of the Board of Managers of the Wilmington Conference Education Society, the Secretary casting the ballot. L. E. Wimbrow was elected to fill the unexpired term of F. C. MacSorley.

**COMM. ON CONF. RELATIONS.**—On motion of G. W. Dawson, the following were elected members of the Committee on Conference Relations to serve for a term of three years: G. P. Jones, J. J. Bunting, J. W. Jones and L. M. Broadway.

**EXCUSED.**—G. P. Jones and R. K. Stephenson were excused to attend a funeral.

**QUESTION 8.**—The Eighth Question, "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was resumed. F. A. Baker, H. O. Hufnal, O. P. Jefferson, N. B. Lawrason, James O'Neil, A. W. Strickland, R. L. Tawes and P. E. Reynolds were called and after an address by the Bishop on "The Leadership of the Holy Spirit," they answered satisfactorily the usual disciplinary questions and they were admitted into Full Membership.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Dr. George Elliott, Editor of the Methodist Review, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**QUESTION 13.**—The Thirteenth Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up. John H. Thornton was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and he was elected to Elder's Orders under the Local Rule. It was verified by W. E. Gunby and the Registrar that his Quarterly Conference Certificate of recommendation had been received at a previous session of the Conference.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**—On motion of E. C. Hallman, supply pastors were granted the privilege of the floor at the afternoon session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—On motion of J. W. Colona, an Executive Session was ordered for Monday morning at 8:30.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Prayer was offered by Dr. Allan MacRossie and Conference adjourned, the Bishop pronouncing the benediction.

#### SEVENTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 1:30 with E. H. Dashiell presiding and conducting the devotions. A. S. Woodard led in prayer.

**TRUSTEES OF THE WILM. ANNUAL CONF.**—On motion of J. M. Kelso the following were elected Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference for a term of three years: J. T. Richardson, E. H. Dashiell and H. S. Dulany. M. S. Andrews was elected to fill the unexpired term of J. M. Kelso, resigned.

**GROUP INSURANCE.**—The order of the day was taken up and E. C. Hallman presented a report on behalf of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission relating to the plan for insuring the active members of the Conference and active supply pastors. On motion, this report was adopted.

On motion, the lay members of the Conference Claimant Endowment Commission were granted the privilege of the floor.

On motion of T. F. Beauchamp, Conference ordered that machinery be set up to make Group Insurance operative immediately.

After discussion, on motion of E. C. Hallman, the following was adopted:

1. That we endeavor to insure every active member of the Conference and every supply for \$1000.
2. That every member so insured shall pay directly to the sum of \$7.20 and that we contribute to the Contingent Relief Fund such amount as the Contingent Fund may assess through the Board of Stewards.
3. That the Treasurer of the Contingent Relief Fund be authorized to pay a sufficient amount of money to make up the difference between the \$7.20 and the necessary amount.
4. That the sub-committee is authorized to enter into contract with such company as presents the best business proposition when a sufficient amount of money is in hand to pay the premium and that the committee in dealing with the company lay the whole matter before them.

On motion of W. E. Gunby, the sub-committee was authorized to edit the motion so as to take care of any legal technicalities and at the same time preserve the sentiment of the motion. (See Monday's Journal for final action.)

**INTRODUCTION.**—Dr. John M. Long, President of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**SUPPLY PASTORS.**—J. S. Potts, Secretary of the Supply Pastors' Association, requested the appointment of a committee of five from the Conference to meet with the supply preachers in matters of mutual interest. On motion, the request was referred to the Cabinet for nominations.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Conference then adjourned, W. A. Wise pronouncing the benediction.

#### EIGHTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

##### Ordination Service.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at three o'clock, Bishop Leete presiding, and conducting the devotions.

**DEACONS.**—After an address by the Bishop, the Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders, and Frank A. Baker, Harvey O. Hufnal, Otis P. Jefferson, Nathaniel B. Lawrason, James O'Neil, Alfred W. Strickland, Roy L. Tawes, Paul E.

Reynolds, William J. Ennis, Frank D. Milbury, S. L. Hanby and Malcolm Mussina, were ordained as Deacons, the last two being ordained under the Local Rule.

**ELDERS.**—Those elected to Elder's Orders were called and presented, and the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents, and other Elders, ordained Harry V. Branford, Charles W. Branford and John H. Thornton as Elders, the last named being ordained under the Local Rule.

#### CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that on the thirtieth day of March, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty, I ordained as DEACONS

Frank A. Baker	Roy L. Tawes
Harvey O. Hufnal	Paul E. Reynolds
Otis P. Jefferson	William J. Ennis
Nathaniel B. Lawrason	Frank D. Milbury
James O'Neil	S. L. Hanby
Alfred W. Strickland	Malcolm Mussina

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

Harry V. Branford
Charles W. Branford
John H. Thornton

they having been duly elected to the above orders respectively by the Wilmington Annual Conference. S. L. Hanby, Malcolm Mussina and John H. Thornton were ordained under the Local Rule.

FREDERICK D. LEETE,  
Bishop.

Wilmington, Del.

#### NINTH SESSION—MONDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 8:30 A. M. in Executive Session, Bishop Leete presiding and conducting the devotions.

N. B. Lawrason and H. M. Parks were appointed doorkeepers.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—On motion of E. P. Thomas the sum of \$7,000 was ordered for necessitous cases.

**G. S. ALLEN.**—On motion of L. E. Windsor, the paper referring to G. S. Allen was ordered filed with the Secretary.

**OPEN SESSION.**—On motion, Executive Session was suspended.



**JOURNALS.**—The journals of Saturday's Sessions and Sunday's Session were read and approved, after Saturday's action on Group Insurance was reconsidered.

**GROUP INSURANCE.**—On motion of G. W. Dawson, action on the Group Insurance Plan was suspended and referred to a special committee consisting of E. C. Hallman, E. H. Dashiell and J. W. Colona.

The following report of this Special Committee was read and adopted:

1. That we endeavor to insure every active member of the Conference and every Supply for \$1,000.00.

2. That we elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and that all members of the Conference and Supplies who are insured shall pay directly to the Treasurer of the Commission annually in advance, the sum of sixty cents per month per thousand as required by law.

3. That the Commission be authorized and empowered to assess each member insured the necessary amount supplementary to the 60 cents per month as stated in the above paragraph and that said member be required to pay said amount in advance to the Treasurer of the Commission.

4. That the second sum assessed and contributed, as above stipulated, under the civil law, becomes the money of the corporate body and the Conference by the adoption of this proposal authorizes and empowers the said Treasurer of the Commission to pay such money to whatever Insurance Company may issue our contract.

5. That the Commission be and is hereby instructed to make contract with whatever Standard Insurance Company offers, in the Commission's judgment, the best contract.

6. That this insurance becomes operative by law only when seventy-five per cent. of the group, or 148 men, take the insurance. But the Conference is unwilling to proceed, as a matter of safeguarding its own interests, until at least 175 members and supplies have identified themselves with the contract by actual payment.

7. That on the failure of any member to pay his assessment as ordered by the Commission, his insurance will automatically terminate.

**GROUP INSURANCE COMMITTEE.**—On motion of J. W. Colona, the Bishop was authorized to appoint the members of the Group Insurance Commission, on nomination of the District Superintendents, two from each district and one at large. The following were appointed: Dover District: O. E. Jones, M. S. Andrews. Middletown District: E. C. Hallman, G. W. Dawson. Salisbury District: T. F. Beauchamp, E. H. Dashiell. Wilmington District: J. L. Sparklin, W. A. Wise. At large, J. W. Colona. On motion of E. H. Dashiell, employment of counsel was left to the judgment of the committee.

**COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM.**—On motion of E. C. Hallman, the following were elected to serve on the Commission on Evangelism for a term of three years: R. C. Jones, C. C. Harris, and J. H. Wright.

**PENTECOSTAL SERVICE.**—On motion of E. C. Hallman, Conference requested the Commission on Evangelism to arrange for suitable Pentecostal Services at the next Session of Conference.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**—Leonard White, Secretary of the Cabinet, nominated the members of the various Standing Committees, and they were confirmed.

**BUREAU OF CONFERENCE BUDGET.**—On motion of T. R. Vandye, The Bureau of Sessions is to be known as the Bureau of Conference Budget. The various items in the Conference Budget were referred to the Bureau.

#### Conference Budget.

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 . . . . .	100.00
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 . . . . .	\$5290.00

**INTRODUCTION.**—Morris E. Swartz was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of the Bishop's Residence Fund.

**QUESTION 28.**—The Twenty-Eighth Question, "Who are the Triers of Appeals?" was taken up. The following were nominated and confirmed as Triers of Appeals: W. R. Mowbray, E. H. Dashiell, W. O. Bennett, V. S. Collins and W. A. Wise. Reserves, G. W. Dawson and E. C. Hallman.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—E. P. Thomas read the report of the Board of Stewards, which was adopted.

**STATISTICIAN.**—N. C. Benson, Statistician, read his report, which was adopted.

**TREASURER.**—J. L. Sparklin, Treasurer, read his report, which was adopted.

**V. E. HILLS.**—V. E. Hills, Conference Treasurer from 1919 to 1929, submitted the following report and the balance was ordered paid to the present Treasurer:

**Report of V. E. Hills, Conference Treasurer from 1919 to 1929.**

Total cash received .....	\$1,155,692.53
Total cash paid out .....	1,155,613.70
Balance .....	\$ 78.83
Total cash and vouchers .....	\$2,544,514.53
Smallest cash receipts .....	75,010.58
Largest receipts 1920 .....	121,243.56
Average cash receipts .....	105,062.95
Average total .....	231,319.45

**AUDITOR.**—H. B. Kelso, Conference Auditor, read his report, and it was adopted.

**MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.**—R. K. Stephenson, Trustee of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, submitted his report, and it was adopted.

**SECTARIAN APPROPRIATION.**—On motion of H. W. Ewing, the following resolution was read and adopted by rising vote:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

Be it resolved, that we, The Wilmington Annual Conference, do hereby endorse the proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit sectarian appropriations (House J. Res. 320), and urge its immediate passage.

**LETTER OF SYMPATHY.**—On motion of Tilghman Smith, the following resolution was adopted:

Since all of our Retired and Supernumerary brethren cannot be present to enjoy our fellowship and sympathy, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That we appoint one of our number to draft a letter of love and understanding and send to each man in these relations at a seasonable time; be it further

**RESOLVED,** That the cost of this letter be paid by the Board of Stewards.

**A. I. DuPONT.**—J. H. Gardner presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, We believe we are expressing the sentiment of the Ministers of the Wilmington Annual Conference when we say that the task that Mr. Alfred I. DuPont has undertaken for the relief of the aged in Delaware is a Golden One and that he is paying the last mile of the way for the aged people of the State of Delaware. His work is perfectly beautiful, and

WHEREAS, He believes that these aged people should not be treated as paupers but as pensioners, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That we hereby express our appreciation to Mr. DuPont for his love of Delaware's Aged Poor and his attempt to relieve the distressed condition of those whose strength has failed and have grown old in years; be it further

**RESOLVED,** That we believe that Mr. Alfred I. DuPont was wise in his selection of Mrs. Laura C. Walls of Lincoln City, Delaware, as his Representative in this matter. She is competent, well qualified for the task, and is scattering the flowers while these people face the sunset of life; be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. DuPont, also a copy to Mrs. Walls, Lincoln City, Delaware.

**E. C. PRETTYMAN.**—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, the following resolution was adopted by rising vote, and the Bishop was requested to appoint E. C. Prettyman as Superintendent of the Connecticut Anti-Saloon League:

WHEREAS, Reverend E. C. Prettyman, Member of this Conference and Superintendent of the Peninsula District of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, has accepted the Superintendency of the Connecticut Anti-Saloon League to take effect April 1, 1930; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** That we hereby express our very high regard for him and his ability as leader of our temperance forces for fifteen years and bid him God-speed and great success in his field of labor.

**INTRODUCTION.**—John G. Johansson, Pastor of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware; Raymond W. Cooke and Herman McKay of the Baltimore Conference; and Dr. J. H. Morgan, former President of Dickinson College, were introduced.

**REPORTS.**—Reports were received from the following Standing Committees and ordered printed in the minutes, without reading, World Service, State of the Church and Social Service, and World Peace and Fellowship.

On motion of T. F. Beauchamp a report of the Lord's Day Alliance was ordered printed without reading.

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

**OFFICIAL VISITORS TO SCHOOLS.**—H. G. Budd presented nominations for Official Visitors to the schools and colleges, and they were confirmed.

**MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.**—R. K. Stephenson was re-elected Trustee of the Ministerial Continent Relief Fund.

**TREASURER.**—J. L. Sparklin having declined nomination for Conference Treasurer, J. J. Bunting was nominated and elected to this office.

**STATISTICIAN.**—N. C. Benson having declined nomination for Statistician, J. W. Wootten was nominated and elected.

**AUDITOR.**—H. B. Kelso was re-elected Conference Auditor.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—G. P. Jones presented the financial report of the Board of Stewards and the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund and they were adopted.

**J. C. PENNEY.**—On motion of G. P. Jones, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Endowment Commission of this Annual Conference having received the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500) Dollars, in full and complete payment of pledge made to the Conference in March, 1925, by J. C. Penney Foundation, and

WHEREAS, Dr. F. Burgette Short, a member of this Conference and to "the manor born" did first propose that sum available as an incentive to the early completion of the campaign then and there inaugurated, and

WHEREAS, This gift having had a most wholesome effect in stimulating churches to underwrite the full amount proposed to the limit of \$150,000, Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, We, in Conference assembled, hereby express our sincere thanks and appreciation to each of these benefactors, for such a substantial contribution at an opportune time, and request Dr. Short to personally convey to Mr. Penney the content of this resolution as adopted.

**THANKS.**—H. G. Budd read the report of the Committee on Thanks and it was adopted by a rising vote.

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

**APPOINTMENTS READ.**—The Appointments were read, the Bishop pronounced the benediction and Conference stood adjourned.

J. R. BICKING,  
Secretary.

FREDERICK D. LEETE,  
President.

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### REPORTS

#### (a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

##### COMBINED REPORT.

To the Presiding Bishop and Brethren of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

Dear Brethren:

The District Superintendents are for the first time in the history of our Conference presenting a composite survey of the work of the Conference, and each Superintendent is requesting the privilege of printing in the Conference Minutes items of interest pertaining to his own district not here related.

##### Deaths.

It is proper that we here make mention of those who during the year have been called to their heavenly reward.

Joshua Burton McCabe departed this life May 29th, 1929.  
George T. Alderson departed this life September 18th, 1929.  
George W. Townsend departed this life December 23rd, 1929.  
George E. Reed departed this life February 7th, 1930.  
Frank C. MacSorley departed this life February 11th, 1930.

##### Wives and Widows.

Mrs. Ellenzie C. Sunfield.  
Mrs. George W. Bowman.  
Mrs. Sarah B. Bain.  
Mrs. Mary E. Foreman.  
Mrs. Clara W. Koons.

"It is not death to die,  
To leave this weary load.  
And 'mid the brotherhood on high  
To be at home with God."

##### Evangelism.

The great Methodist Episcopal Church was born, nurtured, and has grown to its present proportions under the influence and power of genuine evangelism.

Jesus said "I am come that they might have life," and again "For the son of man has come to seek and save that which was lost," and all through the ministry of our Lord, he was teaching and sending men forth to evangelize the World, and lift it out of sin, hence, while the Christian Church must set herself against every evil thing, yet she must constantly keep in mind the real significance of her divine mission. Our Board of Bishops in a recent statement to the church said "Our spiritual achievements during the last quarter of a century have not kept pace with the progress that has been made in other spheres of life and thought. In things spiritual we have been critical rather than creative. Greater leisure, higher wages, and fabulous incomes, have too often dulled men's consciousness of their responsibility to God and their fellow-men, and a large number of people have lost the ardor of a vital faith."

The last copy of our Conference Minutes reveals the startling fact that 61 charges of our conference did not report a single conversion last conference year, but from time immemorial tides have ebbed and flowed. Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter, have come and gone, and we trust that the season of spiritual decadence is past.

Notwithstanding these conditions, we are justified in believing that moral self-complacency is giving way to genuine spiritual concern, and that our people are yearning for those deeper satisfactions that lie outside the realm of physical senses.

Dr. T. Stanley Jones expresses the conviction that "the world-ground is being prepared for a spiritual awakening on a very extensive scale, and he indicates the factors that enter into this conviction; the scientific attitude toward life, the trend toward experience, an undertone of deep spiritual craving and the fact that religion is now becoming Christ-centric."

Whenever the church has turned with the full assurance of faith to the historic and living Christ, there has always been an outburst of new spiritual life. We therefore call upon our people, ministers and lawyers, in observing the nineteen hundredth anniversary of Pentecost, that we seek for ourselves, and for our people the renewal that comes with the coming of the Holy Spirit, that our altars may blaze with revival fire. A flaming passion for the salvation of the whole World will possess us and there will be added to the church daily, such as are being saved.

Books and articles have been written, sermons have been preached, and much has been said about the anniversary of Pentecost. Programs have been published by the Department of Evangelism of our church dealing with the subject in a most thorough manner. Running through Easter to the 9th of June. We earnestly trust, that every church in our Conference may tarry till endued, and then go forth to win for Christ.

#### Temperance.

We are just now confronted by the best organized, most efficiently led, heavily financed and unscrupulous assault upon the 18th Amendment that has been made since Prohibition became the policy of this Government in dealing with the traffic in intoxicating liquors. Millionaires who are will-

ing to devote their wealth to the debauching of the nation in order that their own selfish purposes might be achieved; industrialists, whose moral sense is so perverted that they can see no inconsistency in enforcing a policy of prohibition upon their employees and their personal violation of and hostility to the Prohibition policy of the nation; newspapers who know their master's voice and obey it; magazines which have departed from the high standards and ideals of former years, and other groups that we need not mention have joined hands with the brewers and distillers, the denizens of the underworld, the naturally lawless and criminal elements in our great cities, and the slaves, generally, to the cup that inebriates, who to satisfy a depraved appetite will run the whole gamut from Jamaica Ginger to blue flame and rot-gut. And this unholy alliance between selfish wealth and venial depravity, armed with the poison gas of unblushing exaggeration verging on falsehood, the tear bombs of a hypocritical sentiment for true temperance, with the rumblings of the Big Bertha of threatened revolution, are storming the citadels of Prohibition, determined to destroy that policy even if, in doing so, they tear down the very Temple of the Government itself.

In the face of this determined and frantic attack we wish to reaffirm the historic position of the Methodist Episcopal Church on this most important matter. Under Special Advices, Paragraph 72, we find these words—"Both science and human experience agree with the Holy Scriptures in condemning all alcoholic beverages as being neither useful nor safe. The business of manufacturing and vending such liquors is also against the principles of morality, political economy and the public welfare. We therefore regard voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants as the obligation of the citizen and the complete legal prohibition of the traffic in alcoholic drinks as the duty of civil government. We heartily approve all lawful and Christian efforts to save society from the manifold and grievous evils resulting from intemperance and earnestly advise our people to cooperate with all measures which may seem to them to be wisely adapted to secure that end." From that position we do not retreat a single inch, nor would we weaken it by the omission of a single word. For more than a century our Church with other like-minded organizations has been in the fight against this great foe of social order and peace, of a vigorous morality, and as we believe, a pure and vital religion. We were not discouraged during the dark years when our friends were few and our opponents numerous and arrogant. Our fathers carried on against seemingly hopeless odds, wearing down the enemy's strength, a little here, a little there, until it became possible for this generation to write Prohibition into the Constitution. Nor, please God, will we falter in the face of the present attack.

It would seem like carrying coals to New Castle to review before this body the argument for and against the policy of absolute Prohibition in dealing with an inherently lawless and defiantly criminal business. We are thoroughly familiar with these arguments and nothing new has been brought out in the present agitation. There is no agreement among the 'wets' save in the desire to get rid of the restraints of Prohibition." Light

wines and beer is the solution" say some. But as Chairman Wickersham, of the Law Enforcement Commission recently remarked, "that would hardly satisfy a robust appetite" and, protest as our opponents may, a robust appetite is at the root of this whole agitation. "Turn back the whole matter to the States and let each State determine its own policy" say others. If a State votes wet, let it be wet. If it votes dry, let it be dry. This, with an air of oracular wisdom many offer as a solution to the problem. But we have tried that method and it utterly failed. We had Local Option in many States and State-wide Prohibition in many others. But the liquor interests defied the law and continued to flood the dry territories with their damnable products. For the Federal Government, as has been suggested, to assume the task of protecting the borders of the dry States would put upon that Government an immeasurably greater task than the protection of our international boundaries and would be a source of friction among the States and between the States and the Federal Government far more threatening to our National existence than was the Civil War which was fought over that very issue. Only the incredibly ignorant or wilfully blind would offer this as a solution to the problem. "Let the Government license private individuals to manufacture and dispense intoxicating liquors under Government supervision and control" say others, among whom we believe is Pierre S. DuPont. We wonder where this gentleman has been during the last thirty or forty years. We have had license in that time, low license and high license, and license at every point between, and the State and Federal Government's passed measure after measure designed to regulate the unregulatable and control the uncontrollable. But the licensed saloons defied all regulations and the blind pig and boot-legger flourished. For the latter evils are not the progeny of Prohibition but the spawn of the liquor traffic and have always accompanied every effort to confine that business within definite and determined bounds. The truth of the matter is the evil inheres in the business itself. There is something in the very use of intoxicating liquors which develops selfishness, breeds lawlessness, and leads to criminal paths. We would not be understood as saying that all who use intoxicating liquors follow those paths, but we do insist that the tendency is there and the tragic fact is that some of the brightest geniuses of the race have wilted under its blight. Therefore to the demand for the rehabilitation of the liquor traffic, for that is what this anti-Prohibition movement means, under whatever guise it may be presented, we oppose the standard of our Church—"Total abstinence from all intoxicants as the obligation of the citizen and the complete legal prohibition of the traffic in alcoholic drinks as the duty of the civil government." At the heart of the Christian conscience in this country there is a conviction that the liquor traffic and the Christian gospel stand for two diverse and contradictory conceptions of social and personal life. There can be no compromise between them and no cessation of the conflict until one or the other obtains a complete victory. And we have the further conviction that when this final victor is determined it will NOT be the liquor traffic.

We are greatly heartened by the attitude of the National Administra-

tion towards this crucial problem. In his personal as well as official position President Hoover has set the highest possible example before his fellow-citizens. It is a tragic thing that so many of our prominent citizens in business, political and social life have disregarded his stirring appeal and treated it with contempt. A further evidence of the sincerity of the Administration in its expressed determination to enforce the Prohibition laws is found in the declaration of Attorney General Mitchell that the personal habits and attitude towards the prohibition law would be taken into consideration in studying the qualifications of candidates for positions in the Department of Justice. That has the right ring to it. We believe it is a wise move to transfer the Prohibition Bureau to the Department of Justice. With a President uncompromisingly determined to enforce the law, with an Attorney-General who is not only a clear-headed, energetic executive of the highest order, but a man who will do his duty as he sees it, without the slightest regard to political expediency; with Dr. Doran, should he be retained as Prohibition Commissioner, as we think he should, intelligent, able and experienced, we feel that the truth of testimony of Chairman Wickersham before the Senate Judiciary Committee will soon be fully evident to everyone, namely—"The Prohibition Law is better enforced than any other Federal law on the statute books."

We renew our repeated expressions of confidence in the policies and leadership of our Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals. Dr. Wilson and his associates are doing a work that commands the respect and admiration of all lovers of good government and clean morals, and the respect, if not the admiration, of all the foes of Prohibition and public morals. The Anti-Saloon League and the Womans Christian Temperance Union are doing a work in our territory that is absolutely indispensable to our final victory and we summon our people to the heartiest support of both these organizations. Nor would we fail to speak a word of commendation of Deputy George A. Hill and his small band of enforcement agents. These men are doing a great work under tremendous handicaps and doing it far better than we have any right to expect. Let us encourage them by word and deed.

We are in this fight to the finish. If we should suffer a reverse in the present engagement, which we do not expect, it will not mean the end of the fighting. "The dries are on the run" says one of our leading opponents. He may be right in that statement, but he is certainly wrong as to the direction in which he thinks we are running. We have not turned our backs, but are moving straight towards the goal of complete victory. The only test for our position is, "Is Prohibition right"? We believe that it is and will fight to retain it and to make it effective. "Here we stand. We can do no other. God help us."

#### Religious Education

One has said, "Religious Education is the effort to assist immature human beings toward complete self realization in and through fellowship with both their fellows and God; it deals with both religion and understanding."

Like Job, we are still asking: Where shall wisdom be found, and where is the way of understanding? The church of today is putting forth heroic efforts that it may bring to reality its visions and dreams in this rapidly growing field.

Religious Education is commanding the attention of the church as never before. Our people have caught the vision of the necessity for trained leadership and the growing demand in this field is a most helpful sign. More and more our churches are building their programs around childhood and youth and this is reaching even into the field of church architecture that the church buildings may offer adequate facilities for the promotion of such programs.

More people are preparing to dedicate their talents to the work of teaching than at any period of the past. Never before have our church schools been so ably taught. The work of departmentalization has gone steadily forward until from the largest to the smallest schools graded lessons are in common use. Worship programs adapted to the needs of the individual groups have been and are being worked out in ways rich with promise for great results in Kingdom building in the days just ahead.

Standard training schools have been held at strategic points throughout the conference with large attendance, marked interest and most gratifying results.

Daily Vacation Bible Schools have grown in favor until they are the rule, and not the exception in the churches of the city, town, and countryside. Hundreds of children are being taught by trained workers in the things which make for Christian character, and noble living.

Another tremendous factor for good in our program, is the Week Day School of Religion, held in the public school buildings each school day, at a period agreed upon by the school faculty and the director in charge of this important work; while the enrollment for study is always voluntary, in many instances practically the whole student-body elects to take one of the courses offered. Where such schools have been established, they have had the approval of the entire community.

The Summer School of Religious Education at our own Wesley Collegiate Institute in Dover, is no longer an experiment, but has demonstrated its right to be classed with the best schools of the country, because of the fine character of the work done. Under the direction of James H. Bishop, our Conference Director, the school, this year, promises to be bigger and better than ever before. This school meets a growing demand, satisfies a long felt need, and deserves the heartiest support of all our people.

The Epworth League Institute held at Dover each summer under the direction of a capable corps of workers, is making a splendid contribution to the work of preparing the youth of our Conference for places of leadership in the home church. Instruction is given in all phases of activity, having to do with the enlistment of the social, recreational, intellectual, and spiritual life of the youth. The purpose of this endeavor is to provide efficient leadership in every church to the end that all our young people shall be enlisted in the great work of building the kingdom of righteousness in the world.

We hope no pastor will fail to catch the vision of the possibilities in this great field of endeavor. It offers a challenge to the best in us. As pastors and leaders, may we meet the challenge, and give the best of time, mind, means, and body to the task of training the mind, deepening the faith, fixing the purpose, and ennobling the life of the youth of our churches and of the world.

Wesley Collegiate Institute—this child of our Methodism—deserves more than passing notice. If it is to fill its place in the field of education on this peninsula, it must have the support of every pastor and all the Methodist people.

It is a source of gratification to know that fifteen of the twenty graduates of last June have entered institutions of higher education, and so far there has not been a single failure. It has been accredited by the Department of Labor as a school to receive foreign students who may be admitted in cases of the quota of immigrants permitted from a given foreign country. The attendance this year is practically the same as that of last year. What is needed more than anything else, is whole-hearted support by those who have received their training at this school and every other relationship more or less directly interested in the institution.

Why not give it that support? There has never been a time when the quest for knowledge was greater; there are as many young people in our Conference territory as at any time in the past; the faculty of the school has never been stronger. Let every pastor and friend of this institution rally to its support, and give it the help its splendid history makes it worthy to receive.

#### The City Church.

All Christian churches in the downtown sections of our great cities are facing very serious problems in their efforts to maintain in those much needed centers, beacons of righteousness with programs and leadership of a commanding type. The influx of the foreign born more or less indifferent to the Protestant Church; the moving to residential sections and much nearer other churches of the dependable membership of the downtown church; the death of long-time members of means who contributed liberally to the church's support; the dearth of interested young people who will likely make their homes in the immediate community; the lamentable lack of trained leadership definitely consecrated to the task of properly manning such churches; and other causes, present a real problem to the church working in a downtown field.

How can America be Christianized if we permit the hordes of peoples in these downtown centers where they most need the Gospel of the Christ, to live without the Gospel influence and instruction which ordinarily comes through the medium of a Christian Church? It is very evident that withdrawing the established Church from these centers, which is what Methodism and Protestantism in general has been doing for some years in many of our larger cities, is not going to aid in the Christianization of America. Frequently ships are lost at sea due to the failure of the beacon

to shed its ray of light across the boisterous sea in the blackness of the storm. Too often we have withdrawn the Church and moved it out to a growing suburban section and have left the man who walks the streets in rags and cannot find a "job" in this highly mechanical age with which to provide for his family, go without a counselor and a friend in his time of dire need; we have left the man hounded by habit and gripped by appetite for strong drink, weak in body by dissipation, weak in will by frequently sinning, despairing and ready to end it all, go without the sound of the church bell in his community nor the opportunity to tell his story of fear and woe to a Shepherd of Souls; we have permitted the great surging crowd of humanity—the ordinary laboring class of folk,—go without a voice in their midst calling them to righteous living and acts of brotherliness, and calling upon their employers to be Christian in their dealings with their employees. Yes, we have left these surging throngs in the "crowded ways of life" like wandering sheep without shepherds. Christians! Methodists! This retreating from places of great need must not continue. We are a connectional Church in theory, at least, and we must be more so in practice, and when one of our churches grows weak and its continuance is vital to the christianization of America and of the world through America, it should be manned with the most efficient leadership possible to secure and given the necessary support by the Church at large.

So acute has this problem of maintaining the downtown church become in some fields, and is becoming in other fields, that it ceases to become merely a denominational problem but resolves itself into a Protestant Church problem—a problem which can be most satisfactorily solved by interdenominational cooperation. It is our judgment that certain sections of some of our great cities have been grievously sinned against by the failure of denominations to face their common task and prayerfully formulate plans so that competition would be eliminated and practical Christian cooperation actually become effective.

Our lamentable mistakes and inexcusable failures along this line were very plainly brought to our attention at the Eighth Council of Cities conducted by the Department of City Work, Dr. C. A. Richardson, Superintendent, of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, February 11, 12 and 13th, at Cleveland, Ohio. It was the profound conviction of speaker after speaker on that program, all of whom were experts in their particular fields of study, that the Church must stay in the downtown section with a social and pulpit ministry of commanding leadership, and that this, with few exceptions, can best be done by interdenominational cooperation.

The placing of churches in growing suburban communities is likewise freighted with tremendous importance to the future of the Kingdom of God and Protestantism and should also be the subject of interdenominational cooperation in order that such communities may be properly served with strong and efficient churches instead of weak and struggling ones.

This brings us to the consideration of our local problem.

The Goodwill Industries, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home and the

Mary Todd Gambrill Settlement House are all rendering a service in the life of our city that is of very vital importance.

But the organization upon which rests the greatest responsibility for the administration of Methodism's share of the distinctly missionary work in our city and for which the Conference at large is more or less responsible is the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society. This organization was incorporated on the seventh day of June, A. D. 1909, and the certificate of incorporation bears the names of Joseph W. Coley, William G. Koons, I. Elmer Perry, Dr. Frank B. Manchester, Allen F. Lewis, Charles H. Scott and Adam Stengle. These men looked far into the future and saw the signs of a changing Church in a changing city.

For your information said certificate of incorporation reads: "The objects and purposes... for which this corporation is to be formed is to provide religious and missionary work among the destitute peoples and persons of the City of Wilmington, Delaware, and its vicinity...; such purposes shall be entirely benevolent and its work shall be supported by voluntary gifts. Said corporation shall have power to acquire, hold, sell, mortgage, lease and convey property, both real and personal, in any manner consistent with the laws of Delaware, and shall have power to acquire, hold, sell, mortgage, lease and convey real and personal property without as well as within the State of Delaware; to accept and receive real or personal property by devise or bequest; to make any contracts convenient or desirable, and to invest, reinvest, use and dispose of any money or assets to it at any time belonging."

It is not necessary to relate the history of the Society through these years. It is sufficient to state it is now facing a very serious situation with reference to the continuance of its program in one center of its work, and at the request of the Society the following facts are presented to you in this report.

In the Fall of 1924 the Society made a study of Methodism's responsibility in this city and the facts gleaned and conclusions arrived at were printed in pamphlet form and presented to and discussed by the members of the Wilmington Preachers' Association and the 1925 session of our Conference. It was at this same session of our Conference that Wesley Church ceased to function as an organized church and the Conference ordered the transfer of the Church to the City Missionary Society with the request that the Society administer same as a missionary center. Hoping to provide sufficient funds with which to aid the Society to carry out its instructions the Conference requested the District Superintendents to apportion \$5,000. to the charges for city missionary work, \$3,000 of which was to be apportioned to the Methodist Churches in the city of Wilmington. Wesley Church and parsonage and all goods, chattels and effects in and about the property were transferred to the Society on May 19, 1925.

Complying with Conference action looking toward establishing a missionary center at Wesley the matter was taken up with the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension with the request for their financial cooperation. After making a very thorough investigation the Home Board

was convinced that we had an unusual opportunity to do a very fine piece of community service work and agreed to make a special appropriation of \$3,400. per year for work at Wesley, with the understanding that our Conference would provide a like amount.

Of course, we must bear in mind as we proceed that Wesley is only part of our Society's program. We have missionary work at Sixth Avenue (Browntown), Kingswood and Asbury also, all of which receive financial assistance from the Home Board.

For several years it was possible to supplement the amount contributed by the churches of the Conference and provide sufficient funds with which to cover the budget of the Society by special campaigns for money, and thus keep our agreement with the Home Board, but the last two years at least it has not been possible to do this. Therefore, the Society now finds itself facing the possibility of the withdrawal of the \$3,400. by the Home Board and the closing of the Wesley Center missionary work. This is not because the Home Board desires to do so for it does not, but due solely to the fact that our Conference has not kept its agreement by providing a like amount for the work. An order of the day will be requested for the consideration of the financial status of the Society at which time the District Superintendent will present the facts and figures in detail for your consideration and final decision.

#### Our Rural Problem.

The changing conditions of rural life are seriously affecting the religious situation in the Wilmington Conference. This is in a very large degree a rural Conference, and the principles outlined in the recent annual report of the Department of Rural Work of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, are in a degree applicable to this Conference. Some situations have been given very careful study and plans are under way to cope with the problem. There is evident need for a very thorough study of the entire Conference, looking toward the making of such adjustments as would be in keeping with the changing demands now being made upon us.

Many of our rural charges are too small from the standpoint of a basic constituency to accomplish very much that is worth while, and should be studied in the light of some consolidations or cooperative program with other charges. We must face this task courageously and kindly, satisfying ourselves with fewer charges but providing a worthwhile field of service and stronger leadership.

Our experiments in the larger parish work have already demonstrated the value of the above principle. So far as a program to provide a leadership for religious education for our children and young people is concerned, there is no question as to its value as demonstrated in the Sudlersville and Selbyville larger parishes: This plan should extend as rapidly as possible throughout the Conference. Probably the most important aspect of the rural problem is the attitude of the pastors themselves. Given a worthwhile field of service, and adequate support many will un-

doubtedly arise to the occasion. However, there will still remain the necessity of creating a new morale in the entire ministry serving rural churches. In this the pastors of our city churches have no small responsibility. If the rural ministry can be assured the cooperation on the part of their brethren in the larger churches, it will help tremendously in giving a new impetus and motive to the men who are serving in these difficult fields.

There are signs on the horizon that a new interest is developing. The school for town and country ministers held at Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland, is doing much to enlarge the vision and give a better understanding to the rural pastors. We are indebted to this institution for this service and bespeak for it the interest and support of our ministry. This school will be held this year September, 8-12. The Wilmington Conference will do much for our rural churches by encouraging the attendance of the larger number of our town and county ministers.

We are expecting to see real progress in the work of our rural charges during the coming year.

#### Peace.

As followers of Christ, we must of necessity be advocates of peace, for He is the Prince of Peace. His word is the Gospel of Peace. His way is the path of Peace. Angels sang, "Peace on Earth," at His birth, and He bequeathed peace at His death.

Almost from the beginning of time the progress of civilization has been impeded by war. Fabulous sums of money have been expended, much valuable property has been destroyed, and many millions of the choice manhood of the nations of the earth have been sacrificed; but a new day has dawned, and we rejoice in the efforts now being made by many of the leading countries of the world to outlaw war.

During the last decade, there have been some phenomenal strides made toward world peace. The abolition of compulsory military training. The establishment of the League of Nations to study technical problems involved in limitation of armament and to foster a fraternal feeling of brotherhood among all nations. The limitation Conference in Washington, to limit the tonnage of capital ships and the caliber of their guns and now for two months the leading representatives of the greatest nations of the world have been in solemn session, seeking a way by which the last barrier may be removed, that the Dove of Peace may spread her wings over all nations, and declare that war shall be no more.

In our last General Conference reports and resolutions, we find this declaration regarding war, "We are convinced that war has become the supreme enemy of mankind. Its continuance is the suicide of civilization. We would utterly repudiate our professed faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, The Prince of Peace, if we held that war is inevitable. War is not inevitable. Disputes between nations like disputes between individuals, may be settled by judicial processes. We believe, therefore, that war should be made a public crime under the law of nations."



We, therefore, call upon our people everywhere, both by precept and practice, to propagate the true spirit of, "Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men."

#### Conference Claimant Endowment.

When a minister is admitted into full membership of the Conference, among other questions he is asked by the Presiding Bishop and expected to answer in the affirmative, is this one: "Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?"

Having made sincere and satisfactory answer thereto and thereby pledged himself to the tasks of the ministry, the Church then says to him: "The claim to a comfortable support inheres in the Gospel Ministry and rightfully inures to the benefit of the Preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church when he is admitted to membership in an Annual Conference. Such claim is not invalidated by his being retired, and at his death passes to the dependent members of his family." (Par. 382:1 of Discipline.)

For the purpose of making more certain a comfortable support during the years of retirement the General Conference of 1908 established a Board of Conference Claimants and elected to the office of Corresponding Secretary the late Dr. Joseph B. Hingeley. Dr. Oliver S. Baketel, Editor of the Methodist Year Book, referring to Dr. Hingeley, says: "He was one of America's pioneers in the great task of making adequate provision for retired ministers. During five quadrenniums of earnest leadership, he was instrumental in quadrupling their support in the Methodist Episcopal Church. This achievement will stand as an imperishable monument and perpetuate his name in the history of the Church."

The worker has fallen but the work proceeds. That proven and capable administrator, Dr. William B. Farmer, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Pensions and Relief, has picked up the working tools of a wise and careful builder and proceeds to lay foundations on which will rest far more adequate support for our worthy claimants.

It is of interest to know what the Church at large is doing for its claimants. Methodism, according to the 1929 general pension statistics, has 3,488 claimant ministers, which, by the way, is 20% of the total of Methodism's enrolled ministry. Its claimant list is further increased by 4,159 widows and 851 children, making a total of 8,498 persons, with a total years of service of 178,406. To these claimants were paid \$3,352,473, of which \$3,194,114 was for annuity, paid at an average rate of \$14.96 per year.

In comparing our Conference with the average of Methodism we note that we paid an annuity rate of \$22. per year as against an average for Methodism of \$14.96. One Conference in Methodism pays an annuity of \$29. per year; two pay \$28; one pays \$27; two pay \$26; eight pay \$25; one pays \$24; one pays \$23.50; three pay \$23; one pays \$22.75; one pays \$22.50; three, including our own, pay \$22; five pay \$21; five pay \$20; two pay \$19; six pay \$18; and the rate declines as low as \$3. per year.

The amount of \$8,000. distributed by us for necessitous cases was only exceeded by two other Conferences out of the ninety Conferences in the United States; in fact, only six Conferences distributed more than \$5,000. each for special relief.

We have 24% of our Conference membership on the retired list, whereas the average for the whole Church is 20%.

There are only twenty-one Conferences out of the ninety in America paying a higher annuity rate than we are paying. We are anxiously looking forward to the day when we will be able to pay the standard rate of \$25. set forth in Paragraph 389, Section 2, of the Discipline. Therefore, we are urging our Pastors and people to remit the unpaid balances on pledges taken in our campaign to raise \$150,000. additional endowment for our worthy claimants. There are approximately \$100,000 due and if this money could be secured and invested at six per centum it would yield \$6,000, which would pay one-fifth of the total years service of our retired ministers at the present rate of \$22. per year. At this writing we do not know the financial results of the labors of the Field Secretary. We are sincerely hoping that a substantial amount of money will be remitted by the charges on pledges made.

The Commission on Conference Claimant Endowment has approved the recommendation of the Field Secretary that there be no paid Field Secretary next Conference year, and that the collection of the amounts still due be left in the hands of the District Superintendents and the Pastors and the members of the Quarterly Conferences. We pledge our best efforts to cooperate with the Pastors and Quarterly Conferences to the end that these pledges may be paid at an early date.

Brethren, in the great majority of the cases this money will be raised by the efficient leadership of the Pastor. Where the Pastor is wise, brotherly, ingenious, and desires to have that pledge paid by his charge, unless there is some special reason why it cannot be paid, which reason was stipulated at time of accepting the pledge or has arisen since pledge was taken, the money is being paid year by year. Let us see that this money is paid within the next year or two so our Board of Stewards can be receiving the income from same and our claimants benefitting thereby.

The new pension plan of the Board of Pensions and Relief has just been published. Not having had time to thoroughly study same, we are, therefore, unable to bring you any recommendations regarding our Conference's relation to same.

We all appreciate the interest being taken by the Board of Pensions and Relief in the Supply Pastor—that great company of self-sacrificing men who have served Methodism so fervently through the years. "Eyes and minds are turned as never before," says the Board in its report in the year book, "to the Supply Pastor; his education, his support and his pension. Last General Conference singled him out for new and better consideration in his old age. Therefore, the Board is taking steps to increase the funds from which to grant him relief. Because of the unorganized condition of these worthy men, because of the wide diversity of their ability,

their part time services and their ages, no scientific classification or Pension Plan is now possible." By the Provident Annuity Fund, with a new section called the Savings in Trust Department, the Board is endeavoring to render an invaluable service to these faithful servants of Methodism.

We urge the Conference to seriously consider group insurance which would include the Supply Pastors as well as the regular members of the Conference.

#### World Service.

It would seem that nothing new could be, or for that matter need be written or said concerning the tremendous subject embraced in the phrase World Service. Books discussing it from all viewpoints have been written and widely circulated; innumerable pamphlets of varying length and unequal value have been broadcast throughout the Church; countless letters packed with information and statistics and fairly quivering with fervid exhortations have bombarded the preachers and key men among the laymen in all of our churches; set-up meetings and Conference and District rallies have been held over and over again, with programs in which the practical has been cleverly blended with the inspirational; the Advocates and other Church organs have given page after page to the discussion of World Service problems and objectives. It would seem that every method that human ingenuity could devise has been used to acquaint our people with the facts concerning the World-wide Program of the Church and to inspire adequate support for that Program. And yet, and yet—our experience this year makes us feel like crying out to an all too large number of our people in the words of the Prophet Isaiah—"hast thou not known? Hast thou not heard"? Again and again we have been asked, "What is World Service"? Just what is embraced in that term? What is done with the money we are asked to give for that purpose? And in one Charge that shall be nameless, one District Superintendent, also nameless, was rather staggered by the question asked by a perfectly sincere and intelligent member of the church, "Have we given up our Missionary work"? And this ignorance, if you please, is not confined to small and backward churches, but crops out in most unexpected places and challenges serious consideration.

For one thing we are wondering if our preachers really pass on to their people the information placed in their hands? Do they preach missionary sermons of the old-fashioned kind, packed full of facts, and human interest stories straight from the field? Have they the missionary vision and the missionary passion that would lead them courageously to combat the growing self-centeredness in all too many of our churches. For, reluctant though we may be to admit it, there are to be found in all of our churches, and not infrequently in places of influence, those who take the position, "We should look after ourselves first; if there is anything left let that go to others". And then see to it so far as they can affect it that there is nothing left. This group is relatively small but it exists and often constitutes the margin between success and failure, victory and defeat. A few of our people give heroically and sacrificially; a far larger number give casually, a

dollar or two as it may be lying loose in their pockets, with no conviction about it and no delight in it; while a lamentable number give nothing at all. What more convincing proof can there be that the passion of our Lord for a lost world has not yet gripped the heart of the Church, or the rank and file of its membership; Has it gripped the heart of the preacher? Does he share the agony of the Christ as He beholds the multitudes perishing because His followers are not doing all in their power to bring to them Him, Who is the Bread of Life? Have we become a little wearied with the persistent struggle to bring our churches up to their duty and privilege? We are no accusers of our brothers. We recognize and pay glad tribute to their zeal and devotion and sacrificial spirit. We know that many of them are giving far more than the average of the contributions of their people, and in not a few instances more than half the total amount for World Service is contributed by the preacher in charge. Nevertheless we would have each and every one of us face the question. "Are we all doing all that we possibly can, not simply in our personal contributions, but in our unwearied zeal, our unflagging enthusiasm, our ardent prayers, by persuasion, by entreaty, in preached word and private appeal to rally our people to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty? This added touch of consecration, of sacrifice on our part may be all that is needed to change a shameful retreat into a glorious advance.

Again, part of our difficulty may be in the very designation World Service. It is too inclusive. It is not definite and distinctive enough. It does not focus attention upon the supreme objective of the Church. It has become associated with a ministry to the bodies and the minds of men, and the improvement of man's lot in his social relationship. Far be it from us to deny the social message in the Gospel, or decry the social ministry of the Church. But the emphasis placed upon this phase of the Gospel, and it is only a phase, has gotten the church to thinking primarily in terms of physical healing and mental culture rather than in terms of spiritual healing and soul culture. It is true that Jesus healed the sick and provided bread for the multitude fainting with hunger and brought truth to the minds of men. But these things were incidental, side issues as it were, from his supreme purpose and mission. That supreme purpose he made clear by placing it in sharp contrast with these very words of mercy; "Take no thought what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink, or wherewithal shall ye be clothed. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness;" "Work not for the food that perisheth, but that food which abideth unto eternal life which the Son of Man shall give unto you"; to the palsied man He said, "Thy sins be forgiven thee". The forgiveness was more important than the healing of the body, and it was not to make life here easier and more comfortable but to provide a ransom for the souls of men in bondage to sin that he died on the cross. "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world—the world of comfort, of luxury, of enlightenment—and lose his own soul?" The Church must and will minister to the needs of the whole man, body, mind, and spirit, but we believe her supreme ministry must ever be to the immortal soul. Dr. Kohlstedt in his annual report to the Board of Home

Missions quotes Calvin Coolidge as follows—"We do not need more national development, we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power, we need more moral power. We do not need more knowledge, we need more character. We do not need more law, we need more religion. We do not need more of the things that are seen, we need more of things that are unseen." He adds his own comment—"Present day problems may seem new and intricate, owing to the complexities of modern life, but in the last analysis it is the same heroic struggle to woo and to win the hearts of men from the call of the world, the flesh, and the devil." If we could get our people to thinking in terms of World Evangelization as they once did in the days when the missionary vision burned brightly at the heart of the Church, we believe that we would have an appeal that would call out the heroic and sacrificial all; which is the best expression of the immortal and undying in man. To get the story of God's redeeming love as revealed in the passion and death of Jesus Christ to the last man, woman, and child on the face of the earth, not simply at home, but abroad, not only abroad but at home, to men everywhere, that is something worth giving for, sacrificing for, praying for, even dying for. Let us place the emphasis where it belongs and all these other ministries will follow us surely as flowers follow the pathway of the sun.

Our Conference has held fairly steady in its contributions to the task of winning the world to Christ. There has been a decrease each year for the last four years, but the aggregate is only about \$6500, not much compared to the slump in the Church at large during the same period. But we deplore the fact that there is any decrease. We do not know what this year's record will be. The financial conditions within the Conference are not encouraging. We have a Conference year shortened by two weeks and, what is rather unusual, without an Easter Sunday. And if we have held our own we will have achieved a great victory. The Superintendents have striven faithfully to keep this great Cause before the pastors and get it into the hearts of the people. We do not believe that our labor has been vain in the Lord.

In bringing to a close this survey of the work and its problems we wish to express our heartiest appreciation of the courtesy and consideration we have received from our brethren as we have sought to carry on in the new and untried tasks committed to our hands. We are also grateful that the laymen, while some have added to our burdens and helped complicate our tasks, in large measure have been kind and sympathetic and ready to cooperate. Above all we thank our Heavenly Father, 'Whose love faileth never', for preserving us in health and strength sufficient for our tasks and giving us the guidance of His Spirit in the performance of our duties.

J. L. JOHNSON, President,  
LEONARD WHITE, Secretary.  
W. E. HABBART,  
D. W. JACOBS.

### DOVER DISTRICT.

W. E. HABBART, District Superintendent.

To Bishop Leete and members of the Wilmington Conference:

Supplementary to the combined report of the Superintendents, it is essential, in order to give a complete account of the work wrought on the District, that each Superintendent should enumerate the items of interest furnished by the pastors. The following gleanings from the pastors' reports reflect their enthusiasm, devotion and loyalty to their task.

God's great care and kindness in the preservation of health, and the unfailing co-operation on the part of pastors and churches are gratefully acknowledged.

### Bereavements.

Brother E. C. Sunfield, was called upon to surrender his devoted Wife. Brother G. W. Bowman, after many years of happy married life, was bereaved of his faithful companion.

Beckwith and Spedden (J. H. Thornton)—Conversions 2. World Service up to last year. Congregations good, Sunday Schools and Epworth League doing fine work.

Bethel (J. P. Kelley)—Congregations and Sunday School good. World Service up to last year. A very beautiful parsonage, with all modern conveniences, built and now occupied. The cost was \$4000.00 and nearly half paid for.

Blades and Epworth (J. W. Sutton)—Conversions 5. Epworth and Junior Leagues well organized and active. World Service equal to last year. \$50.00 paid on Endowment Fund. Congregations good.

Bridgeville (J. P. Outten)—5 Conversions. 8 New members. World Service equal to last year. \$200.00 paid on improvements. The Sunday School, the Epworth and Junior Leagues, are taking care of the Spiritual and recreational activities of the young.

Cambridge (O. E. Jones)—Conversions 21. Full members 35. World Service equal to last year. \$150.00 on Endowment Fund. Salary advanced \$200.00. Parsonage and Church improved. Congregations good. 279 enrolled in Daily Vacation Bible School, and 34 in Standard Training School.

Camden (D. J. Givan)—26 full members received. Sunday School and Epworth League on the increase. Congregations making steady growth. Camden is on the upward move.

Canterbury (T. O. Wills)—Conversions 3. Sunday Schools and congregations fair. All interests of the Church taken care of. World Service equal to last year.

Church Creek (J. F. Willis)—All the churches on this charge are doing well under the leadership of Brother Willis. World Service in advance of last year, and everything set to move forward next year.

Crapo (H. N. Bailey)—Brother Bailey is finishing his third year as pastor of this charge, and has done good work.

St. Paul's, Dover (Alfred White)—This charge is badly run down, but under the leadership of Brother White, a survey is being made, the services are being rearranged, and a Sunday School organized, and things are looking more favorable. World Service is increased over last year.

Wesley, Dover (M. S. Andrews)—Conversions 39. Full members 9. The high standard of World Service and other benevolent giving maintained. Sunday School and Epworth League well organized and doing good work. 40 in Vacation Bible School, and 29 attended the Standard Training School. \$350.00 paid on Endowment Fund.

East New Market (J. A. Clark)—Conversions 23. Sunday School and Epworth League doing fine work. Junior League organized. Congregations doubled. Salary increased \$100.00 and every interest of the Church cared for. Conference Claimants \$221.00 as against nothing last year.

Ellendale (J. R. Diehl)—Conversions 5, Full members. Epworth League increased from 35 to 235. Sunday Schools in good shape. World Service equal to that of last year. The people are very happy with Brother Diehl, and offer an increase in salary for next year.

Elliott's (E. L. K. Tune)—The outstanding work of this little church is its Sunday School, and the Epworth and Junior Leagues. The World Service is equal to last year.

Farmington (Ray W. Kirwan)—This charge has suffered as a result of the Rural Church Problem, but is responding to the energetic work of Brother Kirwan.

Federalburg (R. P. Nichols)—3 Full Members. Sunday School advanced. Splendid World Service giving maintained. Endowment paid in full. Church remodeled. New Educational unit at a cost of \$19500.000. All provided for. Federalburg now has one of the best equipped plants in the Conference. The people are happy with Brother Nichols. \$200.00 advance in salary for next year.

Felton (J. E. Parker)—Conversions 14. Sunday School and young people's societies very active. The spiritual tone of the churches very good.

Frederica (N. C. Benson)—World Service and general benevolences in advance of last year. No conversions reported, but planning a revival before Easter.

Galestown (G. W. Hastings)—Conversions 10. World Service \$41.00. Brother Hastings has been serving Galestown only about four months, but has won the confidence of all the people, and they offer him \$800.00 to preach for them next year.

Georgetown (T. F. Beauchamp)—World Service and other benevolences equal to last year. Pastors salary increased \$500.00. The Endowment Fund is never neglected here, \$425 being paid this year. \$1200.00 paid on improvements. 22 attended Standard School. The spiritual tone of the Church is good.

Georgetown Ct. (D. E. Carr)—Conversions 4. World Service and other benevolences equal to last year. All the interests of the Church and Conference urged.

Greenwood (H. M. Smith)—Conversions 4. Substantial advance in World Service, and all other benevolences. Congregations good.

Harrington (E. H. Collins)—4 Conversions. Sunday School making great progress in the new building. Epworth and Junior Leagues very active. World Service equal to last year. 12 enrolled in Standard Training School. A new Educational Building erected at a cost of \$15200.00 and \$19200.00 has been raised this year, and now Harrington has a plant adequately equipped to take care of the educational and recreational life of the community.

Hoopers Island (C. J. Cannon)—Brother Cannon has been laying the foundation for some constructive work in the future. The World Service offering is equal to last year, and all the Conference interests have been faithfully stressed.

Houston (W. C. Buckson)—25 Conversions. The Sunday School and Epworth League are taking care of the religious training of the young people. The World Service offering is in advance of last year. Plans are being laid for more efficient work next year.

Hurlock (W. O. Bennett)—13 Conversions. World Service equal to last year. All interests of the Church carefully looked after. Sunday School and Junior League in good condition. Program planned for constructive work next year.

Laurel (M. W. Marine)—The Sunday School has been reorganized with very gratifying results, and the Epworth and Junior Leagues are doing effective work. 102 were enrolled in Daily Vacation Bible School, and 105 in Standard Training School. All the interests of the Church are well cared for.

Lewes (W. A. Wise) Salary advanced \$400.00. Sunday School well organized. Congregations good. Active Men's Bible Class doing fine work.

Lincoln (R. L. Kirby, Jr.)—6 Conversions. 8 New members. The Sunday Schools well organized and doing fine work. Congregations good. A beautiful new Church was built at Slaughters Neck at a cost of \$5900.00 and paid for on the day of dedication.

Little Creek (Harry Taylor)—Brother Taylor supplied Little Creek for about 6 months of the Conference Year. While the Church had been closed for a couple of years, there seems to be a renewed interest at this time. An anniversary was held in the Fall with marked enthusiasm. The Sunday School is in a healthy condition.

Magnolia (R. M. Campbell)—

Milford (Frank Herson)—5 Conversions and accessions to the church. The Epworth and Junior Leagues are well organized, and doing very effective work. The Sunday School is a tower of strength in the church and community life. The congregations are good. World Service in advance of last year. \$100.00 paid on Endowment fund. Pastor's salary increased \$400.00.

Milford Neck (N. C. Benson)—World Service equal to last year, and all the other interests of the Church stressed. The Church has been painted and some needed repairs done, at a cost of \$308.00 all paid.

Millsboro (D. J. Moore) 8 New members received. World Service equal to last year. A fine piece of constructive work has been done by Brother Moore this year. All societies and interests of the church are in fine shape. \$1200.00 paid on lot for new church.

Milton (C. N. Jones)—The work at Milton is being well cared for by Brother Jones, and as an expression of gratitude the officials increased his salary \$100.00.

Mt. Pleasant (D. J. Ford)—7 Conversions. 7 New Members. \$25.00 paid on Endowment. World Service equal to last year. All interests of the Kingdom cared for.

Nassau (James O'Neil)—83 Conversions. 110 New members. Epworth League and Sunday School in fine shape. World Service equal to last year. Salary increased \$200.00. Parsonage and church improved at a cost of \$1070.00.

Rehoboth (T. K. Cherry)—25 Conversions. 25 New Members. Junior League organized with 60 members. World Service far in advance of last year, and all other interests met in full. Church property improved at a cost of \$500.00 all paid. Congregations fine.

Reliance (W. L. Littleton)—12 Conversions, Sunday Schools all in good prosperous condition. World Service 100% increase over last year. \$30.00 paid on Endowment.

St. Thomas (W. R. Woodell)—15 Conversions. Sunday Schools and congregations large. World Service up to the high mark of last year. \$100.00 paid on Endowment. \$1100.00 paid on improvements.

Seaford (L. E. Windsor)—15 Conversions. Increase in Sunday School. 81 attended Standard Training class. Last years splendid World Service record maintained. \$120.00 paid on Endowment. A splendid property adjacent to the Church, has been purchased at a cost of \$3600.00 on which a religious building will be built.

Seaford Ct. (C. H. Hudson)—3 Conversions. Churches and Sunday Schools in prosperous condition. World Service equal to last year. All the interests of the Kingdom conscientiously cared for.

Secretary (J. R. Jester)—2 Conversions. 2 New members. Sunday School and Epworth League in prosperous condition. Congregations good. World Service and other benevolences equal to last year. \$611.00 expended on improvements.

Vienna (W. H. Cummings)—2 Conversions. World Service the same as last year. \$15.00 paid on Endowment. This charge is affected by the rural church problem.

Williamsburg (H. N. Ralph)—7 Conversions. 15 New members. \$100.00 paid on Endowment. World Service in advance of last year. Congregations good. Salary advanced \$200.00.

Wyoming (J. S. Potts)—4 Conversions. 11 New members. World Service equal to last year. \$600.00 Expended on improvements. Congregations good.

Zoar Circuit (R. M. Green)—17 Conversions. Congregations good. World Service equal to last year and other benevolences carefully looked after. Brother Green has done a good work here.

## SUMMARY.

### Conversions.

While the reports are not all in at this writing, yet we rejoice with the faithful ministers and churches over the conversion of 363 souls this year.

### Ministers' Salaries.

We are impressed with the fact that the average salary is pitifully low when measured by the demands of the modern times, but we are glad to report an advance of \$2300.00 this year, and not a single charge reduced its pastor's salary.

### Our Young People.

The Epworth and Junior Leagues and other young people's societies are always ready to respond to consecrated leadership, and are doing an indispensable work on the Dover District. I should like to see an Epworth and Junior League in every church on the District.

### The Women's Work.

The Ladies Aid Societies and similar organizations, are doing a most commendable work in every section of our great Church, not only in the comfort they give to the parsonage life, but many churches could not survive without the help they receive from these consecrated, industrious women.

The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, are to be commended for the stupendous work they are doing at home and abroad. We are delighted to know that their membership is increasing and their work of soul saving and character building shall continue.

### The Laymen.

We desire to pay the highest tribute to the faithful and devoted laymen, who give of their time, talents, and money, that the Kingdom may advance and that the altar fires may burn.

I want to say to all these faithful servants of God.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee,

The Lord make His face to shine upon thee, and be gracious to thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

## MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

JOHN L. JOHNSON, District Superintendent.

## Deaths.

Twice this conference year the death Angel has visited the parsonage of Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church in Middletown. Wednesday evening, May 29, the conference was shocked by the sad news that after three days of illness Joshua Burton McCabe, the genial aggressive, great-hearted, efficient and much loved pastor, had slipped away and joined the innumerable company beyond the skies—leaving a devoted wife, a promising son, a grief-stricken congregation and a multitude of sorrowing friends—stunned by the suddenness of his going. Friday afternoon, May 31, in the parsonage home there assembled a great gathering of brother ministers and grief-stricken friends to pay love's last tribute to the memory of this good man. The services were in charge of the writer, assisted by five of his close ministerial friends, after which the remains were born to Bishopville, the home of his childhood, and interred in the garden of the dead to await the resurrection call. His life long friend, the Reverend Essel P. Thomas, will present a suitable memoir to the conference.

The Reverend Frank C. MacSorley was called from what was deemed a temporary retirement to supply the pastorate of this church made vacant by the going of Brother McCabe. He found the people under the shadow of a great bereavement and immediately faced the task of dispelling the shadows. His sunny Christian spirit, his nobility of life, his implicit faith in God, and his great messages of helpfulness on the Sabbath and in the Prayer meetings, gave him an open path to the hearts of the people, making his ministry a blessing to all. His toil was unremitting and the memory of his labor of love will be to the people of Middletown as a precious ointment poured forth.

Tuesday evening, February 11, after a day filled with deeds done and a delightful dinner hour spent in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Shepherd, and a company of congenial friends, he went to Wilmington to teach a class in the Standard Training School. Arriving home at a late hour, he drove his car in to the garage, locked the door and turned his face toward the parsonage home; his father called, he obeyed and went up to be with God and the blood-washed of all ages.

Friday afternoon, February 14, in the presence of a great gathering of ministers and friends from all sections of the Conference, the last sad rites were held, conducted by his District Superintendent, assisted by Drs. R. K. Stephenson, B. M. Johns, J. T. Richardson, and J. W. Colona. The remains sleep in the beautiful cemetery upon the brow of the hill in Federalsburg, Maryland. Dr. Harvey W. Ewing will present his memoir to the Conference.

Barclay—L. P. Corkran, Pastor. Conference Claimant Endowment and all apportionments paid in full.

Bayside—L. T. McLain, Pastor. Eighteen (18) accessions. \$550 raised for improvements. Conference Claimant Endowment fund well in hand. Ladies Aid Society raised \$425. 9 Tithers.

Bozman and Neavitt—F. K. McCorkle, Pastor. Twenty-eight (28) accessions, church greatly quickened. World Service and Conference Claimant Endowment askings raised in full. \$550 raised on debt and improvement.

Burrsville—H. O. Hufnal, Pastor. Thirteen accessions. World Service askings raised in full. Initial payment made on Conference Claimant Endowment. 4 Tithers.

Cecilton—R. T. Thawley, Pastor. Three accessions. Initial payment of \$200 made on Conference Claimant Endowment. \$400 paid for improvement. Two tithers. Ten persons attended Standard Training School. Ladies Aid Society raised \$400.

Centreville—G. W. Dawson, Pastor. Four accessions. \$1400 raised for building and improvement. Thirty-four subscribers to the Christian Advocate secured. Twelve enrolled in Standard Training School. Ladies Aid Society raised \$935.

Chestertown—J. Harry Wright, Pastor. Eleven accessions. \$7200 paid on old debt. \$190 donated to Strawbridge Home. Standard Training School held. Church school departmentalized. Special emphasis on program for youth.

Cheswold—J. C. Hanby, Pastor. Eight accessions. All benevolent askings raised in full. An Epworth League organized. Ladies Aid Society raised \$120.

Church Hill—Henry Caldwell, Pastor. One accession. All benevolent askings raised in full. The first payment made to Conference Claimant Endowment. Church Schools departmentalized and attendance increased. Ladies Aid Society raised \$400.

Concord—S. L. Hanby, Pastor. Twenty-three accessions. World Service giving increased. Initial payment made on Conference Claimant Endowment. Plans made and work begun on a Community Building at Concord. One of the most active Epworth Leagues to be found on the District. Eleven enrolled in the Standard Training School.

Clayton—C. W. Spry, Pastor. Eight accessions. All benevolences raised in full. New financial system inaugurated. Parsonage improved. \$500 raised for improvements. Four persons registered in the Standard Training School. Ladies Aid Society raised \$400.

Cordova—Alonza Travers, Pastor. Six accessions. All benevolent askings met. Nine students enrolled in Standard Training School. Week Day School of Religion conducted in Public School.

Crumpton—S. B. Bradley, Pastor. Fifteen accessions. Six weeks of revival meetings held. Initial payment made on Conference Claimant Endowment. Ladies Aid Society raised \$523.

Denton—M. E. Wheatley, Pastor. Five accessions. All benevolences raised in full. Conference Claimant Endowment paid in full. Thirty-nine Students in Standard Training School. Church School departmentalized. Attendance increased. Eight organized Bible Classes. Epworth League aggressive and active Young people active in all departments of church work. Ladies Aid Society and Circle raised \$400. Pastoral support to be increased \$400 next year.

Easton—W. A. Hearn, Pastor. Fifty-three accessions. The one hundred and fiftieth Anniversary of the introduction of Methodism in Easton was climaxed by a week of Visitation Evangelism with great spiritual good resulting. Eighteen persons attended the Standard Training School. The Epworth League has a membership of seventy-six. The members are interested and active. The Church School is departmentalized and substantial increase has been made in membership. There are six organized Bible Classes. A new heating plant has been installed at the parsonage at a cost of \$1500. The Ladies Aid Society has raised \$157. Pastoral support has been increased \$200. Plans are being studied for the thorough renovation of the church Auditorium.

Fairlee—R. E. Green, Pastor. Eighteen accessions. All apportionments met in full. Eighty people are enrolled in the Epworth League. The Church Schools have taken on new life. The attendance has increased. The Ladies Aid Society raised \$676.

Galena—W. L. Hess, Pastor. Three accessions. \$550 paid on old debt. Week Day School of Religion held.

Greensboro—A. B. Frye, Pastor. Eighteen accessions. All benevolences raised in full. \$825 raised this year for Conference Claimant Endowment. Ten persons enrolled in Standard Training School. An active Epworth League. One of the most active and thoroughly organized Junior Leagues in Methodism. Ladies Aid Society raised \$438. There are seventeen tithers.

Henderson—E. N. Wright, Pastor. First payment made on Conference Claimant Endowment. Interior of parsonage greatly improved, new carpets, rooms papered and painted and electric lights installed. Ladies Aid Society raised \$250.

Hillsboro—Willard Everett, Pastor. Six accessions. Community House completed and dedicated. Pastoral support increased \$100. \$900 paid on improvement.

Hartley—C. W. Clark, Pastor. Six accessions. Substantial payment made on church debt. Church School re-organized and attendance greatly increased.

Kenton—W. P. Taylor, Pastor. Seven accessions. Final payment made on Conference Claimant Endowment. Parsonage renovated and exterior painted. A substantial payment made on the debt. Pastoral support increased \$200 next year.

Kent Island—H. R. McDade, Pastor. Twenty-five accessions. Pastoral support increased \$100. Church Schools active and thoroughly organized.

Millington—R. L. Tawes, Pastor. Seven accessions. All benevolences raised in full. Substantial payment on Conference Claimant Endowment. Parsonage renovated and beautified. Seventeen students in Standard Training School. Week Day School of Religion held. \$1,000 paid on improvements. Ladies Aid Society raised \$250.

Middletown—J. T. Richardson, pastor. Three accessions. Standard Training School held with forty students enrolled. A young peoples choir

organized with a membership of thirty-five. The largest offering made to the benevolent causes in many years. The Ladies Aid Society has raised \$237.

Marydel—J. W. Easley, Pastor. Interior of church decorated, electric lights installed, new carpets for the aisles, walls decorated, seats stained and varnished. Electric lights, carpets and furniture for the parsonage. Ladies Aid Society raised \$450.

Odessa and Friendship—S. T. Hamblin, pastor. Four accessions. Four persons enrolled in Standard Training School. Four tithers. Young peoples choir organized. Ladies Aid Society raised \$279.

Oxford—E. B. Eckhardt, Pastor. Fifty-one accessions. New financial system put into operation. First payment made on Conference Claimant Endowment. Six students enrolled in Standard Training School. Parsonage renovated and repaired, bath room installed, new carpets, draperies and furniture, walls and ceiling decorated. Cost of improvement more than \$1,000. Ladies Aid Society raised \$925.

Piney Neck—T. S. Barrett, Pastor. One accession. Benevolences raised in full. Concluding payment made on Conference Claimant Endowment. Ladies Aid Society raised \$300.

Preston—O. A. Bartley, Pastor. All benevolences raised in full. Final payment made on Conference Claimant Endowment. World Service giving has increased 100% in two years. Improvements have been made to the parsonage amounting to \$1,000. The pastor's salary has been advanced \$200 this year. Four persons were enrolled in the Standard Training School. A vigorous Junior Church is active in every good work. The members attend the morning services each Sabbath morning and the pastor preaches a five minute sermon to them.

Queenstown—A. G. Thomas, Pastor. Nineteen accessions. Many who withdrew from the church in other days are returning. There is a spirit of optimism everywhere. The pastor has ministered wisely and in the fear of God. The future is bright with promise. The first payment will be made for Conference Claimant Endowment. The Ladies Aid Society has raised \$400. There are five tithers.

Ridgely—C. W. Moore, Pastor. In December 1929 the pastor was granted an indefinite vacation that he might rest and recuperate. The Official Board agreed to look after all financial interests of the Church and the District Superintendent was to furnish the pulpit supply for the morning worship until Conference; the Epworth League taking the evening service. The salary was given to the pastor. The financial report will show that the officials did their work well. No interest of the church will suffer. Brother Moore will ask for retirement.

Rock Hall—W. S. Grant, Pastor. Four accessions. Benevolences raised in full. Final payment will be made on Conference Claimant Endowment. The Epworth League is active and a power for good in the community. A Junior church choir has been organized and is active.

Royal Oak—W. F. Atkinson, Pastor. Three accessions. Benevolences raised in full. An increase for World Service. The first payment made on Conference Claimant Endowment. Pastor's salary increased \$150.

St. Michaels—E. W. Henvis, Pastor. Eight accessions. All benevolences raised in full. First payment made on Conference Claimant Endowment. New financial system put into operation. The church school departmentalized and attendance increased. Pastoral support increased \$100. The parsonage has been improved, total cost \$543. Twenty-nine persons enrolled in the Standard Training School.

Smyrna—Essel P. Thomas, Pastor. Twenty-six accessions. All benevolences raised in full. \$700 raised for Conference Claimant Endowment. \$500 raised for improvements. Ladies Aid Society raised \$800. Six hundred pastoral calls made. Junior League organized. Adult Bible Class organized. Daily Vacation Bible School set up. New program inaugurated in the Church School. Evening service developed from less than one hundred to an average of two hundred. Church Bulletin installed. An active and well manned Epworth League meeting every Sunday evening. The Prayer meeting attendance multiplied many times.

Sudlersville—C. W. Clark, Pastor. Seven accessions. All benevolences met in full. World Service Givings increased \$366. Conference Claimant Endowment paid in full. Church beautified within and without, lawn graded and cement walks laid, exterior of parsonage painted—total cost of improvements \$2,300. Ladies Aid Society raised \$700. Thirty students were enrolled in the Standard Training School. There are sixteen tithers.. Week Day School of Religion conducted.

Tilghmans—C. H. Atkins, Pastor. The old debt has been paid. At Fairbank the church has been renovated and beautified. Hard-wood floors have been laid, new furniture for the pulpit, the hand-work of the pastor. New runners for the aisles, the walls decorated and wood-work retained and varnished. Total amount paid for debt and improvement \$4,755. The Ladies Aid Society raised \$1,000.

Townsend—Robert S. Hodgson, Pastor. One accession. Twelve students enrolled in Standard Training School. The Church School has been departmentalized. There are four organized Bible Classes. A substantial contribution will be made to Conference Claimant Endowment fund. The Ladies Aid Society raised \$200.

Trappe—J. H. Geoghegan, Pastor. Five accessions. All benevolent apportionments met. First payment on Conference Claimant Endowment made. Community House at Star Church completed and dedicated. Total cost of \$1,037 not including seventy-five days of labor and donations of lumber. The parsonage has been painted. The Church School attendance increased 15%. The pastor's salary has been advanced \$150.

#### Summary.

During the year there have been 352 accessions to the church. The Ladies Aid Societies have raised \$14,688. The amount raised for old debts and improvements is \$22,287. In the Standard Training Schools 263 have registered. There are 93 tithers. Nine churches have increased pastoral support aggregating \$1,175. Nine Daily Vacation Bible Schools have been held with an enrollment of 316 pupils. Three Standard Training Schools

have been held and Three Week Day Schools of religion with an enrollment in the latter of 232 pupils.

The following amounts have been given by the District for World Service, \$13,882. Woman's Foreign Missionary Society \$1,902. Woman's Home Missionary Society \$1,773. Conference Claimants \$7,309. Conference Claimant Endowment \$3625. Total paid for ministerial support \$82,831, for building and improvement \$13085. On old debts \$12809, grand total of all Disciplinary and Annual Conference Benevolences \$38,533.

Practically every charge on the District has its program for the proper observance of Passion Week and Easter. It is to be a period of special ingathering reaching on in to the future with a definite program for each sabbath culminating in the great observance of the Anniversary of Pentecost, June 8th, the birthday of the church.

For the favor of God and the co-operation of my brethren of the ministry and laity, heartfelt thanks are rendered.

#### SALISBURY DISTRICT

LEONARD WHITE, District Superintendent

With a deep sense of humility, with sincere appreciation of the many kindnesses received from the brethren, both ministerial and lay, and with profound gratitude to the Heavenly Father, the Superintendent of the Salisbury District submits the following brief report of the work on the District during the first year of his administration.

#### Post-Conference Adjustments.

The following changes in the Appointments as they were read out at the close of the 1929 session of the Conference were found to be advisable. A. F. Zimmerman who had been transferred to Dagsboro from Smith's Island was permitted to remain at the latter place. G. S. Thomas who had been appointed to Parsonsburg was retained for another year at Dagsboro. W. H. Cummings, who had been assigned to Smith Island was sent to Vienna, and Parsonsburg was supplied by L. W. Layfield, who at the age of 80, came out of well earned and honored retirement to carry on in a perfectly marvelous fashion, the arduous work of this three-point Circuit. The wisdom of these changes has been more than justified by the splendid work done during the year at all the points affected.

Ray Kirwan who had been appointed to Mardela Springs was transferred to Farmington on the Dover District and Mardela was left without a regular supply. Elmer L. Bennett, a son of the Spring Grove Church and a student at Washington College looked after the work until September, when P. B. Burleigh, transfer from the Northern Minnesota Conference took hold and wrought wonders in what seemed a perfectly hopeless situation.



R. Bowen Moore, who had been appointed to Ayres Chapel Charge left his work in the middle of the year to enter Drew Seminary. The Chapel was closed, a second church was served by a Local Preacher of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, living in the neighborhood, and the third church on the Circuit received the ministrations of a Methodist Protestant pastor stationed nearby.

W. L. Russell, World War veteran and Probationer in the Conference was putting on a well thought out and constructive program of rural church activities, which had won the warm approval and hearty support of his people, when tuberculosis, contracted during the war, but thought to have been arrested, became active and he was compelled to go to a Government Sanatorium at Osteen, North Carolina. His bride of a little over a year, herself the daughter of a Methodist preacher and holding a Local Preacher's License, with the unanimous consent of the Quarterly Conference, was appointed pastor for the rest of the Conference year. Though burdened with the care of an infant, but two months old when the preacher's breakdown occurred, and with a heart full of anxiety for the welfare of her husband, she discharged the duties of her office with a fidelity and efficiency unsurpassed on the District. Brother Russell, we are glad to state is steadily improving and the doctors hold out the promise of complete recovery.

The death angel, God's minister of light and life, passed us by, and no pastor or member of a pastor's family was this year elected to "the fellowship of the saints in light."

#### Circuit Adjustments.

Annessex, an old, historic Charge, is discontinued as a separate Circuit. The St. Peters Church is attached to Marion, making the latter a three-point Circuit, paying a salary of \$1600. The Rehoboth Church is added to Westover making the latter also a three-point Circuit paying \$1200. Thus, instead of three Charges, of steadily declining strength and morale, we will have two fairly vigorous organizations facing the future with optimism and courage.

Ayres Charge referred to above will not be reopened. Riverview Church, the strongest on the Circuit has been placed with Onancock, making the latter a three-point Circuit, with a salary of \$1700. Final disposition of the other two chapels on Ayres Charge has not yet been made.

Negotiations are under way with the Presiding Elder of the Petersburg District of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, looking towards the taking over, by that Church, of our work at Claremont. This Society has steadily declined in numbers and financial strength until it is no longer able to support even an unmarried man. As we have no other Charge within fifty miles of it, its only salvation seems to be in the course suggested above. Other changes are pending and we hope will soon be worked out, which we believe will greatly strengthen our work on the District.

#### Noteworthy Achievements.

There have been some accomplishments during the year that should be lifted out of the tabulation by Charges contemplated in this Report, achievements so notable that they demand special consideration.

Foremost among these is the completion and dedication of the Cathedral of Peninsula Methodism, otherwise known as Asbury-Crisfield. This story has been told so often and so well during the last few years that it would seem a work of supererogation to enlarge upon it here. Out of the mass of blackened granite and twisted steel that was all that remained of a beautiful Temple of worship, there has arisen another, whose glory surpasses the former, more beautiful, better arranged, more suitable for the program of a modern church. For nearly four years this devoted pastor and people toiled and prayed in a manner that was truly heroic. Many stories, of an apocryphal nature, have inevitably grown up around this herculean accomplishment. It was told and commonly believed that many had mortgaged their homes and that not a few had impoverished themselves. This is denied, but the fact remains that many did deny themselves many of the comforts, and, at times perhaps, even the necessities of life in order that their beautiful Temple might be restored. With less than \$50000 left from the insurance with which to begin the task, they raised nearly \$100000 in cash during the four years and but \$15000 remains unprovided for and the Trustees have assumed full responsibility for that. Dr. Samuel McWilliams, Bishop W. F. McDowell, and the District Superintendent were the preachers on Dedication Day, February the 9th. All honor to the pastor, T. J. Sard, who furnished an inspiring leadership, and the people who so loyally followed. It is most fitting that the 1931 session of our Conference is to be held in this beautiful and commodious structure.

Another church building enterprise, only a little less noteworthy than the above, has been carried to completion at Tylerton on Smiths Island. The people of this small community, grown weary of walking over an elevated boardwalk over a marsh to reach their church, tore down the old church, salvaged what timber was usable and began the erection of a new church on a new site in the heart of the village. Much of the work was done by the men and even the women of the community. Wheeling barrows full of sand, mixing concrete, carrying lumber—the pastor toiling as arduously and assiduously as any—they built for \$18000 a church that could not be duplicated on the mainland for less than \$30000. Dr. W. F. Corkran and the District Superintendent assisted in the dedication and at the close of the day all but \$2000 of the amount needed had been provided for. This little Island community now has a church of which any people could be proud and we would bestow unstinted praise upon pastor A. F. Zimmerman and his faithful people.

Asbury-Salisbury continues the beautification and improvement of its wonderful property. During the past summer the auditorium was transformed. New hard wood floors were laid, the walls newly painted and decorated, the partition between the auditorium and the old Sunday School

room removed and the space converted into a wide, graceful arch, throwing the two rooms into one, making a beautiful auditorium capable of seating 1000 persons, all with a clear view of the pulpit. Senator W. P. Jackson took the lead in this movement and himself paid for the improvements in the main auditorium. At the same time the parsonage was modernized with new heating plant and other improvements which make it a commodious and comfortable preacher's home. The total cost was about \$16000. Bishop McDowell preached at the reopening. Dr. McWilliams is making full proof of his ministry at this important Charge.

New parsonages have been built at Fruitland and Ocean City, providing very comfortable and up to date homes for the pastor's family in both of these growing Charges, and an advantageous trade was made at Nanticoke by which the old and dilapidated parsonage was exchanged for a new building. Two thousand dollars were needed to complete this deal and it was all raised in a few weeks. Extensive improvements were made to the parsonages at Berlin and Delmar, involving an outlay of about \$1500 in each instance and smaller amounts were spent at Roxana and Pocomoke Circuit to add to the comfort of the pastors and their families.

#### Revivals.

Revivals of unusual intensity and power occurred at three points on the District. Tangier had a wonderful manifestation of the presence of God in a meeting that resulted in 163 conversions, about 80 of whom had never belonged to the church and the most of the remainder had lived in a back-slidden state for years. One hundred and thirty stood before the altar one Sunday evening and were received by the pastor into the fellowship of the church. A glorious sight! A wonderful work of God was witnessed at Willards. This church separated from Powellville Charge and set up for itself under the leadership of J. W. Gray, one of our retired ministers. Marked enthusiasm was evidenced all through the year and the climax was reached in a great revival in which more than 80 persons professed saving faith in Christ. The membership of the church was increased nearly three-fold, benevolences paid in full and the salary for next year placed at \$1000 an advance of \$600 over what the church paid as a member of Powellville Circuit. No wonder our "young" brother is supremely happy. Notwithstanding the great revival to two years ago, Bishopville under the fine leadership of one of our most efficient supplies R. H. Wilson has had successful meetings in every church on the Charge with a total of 90 conversions. Pocomoke in a union meeting reports 58 conversions; Princess Anne 55; Sharptown 54; Salisbury 50; Delmar 45; Gumboro 27; Newark 22 and others in smaller numbers totalling nearly 1000. Our heart is set upon and our prayer is ordered before God for a revival in every Charge on the District. Let none of us be content unless we are each year bringing sheaves to lay at the feet of our blessed Lord.

Brief items from all the Charges from which reports have been received are appended:

Annessex, E. M. Byrd, Pastor—No report.

Ayres Chapel—No report.

Berlin, W. E. Greenfield, Pastor—Conversions 2; World Service \$851; Debts and improvements \$2812.

Bishopville, R. H. Wilson, Pastor—Conversions 90; World Service \$280; Improvements \$400.

Cape Charles, L. E. Poole, Pastor—Conversions 1, World Service \$660, Endowment \$200, Improvements \$250.

Chincoteague, A. W. Goodhand, Pastor—Conversions 2; World Service \$600; Improvements \$130.

Claremont, Sherman Newton, Pastor—No report.

Crisfield, Asbury, T. J. Sard, Pastor—Conversions 1; World Service \$650; Building and Improvements \$66,493.

Crisfield, Immanuel, J. J. Bunting, Pastor—No report.

Dagsboro and St. Georges, G. S. Thomas, Pastor—Conversions 7; World Service \$350; Improvements \$300.

Deals Island, J. C. Bolton, Pastor—Conversions 15; World Service \$240; Improvements and debts \$2100.

Delmar, E. H. Dashiell, Pastor—Conversions 45; World Service \$1200; Improvements \$1500, \$10000 in new building fund.

Fairmount, J. C. B. Hopkins, Pastor—No report.

Frankford, E. B. Taylor, Pastor—Conversions 8; World Service \$100; Improvements \$275.

Fruitland, J. T. Price, Pastor—Conversions —; World Service \$552; Improvements and debts \$3500.

Girdletree, Roland H. Nelson, Pastor—World Service \$250, Endowment \$125.

Gumboro, J. T. Graham, Pastor—Conversions 27; World Service \$90; Improvements \$350.

Hebron, J. H. McRill, Pastor—Conversions 20; World Service \$105.

Mardela, P. B. Burleigh, Pastor—Conversions —; World Service —; Improvements \$200.

Marion, G. E. Wood, Pastor—Conversions 1; World Service \$150; Improvements \$175.

Mt. Vernon, W. F. Godwin, Pastor—Conversions —; World Service \$90; Improvements \$250; Endowment \$30.

Nanticoke, H. V. Branford, Pastor—Conversions 1; World Service \$170; Improvements \$2000.

Newark, F. A. Baker, Pastor—Conversions 22; World Service —; Improvements \$620.

Ocean City, O. P. Jefferson, Pastor—Conversions 23; World Service \$200; Debts \$400.

Ocean View, C. W. Branford, Pastor—Conversions 7; World Service \$260; Improvements \$150.

Onancock, G. H. Wheatley, Pastor—Conversions 3; World Service \$500; Improvements \$200.

Parsonsborg, L. W. Layfield, Pastor—World Service \$300; Improvements \$200.

Phoebus, J. T. Rowleson, Pastor—Conversions 5; World Service \$185; Improvements and Debts \$1500.

Pittsville, W. G. Barlow, Pastor—Conversions 5; World Service \$150; Improvements \$200.

Pocomoke City, J. W. Jones, Pastor—Conversions 58; World Service \$800; Debts \$739.

Pocomoke Circuit, W. L. Russell, Pastor—Conversions 17; World Service \$110; Improvements \$277.

Powellville, L. L. Powell, Pastor—Conversions 38; World Service \$78; Improvements and Debts \$520.

Princess Anne, H. G. Budd, Pastor—Conversions 55; World Service \$415; Improvements \$200; Conference Claimants Endowment \$700; in full; District Parsonage debt \$25; Episcopal Residence debt \$35.

Quantico, N. B. Lawrason, Pastor—Conversions 6; World Service \$200;

Roxana, O. T. Baynard, Pastor—Conversions 7; World Service \$230; Improvements \$240.

Salisbury, Asbury, Samuel McWilliams, Pastor—Conversions 50; World Service \$3160; Improvements \$16000; Conference Claimants Endowment \$500.

Salisbury, Grace—No report.

Selbyville, Howard Davis, Pastor—Conversions 6; World Service \$1040; Improvements \$200.

Sharptown, C. C. Harris, Pastor—Conversions 54; World Service \$167; Debts \$209.

Smith's Island, A. F. Zimmerman, Pastor—Conversions 30; World Service \$284; New church \$18,700; Debts \$450.

St. Peters, R. Ward Mills, Pastor—Conversions 5; World Service \$150; Improvements \$600; Debts \$1277.

Snow Hill, Frank White, Pastor—Conversions 11; World Service \$700; Endowment \$135; Improvements \$150.

Somerset, J. W. Wootten, Pastor—Conversions 12; World Service \$350; Endowment \$100; Debts \$2200.

Stockton, D. B. Prettyman, Pastor—Conversions 4; World Service \$300; Improvements \$200.

Tangier, C. W. Strickland, Pastor—Conversions 165; World Service \$924; Debts \$1000; Improvements \$1700.

Westover, C. S. Larrimore, Pastor—Conversions —; World Service \$27; Debts \$60; Endowment \$15.

White Haven, C. V. Smith, Pastor—Conversions 16; World Service \$92; Improvements \$75.

Willards, J. W. Gray, Pastor—Conversions 80; World Service \$100; Improvements \$210.

Whitesville, J. H. Gardner, Pastor—No report.

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT

DISSTON W. JACOBS, District Superintendent.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

In view of the fact that a combined report dealing with subjects of particular interest to the Conference will be submitted by the District Superintendents this brief report will be confined to the general work of this district during the past Conference year.

There will be no attempt herein to multiply words, unduly exalt personalities nor quote in great detail statistics which will be found in the statistical columns of the minutes.

### Deaths.

Dr. George T. Alderson, beloved pastor of Asbury Church, this City, was suddenly translated on the morning of September 18, 1929.

Dr. George E. Reed, former pastor of Grace Church, this City, living in retirement in Harrisburg, Pa., passed to his heavenly reward Feb. 7, 1930.

Mrs. Mary E. Foreman, widow of Rev. Isaac N. Foreman, departed this life at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Sparks, this City, June 9, 1929.

Mrs. Clara W. Koons, widow of our late friend and brother Rev. William G. Koons died June 2, 1929.

Appropriate memoirs will be presented and read to the Conference and published in the minutes.

### Pastoral Changes.

In May, 1929, the Rev. James A. Leach, D. D., was transferred to the New York Conference and appointed pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, Kingston, N. J., and Rev. George L. Withey was transferred to our Conference and appointed pastor of Union M. E. Church, this City.

On the death of Dr. George T. Alderson, Dr. Robert K. Stephenson, living in retirement at Rehoboth Beach, Del., was appointed pastor of Asbury Church, this City, for the remaining months of the Conference year.

Rev. Lawrence E. Wimbrow, a former member of this Conference was transferred from the St. John's River Conference to us and appointed Director of Religious Education of Grace M. E. Church, this City.

### Jerusalem Conference Meeting.

A most helpful all-day meeting was held in Grace Church House on May 20, 1929, for the consideration of the Preaching Values in the report of the Jerusalem meeting of the International Missionary Council. The meeting was very well attended by the ministers of the district, several of whom made addresses on topics assigned. Dr. F. T. Cartwright was the representative of the Board of Foreign Missions under whose auspices the meeting was held. He conducted the discussion periods.

**Annual District Meeting.**

Our Annual District Meeting was held in Grace M. E. Church on October 7, 1929, at which meeting the subjects of Religious Education, Home Missions and World Service, Stewardship, Conference Claimant Endowment, etc., were presented and discussed. The report of the Committee on District Goals was adopted and a copy was sent to each pastor with the request he read same to his congregation or print in his calendar.

**Monthly District Day.**

The first Monday of each month is known as District Day in the Wilmington Preachers' Meeting. Since October, 1929, the District Superintendent has been cooperating with the Committee on Program and prominent speakers have brought their message of inspiration and instruction on subjects of vital importance to the minister of today.

**Charge by Charge.**

Bellefonte, J. C. Steen—Membership increase, 5; training schools, 4; preparatory class, 22; paid balance on Conference Claimant pledge.

Bethel & Town Point, C. D. Sharpless—World Service paid in full; improvements and repairs, \$290; increase in membership, 10.

Cedars, J. C. Galloway—Conference Claimant Endowment, \$33; World Service in full; Church School in good condition; \$550. in fund looking toward enlarging Church.

Charlestown, A. W. Strickland—Membership increase, 38; preparatory class, 12; Conference Claimant pledge paid in full; Church interior redecorated—memorial windows, new carpet and pews, etc., \$2,150. cost and all paid.

Cherry Hill, C. E. Davis—Vacation Church School, 73; young people's work in good condition, training school, 6; substantial payment on Conference Claimant pledge.

Chesapeake City, W. C. Poole—Membership increase, 13; preparatory class, 16; training school, 14.

Chester, Bethel, J. A. Buckson—Membership increase, 2; Church School and Epworth League in good condition; improvements, \$333.

Christiana, P. W. Spence—Religious census taken during year; redecorated interior of Church—new pews, windows, painting, etc., at cost of \$1,000 all of which is paid. From standpoint of achievement a most encouraging year.

Claymont, H. B. Kelso—Membership increase, 12; active Church School; preparatory class, 9; over \$1,000 for World Service; pay balance of pledge on Conference Claimant Endowment; old indebtedness, \$4200; new Church School building erected during present pastorate.

Delaware City, Ivanhoe Willis—Membership increase, 6; vacation church school, 47; Ladies' Aid raised, \$411.; improvements, \$100.

Ebenezer, O. J. Collins—Membership increase, 10; preparatory class, 9; training school, 5; payment on Conference Claimant Endowment; improvements and old indebtedness, \$950.

Edgemoor, W. E. Fosnocht—Preparatory members, 2; active church school; advance in World Service; repairs, \$50.

Elk Neck, F. C. Louhoff—This pastor and people have had a remarkable year; preparatory members, 12; advance in World Service; interior of Church redecorated—painting, etc., new heater, improvements to parsonage, at cost of \$1259, all of which is paid. Gracious revival with every member of the church renewing their vows; 10 adult conversions; 12 decisions in church school.

Elkton, W. G. Harris—Membership increase, 16; fine work among all grades of young people; preparatory class, 72; substantial payment on Conference Claimant Endowment; repairs, \$2,000; old indebtedness, \$4100.

Hockessin, O. B. Reed—Preparatory members, 3; improvements and old indebtedness, \$275.

Holly Oak, J. E. Layton—Membership increase, 7; young people's work in excellent condition; repairs, \$100; expect soon to erect another room to take care of the rapid growth in church school; preparatory class, 15.

Hopewell, J. H. Whedbee—Membership increase, 10; substantial payment on Conference Claimant Endowment; improvements and old indebtedness, \$700.

Marshallton, Tilghman Smith—Emphasis been placed this year on paying old debt against church; \$800. had been paid when report was received by District Superintendent; training school, 2; repairs, \$210.

Mt. Lebanon, M. D. Nutter—World Service same as last year; ministerial support will be paid in full; due to thorough checking of membership roll same will show decrease this year.

Mt. Pleasant, V. E. Hills—Training school, 7; preparatory class, 10; substantial payment on Conference Claimant Endowment; repairs, \$150.

Newark, W. E. Gunby—Enrolled in Standard Training Schools, 18; in local training class, 20; Conference Claimant Endowment, \$302; improvements and repairs, \$800; new church building fund, \$1600.

New Castle, T. R. Van Dyke—Full members received, 54; Junior League, 21; training school, 4; Conference Claimant Endowment, \$355; old indebtedness, \$909; successful evangelistic campaign.

Newport, J. L. Sparklin—Membership increase, 6; training school, 9; improvements, repairs, indebtedness, \$255.

North East, E. M. Shockley—Membership increase, 7; preparatory membership class, 11; week day school of religion, 80; training school, 14; advance in World Service offering; old indebtedness, \$200.

Perryville, L. M. Broadway—Membership increase, 3; preparatory class, 25; pay balance on Conference Claimant Endowment.

Port Deposit and Colora, J. S. Eldridge—Membership increase, 7; Conference Claimant Endowment, \$100; repairs and indebtedness, \$675.

Red Lion, C. T. Jones—Membership increase, 8; preparatory class, 12; training school, 1; hoping to pay balance of Conference Claimant pledge.

Rising Sun, J. C. McCoy—Membership increase, 5; preparatory class, 7; vacation church school, 82; Conference Claimant Endowment, \$200.

St. George's & Summit, O. B. Rice—Membership increase, 17; preparatory class, 12; vacation church school, 5; no debts.

St. John's, H. M. Parks—Work is in good condition; preparatory class, 7; repairs and improvements, \$870.

Stanton, J. B. Vaughn—Membership increase, 4; Junior Epworth League, 25; Conference Claimant Endowment, \$25; improvements and repairs \$82.

Zion Circuit, J. W. Prettyman—Gracious revivals on this circuit with approximately 60 conversions; work in good condition.

#### Wilmington:

Asbury, R. K. Stephenson—on death of Dr. Alderson, Dr. Stephenson accepted the pastorate of this difficult field. Successful anniversary service was held; later an old time revival service was conducted; preparatory members, 20; training school, 7; year closed with success spiritually and financially.

Brandywine, E. C. Hallman—Membership increase, 18; all organizations of church in good condition; training schools, 14; Conference Claimant Endowment, \$400.

Brack-Ex, R. H. Adams—Membership increase, 11; growing church in growing community; vacation church school, 95; pay balance on Conference Claimant Endowment; gave pastor automobile.

Cookman, G. E. Sterling—Interested and growing young people's work; week day school of religion, 15; training school, 6; improvements, repairs, old indebtedness, \$1000.

Eastlake, E. W. McDowell—Membership increase, 25; preparatory class, 14; training school, 6; approximately \$3200. on building at rear of Church purchased for the purpose of building an educational unit in the near future.

Epworth, O. H. Connelly—Membership increase, 1; preparatory members, 7; training schools, 9; tithers, 17; conversions, 16; repairs to property, \$452.

Grace, B. M. Johns—Membership increase, 49; vacation church school, 51; training school, 10; Conference Claimant Endowment, \$3900; improvements, repairs, old debts, \$4,000.

Harrison Street, J. W. Colona—Membership increase, 8; preparatory class, 43; vacation church school, 85; training school, 15; paid on old indebtedness, \$4,000; World Service maintained.

Hillcrest, P. E. Reynolds—Membership increase, 8; training school, 2; World Service increased; balance on Conference Claimant Endowment pledge; old mortgage of some years cancelled and burned amounting to \$1400; \$438. paid on improvements and repairs.

Kingswood, G. W. Bounds—Ten conversions in union meeting to be received into preparatory membership; vacation church school, 87; Kindergarten, 84; a remarkable pastorate of ten years now closing during which mortgages on church and parsonage of \$3500. have been paid; \$5900. paid for building and improvements as well as the various apportionments met from year to year.

Madeley, Leolan Jackson—In a rapidly changing section of our city this church has held its own in a very remarkable manner. Church School and League are active. It expects to meet its apportionments; paid \$250. for improvements and old debts.

McCabe, W. E. Harrison, Jr.—Membership increase, 21; active and growing church school, senior and junior league; vacation church school, 104; training schools, 4; World Service maintained; Conference Claimant Endowment, \$500; purchased and thoroughly renovated dwelling next door to church for parsonage which, when completed, will be one of the finest in the city.

Mt. Salem, W. V. Moore—Membership increase, 10; young people's work of all ages in excellent condition, vacation church school, 50; week day school of religion, 40; preparatory class, 17; World Service maintained; substantial payment on Conference Claimant Endowment; improvements and repairs, \$2700.

Richardson Park, L. B. Morgan—Membership increase, 8; growing church school; training school, 3; World Service maintained; \$600. paid on old indebtedness. During present pastorate educational unit has been built.

Scott, J. R. Bicking—Membership increase, 30; vacation church school, 80; training school, 8; preparatory class, 28; World Service maintained; balance on Conference Claimant Endowment pledge; \$500. on improvements and repairs.

Silverbrook, R. C. Jones—\$10,000. mortgage on Coley Building paid during present pastorate; \$1500 improvements; substantial payment on Conference Claimant Endowment; World Service maintained; training schools, 10.

St. Paul's, A. S. Woodard—Membership increase, 28; training schools, 22; preparatory class, 23; World Service maintained.

Trinity, W. H. Revelle—Training school, 6; Junior League, 80.

Union, G. L. Withey—Membership increase, 9; preparatory class, 33; World Service maintained; old debts, \$1600; repairs, \$300.

A Pre-Easter to Pentecost program was formulated by me and read and explained to the Preachers' Meeting on District Day, March 3, 1930, and was unanimously adopted and ordered published. It has since been published and sent to each pastor on the district. Not a few of the Churches not reporting conversions or preparatory classes are doubtless expecting to follow said program which places supreme emphasis on the evangelistic appeal.

It is possible I may have failed to give proper credit to some church or pastor for some exceptional task performed during the year, but rest assured it is not intentionally done. The above has been written after very careful perusal of the report blanks returned to me by the pastors.

The above roll call of charges gives but a very brief review of work done. Labors of love and sacrifice faithfully performed and not here recorded are all known by our Heavenly Father and will receive due reward.

To my Heavenly Father for health and strength with which to carry the exacting and responsible duties of the district as well as the City Missionary work; to my brethren of the ministry for their confidence, love and loyal cooperation; to the officials and members of the churches of the district for their respect and esteem and willingness to do their best to advance the Kingdom of our Lord, I wish to record my heart-felt appreciation.

As we face another year of service let us remember the words of Edwin Markham, Dean of the living English-speaking poets:

"We men of earth have here the stuff  
Of Paradise—we have enough.  
We need no other stones to build  
The Temple of the Unfulfilled—  
Here on the paths of every day,  
Here on the common, human way  
Is all the stuff the gods would take  
To build a Heaven, to mold and make  
New Edens. Ours the task sublime  
To build Eternity in Time."

## (b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

### WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the past year has been as follows: Academic, 66; Business Courses, 19; Special, 3. There has been 12 enrolled in the Special Course for High School Graduates, the same number as last year.

Among the students this year have been representatives from New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, Cuba, and Spain. Seven religious denominations are represented. Included in these are nine Roman Catholics. There are only 8 ministerial students enrolled at the Institute at the present time, 2 only entering this year. This represents a net loss of 4 in the ministerial students.

An encouraging feature of the attendance this year has been an increase of 8 in the freshman class. This class is made up of an unusually fine set of young people, most of whom are expecting to complete their full preparatory course at Wesley Collegiate Institute.

**GRADUATES:** Last June 19 graduated in the Academic Courses and 8 from the Commercial Course. Of the 19 Academic graduates, 15 entered college, together with 2 of the graduates from the year previous. One of these stood at the head of his class at the University of Delaware at the end of the first semester, and not a failure has been reported so far. Of this number, 6 were graduated from the Special Preparatory Course for High School Graduates. This is felt to be an excellent recommendation for the efficiency of the course offered by the Wesley Collegiate Institute, for several of these young people had been turned down by the University Committees on Entrance.

**REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS:** The heating plant in the main building became a total wreck at the end of last year. This plant had been in operation for more than twenty years and had for several years been a continual source of expense and irritation. A new heater was installed in September and October at a cost of \$3500. This price includes the rebuilding of one of the old heaters which is now used to heat the water for the swimming pool, thus enabling the swimming pool to be used throughout the winter months. Other adjustments were made in the heating plant which, I believe, will effect a saving in coal of at least \$300 per year. There are other much needed improvements, especially with respect to the wash rooms.

**FINANCES:** Financially, the school broke about even last year. Had it not been for taking out the insurance on the building for a term instead of by the year, there would have been a small credit balance. This year, the prospects are that the budget will almost balance. As stated in pre-

vious years, an increase of 15 to 20 boarding students will enable the school not only to balance its budget each year, but also leave enough to take care of the needed repairs and improvements. Is it not reasonable to ask this of the Wilmington Conference, which at the present time is furnishing only about 50% of the boarding students? The school has received many assurances of interest on the part of ministers and laymen. The thing most needed today is some wholehearted loyal workers who will secure students for the school. Complimentary messages and assurances of goodwill are quite cheering but do not help balance a budget.

The need for the independent preparatory school is becoming greater every year. A new plant of this type is opening on the Peninsula in September. There is no reason to suppose that the Wesley Collegiate Institute will not be needed as badly as ever in the training of the young people of Methodism and of the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula for effective and successful work in colleges, universities and professional schools and true leadership in the religious life in the community, the State and Nation.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE A. SHORT.

#### CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The new Constitution of the Conference Board of Education was adopted by the Annual Conference of 1929, and the Organization of the Board was completed the following May the 9th; at Wesley Church Dover.

The Constitution provides that the order of the day immediately following the reading of the journal, on Thursday of the annual Session, shall be the presentation of the reports of the Conference Board of Education, and the consideration of the same. (Minutes 1929-1930, page 117, Art. 7, Sec. 3.) This is therefore the first report of this Board to the Conference, under the new Constitution.

Here and now we are brought face to face with a renewed sense of our loss, in the fact that Rev. Frank C. MacSorley, that genial, brotherly, faithful soul, in whom these rare elements that constitute sterling, Christian leadership, were so perfectly blended,—is not making this report.

Already he had called the Annual Meeting of the Board to convene at Dover, Wednesday, February the 19th, but at that meeting he was not to preside, for he had gone to his long-earned rest from his earthly labors of love, to walk in holy fellowship with those he had "loved long since and lost awhile" on the flower-strewn slopes of the Eternal Summer Lands of God.

"God buries His workers, but His work goes on." The Board met pursuant to the call, and after a tender and fitting tribute to the departed Chairman, and a prayer for those left to mourn their loss, elected your humble servant to become his successor in office.

Having come to this office so recently, no report that I could make could be more than a brief, and incomplete, and fragmentary statement of the work of the year.

We rejoice in the growing conception of the value of the work of the Religious Education on the part of our people generally, and believe that under the Board as now organized the educational program will expand and enlarge and go forward, and fulfill our fondest hopes.

The splendid work done by Rev. F. A. Lindhorst was destined to catch the attention of the Church at large, and lead to a merited promotion. The opportunity came to him to have a place on the staff of Dr. Merle N. English, Secretary of the Division of Religious Education, in the Office at Chicago, with the privilege of advanced work in the University of Chicago, and after due notice, the Board with sincere regret, released him, as of September 1st, and a special Committee was named to find his successor.

After much correspondence, the Committee met the most likely candidates for the office, and a representative from the Chicago office, at Carlisle, Pa., during the session of the Dickinson College Summer School of Religious Education, and with the approval of Bishop McDowell, selected the Rev. James H. Bishop to be our new Conference Director.

Brother Bishop comes to us with a remarkably fine background of preparation, with the highest endorsement of the Central Office, and with commendatory appraisements, of his industrious habits, evangelistic fervor, sane administration, and Christian character.

The new Director found the work so well systematized, and efficiently organized that the program has gone forward without apparent change in the leadership.

Having made these preliminary statements, the Chairman now desires as part of this report, to call for constituent reports, from each of the two General Divisions of the Board, and after these reports shall have been made, to close this report with some recommendations.—But just preceding the call for these divisional reports, with the consent of the Conference, the Chairman would like The Standing Committee on Religious Education of which the Rev. J. Harry Wright is the Chairman to make its report.—Report of J. Harry Wright.

- I. Reports, Division of Educational Institutions.
  - Report—Use of Loan Funds, etc. . . . . Rev. R. P. Nichols.
  - Report—Wesley Collegiate Institute . . . . . Prof. Clarence A. Short.
- II. Reports, Division of Religious Education.
  - Conference Board of Epworth Leagues . . . . . Rev. J. J. Bunting.
  - Director of Religious Education . . . . . Rev. James H. Bishop.
  - Treasurer . . . . . Harry H. Nuttle.

#### Recommendations.

1. That the Conference elect two representatives to the Maryland-Delaware Council of Religious Education. Rev. E. P. Thomas and Ralph O. Dulaney were elected last year. The Board would like them continued.

2. That the Conference elect the following members to comprise the Conference Board of Education, three ministers and three laymen from each District: L. E. Windsor, Henry G. Budd, W. A. Hearn, Melvin E. Wheatley, E. P. Thomas, Frank White, M. W. Marine, O. P. Jefferson, E. M. Shockley, W. G. Harris, J. W. Colona, G. E. Sterling.

1. Elmer Perry, Mrs. Lillian Robb, Harry H. Nuttle, Mrs. Grace M. Rambo, M. Haswell Pierce, Mrs. W. H. Hudson, Ralph Dulany, Miss Janet G. Nute, Ezra S. Crooks, A. J. Hackett, John Shilling, G. P. Chandler.

Other members of the Board are ex-officio members.

3. That the Conference approve the asking of \$3600 to help in the financing of this work, the sum to be apportioned among the Churches by the District Superintendents, this being the same amount asked for last year.

4. That the Director of Religious Education be reelected to continue in this capacity for the ensuing conference year.

5. That the Conference record its appreciation of the financial support and hearty cooperation of the Central Office in the carrying on of our program of Religious Education.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. GUNBY, Chairman.

#### OUTLINE REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

1. Amount received by the Wilmington Conference Education Society during the year, \$1169.00. Of this amount, \$458 were received from the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church; the balance of \$711 was derived from interest on investments.

2. Number of students given financial aid, 14.

3. Names of the institutions in which students are taking courses: American University 2; Dickinson College 1; Drew Seminary 2; Ohio Wesleyan University 2; Wesley Collegiate Institute 7.

4. There are no activities to report on Wesley Foundation work. At least there have come no reports to my notice.

5. The President of Wesley Collegiate Institute will make his own report.

6. We note with deep sorrow the passing of F. C. MacSorley to his reward.

RANSOM P. NICHOLS.

#### DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Bishop Leete and Brethren:

We "must be about the Father's business". Some of us will go as preachers, some as teachers, and some in both capacities. The more we recognize the importance of both these functions, the better able we will be to bring the realization of the Kingdom on earth closer. The ministry of education must be more than a fad. It must lay a secure foundation on which the belief, faith, and practice of the church can rise. It must provide the basic ideas, attitudes, ideals, and motives for experiences which will foster Christian living and character. The Christian religion as a "way of life" can no more be separated from Christian education than Christian education can be separated from the "way of life". We are interested in a vital, dynamic, creative education which will build a "way of life" so beautifully exemplified by our Christ.

Christian education is a process rather than a spectacle. We who live in a material world must guard ourselves against seeking spectacular results as proof of the effectiveness of the process. The fruits of character appear only with the passing of years and if we can occasionally catch a glimpse of a rising spiritual tide in the lives of the children and youth we teach, we can feel that our efforts are not in vain.

Education is the process of leading people out of what they are into what they ought to be. It is a highly intricate and involved process which does not lessen our problems when we approach the matter from a religious angle. We could all wish that the developing of human lives in harmony with the Christ-pattern were a much simpler task. However, it is the nature of the difficulties to be met that constitutes our real challenge. Such a task demands of us the utmost in wisdom, attention, training, patience, planning, prayer, and genuine consecration. Ours is the task of saving souls—saving them from ever being lost or astray, insofar as such is humanly possible. We are cooperating with God in training a citizenry for the Kingdom here and now as well as in eternity.

We are seeking through the grace of God and all of the common sense with which He has endowed us to build for this Conference a program of education which will reflect the ideals of the Master and embody our convictions that character is an achievement of right living. Instruction may be the beginning, but life itself must be the goal of the whole process and we must recognize and use every agency which will foster the end sought. If we labor diligently with the high optimism of great faith and if we sow wisely, abundantly, and continuously, the abundant harvest will come in the fullness of time. The values of a vital educational program can be realized only after we have learned the art of patience to the end that we shall not expect over night from children and youth what we have striven a life time to achieve.

Mistakes will be made because we are human and because it is no simple matter to delve beneath the superficial appearances and really get at the heart and soul of life. We are builders—builders of tomorrow—



builders of a new day. We must not fail! As ships are launched from the ship yard, so are we launching lives to slip down the ways of our Church Schools into the deep and turbulent stream of human affairs. We are seeking to insure that Christ will be at the helm of each life to the end that none who go out from our care will be mere drifters on the human tide, or derelicts on which some future hope may be wrecked. We close this Conference year and enter upon a new one with the faith that by our mutual fellowship and labors the power of God can be made manifest through us as good servants of Jesus Christ and teachers of His way of life.

#### A. Reasons for a Conference Program of Education.

There was never a greater need for Christian education than there is right now. It is essential that we recognize the needs that there may be no question of our fullest support both morally and financially.

1. The boys and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow.
2. The opportunity to make intelligent, loyal, consecrated church members for tomorrow is in our hands today.
3. What we do for and with children and youth today will determine to a large degree the decisions for or against Christ in the days ahead.
4. Christian character is the product of daily living under Christian guidance.
5. Prophets of the new day are already preaching the vision and challenge of the new day. Such preaching will carry insufficient weight unless we inculcate in developing lives the principles and experiences which are required for that day.
6. Corruption in politics, malfeasance in office, and widespread crime indicate the need of a new citizenry trained and nurtured in Christian living.
7. If the citizens trained by the state are not spiritualized from birth by the church, there is little hope of true law observance and the success of moral reform.
8. The hope of disarmament and world peace is but a fanciful dream unless we produce generations of men and women who not only believe but live the ideals of love and brotherhood.
9. The foundations of faith and character must be laid in infancy rather than at the period of adult maturity.
10. It is our duty to provide youth with guided rather than suppressed living.
11. We must save more souls at the cradle than at the grave.
12. We must see religion as a life to be lived rather than a subject to be taught.
13. Bible study is essential to the religious life, but Bible study merely as a study is not sufficient to guarantee Christian experience and life. The curriculum of Christian education is in need of such expansion as will take in every agency that can help promote Christian thinking and living.

14. There has been too much concern in teaching folks a religion about Jesus. Our great concern must be that of helping folks live the religion of Jesus.

15. A culture of industrialism, commercialism, and materialism has developed in our midst with basic principles diametrically opposed to the vital principles of Christianity. We must permeate the thoughts, ideals, and motives of our young people with Christian culture or the culture of paganism will be the outstanding culture of the next generation. When we consider the number of children and youth untouched by any church, we are faced with an enormous task of evangelism which must be met through an enlarged and more effective program of Christian education.

16. With the rapid rise of atheism, agnosticism, and countless other "isms", we are faced with the possibility of losing countless young folks from our churches unless by more effective teaching and living we can make Christianity attractive and challenging to them.

17. We need to discover that teaching is far more than instruction and that the more formal techniques of pure instruction can not achieve the results which we desire, namely—new creatures in Christ Jesus. The heart and the will must be educated as well as the mind.

18. We are face to face with a subtle but far reaching danger in untrained teachers. Teachers can change the whole complexion of religion and religious experience by giving wrong or faulty ideas and concepts. Christianity is being molded and modified by its teachers to a larger degree than we suppose. The future of Christianity is at stake unless we give more attention to the training and religious experiences of our teachers.

19. No person can afford religiously to refuse to be a teacher. The very process of teaching demands an enlargement of mental horizons and a deepening of religious insights which foster spiritual development and experiences.

20. It is practically impossible for local churches to train their teachers and keep in vital touch with the materials and methods of Christian education without the contacts provided by a Conference program such as we have in the process of development.

21. Christian education is evangelism and is therefore one of the most important programs to which this Conference can direct its attention.

#### B. Change of Leadership.

The Director entered upon his duties in the Wilmington Conference on September 1, 1929, taking over the duties, responsibilities, organization, and program which had been so splendidly developed by the Rev. F. A. Lindhorst. It is a difficult matter to follow in the steps of one who had built so constructively during his ministry and it has been no simple matter to study and become acquainted with conditions, problems, and programs so extensive and varied in nature. The splendid spirit and careful organization that had been developed in the fields served as a real inspiration and help in these days of taking up the work at the point where Brother Lindhorst laid it down. In a brief space of six months it has been possible to get a

grasp of the situation with its problems and possibilities beyond my own expectations. Any report to this Conference at the present time would be incomplete if it did not recognize in a most appreciative measure the value of the services of Rev. Lindhorst in developing a Conference program of Christian education and in helping the new director to enter upon his duties in such a way that there might be the least confusion and break in policies and program with the change in administration.

#### C. The Fate of the Proposed Ten Year Program.

Some four years ago, Rev. Lindhorst proposed a ten year program for the Conference and proceeded to carry out the same. Any adequate consideration of the future would be impossible without a brief survey of the achievements attained under the leadership of Rev. Lindhorst in carrying forward this program.

1. Twelve Standard Training Schools were proposed and all were realized with the exception of Crisfield. In addition schools were set up at Seaford-Laurel and Middletown. A number of cooperative schools have been set up, with others in the process of development.
2. A goal of 2000 Methodist students in training yearly is now only 500 short of achievement.
3. A goal of 200 graduates from training schools was set. Some 25 have now graduated with indications that in five more years the goal will be exceeded.
4. The goal of a competent staff of qualified, accredited local instructors is being rapidly achieved.
5. The plan for institutes for specialized workers is being shaped and has been carried out somewhat through special group conferences.
6. The Summer School of Religion has been in operation for two years now.
7. Older Boys Conferences have been held and indicate the feasibility of annual conferences of older boys, girls, and young people.
8. Church and Church School visitation was consistently planned and carried out.
9. Daily Vacation Church Schools have been set up, there being at least 27 held during the past year.
10. Effective Weekday Schools of Religion have been set up in Selbyville, Sudlersville, Millington, and Galena under the direction of our Larger Parish workers.
11. Two full time Parish Directors of Religious Education were secured for the field—Miss Clara D. Bragdon in the Sudlersville Group of Churches and Miss Ruth Lindseth in the Selbyville Group of Churches.
12. Church School remodelling and building programs have been fostered.
13. The Wilmington City Council of Religious Education has been organized.
14. Progress was made in the correlation and unification of Epworth League and Young People's programs. The Dover District young people's

work was recognized on this basis and steps toward wider youth contacts through the Delmarva Epworth League Institute were begun.

These facts give an indication of the real achievements on which our future program can develop with safety and with the assurance of further success.

#### D. Problems Faced and Work Carried Out.

1. Your Director faced a task with a field highly organized to care for a very diversified educational program. It has been no small matter just to study, survey, and become acquainted with the field, its organization and activities without even considering any attempt to carry forward any program of actual activities in the interests of the educational work.

2. It was necessary to give careful study to the whole plan of organization and administration and to absorb as rapidly as possible innumerable details concerning plans, programs, organizations, and policies.

3. It has been necessary to give attention to a flood of correspondence which has indicated the rapidly developing impact of the educational program on the life of the Conference.

4. It has been necessary to become acquainted as rapidly as possible with the pastors, Church School officers and teachers, and other leaders and workers in the Conference as well as the situations in which they are at work. In the effort to make these personal contacts, the Director traveled some 12,000 miles in six months time. The interest, enthusiasm, and zeal for Christian education so apparent in the whole field has been most encouraging and inspiring. Every invitation to meet leaders and workers in local situations has been accepted whenever such was at all possible.

5. Rev. Lindhorst did an exceptional piece of work in setting up the nine fall Standard Training Schools in such a way that the new Director could carry them forward with exceptional gratifying results. To step into a new field and to plunge into such a complicated problem of organization, administration, and teaching without this assistance would have been a practical impossibility.

6. The Director was able to set up and administer the winter schools at Dover, Wilmington, and Laurel, and in addition helped to set up a cooperative school at Salisbury.

7. During this Conference year 1456 Methodist students have received training in our regular Standard Training Schools, Interdenominational Schools, local church classes, Summer Schools, and by correspondence. In addition, our schools have enrolled 283 students from other denominations, making a total of 1739 students for whose training we have been responsible.

8. The total cost of the regular training schools directly under our control was \$1781.00, of which amount the Conference treasury supplied approximately \$145.00 to cover deficits not met in other ways.

9. This indicates a problem of considerable importance. A survey of the students revealed that a registration fee of \$1.00 is the most acceptable fee. Such a fee can not cover the full cost of the schools unless larger student registrations are secured.

10. The educational nature of this type of work and the values received by teachers and prospective teachers indicate that the Conference is justified in subsidizing schools that have not become fully self-supporting.

11. Bad weather and special programs or services in many of our churches served to cut down registrations in training schools this year. We can not control the weather, but the Committee on Religious Education earnestly requests that insofar as is possible every pastor plan his year's work in such a way that the time of the Standard Training School nearest his church be kept free so that his teachers and workers can be encouraged to attend.

12. Approximately \$700.00 worth of textbooks were sold in the Conference schools this year which indicates that through the printed page we can do much to raise the standards of teaching and Church School practice.

13. The faculties of these schools have been a decided asset and credit to the Conference. However, we need a much larger body of accredited instructors who must be discovered and prepared for this important work.

14. Our student bodies have been responsive and have done truly creditable work. However, we are reaching only about 20% of our teachers and leaders. If the work of teaching in the local churches is to continue to develop and improve, an increasing number of teachers and leaders must be reached.

15. A survey of courses desired by students for the coming year was carried out in each school and will be a decided help in making the schools more helpful and democratic.

16. Three experimental leadership training courses were offered in the fall schools. 65 High School students were enrolled with results that justify our hopes that we can challenge our youth to start early in preparation for leadership.

17. The problem of cooperative training schools and competitive effort has been a serious one in the Conference area. Agreements have been reached with the other denominational field men and the Maryland-Delaware Council of Religious Education to the end that our training program shall not be jeopardized but rather enhanced by such activities of a cooperative nature as are acceptable to all concerned.

18. The Committee on Religious Education has adopted the principle that cooperative training schools may be fostered at such points as will be to the advantage of our Methodist students without removing them from the supervision of the Committee or handicapping the Committee in carrying out its educational responsibilities.

19. The Committee on Religious Education has met the problem of selecting textbooks for training schools and classes by approving and adopting the textbooks and resource materials recommended by the Leadership Training Department of our denominational Board of Education.

20. The problem of financing training schools is one that requires

considerable attention. The Committee on Religious Education has endorsed and adopted the local church guarantee plan of underwriting Conference schools. Churches which enroll their quota of students automatically cover their guarantee.

21. The problem of creating a self-sustaining Conference program of education necessitates a continued apportionment from the churches and an increasingly larger amount from Rally Day offerings. The program can not be effectively financed unless the apportionments from the churches are met in full.

The General Board subsidies to the Conference have been reduced \$400.00 this year. Their subsidies will be reduced each year until all such support is withdrawn to use in developing new fields.

The Rally Day offerings were systematically promoted this year with a return, up to March 15, of \$2090.16. This is an increase of \$1190.74 over the offerings of the preceding year and is a source of real encouragement. However, unless this is increased year by year, the reduction in direct subsidy will offset the possibilities of enlarging the present program.

22. The decrease in World Service offerings throughout the denomination shows the need of making World Service training a vital part of our educational program.

23. Our Sudlersville and Selbyville Larger Parishes have been at the most critical stage of their development during the past six months. The Director has given special attention to these fields through Parish Board meetings, church gatherings and the preparation of materials for use in educating the members of the Boards and the respective constituencies. Special recognition is due these Parish Directors for the splendid way in which they have met difficult and trying situations and for the splendid services which they have rendered the Conference as instructors in our training schools.

24. The nature of the expanding Conference program is such that many ventures, such as a Young People's conference, had to be set aside this year because of insufficient workers to carry the responsibilities. Our Conference Directors of Young People's and Children's work have given generously of their time to Conference work, but their part time relationships are totally inadequate to meet the situations that must be faced. Serious consideration looking toward full time Conference workers is a real necessity.

25. The advent of the new Graded Lessons and the unified youth program has created many serious problems which must be met through individual and group conferences and carefully planned training school courses.

26. The problem of promoting Weekday Schools of Religion indicates more and more the need of extending the Larger Parish movement and the addition of trained leadership in these Parishes.

#### E. A Proposed Program for the Next Ten Years.

It is impossible, after only six months of field work, to believe that the survey of needs and conditions has developed sufficiently to permit

a thorough analysis of a program for the future. However, it is necessary to have some vision of the task unfolded before us and the following seem to be indications of trends:

1. The plans and goals already projected should be completed and expanded where such is possible.
2. The Larger Parish movement should be fostered with perhaps a goal of at least two Larger Parishes in each district. The future of the small church and perhaps the whole Conference program rests largely on these ventures which alone can provide the necessary leadership.
3. Full time staff workers in charge of Children's and Young People's work are undoubtedly essential to adequate progress in these fields of endeavor.
4. The financial support from church apportionments, Rally Day offerings, and individual contributions needs to be increased materially.
5. There is need of developing an intensive, unified youth program through the local churches, districts, and on a conference-wide basis.
6. There is need of expanding the Delmarva Epworth League Institute into an agency that will meet the needs of High School youth in training for leadership.
7. There is a need of consolidating many weak and scattered Church Schools for purposes of more effective educational organization, administration, and teaching.
8. The courses and teaching procedures of Standard Training Schools need to be revised to make more adequate provision for meeting problems growing out of the new Graded Lessons and the enlarged youth program.
9. Training classes should be fostered in more of our churches.
10. We need to challenge more people to enter the teaching work of the church and to train for their tasks.
11. We can well seek for more trained Directors of Religious Education in the larger churches.
12. We need to develop the use of religious art and pageantry to a larger degree.
13. There is a need of correlating, unifying, and expanding the work of Missionary, Temperance, and Stewardship education.
14. There is a need of developing specific experimental projects in suitable churches and centers throughout the Conference.
15. Further consideration of a summer camp for youth is essential.
16. Dickinson Summer School should be used as an agency for training more teachers for our Standard Training School faculties.

#### F. Recommendations.

It is recommended that:

1. A minimum Rally Day goal of \$2500.00 be set for this Conference year.
2. Our churches use their full influence to help insure 2000 students in training work this year.

3. Every pastor seek to have his church represented in the Summer School of Religious Education which meets in Dover from June 23 to July 4 this summer.

4. Every pastor seek to have his High School youth represented in the Delmarva Epworth League Institute which meets in Dover from July 12 to July 19 this summer.

5. Every effort be lent to holding our teachers and workers steady during these days of adjustment to the new Graded Lessons, newer teaching procedures, and the developing youth program.

6. Every effort be made to increase subscriptions to and secure the wide circulation of the Conference Bulletin of Religious Education. A new rate of subscription, 25¢ per year, has been set by the Committee on Religious Education to go into effect immediately following Annual Conference.

7. We express our appreciation to the General Board of Education and the Board of Home Missions for the financial aid and cooperation given to our Conference program of Christian education.

8. We express our appreciation for and confidence in our own Conference Board of Education.

#### G. Conclusion.

This report is incomplete and fragmentary, but will serve to show the variety of our problems and the infinite possibilities for the future. Special statistical tables are appended to this report as printed in the Bulletin and the reports of the Conference Directors of Children's and Young People's work are also given there for convenience in reference to their activities.

This report would be incomplete without reference to the fact that your Director intends to keep the work in the line of evangelistic endeavor and spiritual uplift.

Appreciation is here expressed for the cordial, sympathetic cooperation of our District Superintendents and for the brotherly support and encouragement which has come from the pastors and laymen of the Conference.

With the high faith that God will bless our labors together as we seek to follow in the steps of our Christ, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H BISHOP,  
Director of Religious Education.

#### THE STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS, INCORPORATED

In the largest sense Strawbridge Home belongs to the Church. It was built and is maintained by funds contributed through the Church. The farm of three hundred and eighteen acres was deeded to the Church and

the Home is controlled by the annual election of Trustees by the Baltimore and Wilmington Conferences.

We have been operating for five years, increasing in numbers from fifteen in the beginning to forty-five boys at this time. We have no debts either for buildings or equipment or maintenance, and yet have carried on only by free will offerings. It is imperative, however, that if we are to continue to grow and expand that endowments come soon.

There are men of wealth seeking to invest funds in homes like ours and our Pastors could discover them and have our co-operation in the making of wills or securing annuities for endowments.

We are continually improving our grounds. A generous hearted layman is now at his own expense landscaping along the Gambrill Highway from the stone gateway to the stone Sanctuary at our amphitheatre. Another man is making a concrete swimming pool and lake near the amphitheatre which will not only make this section of our grounds beautiful, but of real service to us.

The annual Methodist Day was held last year September twenty-first at our amphitheatre which had been adorned by a beautiful stone pulpit and platform, the gift of the Men's Association of Mount Vernon Place Church of Baltimore. A great throng of people have gathered each year at these all day services.

Strawbridge Home is not only obeying the Biblical injunction to care for the orphan and dependent boy, but is definitely contributing to the life of the Church. The boys are developing Christian Character and during our five years of service all the older boys have given their hearts to the Lord and joined our Church. We are hoping and praying that out of our group of boys may come Ministers of the Gospel, and worthy laymen of our Church.

Strawbridge is a busy place: aside from the school work each boy has a task to perform; for example each one is taught to make his own bed and to do some definite work either in the house or on the farm.

As our boys are getting older, we are in great need of a Trade School Building with sufficient endowment to give them this very important training.

We are grateful to the Pastors and the splendid folks of this Conference for their co-operation that makes possible our "carrying on".

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. S. LONG.

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

### GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

THE Bureau of the Goodwill Industries was organized to encourage the establishment of auxiliary and affiliated Goodwill Industries for the religious, educational and industrial welfare of the unfortunate. Its chief aim is to prevent pauperism, relieve temporary distress and train the unskilled and handicapped in self supporting occupations.

In our national Goodwill Industries last year, three million five hundred and seventy five thousand one hundred and eighty seven hours labor were furnished at the rate of thirty one cents per hour to this type of people.

More than a million persons 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 their cast off material. It is to these million or more that the Goodwill Industries has carried the social Gospel and the Message of their responsibility and opportunity to help these less fortunate ones to realize the "more abundant Life" of which the Master spoke.

In the Goodwill stores more than a million and a half purchases have been made by people of limited means, the income of which has gone to aid the handicapped laborers, who work in these plants. Opportunity labor, which means old people, some past eighty years, crippled folks, homeless widows, handicapped orphans, received one million three hundred and fifty four thousand nine hundred and fifty seven dollars last year.

Our Wilmington Goodwill Industries has had a part in this work. Four thousand five hundred and fifty eight calls have been made: collecting three thousand five hundred bags of clothing and shoes, one thousand five hundred bags of newspapers and magazines and eight hundred pieces of furniture.

Our audited report for 1929 shows store sales seven thousand six hundred twenty eight dollars and ninety nine cents, membership fees and donations one thousand three hundred fifty eight dollars and forty one cents, making a total of eight thousand nine hundred forty seven dollars and forty cents.

On August first W. D. Haddock Co. began tearing down the old buildings of the Goodwill Industries and on November 23rd a two story brick building 160 feet long and 38 feet wide was completed with fine quarters for our sales room, work shops, offices and warehouse. The payment for this is all provided for by cash and good subscriptions. Ninety-five per cent of this money was given by the liberal citizens of Wilmington. We are still in need of ten thousand dollars for bag promotion and equipment. We expect to get it.

Spring time is here and house cleaning is on. Don't forget the Goodwill Industries, 216 Walnut Street. Phone 22215. Call us to get your cast off clothing and furniture that we may turn them into wages to the handicapped.

On behalf of our Board of Directors we appreciate the part that many have taken in this work this year.

J. H. BEAUCHAMP, Supt.

### THE STATE OF THE CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE

A large part of the teachings of Jesus is given over to the concept of the Kingdom of God. According to the account in Matthew He opened his ministry by preaching upon the theme "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand". There is no doubt that Jesus thought of the Kingdom in terms of present-day reality. The Church, ever since its inception, has been trying to bring to pass a social order which will build upon the foundation of the Kingdom principles enunciated by its Founder. Whether the Church has succeeded only the future can reveal. Certainly no one will claim that our present day civilization makes as near an approach to the ideal of the Kingdom as the Church would desire. And in all frankness we must admit that the Church itself does not make the approach with as much success as could be expected of it. So that, when we are thinking of the state of the Church, it would seem fair to say that we need to repent of our failure to make the most of the opportunity to get the Kingdom established. Assuredly the state of the Church has more to do with the progress of the Kingdom than any other factor. Primitive Christianity was an idealistic social movement, demonstrating to the world at large the possibilities of the teachings of Jesus, and modifying the life of the world in such a way as to create an environment in which the redemptive influences of the gospel will find more sympathy and cooperation. When we allow the environment to remain anti-christian or semi-pagan it is extremely difficult for the redeemed man to live up to his ideals. Hence the necessity for the redemption of many relationships in our social fabric.

Just now the attention of the country is centered upon the "noble experiment" being made under the terms of the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act. Every possible ally has been called upon to reenforce the army of opponents of Prohibition, every conceivable device has been called upon to discredit the law and prejudice the mind of the people. But a fair consideration of the facts will show that the first ten years of Prohibition registered much progress in spite of a very small force in the Prohibition Unit and less cooperation on the part of the States than could be expected; the conversion of billions of dollars from sheer waste into economic values; the legal elimination of the saloon, and many other attendant evils; the acknowledged betterment of industrial conditions. Every decision of the Supreme Court in the last ten years with regard to the Eighteenth Amendment has safe-guarded its constitutionality. The present Congress has in its membership a larger percentage of dry voters than any previous Congress. The President of the United States is making a real and vigorous effort to enforce the law. The lines of battle are sharply drawn and there is good fighting all along the line. If our people can remain steady and loyal to the Constitution and to their convictions there is no doubt of ultimate victory for sobriety and decency.

The Church has a very important part to play in the matter of our international relationships. Just now our eyes are fixed on the Five Power Naval Conference in London. While the accomplishments to date

are discouraging the fact that there is such a conference is worth something. There is a growing sentiment around the world for universal peace, and the Church of "the Prince of Peace" has done its rightful share in fostering it. The peoples of the world want peace, but the governments hesitate. As a church we thank God for the Kellogg Peace Pact, and we dedicate ourselves to the cause of international amity and goodwill, no matter how many conferences it takes to bring it to pass. Some day the governments of the world will become sufficiently weary of the burden of excessive armaments and will work out a technique for practical action to match the high idealism of the Kellogg Pact.

While it is difficult to assess social and religious movements within the confines of another nation it seems to be an indisputable fact that the Soviet Government of Russia is waging a relentless war against religion. Organized protests have been made in Germany, Italy, Great Britain, and the United States. The religious sensibilities of Christians everywhere are outraged at the sacrileges and persecutions reported. After many centuries of fighting for the guarantee of religious rights and freedom for all people, the church cannot stop now, but must raise its voice in powerful protest against such a spectacle as is being exhibited in Russia today.

One of the points at which the life of our Church needs safe-guarding is the observance of Sunday as the Lord's Day. The time granted to the church for its teaching and preaching and service ministry is becoming more and more restricted. Advancing materialism would seek to occupy all the territory and buy up all the opportunities, forgetting entirely the rights of the Church to a proper proportion of the time of the people. We cannot expect to build a Christian civilization unless we have the time, place, and opportunity to present Christ's claims to the people.

We are all used to the statement that this is a scientific age. Certainly the realm of science is assuming mastery of much of our thinking. Science has within its power and knowledge the ability to destroy civilization or to remake it. Which is it going to do? It may spend its time devising diabolical machinery for the next war or it can expend its energies in helping mankind become a more complete human unit. If the mind of Christ captures the scientific imagination of the present generation, then the scientific mastery of life can be used for the purpose of relieving mankind of many handicaps. A thoroughly Christianized scientific mastery would enable us to grow better bodies, to become better acquainted with the processes of the human mind, convert the uses of the material products of life into the happiness and peace of the human brotherhood. The possibilities of a misdirected scientific mastery of thought are so obvious as to make Christian statesmen do some very serious thinking.

It is our hope that all our Pastors and members will see the value of creating a favorable public opinion regarding the matters which have reference to the Kingdom, and that they will always realize the social implications of the Gospel of our Lord and Master.

### WORLD SERVICE REPORT.

"The Earth is the Lord's," "All Souls are mine," said Jehovah. Jesus taught that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son," God's Word declares we shall be witnesses of the Christ, in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. John Wesley declared, "The world is my parish," and early in life set himself to the great task, with marvelous zeal.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has likewise committed herself to evangelizing the world—the "World Service" of our church, beginning at our Jerusalem, is endeavoring to reach the uttermost part of the earth with the glorious Gospel of the Son of God.

We recognize the merits of every cause represented by World Service and each of them to be of sufficient importance, to command prayerful attention, the greatest possible consideration of every Methodist Episcopal Church and the most consecrated giving from all our people.

We record our deep regrets, indeed our hearts are pained greatly at the decline of interest in our great objective, as evidenced by the persistent falling away in the givings to World's Service.

Many reasons are given to explain the cause for the indifference of so many people to this great and God-assigned mission for the church. It is claimed, the minority only contribute, or the methods are inadequate or the World Service is too impersonal to have any appeal.

The reason we believe, lies deeper—spiritual religion is at a very low ebb. The personal appreciation of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, is necessary before His world program appeals. Education is a good thing and necessary but the realization of God, upon the part of the whole church, is fundamental.

A "Bishops" crusade, forgetful of financial objectives, in a church wide fervor of evangelism, would, we believe thrill the angels and awaken Methodism to unconquerable zeal in establishing the Kingdom in our Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and uttermost parts of the earth.

O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfill,  
To tell to all the world that God is light;  
That he who made all nations is not willing  
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

'Tis thine to save from peril and perdition  
The souls for whom the Lord his life laid down;  
Beware lest, slothful to fulfill thy mission,  
Thou lose one jewel that should bedeck his crown.

Publish glad tidings;  
Tidings of peace;  
Tidings of Jesus,  
Redemption and release.

### WORLD PEACE AND FELLOWSHIP.

The Gospel of Christ has in it that which will make possible the establishing and maintaining of the peace of the world. Being among those to whom the Gospel is entrusted, we have both the duty and opportunity to do our part in making real this dream of a warless world.

The nations have committed themselves through the Paris Peace Pact to an absolute renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy in settling international disputes. Likewise, our church, with others, has committed herself to the task of leading the way in creating a condition of society in which war shall be no more. Our people ought to be thoroughly acquainted with these two facts and their significance. As a part of this report we call special attention to the statements on World Peace contained in the District Superintendents' report and the report of the Committee on State of the Church.

Thus, the will to peace is becoming more and more expressed; and we believe the will to peace is the will of Christ.

We are under no illusion, however, as to the ease with which the task may be accomplished. The will to peace, so beautifully expressed by church and state in words, must be more than a wish, however sincere. It must be an active and intelligent mental, moral, and spiritual force, meeting and overcoming such obstacles as race prejudice, economic imperialism, national competition in armaments, fear, suspicion, and a supine lack of faith in the power of God to work His will among the peoples of earth.

In order that we may do something vital and constructive in this movement toward peace, we urgently request our churches to give place in their programs to the study of this problem. We suggest that reading circles, discussion and study groups in mid-week services, Church schools, and Epworth Leagues be organized. Texts and plans for such groups may be had from the office of the Commission on World Peace at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

In pointing out the human agencies, however, through which plans for world peace may become effective, we recognize that from the beginning to the end, real peace is a spiritual condition and must therefore rest on a spiritual basis. Our programs, plans and associations for peace, whether in church, or nations or among the nations, to be ultimately effective, must be secured by the power of the living Christ. Here, as in every other Christian advance, no other foundation can be laid than that is laid. We pledge ourselves unreservedly to the task of bringing to reality the Gospel of Peace on earth and Good Will among men.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

The Historical Society of the Wilmington Conference desires to register its appreciation of the many gifts presented for its collection, and for the keen interest taken in its affairs.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Joshua McCabe and Mrs. I. G. Fosnocht, the Society now owns several complete sets of our Conference minutes. We have assisted several ministers in completing their files.

We note with pleasure the several historical anniversaries that have been held during the year. Many other historical churches might profitably follow such an example as Easton and Georgetown set in celebrating their one hundred and fiftieth birthday.

Last Memorial Day, our Society and the Wilmington Preachers Association decorated all known graves of Methodist ministers within the boundary of the Wilmington District. In the afternoon a pilgrimage was made to the grave of Lawrence Lawrenson. Rev. Disston W. Jacobs and our President gave a brief talk on the times and character of Rev. Lawrenson, who was among the first twelve to respond to the first altar call ever given in any Methodist church in the world. Next Memorial Day we expect to visit the grave of Bishop Whatcoat at Dover, with Mr. Elwood Melson as the orator of the occasion.

Our Society entertains the Association of the Methodist Historical Societies of the United States at Dover in May. We wish all of you to come and act as one of our hosts.

We are also asking you to adopt the following constitution and order it printed in the Official Year Book of our Conference at least once in every quadrennium.

**CONSTITUTION OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.****Article I.**

This society shall be called the Wilmington Conference Historical Society.

**Article II.**

The object of the society shall be to collect and perpetuate a library of books, pamphlets, journals, portraits, souvenirs, relics and whatever shall conserve the history and promote the interests of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**Article III.**

This society shall be composed of the preachers of the Conference and members of the Laymen's Association, when this constitution shall have been approved by that body, from whom payment of dues of twenty-five cents shall be solicited annually. Individuals other than those above indicated paying similar dues each year, or making special contributions, shall be affiliated members.

**Article IV.**

That the Conference shall elect a President at large and four Vice Presidents; and that the Laymen's Association, when this constitution shall have been approved by that body, shall elect one Vice President for each District.

**Article V.**

It shall be the duty of the officers and members of the society to obtain historical information by collecting books, pamphlets, documents, records, journals, manuscripts, etc., relating to the history and literature of Methodism, and to forward them to the Custodian for safe keeping in the society's archives in Wesley Collegiate Institute or Farmers' Bank Vault, at Dover, Delaware, or in such place or places as they may be located.

**Article VI.**

The officers of the Historical Society shall appoint either from its own members or from the society's membership at large, a Custodian, or Corresponding Secretary, and an assistant, if deemed advisable, who shall enter into such correspondence in behalf of the society as would advance its objects and best interests, and who shall have charge of all books, papers, pamphlets, maps, pictures, curiosities, and all other property belonging to or deposited in the library; to label books, pamphlets, etc.; classify and keep a correct catalogue of the same, enter all donations in a book with suitable mention of the date and donor's name, including gifts of money to the society.

**Article VII.**

To give greater permanence to historical data and convenience in consulting them, certain records shall be bound in suitable form; the Minutes of our Conference especially, and those of the Philadelphia Conference, during those years our territory was included in theirs. The General Minutes of the denomination from its beginning, for the purpose of reference, should also have permanent form in the archives. Valuable letters and rare documents, should be made permanent and accessible by having a photostat made of them. To these and kindred purposes all funds in the hands of the Treasurer of the Historical Society after the current expenses have been met, shall, under direction of the officers, be devoted.

**Article VIII.**

On recommendation of the Officers, and upon favorable action by the Conference, anniversaries shall be held, at intervals, as part of the Conference program. As a further means of calling public attention to the society and its important work this Constitution, or as changed from time to time, shall be printed in the Conference Minutes at least once in each quadrennium.



**THANKS.**

The Committee on Thanks wishes to express the gratification of the Conference to all those who have contributed to the welfare of this most delightful session.

We would first mention our Presiding Bishop, whose efficiency in dispatch of business and whose beautiful spiritual instruction has won him a place in all our hearts.

We also are grateful to the officials and members of Silverbrook M. E. Church for the use of their beautiful property and for the many attentions they have paid us.

We have greatly enjoyed the leadership of the choir and of Brother William P. White, who have cheered us and inspired us all.

Brother R. C. Jones, the Pastor of the church, has proven himself an ideal Conference Host and we hope that responsibility will fall on him again.

The hosts and hostesses who have entertained us have endeared themselves to us and we love them all.

The newspapers of Wilmington have also placed us under great obligation by their fair presentation of Conference news.

The Ladies of the church who have provided delightful repasts each day have exalted in our minds the mission of women in the world.

All others who have contributed to our happiness are hereby cordially thanked.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**

For the first time in several years the president's report is being presented by a minister. This is not in conformity to the best judgment of the present incumbent or with that of the Board, but the pressure of circumstances at present seems to make the arrangement imperative.

We have received from the charges by districts the following amounts this year: From the Dover District, \$8,563; from the Middletown District, \$7,312; from the Salisbury District, \$10,141; from the Wilmington District, \$14,101—a total offering from the churches of \$40,101.

While this sum is in excess of the amount given last year, the presence of fifty-five widows, forty-four retired ministers and six children, whose total period of service is most unusually large, together with the necessity of taking care of the needs of one of our greatly loved members in the supernumerary relation, has forced us to report that the rate this year will be reduced to \$20.50. We are sure that every person affected by this reduction understands that this action is by reason of compulsion, for it is the conviction of the present members of the Board that the offering of the churches each year is intended for each year's needs, and that is the program we are following.

The Treasurer's report will include details as to income and expenditures. It is not necessary that these matters shall be reported again here.

Our auditing committee reports the Treasurer's books to be in excellent condition and his accounts correct. We ask permission to have this report printed in the minutes.

The Conference having reviewed our action regarding the change in our charter, it is not necessary to do other than to remind you that we are now operating under the provisions and privileges of that change.

We recommend that the Conference proceed immediately to put into effect the provisions of paragraph 389 sec. 9 of the discipline, which has to do with adjusting the annuity of a retired minister, who chances to be holding an appointment as a supply within our bounds, so that combined salary and annuity may not exceed the average cash salary of the active membership of the Conference.

You should be informed that brother Thomas N. Rawlins, who for many years has given excellent leadership to the activities of the Board, has resigned his office of president. We wish here to register our appreciation of the invaluable services of this son of a good minister of Methodism. Through a long period of enthusiastic and constructive administration he has made a most lasting contribution to this cause, which has been his first and lasting love among the Conference interests. We regret his retirement and desire him to know of our love.

By reason of the operation of a denominational law regarding membership in the Board of Stewards, Dr. George P. Jones, now in the retired relation, cannot hold office any longer. We feel keenly the loss of Dr. Jones' services to the Board. He leaves a record of unusual business judgment, untiring faithfulness in the performance of duties, and such sympathy and consideration in relation to the annuitants as to have won and kept the highest regards of these men and women of God. We here record our appreciation of his services and our personal regrets at his going. Brother Jefferson Cooper, of Cheswold, Delaware, has been elected to succeed Dr. Jones as Treasurer.

Trustees: For Mrs. Chaires, W. W. Chaires; for Mrs. Chatham, L. B. Morgan; for Mrs. Williams and children, L. E. Windsor.

**(c) SPECIAL AND FINANCIAL.****CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.****Treasurer's Report, March 26, 1930.****RECEIPTS.**

Balance, April 1, 1929 . . . . .	\$1022.36
Earnings on Investments . . . . .	422.00
Interest on Savings . . . . .	29.45
Mrs. Sallie C. Lindsey Legacy . . . . .	1000.00
Interest from Washington Foster Estate . . . . .	500.00
Check, from Executors of Washington Foster Estate . . . . .	1271.50
From Surrendered Shares . . . . .	420.67
<b>Total Receipts . . . . .</b>	<b>\$4665.98</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

Beckwith, from the Thomas Fund . . . . .	\$ 110.00
Goshen, from the Carey Fund . . . . .	115.00
Clayton, from the Clifton Fund . . . . .	28.00
Parsonsbury, from the Wimbrow Fund . . . . .	45.00
Investment from the Sallie C. Lindsay Legacy . . . . .	1012.33
Bird, Ford & Co., Renewal of Bond . . . . .	12.50
Pastor of Elk Neck Charge, Salary . . . . .	700.00
Investment . . . . .	495.08
R. J. McCauley, Agent, for \$15,000 Bond . . . . .	55.00
Investment . . . . .	977.00
Trustees, Expenses to Elkton . . . . .	5.65
<b>Total Disbursements . . . . .</b>	<b>\$3555.56</b>
Balance in Bank, March 26, 1930 . . . . .	\$1110.42

W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.

**BARRATT'S CHAPEL FUND.****Treasurer's Report, March 26, 1930.****RECEIPTS.**

Balance, April 1, 1929 . . . . .	\$ 433.15
Earnings on Investments . . . . .	60.00
Interest on Savings . . . . .	13.87
<b>Total Receipts, in Bank, March 26, 1930 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 507.02</b>

W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.

**WASHINGTON FOSTER ESTATE.****Report of Treasurer, March 26, 1930.**

Mortgage, 6% . . . . .	\$ 5000.00
Mortgage, 6% . . . . .	700.00
Mortgage, 6% . . . . .	1200.00
Mortgage, 5% . . . . .	5500.00
Check from Executors of Estate . . . . .	\$1271.50
<b>Expenses of Trustees to Elkton . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 5.65</b>
Bonding of Treasurer . . . . .	55.00
Credit to Income . . . . .	106.92
<b>Total Expenses . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 167.57</b>
Balance to Estate . . . . .	\$1103.93
Investment in Bond . . . . .	\$ 977.00
Balance in Bank, March 26, 1930 . . . . .	126.93
<b>Total Value of Estate . . . . .</b>	<b>\$13503.93</b>

W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.

**INCOME FROM WASHINGTON FOSTER ESTATE.****Report of Treasurer, March 26, 1930.****INCOME.**

Balance, March 30, 1929 . . . . .	\$ 5.00
Interest from H. M. McCullough, Attorney . . . . .	500.00
Interest from R. J. McCauley, Register of Wills . . . . .	106.92
Loan to Fund from Board of Trustees . . . . .	88.08
<b>Total Income . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

Salary, Pastor of Elk Neck Charge . . . . .	\$ 700.00
<b>Total Disbursements . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>
Balance in Bank, March 26, 1930 . . . . .	\$

W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.

## WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

## RECEIPTS.

	General Fund	Riddle Fund
1929		
March 25, To Balance .....	\$ 597.26	\$2070.83
Apr. 1, To Chk. Int. Squirrel Run Hill Co. Mortgage.	22.50	
Apr. 11, To Chk. Security Trust Co. ....		199.56
Apr. 5, To Chk. Board of Education, New York .....	41.66	
May 10, To Chk. Board of Education, New York .....	41.66	
June 1, To Chk. Int. Svgs. Acct. Fruit Growers Nat'l Bank & Trust Company .....		41.25
June 10, To Chk. Board of Education, New York .....	41.66	
July 3, To Chk. Int. Squirrel Run Hill Co. Mortgage.	22.50	
July 3, To Chk. Full payment & sat. for Squirrel Run Mortgage .....	1500.50	
July 15, To Chk. Board of Education, New York .....	41.66	
Aug. 13, To Chk. Board of Education, New York .....	41.67	
Aug. 16, To Chk. S. L. & Jane L. Rogers, Mort. (Int.)	23.51	
Sept. 12, To Chk. Board of Education, New York .....	41.67	
Oct. 11, To Chk. Int. Security Trust Co. ....		239.20
Oct. 14, To Chk. Board of Education, New York .....	41.67	
Nov. 16, To Chk. S. L. & Jane L. Rogers, Mort. (Int.)	45.00	
Nov. 19, To Chk. Board of Education, New York .....	41.67	
Dec. 2, To Chk. Int. Svgs. Acct. Fruit Growers Nat'l Bank & Trust Company .....		42.18
Dec. 12, To Chk. Board of Education, New York .....	41.66	
1930		
Jan. 10, To Chk. Board of Education, New York .....	41.66	
Mar. 3, To Chk. Board of Education, New York .....	41.66	
	<u>\$2669.57</u>	<u>\$2593.02</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1929		
Apr. 15, By Loans to Students .....	\$ 425.00	
May 15, By Chk. to Sam'l C. Bilborough .....	12.50	
Aug. 9, By Chk. W. W. Hynson, Cashier (Rogers Mortgage) .....	1500.00	
Oct. 24, By Chk. Loans to Students .....	225.00	
April 13, By Chk. Oliver J. Collins .....		100.00
April 13, By Chk. Conrad Hamer .....		100.00
Oct. 24, By Chk. Oliver J. Collins .....		100.00
Oct. 24, By Chk. Conrad Hamer .....		100.00
Nov. 5, By Chk. Sam'l C. Bilborough .....		50.00
1930		
Jan. 18, By Chk. Harry H. Conner .....	25.00	
	<u>\$2187.50</u>	<u>\$ 450.00</u>
March 18, By Balance .....	\$ 482.07	\$2143.02
	<u>\$2669.57</u>	<u>\$2593.02</u>

## BUREAU OF CONFERENCE BUDGET.

## RECEIPTS.

1929	
March 25, To Balance .....	\$2625.61
Apr. 6, To Check Conference Treasurer, V. E. Hills .....	2000.00
April 15, To Check Conference Treasurer, V. E. Hills .....	814.00
May 3, To Check G. F. Alderson, refunding excess payment .....	6.25
May 3, To Check Conf. Treas. Hills (Asbury Church, Salisbury) ..	46.00
June 1, To Int. Sav. Acct., Fruit Growers N. B. & Tr. Co. ....	20.71
July 15, To Check E. W. McDowell, Treas. Conf. Board Excess..	220.00
July 30, To Check E. W. McDowell, Treas. Conf. Board Excess..	85.00
Aug. 13, To Check F. K. McCorkle, Bozman and Neavitt .....	20.00
Dec. 2, To Int. Sav. Acct. Fruit Growers Nat. Bk. & T. Co. ....	7.78
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$5845.35</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1929	
Apr. 3, By Chk. G. F. Alderson, Treas. Entertainment Committee	1200.00
Apr. 4, By Chk. G. F. Alderson, Treas. Entertainment Committee	1000.00
Apr. 5, By Chk. G. F. Alderson, Treas. Entertainment Committee	2000.00
Apr. 10, By Chk. Rev. J. C. Hanby (J. A. Hudson Trial) .....	5.00
Apr. 10, By Chk. Rev. F. A. Lindhorst (J. A. Hudson Trial) .....	13.00
Apr. 10, By Chk. Rev. E. H. Dashiell (J. A. Hudson Trial) .....	10.00
Apr. 10, By Chk. Gilbert L. Smith (J. A. Hudson Trial) .....	8.60
Apr. 22, By Chk. Rev. V. E. Hills (Expense, \$20.00) (Premium Treasurer's Bond, \$125.00) .....	145.00
Apr. 29, By Chk. Rev. E. H. Dashiell, Hudson Trial Expense .....	24.00
Apr. 30, By Chk. W. O. Hoffecker, Treas. Bureau of Ses. Bond..	12.50
May 6, By Chk. Rev. J. W. Colona (Sexton Harrison St. Church)	25.00
May 6, By Chk. Rev. J. T. Prouse, Conference Postmaster .....	25.00
June 10, By Chk. Rev. D. W. Jacobs (Budget Allowance) .....	25.00
July 15, By Chk. Rev. E. W. McDowell (Summer School Exp.) ..	700.00
Sept. 10, By Chk. Rev. E. C. Hallman (Historical Society) .....	25.00
1930	
Jan. 20, By Chk. Rev. R. K. Stephenson (Meals for Members) ...	8.75
Mch. 3, By Chk. First Nat. Bk., Dover, Del. (Rent Vault Space) ..	10.00
Mch. 24, By Chk. Rev. W. O. Hoffecker (Prem. Con. Treas. Bond)	125.00
Total Disbursements .....	<u>\$5361.85</u>
March 24, Balance .....	\$ 483.50
	<u>\$5845.35</u>

March 24, 1930—By Balance Active Account .....	\$ 85.77
March 24, 1930—By Balance Savings Account .....	\$ 397.73
Total Balances .....	<u>\$ 483.50</u>

Wilmington, Del., March 26, 1930—Audited. Correct.  
HUGH B. KELSO, Conference Auditor.

## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Smyrna, Del., March 17, 1930.

## RECEIPTS.

1929  
 May 3, To Check Rev. V. E. Hills, Conference Treasurer .....\$1645.00

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1929  
 May 27, By Check Rev. D. W. Jacobs, Wilmington District .....\$ 551.00  
 May 27, By Check Rev. J. L. Johnson, Middletown District ..... 370.00  
 May 27, By Check Rev. W. E. Habbart, Dover District ..... 398.00  
 May 27, By Check Rev. Leonard White, Salisbury District ..... 326.00  
 \$1645.00

W. O. HOFFECKER, Trustee.

## MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury March 21, 1929 .....\$1480.59  
 Received of V. E. Hills, Treasurer ..... 111.00  
 Interest on Deposits ..... 58.39  
 Total Receipts ..... \$1649.98

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Leonard White for District needs .....\$ 100.00  
 John L. Johnson for District needs ..... 200.00  
 Disston W. Jacobs for District needs ..... 300.00  
 R. K. Stephenson, telegram ..... 3.00  
 Total Disbursements ..... \$ 603.00  
 Balance in Treasury ..... \$1046.98

R. K. STEPHENSON, Trustee.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION, DIVISION OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

March 31, 1929 to March 26, 1930.

## RECEIPTS.

On Hand March 31, 1929 .....\$ 446.76  
 Received of Conference Treasurer 1928-29 ..... 1478.00  
 Received from Churches 1929-30 ..... 1219.00  
 Refunds, Training Schools, Promotion Expense Tui-  
 tion and Books ..... 613.25  
 Rally Day Offerings ..... 2090.18  
 Received, Bd. of Ed. of Chicago, Salary J. H. Bishop. 591.61  
 Bulletin Subscriptions ..... 21.57  
 Contribution ..... 10.00  
 Miscellaneous ..... 122.24  
 Net Money Borrowed ..... 1815.00

Total Receipts ..... \$8407.61

## EXPENDITURES.

Salary .....\$1583.33  
 House Rent ..... 575.00  
 Travel ..... 1282.47  
 Supplies & Postage ..... 337.96  
 Telephone & Telegraph ..... 141.29  
 Printing ..... 207.60  
 Slides ..... 6.98  
 Clerical ..... 960.00  
 Office Rent & Fixtures ..... 238.50  
 Moving Expenses ..... 55.76  
 Insurance ..... 2.88  
 Notes Paid ..... 1905.00  
 Miss Lindseth from Home Mission Board ..... 200.00  
 Miss Lindseth, Conference Work ..... 25.44  
 Miss Bragdon, Conference Work ..... 117.00  
 Miss Ilsley, Conference Work ..... 29.63  
 Scholarships, Summer Training School ..... 24.00  
 Miscellaneous ..... 217.15

Total Expenditures ..... \$7909.99

Balance in Hand March 26, 1930 ..... \$ 497.62

## ASSETS.

Bond .....\$ 500.00  
 Furniture & Office Fixtures .....\$ 150.00 \$ 650.00

## LIABILITIES.

Notes to Peoples Bank of Denton, Md. ....\$1795.00

HARRY H. NUTTLE, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF AUDITOR.

Your Auditor has examined with care the accounts of the following Treasurers, and believes each to be correct.

The account of Rev. H. G. Budd, Trustee for Mrs. Ellen M. Brindle, who died Jan. 21, 1929.

**Rev. D. W. Jacobs, Treasurer of Domestic Missions.**

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 551.00
Total Disbursements for Maintenance . . . . .	\$ 551.00

**Rev. D. W. Jacobs, Treasurer of World Service Maintenance.**

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 611.25
Disbursements . . . . .	\$ 611.25

**Rev. John L. Johnson, Treasurer of Domestic Missions.**

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 370.00
Disbursements . . . . .	\$ 375.00

Overdraft . . . . .	\$ 5.00
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**Rev. John L. Johnson, Treasurer of World Service Maintenance.**

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 516.00
Disbursements . . . . .	\$ 516.00

**Rev. W. E. Habbart, Treasurer Domestic Missions.**

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 398.00
Disbursements . . . . .	\$ 395.61

Balance on hand March 25, 1930 . . . . .	\$ 2.39
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**Rev. W. E. Habbart, Treasurer World Service Maintenance.**

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 795.00
Disbursements . . . . .	\$ 789.39

Balance on hand March 25, 1930 . . . . .	\$ 5.61
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**Rev. Leonard White, Treasurer Domestic Missions.**

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$1443.00
Disbursements . . . . .	1125.00

Balance on hand . . . . .	\$ 318.00
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**Rev. E. W. McDowell, Treasurer Summer School of Theology Fund.**

Balance in hand April 3, 1929 . . . . .	\$ 244.90
Receipts during the year . . . . .	755.00

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 999.90
Disbursements . . . . .	960.19

Balance in hand March 18, 1930 . . . . .	\$ 39.71
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**Hon. H. H. Nuttle, Treasurer Board of Church Schools.**

In hand March 31, 1929 . . . . .	\$ 446.76
Received during the year . . . . .	7960.85

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$8407.61
Expenditures . . . . .	7909.99

Balance in hand March 26, 1930 . . . . .	\$ 497.62
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**Rev. V. E. Hills, Treasurer Wilmington Annual Conference for 1929.**

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$98614.83
Disbursements . . . . .	98536.00

Balance in hand March 26, 1930 . . . . .	\$ 78.83
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**Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer of Conference Trustees.**

Balance on hand April 1, 1929 . . . . .	\$1022.36
Received during the year . . . . .	3643.62

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$4665.98
Disbursements . . . . .	3555.56

Balance in Bank March 26, 1930 . . . . .	\$1110.42
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**Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer of Barratt's Chapel Fund.**

Balance on hand April 1, 1929 . . . . .	\$ 433.15
Received during the year . . . . .	73.87

Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 507.02
Balance in Bank March 26, 1930 . . . . .	\$ 507.02

**Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer of Washington Foster Estate.**

Total value of Estate . . . . .	\$13503.93
Total Income . . . . .	\$ 700.00
Total disbursed, Salary of Pastor of Elk Neck Charge . . . . .	\$ 700.00

**Rev. R. K. Stephenson, Treasurer of Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.**

Balance on hand March 21, 1929 .....\$1480.59  
 Receipts during the year ..... 169.39

Total Receipts .....\$1649.98  
 Disbursements ..... 603.00

Balance in Treasury .....\$1046.98

**Hon. W. O. Hoeffcker, Trustee of Domestic Missions.**

Received from V. E. Hills, Conference Treasurer .....\$1645.00

**Disbursements:**

To Superintendent Wilmington District .....\$ 551.00  
 To Superintendent Middletown District ..... 370.00  
 To Superintendent Dover District ..... 398.00  
 To Superintendent Salisbury District ..... 326.00

Total Disbursements ..... \$1645.00

Your Auditor and the Auditing Committee of the Board of Stewards worked together in auditing the books of their Treasurer. Several hands were required to perform this duty. Every security was inspected, every item upon the books was examined in detail, and all were found correct.

**Hon. W. O. Hoeffcker, Treasurer Wilmington Conference Education Society**

	General Fund	Riddle Fund
Balance on hand March 25, 1929 .....	\$ 597.26	\$2070.83
Received during the year .....	2072.31	522.19

Total Receipts .....\$2669.57 \$2593.02  
 Disbursements ..... 2187.50 450.00

Balance on hand March 18, 1930 .....\$ 482.07 \$2143.02

**Hon. W. O. Hoeffcker, Treasurer Bureau of Sessions.**

Balance on hand March 25, 1929 .....\$2625.61  
 Received during the year ..... 3219.74

Total Receipts .....\$5845.35  
 Disbursements ..... 5361.85

Balance on hand March 24, 1930 .....\$ 483.50

Balance on hand March 24, 1930 in Active Account..\$ 85.77

Balance on hand March 24, 1930 in Savings Account. 397.73

Total balance as above ..... \$ 483.50

HUGH B. KELSO, Conference Auditor.

**BISHOP'S RESIDENCE FUND.****Statement of Morris E. Swartz, Financial Secretary, to Close of 1930 Conference Session.**

(Charges whose names are omitted 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
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
Dover, Wesley .....	158.00	—	158.00
East New Market .....	85.00	—	85.00
Ellendale .....	46.00	—	46.00
Farmington and Epworth .....	71.00	16.00	55.00
Frederica .....	86.00	6.00	80.00
Galestown .....	29.00	—	29.00
Greenwood .....	73.00	43.00	30.00
Harrington .....	92.00	72.00	20.00
Hooper's Island .....	33.00	—	33.00
Houston .....	64.00	5.00	59.00
Hurlock .....	69.00	—	69.00
Laurel .....	181.00	—	181.00
Lincoln .....	73.00	—	73.00
Little Creek .....	34.00	—	34.00
Magnolia and Barratt's Chapel ....	81.00	—	81.00
Milford Neck .....	33.00	3.00	30.00
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
Reliance .....	63.00	—	63.00
St. Thomas .....	50.00	—	50.00
Seaford Circuit .....	95.00	—	95.00
Secretary .....	—	—	—
Vienna .....	33.00	11.00	22.00
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
Burrsville	32.00	—	32.00
Centreville	80.00	40.00	40.00
Clayton	57.00	18.00	39.00
Cordova	47.00	5.00	42.00
Denton	103.00	89.00	14.00
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
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
Tilghman	53.00	40.00	13.00
Trappe	43.00	—	43.00
Wye Mills and Starr	26.00	—	26.00

## Salisbury District.

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
Ayres Chapel	60.00	—	60.00
Bishopville	70.00	—	70.00
Chincoteague	65.00	—	65.00
Claremont	30.00	—	30.00
Crisfield, Asbury	188.00	—	188.00
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

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
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
Parsonsborg	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	35.00	80.00
Quantico	80.00	10.00	70.00
Roxana	70.00	—	70.00
St. Peter's	84.00	—	84.00
Salisbury, Grace	50.00	—	50.00
Selbyville	129.00	—	129.00
Smith's Island	105.00	70.00	35.00
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
Cedars	—	—	—
Chester-Bethel	51.00	29.00	22.00
Colora	24.00	10.00	14.00
Hopewell	60.00	5.00	55.00
Marshallton	53.00	32.00	21.00
New Castle	140.00	—	140.00
Newport	69.00	23.00	46.00
North East	101.00	—	101.00
St. George's and Summit	53.00	20.00	33.00
St. John's	30.00	—	30.00
Zion Circuit	84.00	—	84.00
Wilmington—			
Asbury	85.00	10.00	75.00
Cookman	75.00	55.00	20.00

Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
Eastlake . . . . .	92.00	50.00	42.00
Epworth . . . . .	128.00	—	128.00
Harrison Street . . . . .	198.00	80.00	118.00
Madeley . . . . .	105.00	—	105.00
Mt. Salem . . . . .	120.00	—	120.00
Richardson Park . . . . .	56.00	28.00	28.00
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 two 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."

### FIELD SECRETARY CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.

The campaign for the raising of \$150,000 was begun four years ago when \$15,000, or one-tenth of the whole amount was pledged by Mr. Melville Gambrill and Reverend F. B. Short, representing the J. C. Penney Company. The balance of \$135,000 was divided among the districts, and then taken up by the district meetings and divided among the charges. Let it be borne in mind that these apportionments were made in a proper, official way and upon what was thought to be the most equitable basis available. Therefore, it was the apportionment made by the District meetings and not the pledges made by the individual Quarterly Conferences or Official Boards that fixed the responsibility. I am emphasizing this for the reason that in some instances the Quarterly Conference of circuits made a pledge when some churches of the charge were not present and these absent churches claim they have no responsibility because they were not represented in the Quarterly Conference that made the pledge. Then there are a few cases where the Official Board of one Church of a Circuit made a pledge and the other churches of the charge claim they are not responsible because the action of the Official Board of no one church can bind another church of the same circuit. But the action of a duly constituted body is binding upon every charge and every church of every charge whether they formally accepted it or not. My predecessor in the Field Secretaryship did a marvelous work in securing pledges from so nearly all the charges of the Conference and the fact of the pledge makes the obligation more binding in the estimation of most people. It is unfortunate however that the impression is abroad that the apportionment is not binding unless the charge officially accepts it.

The Endowment Commission found a year ago that after a three year campaign with all the enthusiasm with which it was launched and the services of an able and indomitable field secretary for one year, of the \$135,000 apportioned to the churches only about \$40,000 had been raised. Of the 193 charges in the Conference there were 73 that had not paid anything. There were 22 others that had made only a nominal beginning, that is, in three years they had paid less than 20% of their apportionment.

There were ten other charges that had raised 20% or somewhat more and then for some reason had stopped, so there were altogether 105 charges or 210 churches, about 65% of all the churches in the Conference, in an almost hopeless condition, and these churches were for the most part located in the more isolated sections of the Conference and served by the less experienced pastors. The matter had not even been brought to the attention of many of these churches. I might go on multiplying the gloomy aspects of the situation very few of which were or could have been known by the commission or the Field Secretary in the beginning of the Conference year.

But even the casual view on the part of the Commission and the friends of the cause were so alarming that they felt the necessity of em-



ploying a Field Secretary to give his entire time to the work and the choice fell upon your humble servant. The logical man for the task was my honored predecessor who had visited practically every charge in the Conference, met every Quarterly Conference, preached in many pulpits, discussed the matter with all the pastors, observed the spirit of multitudes of laymen and gathered a fund of knowledge and experience that it would require any other man a year to gather.

But we are Methodists and the spirit of change is in our blood and sometimes it makes unreasonable demands. However, I was selected by the Commission without consultation or even without any knowledge of what was going on. Then the Conference by a unanimous vote asked the Bishop to make the appointment and the Bishop himself urged me to accept, which I did, not knowing what was before me. Many seemed to think that I had nothing to do but to go into the field and pick up the money as a boy would pick up chestnuts after a heavy autumn frost, getting his fingers pricked now and then perhaps, but getting the chestnut just the same. I was myself in a measure affected with the same delusion. I had been accustomed to getting all the money I asked for, for any purpose, either in cash or subscription, and failed to remind myself that the conditions under which I had been accustomed to raising money were of my own making largely. But here were very different conditions. However, I had the job on hand with no honorable way of shifting it, and yet with no authority to execute it.

Of the 210 churches that greatly needed my help, I could not enter a single one of them except by the grace of the pastor. I could not call a single Official Board meeting, I did not feel at liberty to approach a single member or friend of any church in the Conference for a special donation for this cause lest I interfere with the raising of the apportionment of the Church of which he or she was a member or friend. So when I came to myself I felt very much hedged in with no power to break over the hedges; and the pastors upon whose grace I must depend and whose favor I must court were themselves hedged about by the machinery of the church, the multitude of demands imposed upon them and the army of supervisors looking after them to see that the requirements they make are met; and the churches themselves protesting against having any more financial burdens, no matter how worthy, imposed upon them. The fact is as every one knows, who is in close touch with the church in the by-ways as in the highways, that we have gone the limit in adding machinery and requiring larger output until we increase the power to operate the machinery we already have.

The primary problem of the church is not to get more money out of our people but to get more religion into them, not to get more but to give more. If this pentecostal anniversary doesn't bring great added spiritual life and power to the church, we may expect to find her money contributions for her great enterprises dwindling more and more.

But let it be said to the honor of the pastors of the Conference that notwithstanding the limitations and burdens resting upon them, with very

few exceptions they have had the courage to open their pulpits and give their congregations and Official Boards to me, yet almost always with the condition that I should not take a collection. Sometimes the pastor has felt it necessary in announcing my coming to add that no collection will be taken. Only in nine cases during the whole year have I had the privilege of taking a public collection for the cause I represent. I have always felt it necessary to confer with the pastor and sometimes the Official Board and decide on a program before going into the service in which I was to present my cause. So that instead of making money raising the primary and immediate object of my campaign, I have had to be content with making it one of education and agitation. Yet, I am persuaded that the results will make a good showing for this year, and that the effects will abide and bring good results till the whole amount has been gathered in. Of the 210 churches that I wanted to reach and speak to the congregations, I reached 92. I did the best I could to reach the others indirectly by visiting the pastors except in a few isolated cases, also visiting prominent laymen and doing what I could to present the merits of the case, suggesting ways and means and holding up for examples and inspiration the pastor and charges that were putting it over. I have also kept up a fire of personal (not stereotyped) letters, adapting them as best I could to each case.

My final appeal was a personal letter to 106 pastors to do their very best on the final round up and to make sure of taking their charges out of the blank column, and to make a fresh start if they had begun and stopped. I have about fifty responses to that appeal and the reports are very assuring that the blank column will be greatly reduced.

The surface results of my year's work are a disappointment to me and yet I feel sure that my work and the agitation incident thereto has saved the movement from disaster and put it upon a safe basis and injected a life and spirit that will put it over to complete success. My recommendations to the Commission at its last meeting were to discontinue the office of Field Secretary and put the completion of the task up to the District Superintendents and the pastors. These recommendations were unanimously adopted by the Commission and I hope they will meet the approbation of the Conference. There are not more than a dozen charges in the whole Conference that offer a real problem in this matter, and tact and perseverance on the part of the Superintendent and pastors will solve these and the whole amount will come into the treasury. A few charges will need an extension of time.

In this report I want to put myself on record in relation to three other matters that have to do directly with the support of Conference claimants.

1. The subject of "Group Insurance." I am very, very much in favor of "Group Insurance" for all the active members of our Conference and for all the supplies upon the same basis. The Conference Claimants Commission favored this by a unanimous vote.

2. I want to call attention to the law of the Church on the prorating of ministerial support. That seems to be a dead letter in many sections

of our Conference and we preachers and laymen have been winking at its violation. No Bishop nor District Superintendent nor pastor has any right to his salary in full unless the claim of the Conference Claimants is paid in full, and any money that we have kept above our proportion is not ours and ought to be refunded to the Conference Claimants Treasurer, and thus square ourselves with our vows to the Church and her laws. There was a shortage last year of more than \$9000.00 and in the last twenty years there is a shortage of more than \$100,000. Some of the old veterans who bought us our heritage did it in toil and poverty, went to their graves in dire financial distress that would have been relieved in a measure if we had shared with them as the law requires.

Brethren, let us start a campaign for law observance in this matter and do it without delay.

3. I have time and again expressed my deep conviction on the justice of making provision for retired supply preachers. If a Quarterly Conference says that a layman has gifts and graces that qualify him to preach and license him to do so after he has met the mental test and then the proper authorities ask him to give up his business and devote himself entirely to the ministry of the Gospel, and is loyal to the rules and obligations such a position imposes, and he continues in the service until age or affliction compels him to retire, I insist that the church is under obligation to help him and his family. The U. S. Government would help him, the State would, and any other corporation would. I recognize that the supply preacher as we have him now is a comparatively new institution, and that since large bodies move slowly, the church has not taken this problem to heart as she ought to and will.

The action of the last General Conference in directing the appropriation of \$25,000 per year for this purpose is a step in the right direction but it is only a short step.

The next General Conference should take up this matter vigorously and solve it in harmony with all the elements of justice in the case.

Growing out of this problem there are dangerous tendencies in the air and it behooves us all, members of Conference, Supplies, and the Church at large to go carefully but to go to the right solution.

W. F. CORKRAN,  
Field Secretary.

### WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Report from April 1st, 1929 to March 18th, 1930.

Balance on hand April 1st . . . . . \$ 100.96

#### RECEIPTS.

Home Board . . . . .	\$5264.14	
Conference Treasurer . . . . .	1817.00	
Churches . . . . .	944.00	
Donations . . . . .	315.32	
Wesley Com. Center . . . . .	434.00	
Sale of Carpet . . . . .	50.50	
Sale of Pews . . . . .	25.00	
D. V. B. S. . . . .	35.00	
Epworth League . . . . .	9.00	
Special . . . . .	113.00	
Phone . . . . .	23.56	
Rent . . . . .	196.00	
Loan from Conference Board Stewards . . . . .	3200.00	\$12426.52
Total . . . . .		\$12527.48

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries . . . . .	\$7113.55	
Phone . . . . .	84.25	
Gas and Electric, Church . . . . .	119.73	
Rent . . . . .	420.00	
House, Electric . . . . .	32.00	
D. V. B. S. . . . .	402.00	
Coal . . . . .	882.75	
Interest . . . . .	315.08	
House repairs . . . . .	143.72	
Janitor . . . . .	209.54	
Stationary, Stamps & Printing . . . . .	57.33	
Taxes . . . . .	116.90	
Return to Home Board . . . . .	179.18	
Paving & Curbing Broom St. . . . .	447.62	
Plant Equipment . . . . .	11.40	
Security Trust Note . . . . .	1501.75	
Church Repairs . . . . .	32.82	
Insurance . . . . .	21.20	
Cost of Mortgage . . . . .	33.50	
Water Department . . . . .	14.25	\$12138.57
Balance . . . . .		\$ 388.91

**Wilmington City Missionary Society Budget for Next Conference Year.**

**Estimated Expenditures:**

Salaries (present staff of workers) . . . . .	\$6290.00	
Rent . . . . .	420.00	
'Phone . . . . .	90.00	
Gas and electricity for church and parsonage . . . . .	150.00	
D. V. B. S. . . . .	400.00	
Coal . . . . .	900.00	
Interest on \$3200 mortgage and \$4000 note . . . . .	432.00	
Repairs to property . . . . .	100.00	
Janitor . . . . .	225.00	
Taxes . . . . .	100.00	
Insurance . . . . .	25.00	
Water rent . . . . .	15.00	
Miscellaneous (stationary, stamps, printing, etc.) . . . . .	100.00	\$9247.00

**Estimated Income:**

Balance on hand March 18, 1930 . . . . .	\$ 389.00	
From Home Board . . . . .	4915.00	
From Conference Treasurer . . . . .	1900.00	
From rent of property . . . . .	200.00	\$7404.00
		<b>\$1843.00</b>

Thus you see there is a difference between our estimated expenditures and our estimated income of \$1,843, with the Home Board paying nearly twice as much as the Conference to the support of our city missionary work.

**CONFERENCE CLAIMANT**

**ENDOWMENT CREDITS TO CHURCHES INCLUDING CONFERENCE YEAR 1929-30.**

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

**Dover District.**

Church	Pledge	Paid in 1925-29	Paid 1930	Totals
Beckwith & Spedden . . . . .	\$ 225.00	\$ 12.00		\$ 12.00
Bethel & Zion . . . . .	100.00			
Blades & Epworth . . . . .	262.00	80.00	62.00	142.00
Bridgeville . . . . .	1000.00			
Cambridge . . . . .	2500.00	502.00	130.00	632.00
Camden . . . . .	430.00	137.00		137.00
Canterbury . . . . .	140.00	46.00		46.00

Church	Pledge	Paid in 1925-29	Paid 1930	Totals
Crapo . . . . .	265.00			
Dover, St. Paul's . . . . .	38.00		12.00	12.00
Dover, Wesley . . . . .	2200.00		304.00	304.00
East New Market . . . . .	260.00			
Ellendale . . . . .	200.00	22.00		22.00
Elliott's . . . . .	40.00	12.00		12.00
*Farmington & Epworth . . . . .	160.00	160.00		160.00
*Federalburg . . . . .	1400.00		1400.00	1400.00
*Felton . . . . .	400.00	400.00		400.00
Frederica . . . . .	475.00	105.00	5.00	110.00
Galestown . . . . .	30.00			
Georgetown . . . . .	1700.00	1275.00		1275.00
Georgetown Circuit . . . . .	240.00	59.00		59.00
Greenwood . . . . .	160.00	29.00		29.00
*Harrington . . . . .	640.00	640.00		640.00
Hoopers . . . . .	200.00			
Houston . . . . .	250.00	40.00		40.00
Hurlock . . . . .	1200.00	200.00		200.00
Laurel . . . . .	1800.00	1000.00	100.00	1100.00
Leipsic . . . . .	40.00			
*Lewes . . . . .	1400.00	1400.00		1400.00
Lincoln . . . . .	175.00		44.00	44.00
Little Creek . . . . .	60.00			
Magnolia & Barratt . . . . .	225.00	44.00	50.00	94.00
Milford . . . . .	3200.00	2430.00	100.00	2530.00
*Milford Neck . . . . .	30.00	30.00		30.00
*Millsboro . . . . .	275.00	275.00		275.00
Milton . . . . .				
Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	250.00	100.00	25.00	125.00
Nassau . . . . .	275.00	141.00	67.00	208.00
*Rehoboth . . . . .	250.00	203.00	47.00	250.00
Reliance . . . . .	150.00			
St. Thomas . . . . .	666.00	115.00	100.00	215.00
Seaford . . . . .	1500.00	1132.00	120.00	1252.00
Seaford Circuit . . . . .	350.00	315.00		315.00
Secretary & McKendree . . . . .	100.00	2.00		2.00
Vienna . . . . .	150.00		15.00	15.00
*Williamsburg . . . . .	100.00		100.00	100.00
Wyoming . . . . .	275.00	20.00		20.00
Zoar Circuit . . . . .	100.00	10.00		10.00
Personals . . . . .	45.00	45.00		45.00

## Middletown District.

Church	Pledge	Paid in 1925-29	Paid 1930	Totals
*Barclay Circuit . . . . .	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00		\$ 80.00
Bayside . . . . .	275.00	139.00		139.00
Bozman & Neavitt . . . . .	275.00	163.00	103.00	266.00
Burrsville . . . . .			24.00	24.00
Cecilton . . . . .	600.00		200.00	200.00
Centreville . . . . .	1000.00	500.00	250.00	750.00
Chestertown . . . . .	1500.00			
Cheswold . . . . .	200.00	120.00	40.00	160.00
Church Hill . . . . .	300.00		25.00	25.00
Clayton . . . . .	500.00	28.00	25.00	53.00
Crumpton . . . . .	200.00	5.00	25.00	30.00
Concord . . . . .	300.00		78.00	78.00
Cordova . . . . .	100.00	10.00	8.00	18.00
*Denton . . . . .	1200.00	815.00	385.00	1200.00
Easton . . . . .	2000.00	400.00	400.00	800.00
*Fairlee . . . . .	220.00	165.00	55.00	220.00
Galena . . . . .	250.00	100.00		100.00
*Greensboro . . . . .	875.00	50.00	825.00	875.00
Henderson . . . . .	100.00	50.00		50.00
Hillsboro . . . . .	200.00	45.00	105.00	150.00
Kent Island . . . . .	600.00		45.00	45.00
*Kenton . . . . .	200.00	150.00	50.00	200.00
Marydel . . . . .	200.00			
Middletown . . . . .	1400.00	1033.00	100.00	1133.00
Millington . . . . .	300.00	50.00	25.00	75.00
Odessa & Friendship . . . . .	500.00	311.00	57.00	368.00
Oxford . . . . .	200.00		25.00	25.00
*Piney Neck . . . . .	50.00	38.00	12.00	50.00
Pomona . . . . .				
Preston . . . . .	600.00	308.00	206.00	514.00
Queenstown . . . . .	120.00	5.00	21.00	26.00
Ridgely . . . . .	300.00	119.00		119.00
Rock Hall . . . . .	300.00	131.00	25.00	156.00
Royal Oak . . . . .				
St. Michaels . . . . .	650.00			
Smyrna . . . . .	3000.00	1550.00	100.00	1650.00
Still Pond & Betterton . . . . .	800.00	100.00	100.00	200.00
*Sudlersville . . . . .	400.00	400.00		400.00
Tilghman . . . . .	640.00	158.00		158.00
Townsend . . . . .	700.00	59.00	237.00	296.00
Trappe . . . . .	200.00		50.00	50.00
Wye & Starr . . . . .			25.00	25.00
Other Sources . . . . .	150.00	150.00		150.00

## Salisbury District.

Church	Pledge	Paid in 1925-29	Paid 1930	Totals
Annamessex . . . . .	\$ 408.00	\$ 102.00		\$ 102.00
Ayres Chapel . . . . .	345.00			
*Berlin . . . . .	735.00	735.00		735.00
Bishopville . . . . .	440.00	40.00	83.00	123.00
Cape Charles . . . . .	1000.00	400.00	200.00	600.00
Chincoteague . . . . .	766.00			
Claremont . . . . .				
Crisfield, Asbury . . . . .	1084.00			
Crisfield, Immanuel . . . . .	1300.00			
Deals Island . . . . .	900.00		250.00	250.00
Delmar . . . . .	866.00	432.00		432.00
Fairmount . . . . .	550.00			
Frankford . . . . .				
Fruitland & Siloam . . . . .	675.00	375.00	125.00	500.00
Girdletree . . . . .	500.00		125.00	125.00
Gumboro . . . . .	433.00			
Mardela Springs & Zion . . . . .	100.00			
Marion . . . . .	450.00	75.00		75.00
Mt. Vernon . . . . .	600.00		30.00	30.00
Nanticoke . . . . .	466.00			
Newark . . . . .	583.00		9.00	9.00
Ocean City . . . . .	526.00			
Ocean View & Millville . . . . .	583.00	15.00	85.00	100.00
Onancock . . . . .	566.00	100.00		100.00
Parsonsburg . . . . .	500.00	70.00		70.00
Phoebus . . . . .	800.00			
Pittsville . . . . .	666.00			
Pocomoke City . . . . .	813.00		10.00	10.00
Pocomoke Circuit . . . . .	389.00			
Powellville . . . . .	441.00			
*Princess Anne . . . . .	700.00		700.00	700.00
Quantico . . . . .	375.00			
Roxana . . . . .	566.00			
St. Peter's . . . . .	880.00			
Salisbury, Asbury . . . . .	2000.00	500.00	500.00	1000.00
Salisbury, Grace . . . . .	580.00			
*Selbyville . . . . .	766.00	766.00		766.00
Sharptown . . . . .	600.00			
Smith's Island . . . . .	550.00	236.00	100.00	336.00
Snow Hill . . . . .	834.00	390.00	135.00	525.00
Somerset . . . . .	666.00		50.00	50.00
Stockton . . . . .	180.00		50.00	50.00
Tangier . . . . .	883.00			

Church	Pledge	Paid in 1925-29	Paid 1930	Totals
Westover . . . . .	300.00	8.00	15.00	23.00
White Haven . . . . .	326.00	50.00		50.00
Whitesville . . . . .	550.00		30.00	30.00
Other Sources . . . . .	570.00	570.00		570.00

## Wilmington District.

Church	Pledge	Paid in 1925-29	Paid 1930	Totals
Bethel & Town Point . . . . .	\$ 160.00			
*Bellefonte . . . . .	67.00	50.00	17.00	67.00
Cedars . . . . .	162.00	30.00	32.00	62.00
*Charlestown . . . . .	200.00	150.00	50.00	200.00
Cherry Hill . . . . .	260.00	155.00	50.00	205.00
*Chesapeake City . . . . .	100.00	100.00		100.00
Chester Bethel . . . . .			25.00	25.00
*Christiana . . . . .	227.00	227.00		227.00
*Claymont . . . . .	800.00	600.00	200.00	800.00
Colora . . . . .	100.00			
*Delaware City . . . . .	200.00	200.00		200.00
Ebenezer . . . . .	450.00	155.00	56.00	211.00
Edgemoor . . . . .				
Elkton . . . . .	2500.00	500.00	500.00	1000.00
Elk Neck . . . . .				
Hockessin . . . . .	350.00	175.00		175.00
Holly Oak . . . . .	200.00	110.00		110.00
Hopewell . . . . .	400.00	160.00	80.00	240.00
Marshallton . . . . .	487.00			
Mt. Lebanon . . . . .	200.00	25.00		25.00
Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	550.00	130.00	120.00	250.00
Newark . . . . .	2000.00	448.00	302.00	750.00
New Castle . . . . .	1100.00	327.00	355.00	682.00
*Newport . . . . .	300.00	225.00	75.00	300.00
North East . . . . .	800.00	350.00	50.00	400.00
*Perryville . . . . .	500.00	250.00	250.00	500.00
Port Deposit . . . . .	850.00	300.00	100.00	400.00
*Red Lion . . . . .	260.00	195.00	65.00	260.00
Rising Sun . . . . .	1000.00	505.00	210.00	715.00
St. Georges . . . . .	500.00			
St. John's . . . . .	260.00			
Stanton . . . . .	200.00	175.00	73.00	248.00
Zion Circuit . . . . .	475.00	300.00	75.00	375.00
WILMINGTON:				
Asbury . . . . .	900.00	262.00	60.00	322.00
Brandywine . . . . .	1600.00	1200.00		1200.00

Church	Pledge	Paid in 1925-29	Paid 1930	Totals
*Brack Ex . . . . .	250.00	223.00	27.00	250.00
Cookman . . . . .	400.00			
East Lake . . . . .	1100.00	602.00	25.00	627.00
Epworth . . . . .	1050.00	700.00		700.00
Grace . . . . .	12282.00	7000.00	3900.00	10900.00
Harrison St. . . . .	2638.00	600.00		600.00
*Hillcrest . . . . .	133.00	50.00	87.00	137.00
*Kingswood . . . . .	350.00	350.00		350.00
Madeley . . . . .	800.00			
McCabe . . . . .	2500.00	1500.00	500.00	2000.00
Richardson Park . . . . .	900.00			
Mt. Salem . . . . .	800.00		150.00	150.00
*Scott . . . . .	800.00	600.00	200.00	800.00
Silverbrook . . . . .	800.00	350.00	100.00	450.00
St. Paul . . . . .	6000.00			
Trinity . . . . .	600.00		30.00	30.00
Union . . . . .	2200.00			
Other Sources . . . . .	1601.00	1601.00		1601.00
Personal Pledges . . . . .	200.00			
*Holston Estate . . . . .	200.00	200.00		200.00

## Endowment Summary.

	Paid 1925-1929	Paid 1930	
Dover District . . . . .	\$11,016.89	\$ 2,681.00	
Middletown District . . . . .	7,242.00	3,635.00	
Salisbury District . . . . .	5,066.00	2,497.00	
Wilmington District . . . . .	20,980.66	8,164.00	
Total . . . . .	\$44,305.55	\$16,977.00	\$61,282.55
J. C. Penney Foundation . . . . .		\$7,500.00	
M. Gambrill Estate . . . . .		7,500.00	
George W. Townsend Bond . . . . .		3,000.00	\$18,000.00
			\$79,282.55

## INVESTMENTS.

By Audit Conference 1930 Report . . . . .	\$180,725.00
By Audit Conference 1929 Report . . . . .	162,175.00
Increase . . . . .	\$ 18,550.00

G. P. JONES, Treasurer.

Wilmington, Delaware, March 29, 1930.

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 investments that have been made of the funds under the control of this Board, we respectfully report the following:

In company with the Conference Auditor, Rev. Hugh B. Kelso, we inspected the securities held by Rev. Geo. P. Jones, Treasurer, covering the investments of the Board for the Claimants of the Wilmington Conference, on March 27th, 1930. We examined each security and the insurance policy protecting the same. We found that the funds are invested in 94 first mortgages on real estate, to the value of \$180,725.00. The investments are protected by insurance policies held by the Treasurer, to the amount of \$297,950.00, in addition to the land value of the properties, the amount invested being an increase of \$18,550.00 over last year.

The payments of interest were checked and we find that this is being carefully looked after, the rate being 6% net and all details in connection with the fund are being cared for by the attorneys of this Board.

In addition to the inspection of the securities, within the last three months, the properties have been visited to ascertain if the amount placed thereon was amply covered by valuation. We find in all cases that the investments are protected by a wide margin.

An itemized list of each mortgage, showing the name of the mortgagor, amount and insurance on same is submitted herewith.

The Treasurer's accounts have been audited and we find the same correct, all receipts being properly entered and all payments accounted for by cancelled checks, the balance in hand on the date of the audit, March 28th, 1930, being \$11,116.69 in the savings account and \$1,838.41 in the checking account or a total of \$12,955.10, which corresponds with the statement submitted by the bank.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFERSON COOPER,  
FRANK P. GENTIEU,  
Auditing Committee.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

March 25, 1930.

To Balance in Savings Fund, March 28, 1929 .....		\$15165.52	
Received from Conference Treasurer .....	\$39276.00		
Received from Book Concern .....	2600.00		
Received from Chartered Fund .....	50.00		
Received Interest on Savings Deposits .....	918.01		
Received from Clara W. Koons Estate .....	500.00		
Received Payments on Mortgages .....	350.00		
Received Interest on Investments .....	11457.16	\$54151.17	
Total Receipts .....		\$69316.69	
Total Disbursements .....		58200.00	
Net balance in Savings Fund .....		\$11116.69	
To Bal. in Checking acct. Mar. 28, 1929.....	\$ 820.19		
To Total Disbursements as per Checks .....	58200.00		
Total as per Check Acct. ....	\$59020.19		
By Paid Annuities, regular .....	\$53479.25		
By Paid Annuities, special .....	2343.75		
By Paid Int. Reynolds legacy .....	57.00		
By Paid Int. Whealton Annuity Bond. ....	12.50		
By Paid Refund Int. overpaid .....	67.50		
By Paid Investment, legacy, (Koons) .....	500.00		
By Paid Investment, Mtge. credits.. ..	350.00		
By Paid Industrial Co., Box Rent ... ..	10.00		
By Paid W. O. Hoffecker, Premium on Treasurer's Bond .....	125.00		
By Paid Chas. H. Grantland, Sec'y of State, certified copy of charter.. ..	21.00		
By Paid Incidental Expenses, * by Board of Stewards .....	215.78	\$57181.78	\$ 1838.41
Total Balance in Bank .....			\$12955.10

G. P. JONES, Treasurer.

## 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 1930. They were approved by the Conference.

Date of Claim		Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.				
			CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.	Annuity Claim	Annuity Allowed	Special Fund	Total
MINISTERS.							
1922	34	Anderson, J. F., 2122 Gilles St., Wilmington, Del.	\$816	\$697	\$ 54	\$751	
1930	40	Bounds, Geo. W., P. O. Box 29, Wilmington, Del.	960	820		820	
1906	17	Bowman, G. W., Laurel, Del.	408	349		349	
1929	46	Collins, V. S., 2422 West St., Wilmington, Del.	1104	943		943	
1930	35	Cooke, Geo. A., 521 W. 3rd St., Wilmington, Del.	840	718		718	
1917	36	Corkran, L. P., Church Hill, Md.	864	738		738	
1930	53	Corkran, W. F., Seaford, Del.	1272	1087		1087	
1921	37	Derrickson, E. H., Odessa, Del.	888	759		759	
1919	34	Easley, J. W., 4632 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.	816	697		697	
1924	37	Ewing, H. W., Newark, Del.	888	759		759	
1926	23	Faulkner, F. N., Delmar, Del.	552	472		472	
1923	34	Given, T. N., Cheswold, Del.	816	697	52	749	
1925	35	Gray, J. W., Landover, Md.	840	718		718	
1929	26	Hastings, G. W., Seaford, Del.	604	533		533	
1918	42	Hoffecker, E. L., Easton, Md.	1008	861		861	
1911	10	Holt, T. S., Federalsburg, Md.	240	*			
1924	16	James, O. E., Y. M. C. A., Baltimore, Md.	384	328	48	376	
1929	38	Jones, Geo. P., Mystic, Conn.	912	779		779	
1924	53	Layfield, L. W., Greenwood, Del.	1272	1087		1087	
1919	40	Lindale, J. M., 1106 Greenhill Ave., Wilmington, Del.	960	820		820	
1925	23	Marshall, E. H., Salem, Roanoke Co., Va.	552	472		472	
1924	16	Martin, O. L., Salisbury, Md.	384	328	248	576	
1922	20	Matthews, W. E., Smyrna, Del.	480	410	360	770	
1930	25	Moore, C. W., Cordova, Md.	600	513	300	813	
1921	23	Moore, F. X., New Freedom, Pa.	552	472		472	
1926	40	Mowbray, W. R., Lewes, Del.	960	820		820	
1930	40	Nutter, M. D., Newark, Del.	960	820		820	
1919	47	Otis, J. P., 2107 Washington St., Wilmington, Del.	1128	964		964	
1917	35	Prettyman, A. P., Galena, Md.	840	718		718	
1913	26	Prouse, J. T., Edgemoor, Del.	624	533	228	761	
1919	34	Reese, J. D., Frederica, Del.	816	697	52	749	
1929	36	Richardson, J. T., Smyrna, Del.	864	738	33	771	
1912	38	Roe, Robert, Easton, Md.	912	779		779	
1925	39	Sharp, W. W., Penney Farms, Fla.	936	800		800	
1915	40	Stengle, Adam, 407 West 21st St., Wilmington, Del.	960	820		820	
1929	51	Stephenson, R. K., Rehoboth, Del.	1224	1046		1046	
1929	6	Stockley, D. A., Mrs. Ina Stockley, Trustee, Eden, Md.	140	123		123	
1922	37	Sunfield, E. C., Barnegat, N. J.	888	759		759	
1929	32	Taylor, Harry, Dover, Del.	768	656	96	752	
1904	31	Williams, C. H., Snow Hill, Md.	744	636		636	
1913	28	Willis, D. H., Cambridge, Md.	672	574		574	
1925	19	Wilson, Daniel, Centerville, Md.	456	390		390	
1927	39	Wilson, J. H., Newport, Del.	936	800		800	
1930	46	Wise, W. A., 317 West 19th St., Wilmington, Del.	1104	943		943	
		Briggs, Wm. H.† . . . . .			\$300	\$300	
		*Relinquished.					
		†Supernumerary by action of Conference.					
CHILDREN.							
1923	10	Williams, Bristol W.	\$ 60	\$ 51		\$ 51	
1923	10	Williams, Grace . . . . .	60	51		51	
1923	10	Williams, Maleta . . . . .	60	51		51	
1923	10	Williams, Sherman . . . . .	60	51		51	
1923	10	Williams, Hugh . . . . .	60	51		51	
1930	8	McCabe, Charles Law . . . . .	48	41		41	

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.		Special Fund	Total	
		CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.				
WIDOWS.						
1915	43	Adams, Mary R., Rehoboth Beach, Del.	\$774	\$661		\$661
1930	37	Alderson, Alphonsa N., 1001 Madison St., Wilm., Del.	666	569		569
1903	21	Avery, Lydia M., 1815 Jones St., San Francisco, Cal.	378	323		323
1903	9	Bovie, Selma C., 37 Red Road, Chatham, N. J.	162	138		138
1926	18	Brewington, Ida V., Hebron, Md.	324	277	303	580
1915	30	Burke, Laura W., 1804 Washington St., Wilm., Del.	540	461		461
1918	31	Burke, Margaret, Newark, Del.	558	477		477
1924	30	Burr, Ella E., 3 Nassau Place, Hemstead, L. I., N. Y.	540	461		461
1925	33	Carpenter, Annie V., Seaford, Del.	594	507	125	632
1909	31	Chandler, Mary E., Crumpton, Md.	558	477	38	515
1920	23	Chaires, Sarah, W. W. Chaires, Jr., Trustee, Pier 1, Pratt St., Baltimore, Md.	414	354	20	374
1890	8	Chatham, Anna D., Rev. L. B. Morgan, Trustee, Elkton, Md.	144	123	168	291
1922	5	Cochran, Nora B., 517 Bellevue Ave., Hammonton, N.J.	90	77		77
1905	25	Collins, Mary E., 1607 W. 13th St., Wilmington, Del.	450	384	187	571
1922	6	Compton, Blanche E., 741 N. 64th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	108	92	201	293
1929	13	Dawson, Emma Morgan, 347 Ichester Ave., Balto., Md.	234	200	185	385
1925	4	Esgate, Judith Madeline, 1735 W. 53rd St., Los Angeles, Calif.	72	*		
1914	39	Fosnocht, Bessie B., 67 Putnam Ave., New Haven, Conn.	702	600		600
1906	16	Graham, Annie M., Clayton, Del.	288	246	180	426
1893	25	Gregg, G. Anna, Kenton, Del.	450	384		384
1908	27	Grise, Mary E., Pocomoke City, Md.	486	415		415
1921	34	Guthrie, Elizabeth G., Kenton, Del.	612	523	139	662
1924	12	Jester, Georgia, 1617 W. 4th St., Wilmington, Del.	216	185	160	345
1919	17	Kenney, Mary J., Selbyville, Del.	306	261	100	361
1917	9	Lewis, H. Bertrude, Laurel, Del.	162	138		138
1930	53	MacSorley, Tryphena, 2209 Baynard Boul., Wilm., Del.	954	815		815
1917	23	Martindale, Sallie W., Salisbury, Md.	414	354		354
1930	8	McCabe, Ada Law, Newark, Del.	144	123	340	463
1920	31	Mitchell, Jennie S., Denton, Md.	558	477	53	530
1917	24	Morgan, Minnie S., Chambersburg, Pa.	432	369		369
1916	10	Murray, Pauline N., 3905 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.	180	154		154
1909	35	Nelson, Evelyn J., Snow Hill, Md.	630	538		538
1921	38	Neese, Elizabeth F., 221 Geddes St., Wilmington, Del.	684	584		584
1924	28	Northrup, Lelia M., 1300 West St., Wilmington, Del.	504	431		431
1917	32	O'Brien, M. Cornelia, 512 W. 22nd St., Wilmington, Del.	576	492		492
1918	7	Poole, Maria O., 724 Edmonds Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa.	126	108	125	233
1882	8	Prettyman, Emma, Salisbury, Md.	144	123	220	343
1928	18	Reed, Emma J., 210 East New St., Lancaster, Pa.	324	277	103	380
1919	29	Roberts, Mary B., 143 W. Cedar Ave., Merchantville, N. J.	522	446		446
1929	35	Smith, Janie M., Denton, Md.	630	538		538
1884	15	Shilling, Emma F., 600 Delaware Ave., Wilm., Del.	270	231	27	258
1905	12	Siddell, Sarah D., 220 Grove St., Montclair, N. J.	216	185	402	587
1926	25	Smith, Lida J., Dover, Del.	450	384		384
1922	8	Stallings, Carrie W., Lovettsville, Va.	144	123	280	403
1901	12	Swain, Martha H., Dover, Del.	216	185	252	437
1906	30	Todd, Alice C., 122 East Main St., Elkton, Md.	540	461		461
1924	22	Tomkinson, Julia E., 503 W. 19th St., Wilmington, Del.	396	338		338
1926	16	Van Blunk, M. Louise, 1244 N. 33rd St., Camden, N. J.	288	246		246
1929	14	Walton, Sarah E., R. D. #1, New Castle, Del.	252	215	134	349
1927	39	Watt, Martha S., 17 Homer St., Worcester, Mass.	702	600		600
1918	21	Westerfield, Lulu V. G., Port Deposit, Md.	378	323	253	576
1924	16	White, Belle V., Salisbury, Md.	288	246	201	447
1929	9	Williams, Carrie E., Aberdeen, Md.	162	138	251	389
1923	10	Williams, Laura M., Rev. L. E. Windsor, Trustee, Seaford, Del., Robersonville, N. C.	180	154	585	739
1923	19	Williams, Kate, Georgetown, Del.	342	292		292

\*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 14-24. 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—

The Abingdon Bible Commentary ..... W. E. Gunby  
The Work of Preaching ..... W. E. Harrison, Jr.  
Psychology of Religious Experience ..... Frank Herson

##### Second Year—

The Abingdon Bible Commentary ..... W. O. Bennett  
The Church in History ..... M. S. Andrews  
The Pastoral Office ..... Tilghman Smith

##### Third Year—

The Abingdon Bible Commentary ..... J. J. Bunting  
Paul and His Epistles ..... E. M. Shockley  
Religious Values ..... L. E. Windsor

##### Fourth Year—

Theism ..... W. H. Revelle  
System of Christian Doctrine ..... R. P. Nichols  
Jeremiah ..... J. W. Prettyman

All written work on above books must be in the hands of the appropriate examiner on or before July 1, 1930.

#### EXAMINATIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATES AT CONFERENCE.

**Tuesday, 2 P. M.**

First Year—Evangelism ..... O. E. Jones  
Second Year—(a) Purpose in Teaching Religion ..... R. P. Nichols  
(b) Method in Teaching Religion ..... R. P. Nichols  
Third Year—New Studies in Mystical Religion ..... E. C. Hallman  
Fourth Year—The Individual and the Social Order ..... M. S. Andrews

**Tuesday, 3:30 P. M.**

First Year—The Art of Writing English ..... T. F. Beauchamp

Third Year—The Religions of Mankind ..... E. W. Hervis

The required written work on above studies must be in the hands of the proper examiner on or before March 1, 1931.

#### EXAMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL TO BE HELD AT THE SEAT OF THE CONFERENCE.

**Monday, 7:30 P. M.**

Doctrines and Discipline ..... W. E. Gunby

**Tuesday, 9:30 A. M.**

(a) Christian Perfection ..... M. S. Andrews  
(b) Selections from Wesley ..... M. S. Andrews

**Tuesday, 10:30 A. M.**

History of Methodism ..... T. F. Beauchamp

Written work on this subject should be in the hands of the examiner by March 1, 1931.

**Tuesday, 2 P. M.**

American History ..... E. C. Hallman

Written work on this subject should be in the hands of the examiner by March 1, 1931.

**Tuesday, 3:30 P. M.**

Bible Biography ..... W. H. Revelle

Candidates will please send written sermon to W. E. Harrison, Jr., by March 1, 1931.

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.

**October 15, 1930.**

First Year—Jesus of History ..... E. C. Hallman  
The Technique of Public Worship ..... L. E. Windsor  
That I May Save Some ..... E. W. Hervis

Second Year—The Abingdon Bible Commentary .....	Frank Herson
Life in the Making .....	Tilghman Smith
Steeple Among the Hills .....	W. H. Revelle
Third Year—Organization and Administration of Religious Education .....	W. E. Harrison, Jr.
Martin Luther .....	J. J. Bunting
Fourth Year—Christ at the Round Table .....	W. O. Bennett
Good Ministers of Jesus Christ .....	R. P. Nichols
Building the House of God .....	E. W. Henvis

January 1, 1931.

First Year—Life of John Wesley .....	J. W. Prettyman
Wesley's Sermons (Vol. I) .....	O. E. Jones
Second Year—Beacon Lights of Prophecy .....	L. E. Windsor
Francis Asbury .....	Frank Herson
Third Year—The Art of Preaching .....	E. M. Shockley
Spiritual Element in History .....	J. J. Bunting
Fourth Year—Outline of Christian Theology .....	O. E. Jones
Phillips Brooks .....	W. H. Revelle

February 15, 1931.

First Year—The Story of Methodism .....	Tilghman Smith
Homiletical Work (See D. & H.) .....	L. E. Windsor
Second Year—Wesley's Sermons (Vol. II) .....	W. E. Gunby
Homiletical Work (See D. & H.) .....	O. E. Jones
Third Year—The Methodist Review .....	J. W. Prettyman
Homiletical Work (See D. & H.) .....	E. M. Shockley
Fourth Year—The Methodist Review .....	J. W. Prettyman
Homiletical Work (See D. & H.) .....	J. J. Bunting

#### 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, 10:30 A. M.

First Year—Discipline .....	W. E. Gunby
Second Year—The Abingdon Bible Commentary .....	W. O. Bennett

Tuesday, 2 P. M.

First Year—Evangelism .....	O. E. Jones
Second Year—The Church in History .....	M. S. Andrews
Third Year—The Abingdon Bible Commentary .....	W. E. Gunby
Fourth Year—Outline of Christian Theology .....	O. E. Jones

Tuesday, 3:30 P. M.

First Year—The Art of Writing English .....	T. F. Beauchamp
Second Year—(a) Purpose in Teaching Religion .....	R. P. Nichols
(b) Method in Teaching Religion .....	R. P. Nichols
Third Year—Psychology of Religious Experience .....	Frank Herson
Fourth Year—The Individual and the Social Order .....	M. S. Andrews

#### Mid-Year Examinations for Local Preachers.

Mid-Year Examinations will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 1930, for all Local Preachers in the Local Preachers' Course, (place to be given by Registrar, consult him) on the following subjects—

First Year—The Work of Preaching .....	W. E. Harrison, Jr.
The Jesus of History .....	E. C. Hallman
Second Year—The Pastoral Office .....	Tilghman Smith
American History .....	E. C. Hallman
Third Year—Paul and His Epistles .....	E. M. Shockley
The Religions of Mankind .....	E. W. Henvis
Fourth Year—Christ at the Round Table .....	W. O. Bennett
Jeremiah .....	J. W. Prettyman

#### Local Preachers' Orders.

Local Preachers who are candidates for Deacons' Orders must have passed the four years' Course of Study for Local Preachers, and, in addition, must complete satisfactorily the course entitled, "A Study of John's Gospel" as provided by the Commission on the Courses of Study.

Local Deacons who are candidates for the Local Elders' Orders must complete in addition to the four years' Course of Study for Local Preachers and the Course entitled "A Study of John's Gospel," the course entitled "Pauline Christianity" as provided by the Commission on Courses of Study.

E. W. McDOWELL, Registrar,  
Claymont, Del.

T. F. BEAUCHAMP, Chairman,  
Snow Hill, Md.

XII.  
MEMOIRS.

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JOSHUA BURTON McCABE.

Nearly thirty-nine years ago, God gave Joshua Burton McCabe to the world. He was born in Bishops, Maryland, to Levin J. and Annie S. McCabe, on April 23, 1891. These parents, who still survive him, produced a home atmosphere that was typical at the time, in its devotion to the Christian way of living as that way was interpreted through the peculiar genius of Methodism. They did not have much to give this heaven-sent lad, but what they had they gave, which was, in religious ways, a marked sense of God and a predilection toward the right, which unquestionably came to be brother McCabe's chief characteristics during the period of his maturity. There were other reasons, of course, which made him stand out among us, but they simply point you to characteristics which were tributary to these first, from which they derived all their weight and worth. Although our friend cannot be classified by placing him in any conventional ministerial mould, this sense of God and the right made it inevitable that he should some day stand for God and the right upon the platform of the Christian ministry.

It was his habit often to speak of the impressions received by him from the revivals of his boyhood. There came a time when he felt that many of the evangelistic methods of days past could not be used any longer with marked effect, and he did not hesitate to point out their places of weakness, but recalling the tremendous earnestness and spiritual successes of his boy-hood pastors, he never failed to remind ruthless and careless critics of a worthy period, that these men gave God to their day, which gift, having been given, renders any age eternally debtor to its ministry.

"Crude method containing a sense of God is far more useful than some of our modern plans that hold all efficiency and little of God", is a characteristic McCabe utterance. He could not escape from the fact that the men who preached in his country church were on fire with a zeal that could be explained only by their convictions regarding God's closeness to and love for his world. This drama of religious earnestness unfolded itself before the discerning eyes of the growing country lad, and not without result, for when he was in his early teens, a gracious, regenerating religious experience came to him, and like the people among whom he was reared, he began to count his times by the time when he met God. In after years, during student days, when storms of intellectual and spiritual con-

fusion, which are common to men of similar back-ground when thrown into streams of academic discussions and inquiry sent many a fellow student into panic, his experiences of God became his compass and ballast: there is no record that he ever lost poise. He seems to have possessed an exceptional gift of spiritual appraisal which bade him never to cast aside a belief until the proposed one revealed superior religious worth. The same impacts of school discussions and findings that worked havoc with many of his student friends caused him to set to work to discover an intellectual standing place, or rather, marching ground, for the faith resident within him. Under the guidance of such men as professors Hannan, Lewis and Thompson, who were to him, not just teachers, but close and understanding friends, he returned to us most exceptionally fitted to speak of religion to his own generation. Writing very soberly, conscious of the import of what I say, from the standpoint of human consideration, I do not know of any younger man whom the Conference needed more than it needed Joshua McCabe.

He did not get started with preparation for the ministry at the beginning of his young manhood. As often as I have heard him speak of the matter, I fail to remember when he felt himself called to the ministry. He spent some years as a telegraph operator before matriculating at the Wilmington Conference Academy. He was graduated from this institution in 1913, from Dickinson College in 1917 and from Drew Theological Seminary in 1920. Having been ordained a deacon in Simpson Church, Brooklyn that spring, he came to us immediately, and was sent to the Whitesville circuit where he served for two years. On December 19, 1921, while minister at Whitesville, he was married to Adah Ruth Law, his boy-hood sweet-heart. The value of her rich contributions to her husband's success may be seen at least a bit in the regard in which she is held by the people of the parishes they served.

At the Cambridge session of our Conference, he was fully ordained, and was sent to Port Deposit, where their only son, Charles Law, was born. For four years he served with distinction this picturesque parish on the Susquehanna. Friendships were begun here from which many delights came to him throughout his brief career. Here he came to know Dr. Turner, Presbyterian minister and scholar, one time pastor of the church of that denomination in Dover: here also the friendship between the family and Mr. Koons began, for the quality of which evidence is to be found in the number of books from the Koons library that found a place in their collection. It was at the Port that a most unusual friendship developed between brother McCabe and Dr. Harvey Ewing, from which the younger man received, in the way of impetus toward a ministry of heightened ideals, more than he could have told had he tried.

From the Port, he was assigned in 1926 to Federalsburg following Dr. F. C. MacSorley who was then concluding an eleven year pastorate. The people opened their hearts to him at once, and his gifted ministry wrought many permanent blessings to this community in the brief period of two years. These years in Federalsburg and the one succeeding constitute to my mind the most effective period of his short ministry. From Federalsburg,

he was sent to Middletown in the spring of 1928; having spent one year in fruitful activities, he was returned with the understanding between himself and his people that they were to settle down to the tasks of a long pastorate, when on May 29th, so suddenly that we are not yet out of our amazement, he was taken home to God. Thus after only eight years of service in the profession he so greatly loved, he had to lay down his tools, and assume the kind of life that awaits the redeemed beyond earthly existence.

In what ways will we feel most keenly the absence of this our friend who has been taken from us while in the prime of life? His growing mind, alert and flashy, evidencing increasing grip upon themes in the company of which a minister should feel at home? Will we miss most the prophetic trend which would become vocal with heated earnestness when proper provocation called it forth? Will it be the certain marks of leadership which had been coming to the fore so noticeably within the last few years? We admired him for the possession of these strong characteristics. He could have held them all in richer abundance and yet we might not have loved him as we did.

Joshua McCabe made a more lasting impression on the mind of the Conference than many of us will in a long life-time, because of his native genius for friendships. His companionability worked out in easy and natural ways. He could find common ground with people from whom he differed. He was one of those rare souls who would not be persecuted for assuming advanced positions in thought. And not because he was cautious in expression, often he was exactly the opposite, but somehow people recognized the presiding power of his brotherliness as an under current of all other of his life's expressions. He was trusted by men who differed from him, because they were convinced by his very spirit that he was essentially a friend. The rapidity with which he could abolish the formalities of the first months of his parish experiences and develop understanding and mutual fellow feeling among his people was amazing to those of us who had opportunity to observe him at work.

Long after we forget the cultural achievements and professional worth of Brother McCabe, his boy-like enthusiasms, his beaming face, his christian comradeship, will possess a permanent place in our minds. A man of unusual value and great promise has gone out from among us. God doubtless needs young men of value and promise with him in the higher world. Nevertheless, we miss our friend, and shall look forward to the reestablishment of once enjoyed relations in the richer friendships of the Father's House.

Dr. John L. Johnson conducted the funeral service from the parsonage at Middletown, Friday afternoon May 31, 1929. He was assisted in the brief but impressive service by Dr. Harvey Ewing, Dr. Fred P. Corson, Dr. Abram Woodard and the writer. While brother McCabe's mortal dust lies in the beautiful burial grounds of Bishopville, Maryland, we know that he awaits us in the hallowed associations of the Fathers' Kingdom above.

ESSELL PARKS THOMAS.

### GEORGE T. ALDERSON

I seem today like one in a dream. It is difficult to persuade myself that the stalwart, rugged friend of a lifetime is missing. A form that radiated vitality; so abounding in strength! We thought of him as a perfect specimen of physical manhood. But, alas! we are not dreaming; it is true, our friend and brother is not here. We caught ourselves wondering why he did not answer to his name at roll-call. He has answered the higher summons and passed into "The General Assembly and Church of the First Born whose names are written in Heaven".

The subject of this memoir was born on a farm in Sassafras Neck, near Cecilton, Maryland. His parents were William J. and Ann Eliza Alderson. He began his earthly life August 22, 1864, and closed it September 18, 1929.

Brother Alderson's parents were devout, consecrated people and brought up their son to fear the Lord and to walk humbly before Him. It is not strange then, that while quite young, surrounded as he was by such an environment, our brother gave himself to Jesus Christ. This act of consecration he never regretted. His whole after life was an epistle known and read of men. His obligation to live as a son of God was always consciously present with him.

Soon after his conversion Brother Alderson heard that mysterious but unmistakable call to the Christian Ministry, and in this he "Was not disobedient to the Heavenly vision," but responded at once and completely to the call. From that day until Wednesday morning, September 18, last, he was consumed with a passion to work for the Coming Kingdom. He had a broad view of the Kingdom of God, and was willing to spend and be spent in establishing that kingdom in the hearts of men. Nothing was too hard for him to undertake. So, without funds to pay his way, our brother set out immediately to prepare himself for his life work. Always of a studious mind, he applied himself with greater diligence to the acquiring of that mental furnishing that would send him out into his work well equipped. He attended the public school at Cecilton, Maryland. From there he went to Drew Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1888; later receiving the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from St. John's College.

The Journal of the Wilmington Conference for the year 1888 records the fact that George T. Alderson applied for admission and was received into the membership of the Conference that year, and was sent to Queenstown, Maryland. During his ministry he served the following appointments: Queenstown 1888-89; Bishopville 1890-92; Federalsburg 1893-94; Princess Anne 1895-99; Harrington 1900; Lewes 1901-03; Snow Hill 1904-05; New Castle 1906-07; Perryville 1908; Newark 1909-12; Harrison Street, Wilmington, 1913-18; Chestertown 1919; Elkton 1920-22; and Asbury, Wilmington, 1923-29.

On June 1, 1892, Brother Alderson married Miss Alphonsa McConnor of Queenstown, Maryland. Mrs. Alderson, of fine culture both mental and spiritual, with a charm of manner that greatly endeared her to the best

people in the community, was a loyal partner and helpmeet to her husband through all the years of his ministry. To this union there were born five children—three sons and two daughters. The oldest son, George France, is a prominent business man in this city and a member of Harrison Street Church and Official Board. William Hubbard is now pastor of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church in New Britain, Connecticut. John Hartzell, the third son, lives in California; while the Misses Alphonsa and Laura are at home with their mother.

Brother Alderson had a positive faith—there was no question as to what he was to preach. He believed "Faith", and not doubt, was the victory that should overcome the world. Therefore he counted not his life dear unto himself—but literally gave himself that he might so preach Jesus that he might save others, and we doubt not there will be in "That day" those who will rise up to call him blessed.

Brother Alderson was a man of untiring industry. What a toiler he was! What his hands found to do he did with his might, wholeheartedly as unto the Lord. And in all his work his Master was his example and inspiration. He was conscious not only that he was a worker, but a worker with Christ. In every church he served he was an example of unceasing toil for the building of the Kingdom.

Nowhere was this spirit of self-abandon for Christ's sake more apparent than in his last charge, from which he was so suddenly summoned from labor to reward. We all know that to be pastor of Asbury Church with its great history as the "Mother Church of Methodism" in this city, is a task to try the mettle of any man. But the migrations of peoples, the constant moving out of the natural constituency, the crowding in of people foreign to all the traditions for which this great old church stood made the going hard. Yet this dauntless toiler believed he had a mission to those who were left. Frequently he was called upon to write church letters for people who were badly needed where they were—but he never murmured.

In addition to these taxing labors our brother was heir to the leadership of the Wilmington City Missionary Society. This arrangement was not the result of Dr. Alderson's request or for his benefit. It had been the plan of operation for several years before he came to the charge. This in itself was a man's task. He soon saw the fine opportunity and proceeded to develop it. It was not long until the Board of Home Missions was made to see the possibilities and under the direction of that able ecclesiastical statesman, Dr. D. D. Forsythe, the "Board" gave whole-hearted cooperation to the cultivation of this vast field for the Kingdom of God. The field embraced all that part of the city reaching from Browntown in the extreme southern section, clear around the eastern side and north of the Brandywine to Kingswood. Here dwelt thousands of people who were receiving no help from any evangelical church. He determined they should have a chance. He worked and pled his cause before the Board and before this Conference, compelling them to hear. That there was not a larger, a more hearty response on the part of the members of the Conference was a great disappointment to him—but he toiled on.

It was this love of bringing help to the overburdened and discouraged that enabled him to see the needs of mothers who were obliged to go out and earn a living for themselves and their little ones, and which inspired him to develop the Asbury Day Nursery. Here these mothers might bring their babies and leave them where they would be cared for until they were able to call for them on the way home from work. An old house was purchased and entirely renovated and fitted up for this work at a cost of \$10,-695. On October 24, 1926, this building was dedicated by Bishop W. F. McDowell.

In this work Brother Alderson so thoroughly cultivated the field that at his sudden death the trustees were able to carry on the work he had begun and have been encouraged by the friends he had made for the "Day Nursery" who have contributed funds sufficient to pay all bills and to continue the work he laid down to receive the commendation of his Lord, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of these, ye have done it unto me."

This willingness to spend and be spent, doing faithfully what his hands found to do, soon brought our brother into prominence in the Conference. He served on many of the most important committees. In 1912 and again in 1916 and 1920 he was elected a Reserve Delegate to the General Conference. In 1924 he was elected to head the delegation to the General Conference held in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Brother Alderson was a man of faith. He believed well. He was familiar with the currents of thought in the church and the world; but he nevertheless believed Jesus Christ was the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world and that the world was badly in need of that Redeemer. He believed it his supreme business to preach Him, and this he did with such tenderness and earnestness that men forgot the preacher while they beheld the face of Jesus Christ.

He did not direct programs and build a Day Nursery simply that people might be entertained or that children might be cared for, but that people might get a chance to see Christ the Saviour of Men. Believing, he brought them to Jesus for healing and saving.

Brother Alderson hated sham. He was no trimmer. He was a sincere, earnest man. He opposed evil of every sort and in every place. Evil men feared him. He was continually on their track, not because he would punish men who did evil, but because these evil doers made it hard for men to find the Christ and to live pure Christian lives. For Christ's sake and the Gospel's he fought evil wherever it was entrenched.

Brother Alderson passed to his heavenly home from the Asbury parsonage in the early hours of the morning of September 18, 1929, having just entered his sixty-sixth year. So quickly did he slip away there was no time to say "Farewell".

Impressive funeral services were conducted in Asbury Church in charge of his District Superintendent, the Rev. Disston W. Jacobs, assisted by several of his brethren. Addresses were made by the Rev. John L. Sparklin of Newport and the writer. The front of the church was banked with flowers of every hue, the testimony of multitudes of friends to his useful life. As

we laid him to rest in Riverview Cemetery to await the resurrection of the Just, many of us were saying "Servant of God, well done," while the Bishop and Shepherd of his soul was saying, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

"Jesus while our hearts are bleeding,  
O'er the spoils that death has won,  
We would at this solemn meeting  
Calmly say "Thy will be done".

By thy hands the boon was given,  
Thou hast taken but thine own;  
Lord of earth and God of Heaven,  
Evermore, Thy will be done."

THOS. R. VAN DYKE.

#### GEORGE WASHINGTON TOWNSEND.

Every properly coordinated human life is made up of four factors, viz., inheritance, environment, personal application and the grace of God. All these factors were prominent in the life of the subject of this memoir. The Rev. George Washington Townsend, Prince and Prophet of God, was born September 15th, 1847 on a farm in St. Georges Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware. He was rich in his native heritage. The name Townsend has been in Delaware for a hundred years the synonym of honor, intelligence, social standing, power and leadership in State and Church. All these apply with emphasis to his branch of the family and all these he inherited in a high degree. His father, George Washington Townsend, was a graduate of Dickinson College, and for a country man to be a college graduate in those days was a rare thing and at once gave him patronage and leadership which he worthily exercised. His mother was Elizabeth Simmons Townsend. She was a graduate of a ladies Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland. She was an artist in taste and in practice in her young womanhood and her paintings attracted a good deal of local attention.

Both these parents were faithful members of the St. Georges Methodist Episcopal Church to which George Jr. was taken regularly to Sunday School and always stayed for the public service. We can infer from this brief sketch of his parents that Brother Townsend was well born and the character of his parentage is a guarantee that he was well reared.

For a boy to be born in the country and on a farm was a high privilege in those days and a higher one today. In the open country God is always near and His book of nature always lies open before us. His hand is always to be seen and His voice heard by the temperamentally devout soul as was that of this lad. How I wish that millions of the poor children of our big cities could be taken to God's big out-of-doors to live permanently. We are trying in a measure to take the country to the city children, that is

good as far as it goes, but we could succeed better if we reversed the order.

George the boy attended the public school of his neighborhood until he reached its limits. Then he attended and graduated at the Harding Private School of Wilmington, Delaware. From there he went to a higher grade school at Village Green, Pa. After graduating there he became a public school teacher. It was while teaching at Mt. Salem, now a part of the City of Wilmington that he responded to the call of the Spirit and gave his life to God in definite consecration and was accepted in joyful conversion. How important it is that a Methodist preacher shall have a definite, joyful, powerful conversion and then shall keep converted and after that shall have a clear unmistakable call to the ministry of the gospel. Without these the work of the ministry is a drudgery and a failure and the minister looks forward to the time when he can find an excuse to quit. With these all theological problems will dissolve and he will be the most useful, successful happy man of his charge and will never want to quit. He will understand Charles Wesley's experience when he sang:

Happy, if with my latest breath  
I may but gasp His Name;  
Preach Him to all, and cry in death,  
Behold! Behold the Lamb!

Brother Townsend never had any doubt about his conversion nor his call to the ministry nor the character of the gospel he was sent to preach. In the fall of 1873 he entered Drew Seminary and graduated in due course in 1876. In March of that year with eleven others of us he joined this conference on probation and began in the regular order the circuit of an itinerant minister. In that capacity he was a faithful, zealous servant of God and the Church. His appointments were as follows: Claymont, Asbury, Salisbury, Pocomoke City, Galena, Hillsboro, Bridgeville, Denton, Delmar, North East, Cecilton, Hurlock, Cape Charles, Stockton, Cheswold and Rising Sun. In every one of these charges he was an all around success. As a preacher he was original, clear, forceful and evangelistic. He had a revival in every charge he served in which sinners were brought into the Kingdom by the way of repentance, faith and conversion. He was a diligent pastor and visited from house to house with a definite purpose. He gave enthusiastic efforts to the support of all the benevolent enterprises of the Church, both local and general. He was very liberal in the use of his money both before and after his retirement. All the Churches he ever served knowing of his generous spirit felt at liberty to call upon him for help whenever they were in special need. I never knew of his turning them away empty. He left the Board of Stewards of our Conference \$3000.00 and the parent Missionary society of the Church a liberal bequest. He had strong convictions on the Temperance question and publicly and privately, in season and out of season, advocated every consistent measure and method for the extermination of the traffic in intoxicating beverage.

I know of no word in our language that more fittingly describes Brother Townsend's life than that of "faithful". He was all of that in all the relations and details of life.

He was 29 years of age when he joined the Conference and he continued in the active relation for 38 years, retiring in 1915, since which time he served as a supply for a few months on two occasions at Rising Sun and Claymont. The latter was his first and his last appointment.

Brother Townsend was married to Miss Theodosia Fairchild of New Vernon, N. J. on the 24th day October, 1877. This union proved to be a very happy one for both of them and for all the charges they served together in after years. Temperamentally they were perfectly adapted to each other and she entered heartily into the spirit and activities of all his plans for the promotion of the interests of the Kingdom.

Mrs. Townsend died December 23rd, 1917. This was to our brother a great bereavement, indeed, the poignancy of which never passed away until they were reunited in the Glory Land.

Brother Townsend's health was poor when he retired and it never fully returned though he was able to be about and never missed a session of his Annual Conference until last spring when he was too poorly to attend. His niece tells me that he wept bitter tears of grief because he could not be with us on that occasion. His strength gradually failed him until early last fall when he was seized by la grippe. From that time on his decline was rapid. But his faith and hope grew stronger and brighter as he approached the border. As the Holiday season approached he expressed a great desire to be in heaven on Christmas morning and this longing was graciously gratified for he passed on at eight o'clock on the morning of December 22nd.

"Servant of God well done!  
Thy glorious warfare's past;  
The battle's fought, the race is won  
And thou are crowned at last."

The Funeral services were held at the Trainer Methodist Episcopal Church, Trainer, Pa., in charge of Rev. C. B. Felton, the pastor of the Church, assisted by the superintendent of the Public Schools of Media, Pa., Reverends W. T. Cherry and R. B. Wells of the Philadelphia Conference and Reverends D. W. Jacobs and H. B. Kelso of our Conference.

The body was taken to St. Georges and laid away to rest beside that of his beloved companion all in sight of the farm where he was born and the Church where he was reared. The Committal Service was conducted by the Reverend Felton and the Reverend O. B. Rice, pastor of St. Georges Church.

W. F. CORKRAN.

### GEORGE EDWARD REED.

During the past year Methodism has felt a keen loss in the death on February 7, 1930, of a man of great faith, Dr. George Edward Reed. His entire life was one of enthusiastic and loyal service to the Church. He was born in Brownville, Maine, on March 28, 1846, the tenth child of Rev. George and Ann Hellyer Reed. His father died when he was six and he was sent to live with a cousin, but after four years he returned to his mother in Lowell, Mass. Here he attended public school and worked on farms and in cotton mills in the summer until he was seventeen.

In 1864, upon the advice of his pastor, he entered the famous Academy at Wilbraham, Mass., to prepare for college. Here he completed a twenty-seven months' course in six months. During this period, as a result of overwork and exposure to the cold, he suffered from an attack of typhoid fever. After his recovery he entered Wesleyan University where he was graduated four years later. While in college he was compelled to do double work and clothe and feed himself scantily to meet his college expenses. Hardship played an important part in the molding of his character. Upon graduation he studied a year in the School of Theology at Boston University, having decided to give up law and enter the ministry.

After being admitted to the Providence Conference (now the New England Southern), he was appointed to the Church in Willimantic, Conn., the largest and most important charge in the Norwich District, where he served two years. While there he was married to Miss Ella Frances Leifingwell of Norwich, Conn. with whom he lived happily for fifty-two years. After his two years in Willimantic, he was transferred to St. Paul's Church, Fall River, Mass., where he served with great success for three years.

At the close of this pastorate he was called to the noted Hanson Place M. E. Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., the largest church, numerically, in Methodism and one of the most prominent in the city. His success in this important field was so commanding that six years after the conclusion of his first term, during which he served in Stamford and Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, he was unanimously invited to return for another three years. Because of the then existing 'time limit' he was obliged to accept the invitation of the Trinity Church of New Haven, Conn., to become their pastor.

Before leaving Brooklyn he was tendered a farewell reception at which many of the influential citizens of the city paid him loving tributes and recognition for his distinguished services to the community. It was held in the tabernacle where Dr. DeWitt Talmage was pastor, and was crowded to its full 5,000 capacity.

While in New Haven serving in Trinity Church he received a unanimous invitation from the trustees of Dickinson College to assume the presidency. He accepted reluctantly for he had no desire to leave the work to which he had consecrated his life. The situation which confronted the new president was one which might well have discouraged a man of more experience in educational work. The college had lost much of its old-time prestige and popularity. Torn by factional disputes in the faculty, the curriculum was so low in some departments that it was but little above High School grade. The buildings were dilapidated and the once beautiful cam-

pus had been neglected and overgrown. The student body consisted of less than ninety unruly and undisciplined young people and even some of the most loyal friends felt the situation was beyond recovery.

Thru his vigorous energy and enthusiastic labor, the young president soon wrought a remarkable change in conditions; the old campus was restored to its former beauty, the buildings were repaired and renovated, a steam-heating plant was installed, an athletic field was secured, and the scholastic standing was raised by infusing new blood in the faculty and bringing up the entrance requirements. The college had entered upon a new era of prosperity and advancement thru the notable achievements of a noble man. Among these achievements was the establishment of a Law School with Dr. Trickett as Dean, and the erection of several beautiful buildings on the campus. During his administration Dr. Reed received a score of invitations from Churches of various denominations, but he felt it his duty to remain and work for the college. He was also compelled to decline an invitation extended by Pres. McKinley to become Librarian to Congress.

In the spring of 1911, after twenty-two years of service, Dr. Reed tendered his resignation, proposing to retire from active service and to take up his residence in Harrisburg, hoping for a period of rest. However, three months later he was called upon to fill the pulpit of Grace M. E. Church in Wilmington, Delaware, temporarily, and his labors were so satisfactorily performed that he was extended a unanimous vote to become the permanent pastor. He served there three and one-half years and then retired and returned to Harrisburg. But he was soon called on by Grace Church in that city to serve as assistant pastor during the illness of their regular pastor which he did for five months.

Since that time Dr. Reed has given occasional sermons in churches of various denominations and for two years conducted a large Men's Bible Class under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of the city. He has also been identified with many movements for the advancement of public welfare.

In 1896 Dr. Reed was a delegate to General Conference from the New York East Conference, and in 1908 he attended, and though not a delegate, received a handsome vote for the Episcopacy, but withdrew his candidacy before the completing of the balloting. He has been honored by receiving from Wesleyan University, his Alma Mater, the degree of Doctor of Systematic Theology, and the degree of Doctor of Laws from Lafayette College. His only son, George L. Reed, is at present a well known member of the Harrisburg bar.

How empty words seem in trying to evaluate the life and character of this great servant of God! For he was such a lovable and congenial spirit! It would be difficult to find a man with a more charming personality, and his deeds of kindness added all the more to his many graces. It would be impossible to estimate his contribution to the lives of young people. Because of his intimate contact and association with them, many today rise up and call him blessed.

A mighty man has fallen—but how nobly has he wrought;—student, pastor, educator, prophet—and to us "he being dead, yet speaketh."

B. M. JOHNS.

### FRANK CALHOUN MacSORLEY.

When Bishop Quayle was nearing the close of his life, under the grip of his disease being unable to talk, he placed his finger on a verse of the Bible which lay open on his lap which proved to be the First Chapter of Thessalonians and a clause of the fourth verse which reads "Allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel." So it may be said of our departed Brother that he rejoiced to be "allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel." This trust was committed to his care for fifty and seven years—a long time for the prosecution of this delightful, yet serious task. How well he discharged that task is abundantly shown by his record in seventeen charges, the last of which was eleven years long.

On thee the loyal hearted hung,  
The proud was half disarmed of pride,  
Nor cared the serpent at thy side  
To flicker with his double tongue.  
The stern were mild when thou wert by,  
The flippant put himself to school  
And heard thee; the brazen fool  
Was softened and he knew not why".

Concerning his own preaching Brother MacSorley might have humbly said to all his congregations:—

"I trust I have not wasted breath:  
I think we are not wholly brain,  
Magnetic mockeries; not in vain  
Like Paul with beasts I fought with death,  
Not only cunning casts in clay:  
Let science prove we are, and then  
What matters science unto men  
At least to me? I would not stay.  
Let him the wiser man who springs  
Hereafter, up from childhood shape  
His actions like the greater ape,  
But I was born to other things".

Our Brother was born into this life January the first, 1851, and passed into the life eternal February the tenth, 1930. He retired from the active pastorate at the conference of 1926, after fifty-three years in the ministry of this conference. He was honored by his conference in many ways, but reached the climax of that confidence when he was elected as a delegate to the general conference of 1928. During the years of his retirement he was busy with the work of the kingdom wherever and whenever there was a call for service. His last work was at Middletown, where he was appointed after the death of the youthful and much beloved minister, J. B. McCabe.

The ambition of his young life was to study law, and he began his preparation for this work, but the call to the ministry came and it was so insistent that he yielded to the will of God.



Having completed his course in the public schools of his community he became a student in the Academy taught by Prof. Reynolds of Wilmington, and then was wise enough to continue his preparation in Drew Seminary where he remained for two years under the influence of such teachers as Dr. R. S. Foster, and Dr. John F. Hurst, both of whom were elected to the office of Bishop. Other eminent teachers had to do with the shaping of his life, prominent among them was Dr. Henry A. Butts, the Saint John of Methodism. There were the early days of the seminary when the aim was to prepare ministers for the church insistently demanding a better trained ministry. Thus equipped he knocked at the doors of this conference and was duly admitted to its fellowship and holy tasks.

But his studious life did not end with his seminary days, nor with the completion of the conference studies, but continued faithfully throughout his entire ministry. Asked by a member of his family when, late in life he took up a course in psychology, why he did so, he replied "Because it will help me to become a better preacher." This was his spirit. His intellectual and spiritual equipment was a steady growth from more to more as is evidenced by the fact that his pastorates lengthened with his years. But his real preparation began when he passed into the experience of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. He was but a lad of nine years when he bowed at the altar seeking pardon. At the age of sixteen he made a reconsecration of himself, thus he knew the Lord from his youth. He began right; he continued right; his sheaves are many.

I think I may without apology put the language of the great poet in his lips:—

I found him not in world, or sun,  
Or eagle's wing or insect's eye,  
Nor through the questions man may try,  
The petty cobwebs we have spun.  
If e'er when faith had fallen asleep,  
I heard a voice "believe no more"  
And heard an ever breaking shore  
That tumbled in the godless deep,  
A warmth within the heart would melt  
The freezing reasons colder part,  
And like a man in wrath the heart  
Stood up and answered "I have felt."

He believed in a religious experience and possessed and preached it as the privilege of all. I can hear him singing as he did often,—

What we have felt and seen  
With confidence we tell,  
And publish to the sons of men  
The signs infallible."

Walter Savage Landor has this suggestive line:—

"I warmed both hands before the fire of life."

Brother MacSorley might have written—"I have warmed both my mind and my soul at the altar fires of God's Church and at the word of inspiration."

Someone asked Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes of Boston when a child's education should begin and received this answer: "Two hundred years before his birth." I do not know anything about the educational acquirements of the ancestors of this preacher, but I venture he was well born, and certain am I he was twice born.

With such an inheritance and such a beginning, with expert direction in the schools it is no wonder that this man was a growing preacher even up to the last hour of his life when he dismissed his class in this city and rode to his home in Middletown, and then alone in the darkness of the night slipped out into the land where growth is never interrupted. His was a slow growth; it took time as does an oak, as does all strong and healthy growing. But he might have said "What's time. Leave time to dogs and apes. Man has forever." He was content to grow slowly, but steadily, knowing that he had time and eternity in which to continue his growing. He has entered the second stage of his growth in the University of the skies, under the direction of the Master Teacher, mingling in delightful fellowship with the earnest students of all the ages, and coming into the possession of truth with each revolving cycle. Could he speak to us today out of the halls of that fair university where he has already matriculated as a student he would say—

"What I aspired to be  
And was not comforts me."

In his studious growth he was the direct contrast of some ministers who through consuming ambition to get on and through an over-estimation of their powers push themselves up into a momentary prominence and soon, like a meteor of the sky, explode and disappear in darkness.

"That low man sees a little thing to do  
Sees it and does it.  
This high man with a great thing to pursue  
Dies ere he knows it".

I hold up Brother MacSorley's way as ideal for the young man of this conference. He was too busy growing to talk about it, or to be offensively self-conscious of it, seldom if ever, referring to it but plodding on through the years to reach the heights of an effective ministry. Jonah's gourd was doubtless a very useful arrangement to shield the prophet from the rays of the hot sun, but it grew up in a night, and it perished in a night, leaving the angry prophet exposed to the hot sun. Gourds are plentiful enough in these days; oaks are scarce.

In attempting to draw the portrait of this man whose ministry stretches across these fifty-seven years I would say first of all he was a preacher of solid ability, not flashy, not sensational, not struttingly boastful, but quiet, steady, meaty and always helpful. Unfortunately the writer recalls only

one time when he had the privilege to hear him preach, but I am sure I voice the judgment of this conference when I say he was a preacher. He was built that way. He worked steadily and intensely to that end. He arrived. He could preach.

I think I am correct when I say he preached the doctrines of the Bible as they are understood by the arminian methodist, and he preached them with confidence and with energy and unction. Those who were fortunate enough to sit under his ministry heard the doctrines of the Bible clearly and forcibly presented. Whatever he may have known about science, philosophy, and the higher criticism and the like, he was not so foolish to parade this knowledge in the pulpit for the sake of gaining a little passing fame, but held himself steadily to the fundamentals of the revealed word of God, and rejoiced as he made them clear to his people. He preached Christ and him crucified. Like Paul he could say "This one thing I do". The need of the world today is preachers, not priests. We have enough of that class, but we need preachers, and we must have them or the church will slump into formalism. The advice of Paul to the young man Timothy was this:—Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. In our more modern speech Paul would say, "Study to be preachers, learn how to preach. Preach sermons, not sermonettes, not essays, not political harangues not scientific lectures, but learn to preach the word."

The second excellence which appeared in this man's life was his ability to pray effectively in the public service. He knew the way to the throne of grace, and he had access thereto when he bowed his heart and lifted up his voice in prayer. And when he prayed a hush fell on the congregation and they were subdued into the spirit of prayer.

One thing stood out prominently in the work of most of the early Methodist preachers—they knew how to pray. How they could lay hold on the horns of the altar and bring all heaven down in blessings on the people. Would that that power might still be the possession of the preachers in larger measure than now. It is the secret of ministerial power.

When King Arthur lay dying, wounded in battle he turned to his faithful Knight, Sir Bedivere and said:—

Pray for my soul. More things are wrought by prayer  
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore let thy voice  
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.  
For what are men better than sheep or goats  
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer  
Both for themselves and these who call them friend.  
For so the whole round world is every day  
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God".

The privilege of the preacher is to bind the congregation by the gold chains of prayer about the feet of God, who waits to graciously answer the petition of his saints. This brother knew how to pray. Let us pray. "Lord teach us how to pray."

Another element of success in Brother MacSorley's work—an element, not often referred to in this day was his ability in song. He was gifted in this particular above most of us. His voice was a clean, clear resonant baritone, capable of expressing the pathos, the deep spiritual meaning of our best hymns. How he could sing them with expression and with unction and power. Without extravagance one might venture this fine line of Browning concerning another:—

"He was born with thy face and throat,  
Lyric Appollo."

I heard him once in his youthful vigor at a camp meeting sing this fine old hymn to the tune of Parsons:—

"Father I stretch my hands to thee,  
No other help I know.  
If thou withdraw thyself from me,  
Ah, whither shall I go."

I have remembered this hymn across these fifty years, and I can hear it now reverent, yearning, as he stretched the arms of his soul out after God. Ah, the power of these old hymns when sung by one who has had the experience of them. Methodism once knew the power of song, and she conquered in its use. We must recapture this first fine rapture of the fathers who sang many into the kingdom.

Another fine quality of this man of God was his power to attract young people and hold them to himself. He knew how to grapple them with hooks of steel, and hold them to the higher life of the soul. He maintained a youthful spirit even up to his eightieth year. He did not seem old because he had a young heart. He was one in spirit with his children and with all the youth of his churches.

Bishop Quayle has said in his own quaint way:—"Snug up to youth. To save a young man or woman is a strong man's task." Our Brother knew how by song and prayer and sermon and kindly advice and unrestrained fellowship to interest the youth of his congregation and to draw them after him as he walked in the way of the Master.

Brother MacSorley was married to Miss A. Tryphena Roe April 24th, 1877, who for 53 years has been his faithful companion and real helper. The home life of this devoted couple was ideal. His children rise up and call him blessed, while his companion of many years mourns the going of an ideal husband. His family bear loving testimony to his self sacrificing spirit. He never seemed to think of himself, but of others. He was a true Christian altruist. This spirit was seen in the careful planning for the education of his children, making real sacrifices that they all might have a college training and so be better prepared for useful positions in life. They revere his memory; they honor his name. The times in which we live make the severest demands on a preacher of any of recent centuries. We are passing through a seething sea of doubt and unrest occasioned by the materialistic philosophy of the age. The enemies of the evangelical

church are legion, and they are grasping at the throat of the church to strangle the life out of her if possible. There are many educated men who are doing their utmost in magazine articles and on the lecture platform to discredit the gospel of Christ and to destroy his church. He must be a dull man indeed who is not constantly aware of these forces at work against the church. It is a hard day for the religion of the spirit. Formal christianity, dead members, the ever increasing number of clubs and lodges of various sorts—all these militate against the spiritual conception of life. The times alarm one who believes in an experimental religion. If priests are to multiply, if ritualism is to become more elaborate, if preaching is to be relegated to an insignificant place then woe to the spiritual life of the people. If the history of the church teaches any one thing with sun clearness it is the fact that as the priest grows in influence and numbers the influence of the preacher wanes, and the spiritual life of the church slumps. This is an age which demands a rare of preachers in protestantism who shall have had the heart warming experience of genuine conversion, complete sanctification, with utter devotion to the work of preaching the gospel. God give us men who know the Christ and who know how to preach him. Our lamented Brother stood before us as a good type of the kind of preacher needed in these times.

Brother MacSorley was a modernist in spirit, eager to face the facts, to sift the new views being presented in these surging days. He was not afraid of the new, but was "not the first by whom the new is tried, nor yet the last to cast the old aside." He did not assume to attempt the future with the past's blood rusted key, but while accepting the well certified newer views yet at the same time he held tenaciously to the essentials of the gospel of Christ.

In dreaming of his lost friend, Tennyson asks this ever pertinent question:—"How fares it with the happy dead?" How fares it with our Brother who has gone from us? Is he at rest in the sense of being unconscious? Is this personality known among us as Frank C. MacSorley—a personality noted for gentleness, kindness, devotion, deep piety,

"Who rolled the psalm to wintry skies  
Who battled for the true, the just."

lost in the sum of things, or as the hard boiled materialist would say taken up in the circulation of nature to be

"Blown about the desert dust,  
Or sealed within the iron hills?"

If this is the fate of all men then we may complete the famous line of Tennyson and say

"Creatures of the prime  
That tear each other in this slime  
Were mellow music matched with him."

What is the real content of the much used word immortality? Does it connote only the mere influence to last a greater or lesser time here? But if that is all why use the word at all? How fares it with the happy dead? Is it oblivion, absorption in the sum of things? This is not the content of the word as Jesus taught us. He taught no mere moonshiny life—less sort of immortality, but rather a life of conscious existence under the law of growth in fellowship with the good of all the ages and in the presence of God and Christ. We do not mourn for our Brother because we fear we shall see him no more. Christianity has no such gloomy creed as many are trying today to make popular.

"That each who seemed a separate whole  
Should move his rounds, and fusing all  
The skirts of self again should fall  
Remerging in the general soul  
Is faith as vague as all unsweet.  
Eternal form shall still divide  
The eternal soul from all beside  
And I shall know him when we meet.  
And we shall sit at endless feast  
Enjoying each the other's good."

This assurance of the persistence of life, this expectation of the perpetuity of personality in the spirit world, this happy hope of the recognition of our friends in the Father's House, this comfort of the reunion with our loved and lost is the only truth that makes one able to bear the separations of life, and this is the only comfort of our bereaved Sister and her Family as they sit today in the shadow of their grief. It is true that this widow is compelled to say of her husband:—

But thou and I have shaken hands  
Till growing winters lay me low,  
My paths are in the fields I know  
And thine in undiscovered lands."

But thank God that in these to us undiscovered lands we shall find our Brother happy and singing, busy with the entrancing pursuit of truth as it is in Jesus. Our Sister may indeed say with breaking heart:—

And the stately ships go on  
To their haven under the hill;  
But O for the touch of a vanished hand  
And the sound of a voice that is still  
Break, Break, Break,  
At the foot of thy crags, O sea!  
But the tender grace of a day that's dead  
Will never come back to me."

No, not in this lone life, but the tender grace of all the days now treasured in memory will be lived over again under brighter skies in the life of the

eternal day when we shall know all the mysteries of life and thank God for all the way in which he has led us.

The service of memory, largely attended by both Ministers and Laymen, was held in the parsonage at Middletown under the care of Brother J. L. Johnson assisted by several others. The interment was at Federalburg, Maryland, where he had labored so long and so well, there to await the great day when the dead in Christ shall arise transformed and spiritualized and thus made ready for the new life in which

"Soul and body shall HIS glorious image bear."

HARVEY WINFIELD EWING.

#### MARILLA GOULD SUNFIELD.

No language can adequately portray the beauty of the life, nor record the multitude, the spirit, and the effect of the deeds of a woman of fine talents thoroughly consecrated to God and intensely active in His service for the period of sixty-seven years. Such was the life and such were the deeds of Marilla Gould Sunfield.

Therefore the writer of this memoir, with his very meager powers of analysis and with his imperfect medium of expression has no hope of doing any adequate justice to the subject in hand, yet, it is his high privilege to lay upon the altar this brief and imperfect tribute to one whose fascinating life won and held his admiration for more than a quarter of a century, with the hope and the prayer that the altar may sanctify the gift to the comfort of those who mourn, to the guidance of those who seek the light and to the assurance of the host of devoted friends she left behind.

Mrs. Sunfield was born in the city of Newark, New Jersey, July 21st, 1862. Her parents were Thomas and Harriett Gould. They were splendid christian people of the Presbyterian faith, so she had the advantages of a good heredity, and a wholesome, moral and spiritual environment. How much these have to do with the subsequent life of every one, we have no way of accurately determining, yet that they are powerful for good or ill no intelligent person can question.

When a small child, Mrs. Sunfield moved with her parents to Caldwell, New Jersey. Here she entered the Sunday School of the church of her parents' choice, and here she grew to womanhood.

She was endowed by nature with a strong religious temperament which responded readily to the call of spiritual realities. At the age of twelve she consecrated herself definitely and fully to God and received the witness of the spirit to her acceptance with Him. This was the beginning of a beautiful Christian character, marked by self denial, humility, sympathy and love. Her goal became the reproduction of the life of her spirit in the lives of her associates. In these early years there came to

her a great desire for a large field of usefulness, and in order to prepare herself to enter the doors she felt sure would open to her, she applied herself diligently to the cultivation of spirit and mind and manner. The charm of her manner was a delight to all with whom she came in contact.

She graduated with high standing at the High School of Mount Claire, N. J., and in due course at the State Normal School at Trenton, N. J. However, it was not her association with and her graduation at a Teacher Training School that decided her to be a teacher, but an ardent desire to find the broadest field and best opportunity for effective service. But before she had followed her profession long she was called to a higher sphere of activity, that of wifehood, the Methodist Itinerancy, and to motherhood.

She was married to our brother, E. C. Sunfield, June 3rd, 1883, in her twenty-first year and thus entered with him into the broad field of usefulness that the Itinerant Ministry offers to the minister's wife as well as to the minister himself. And what a servant of the Church and the people she was from that time till the end of her earthly career! Only the records of Heaven can reveal. It was not a grudging, slavish service but a happy, joyful, loving service. The spirit of it all was "I delight to do Thy will, my God." She served because she loved, she loved God and all the people without regard to the accidents of life such as race, color, creed, poverty, filth or wealth. Knowing her love for people, I have thought perhaps the happiest period of her life was when Brother Sunfield was Secretary of the City Missionary Society of Wilmington. That was in the old days of the saloons, when drunkenness, profanity, poverty, filth, ignorance and crime stalked abroad unabashed, when Wilmington had her slums and those slums were next door to the place where "there is weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth." Into this cesspool with eager, burning heart plunged this Angel of Light to rescue bejeweled children bruised by sin, the remnants of womanhood, manhood, motherhood and fatherhood. I am persuaded that some from these perils of vice will rise up in the Great Day to call her Blessed, for in their dark night she was to them an Angel of Light, in their wanderings she was their Star of Bethlehem.

In all their pastorates she was a real helpmeet to her husband. But while she did a great deal of Missionary work for the people at large, she did not neglect the home and the duties of wife and mother. She was a perfect housekeeper, an ideal cook, a charming hostess, and she was ever careful of the needs and appearance of her husband. God gave her two beautiful girls. Upon these she poured the wealth of her mother nature and trained them with a great deal of care. She lived to see them happily married, Grace to Dr. A. J. Culver of Philadelphia, Pa., and Elizabeth to Mr. Daniel B. Murray of Felton, Delaware, and to receive at their hands such tender care as brought a measure of ease to her pain-tortured body and much joy to her heart in her declining years.

Sister Sunfield never had a vigorous body but she was a giantess in mind and soul, and these carried the body whither they would for sixty-seven years. But the last two or three miles of her journey were made

with great physical weariness and pain. The last three or four months were spent in bed and her bedroom was the ante-chamber to Heaven.

As sinks the sun behind the western hills and gilds all the sky with his Glory, so passed this shining spirit to the bosom of its God and to the fellowship of the Church of the first born. She passed on just before midnight on May 23rd, 1929, and began the new day in the new City.

"O may I triumph so when all my warfare passed,  
And dying, find my latest foe beneath my feet at last."

The funeral services were held at the home of the younger daughter, Mrs. Murray, on Sunday afternoon, May 26th, under the direction of Rev. J. E. Parker, the pastor of Felton charge, the writer of this memoir making the address. On Monday, 27th, the precious dust was taken by the bereaved family to Caldwell, N. J., and deposited in the family lot in the beautiful Caldwell Cemetery.

W. F. CORKRAN.

#### HENRIETTA C. BOWMAN.

Mrs. Henrietta C. Bowman, wife of the Rev. George W. Bowman, was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 13, 1843. Her life, from infancy, was steeped in the loves and loyalties of a Christian home and she early joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was a scholar, and later a teacher, in the Wharton Street Church Sunday School, where she met her future husband, whom she married in January, 1870.

Six children were born to bless their home, four of whom are still living.

Mrs. Bowman, while small in stature, stood high in the esteem of all who were privileged to know her, for she was a most winsome and lovable person. She was indeed a helpmeet to her husband through the joys and trials of an active ministry of thirty years. While in retirement for twenty years she made their home a place of rest and comfort.

She had a faith that was clear and strong. She loved the Church and God's people and was active in all Church work. Her pastors were always eager to be in her presence for she gave them such cheerful and encouraging words.

Her hope of heaven was as bright as the morning sun.

Her going home to heaven took place in Laurel, Delaware, December 14, 1929.

The sacred services, which commemorated her life and character, were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. J. G. Wilson, D. D., assisted by her former pastor and personal friend of the family, the Rev. W. E. P. Haas, District Superintendent of the Philadelphia Conference.

Her honored body was laid to rest in the family lot in Odd Fellows' Cemetery, Laurel, Del., there to await the morning of the Resurrection.

Prepared by W. E. P. HAAS.

#### SARAH B. BAIN.

Sarah Betz Beyer was born in Blair County, Pa., October 26, 1849. Her parents were devout Methodists who worshipped around the family altar and all during her long life Mrs. Bain maintained this sacred custom. Aaron Beyer, the father, was an exhorter. Mrs. Bain completed her education at Millersville State Normal School. Rev. William I. Bain and Miss Sarah Betz Beyer were united in holy wedlock in 1872.

Two sons were born to this union, Robert and William I., Jr. Robert, the elder, resides in Juniata, Pa. William I., Jr., with whom the mother made her home for many years, followed her to that long home just a few weeks after she had gone. Mrs. Bain served with her husband the following appointments: Knoxville and Manasses in Virginia, Princess Anne, Upper Fairmount and Pocomoke City in Maryland.

Her husband died after a few years in the ministry, and his body lies buried under the new Methodist church in Princess Anne, Md. His death occurred May 13, 1880. Mrs. Bain was a widow indeed for almost fifty years, moving back to her native state of Pennsylvania after her husband's death. Eleven years she resided in Tyrone, Pa. In 1891 she moved to Juniata, where she resided until her death, June 1, 1929. She was a devout member of the First Methodist Church in Juniata. Her beautiful life was a benediction to all who knew her. She was a pioneer follower of Frances E. Willard in the state of Pennsylvania. She was an ardent leader in the W. C. T. U. Her great joy was her church, the Bible, the church papers and her many friends. The writer of this paper was her pastor for the last five years and can gladly say she was one of the best Christian characters he ever knew.

Juniata, Pa.

WILLIAM W. BANKS.

#### CLARA WILSON KOONS.

Mrs. Clara Wilson Koons, wife of the late Rev. William G. Koons, was born near Rising Sun, Cecil County, Md., in 1867, and passed to the life beyond June 2nd, 1929, in her 61st year.

She was the daughter of the late Thomas J. and Adeline Kirk Wilson, who were devout Christians, and loyal members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Sister Koons was raised in a home where the family altar was erected, and the fragrant atmosphere of prayer ever lingered. She was constrained in early life to turn her face to the Cross, and yield herself to the gracious influence of the spirit of God. She lived and died in the faith on June 2nd, 1929.

She was married to the Rev. G. W. Koons on June 11th, 1896, and for twenty-eight years she shared with him the trials and triumphs of the

itinerant life. She accepted their appointments as from the Lord, and in every way she cheered and cooperated with her companion to make the Lord's work a success.

The last year of Sister Koon's life was shadowed by sickness. In October she underwent a serious operation, from which she never fully recovered.

On Sunday night, June 2nd, she quietly slipped away from her home and loved ones, to her home and Savior in the skies, to be with those whom she had loved and lost awhile.

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 crossed the bar.

Funeral services were held from her late home in Rising Sun, Md., June 5th, at 2 P. M., conducted by the writer and assisted by Dr. Harvey W. Ewing, and the District Superintendent, Disston W. Jacobs.

Her body was laid to rest by the side of her companion in the beautiful Brook View Cemetery, to await the resurrection Morn.

#### MARY ELIZABETH FOREMAN.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Foreman, aged 84, widow of Rev. Isaac N. Foreman, departed this life on June 9th, 1929, at her home in Wilmington, Delaware.

### 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 EP FECTIVE
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 Urie	Nov.	13, 1880.. Smyrna, Del.	67	43
1860	Thomas F. Plummer	Feb.	2, 1881.. Wilmington, Del.	44	8
1833	Elijah Miller	Apr.	15, 1881.. Sudlersville, Md.	71	49
1836	John W. Pierson	May	6, 1881.. Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1850	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

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1859	Thomas E. Bell	Mar. 21, 1895	Easton, Md.	53	
1863	James Conner	Sept. 10, 1896	Selbyville, Del.	59	28
1862	Merritt Hulburd	Oct. 10, 1896	Wilmington, Del.	54	34
1873	Newton McQuay	May 13, 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 Sypher	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	23
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. MacNichol	Oct. 18, 1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	60	38
1830	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	Philip 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
1893	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
1920	Joshua B. McCabe	May 29, 1929	Wilmington, Del.	31 10
1888	George T. Alderson	Sept. 18, 1929	Wilmington, Del.	65 32
1876	George W. Townsend	Dec. 23, 1929	Ridley Park, Pa.	82 38
1870	George E. Reed	Feb. 7, 1930	Harrisburg, Pa.	84 52
1873	Frank C. MacSorley	Feb. 11, 1930	Middletown, Del.	79 53

XIV.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

No.	Date	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1	March 17, '89	Wilm'ton—Asbury	M. Simpson	S. L. Gracey
2	" 16, '90	Port Deposit	E. S. Janes	S. L. Gracey
3	" 8, '71	Dover	L. Scott	S. L. Gracey
4	Feb'y 21, '72	Laurel	E. R. Ames	T. E. Martindale
5	March 5, '73	Easton	L. Scott	T. E. Martindale
6	" 4, '74	Salisbury	L. W. Wiley	T. E. Martindale
7	" 17, '75	Smyrna	E. S. Janes	T. E. Martindale
8	" 15, '76	Wilm'ton—Union	L. Scott	T. E. Martindale
9	" 7, '77	Milford	E. R. Ames	T. E. Martindale
10	" 13, '78	Chestertown	R. S. Foster	T. E. Martindale
11	" 19, '79	New Castle	M. Simpson	T. E. Martindale
12	" 17, '80	Dover	E. G. Andrews	T. E. Martindale
13	" 16, '81	Lewes	Thos. Bowman	John D. Rigg
14	" 8, '82	Middletown	J. F. Hurst	John D. Rigg
15	" 7, '83	Cambridge	M. Simpson	John D. Rigg
16	" 5, '84	Wilm'ton—Asbury	W. L. Harris	John D. Rigg
17	" 12, '85	Snow Hill	S. M. Merrill	John D. Rigg
18	" 4, '86	Elkton	W. F. Mallalieu	John D. Rigg
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield	H. W. Warren	John D. Rigg
20	" 7, '88	Wilm'ton—Union	C. D. Foss	John D. Rigg
21	" 20, '89	Easton	R. S. Foster	John D. Rigg
22	" 26, '90	Milford	Thos. Bowman	John D. Rigg
23	" 19, '91	Centreville	C. H. Fowler	John D. Rigg
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray
25	" 15, '93	Middletown	S. M. Merrill	A. S. Mowbray
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury	J. H. Vincent	A. S. Mowbray
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna	J. F. Hurst	A. S. Mowbray
28	" 18, '96	Dover	H. W. Warren	A. S. Mowbray
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown	J. M. Walden	A. S. Mowbray
30	" 23, '98	Lewes	J. P. Newman	A. S. Mowbray
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge	C. D. Foss	A. S. Mowbray
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray
33	" 20, '01	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	" 17, '09	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	" 26, '13	Crisfield	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
46	April 1, '14	Berlin	Earl Cranston	W. A. Wise
47	March 24, '15	Laurel	R. J. Cook	W. A. Wise
48	" 29, '16	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
62	March 26, '30	Wilm'n—Silverbrook	F. D. Leete	J. R. Bicking

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

LAYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

MORNING SESSION.

The Fifteenth Annual Session of the Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was held in the Auditorium of the Coley Building, Silverbrook Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, on Friday, March 28, 1930.

The Devotional Meeting was conducted by Brother J. R. Hendrix of New Castle, who led in prayer, with a real live spiritual testimony meeting following. Professor W. T. Dashiell, the president of our Session, greeted the conference with a call to fellowship closely with each other. The Pastor of Silverbrook Church, Rev. R. C. Jones, extended a hearty welcome to the delegates with the message that we are living in the day of greatest opportunities, for now, not tomorrow, is the day of salvation.



Now is the day of great opportunity for the church of the living God. Response on the part of the Laymen was made by Dr. E. B. Crooks of Newark, Delaware. He made a very pleasing and inspiring response.

Professor C. A. Short, President of Wesley Collegiate Institute, was introduced and gave us an outline of the great work being done by that Institution. It stood foremost among the preparatory schools of our country. 15 of the 19 graduates of the past year attended various colleges and universities and not one of them has failed. He urged the Laymen to manifest more interest and give greater support to their own school, as 40% of similar schools in this section of our country have had to close because the Methodists have not supported them as they should. 46% of the students enrolled are non-Methodist and there are 9 Roman Catholics among them.

Dr. E. B. Crooks, of Delaware College, Newark, Delaware, was introduced and extended the invitation to all the Methodist families of our peninsula, which are approximately 50% of the population, to send their boys and girls to a school which would help them economically as well as any school.

Upon motion, the Laymen by a unanimous vote, registered their approval of these schools, which were doing such good work.

The roll call of Officers and delegates resulted in the following: Dover District (29); Middletown District (22); Salisbury District (17); Wilmington District (27). Those who responded were as follows:

#### Dover District.

Bethel, Jacob R. Gootee; Blades & Epworth, W. W. Tyndall; Bridgeville, T. S. Smith; Cambridge, W. F. Hubbard; Camden, J. G. Brown; Crapo, Md., P. P. Insley; Galestown, John W. Hastings; Georgetown, Del., Frank M. Jones; Harrington, L. T. Jones; Houston, Armwell L. Quillen; Hurlock, Levin H. Harper; Laurel, Victor C. Hitchens; Magnolia & Barratt's Chapel, Howard Hudson; Milton, George H. Waples; Rehoboth, T. W. Palmer; Reliance, Samuel Smith; St. Thomas, Md., B. O. Murphy; Seaford Circuit, J. T. Kinder; Williamsburg, Md., C. Nagle; Wyoming, S. W. Harrison; Zoar Circuit, Frank Lawson; Wesley, Dover, Major Clarence Short; St. Paul, Dover, Harvey Farra; Frederica, F. A. Morris; Felton, N. L. Sipple; Federalsburg, W. F. Davis; Farmington, A. B. Cade; Milford, M. H. Pierce; Milford Neck, H. A. Thompson.

#### Middletown District.

Chestertown, Miss Maud Kemp; Cheswold, J. H. Anderson; Clayton, R. W. Slaughter; Concord, C. W. Adams; Cordova, J. W. Wood; Denton, Frank Nuttle; Fairlee, B. F. Rash; Galena, Robert Bramble; Greensboro, A. G. Smith; Kent Island, Lemuel Kirwin; Marydel, T. Olin Ford; Millington, N. A. Wallen; Odessa & Friendship, Miss May Enos; Preston, J. D. Dennis; Ridgely, Miss Viola Jones; Rock Hall, Bayard Ayers; Royal Oak, Sarah Atkinson; Smyrna, L. M. Price; Townsend, D. B. Jones; Trappe, H. L. Slaughter; Wye Mills, M. M. Price; Piney Neck, Miss Maggie Vasant.

#### Salisbury District.

Annessex, R. E. Wittington; Bishopville, O. M. Shockley; Chincoteague, J. T. Mears; Crisfield, Immanuel, Dr. C. E. Collins; Delmar, F. W. Elliott; Frankford, William T. Brasure; Fruitland, A. C. Layfield; Onancock, C. F. Watson; Parsonsburg, Urie Oliphant; Pittsville, Algie Wimbrow; Princess Anne, B. H. Dryden; Roxana, G. W. Derrickson; Salisbury, Asbury, H. L. Harcum; Selbyville, W. A. Law; Stockton, C. C. Pilchard; Westover, Noah Brittingham; White Haven, J. W. Dolby.

#### Wilmington District.

Bethel & Town Point, Ernest Davis; Chesapeake City, George K. Houck; Christiana, Del., Mrs. Wm. Appleby; Claymont, E. T. Seibert; Elkton, Edward Deibert; Elk Neck, Alfred W. Wood; Holly Oak, Del., J. E. Taylor; Hopewell, Md., H. H. Kirk; Mount Pleasant, Del., Ernest Simon; Newark, Dr. E. B. Crooks; New Castle, J. R. Hendrix; Newport, A. M. Craig; Perryville, Md., W. H. Cole; Rising Sun, Md., E. L. Haines; St. George's, Del., H. L. Gray; St. John's, Leon Ewing; Zion Circuit, Md., N. R. Touchton; Wilmington—Brack-Ex, Dudley Baker; Cookman, Mrs. H. M. Barrett; Eastlake, W. J. Baldwin; Grace, J. M. Weiner; Harrison Street, I. Elmer Perry; Mt. Salem, J. Elmer Betty; Richardson Park, R. L. Roop; Scott, C. P. Harvey; Trinity, C. W. Cook, Jr.; St. Paul's, W. B. Smith, Jr.

#### Committees.

The following committees were appointed by the chair:

**Resolutions**—Dr. C. A. Short, Victor C. Hitchens, W. F. Hubbard, W. B. Smith, Jr.

**Nominations**—Dr. E. B. Crooks, Dr. C. E. Collins, L. M. Price, L. T. Jones.

**Finance**—F. G. Elliott, George H. Waples, H. H. Nuttle, W. J. Baldwin.

**Thanks**—C. C. Pilchard, Mrs. H. M. Barrett, H. L. Harcum, Armwell L. Quillen.

#### Migratory Workers.

The work being done with the migrant workers in the canneries of this State was interestingly described by Dr. Crooks. He said that during the past summer playground centers for the children had been established in Rehoboth and Camden, and that the effect at each of these canneries had been better than in any year of the canning season. Dr. Crooks urged that the Laymen become interested in these problems of the migrant workers, in order that not only the children of the camps be taken care of, but that the living quarters of the workers be improved.

He announced that on April 10, a committee meeting of sixteen representatives from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania

would be held in Wilmington and plans would be discussed for handling migrant problems.

At the close of Dr. Crooks' message a delegate at the conference living in Camden, and one also living in Rehoboth spoke of the improved conditions of the canneries last summer when social workers had cared for the children and assisted in the play center. They both declared the work was worthy of heartiest support.

By motion we adjourned at 11:45 A. M. to convene again at 1:00 P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

President W. T. Dashiell called the conference to order at 1:15 P. M. and the devotional meeting was led by Brother H. H. Nuttle of Concord, Maryland, and led in prayer by Brother O. M. Shockley of Bishopville, Maryland.

Dr. W. W. Davis of the Lord's Day Alliance, spoke of the importance of the laity of the church making sure that they elect men who stand for the proper observance of the Lord's Day. He gave an outline of a text book about to be issued by the Lord's Day Alliance to be used in the Sunday School.

Brother I. Elmer Perry of Harrison Street Church spoke on the subject, "Do we, or do we not, need a quickening of the spiritual life of the church?"

He brought out very forcibly that it was a mistaken idea that we do not need more spirituality today than we ever did before. The nation that forgets God is the nation that is going to perish. The spiritual man of the Sunday School, Epworth League, Prayer and Class Meeting is the man that the trivial are going to avoid. "Is the spirituality of the church getting so low that we cannot get a representative attendance to the Class Meeting or Prayer Meeting?" "Have we anything that has arisen in the church that can take the place of the Prayer or Class Meeting?"

We then had the pleasure of greeting Bishop Frederick D. Leete. He spoke of the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the Omaha Conference. They had plenty of preachers in that conference. If there are things that are entering into the church that are opposed to spirituality it is altogether out of the business of the church. The business of the church is religion. The business of the church is not to make money but to make men, a credit to him whose creation he is. "How much are you worth to the society to which you belong?" He said President Roosevelt once said he loved the Methodist Church because it did things. The church needs today a little more separation from the things of the world and a closer fellowship with the things that build up the soul.

Mr. Frank M. Jones spoke on the subject, "We are losing the membership of the Church. How can we reclaim and hold them?" He said the question could not really be answered by anyone. But the primary and vital business of the church is to save souls. That if every member

would learn to tithe their income, a number of the ills of the church would be overcome, because he who gives as much as he possibly can conscientiously, is tied up more closely to that work for where your treasure is there will your heart be also. The lack of proper respect for man-made laws, especially the 18th Amendment, by the laity of the church is another reason why the church is not making proper progress. Another reason is the diversity of Protestantism, i. e., there are 200 Protestant denominations, one Catholic Church.

At this time the financial needs of the conference were explained and the offering lifted, which amounted to \$31.51.

Treasurer, Minos E. Culver, submitted the following report:

Balance March, 1929 . . . . .	\$66.21
Received from Association . . . . .	31.65
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	\$97.86

#### Disbursements.

J. Ryland Taylor, Programs . . . . .	\$ 4.50
D. W. Jacobs, Minutes in C. J. . . . .	15.00
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	\$19.50

Balance on March 28, 1930 . . . . .	\$78.36
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Hon. W. O. Hoffecker spoke on "Who is responsible for the condition that exists today in the church?" Partly due to the failure of the laity to faithful support and attendance to the church because they do not like the minister. No member of any church has any reasonable alibi to refrain from attending church. Further, when an individual begins to economize the first things he cuts down is his support to the church and the last, his personal gratifications and pleasures. What would a community amount to without a church and Sunday School?

Rev. J. H. Bishop, Director of Religious Education of the Wilmington Conference, spoke on, "The Larger Parish." It is a combination of churches allied together to carry on the program of the church on a larger scale. In union there is strength where separately they fail. A great need is a program of Religious Education which can be best promoted by combination of a number of small churches into a greater parish.

Prof. C. A. Short spoke on, "Do the Laymen really desire a seat in our Annual Conference? Will the church be benefitted by it?" General Conference says the laity shall deal with equal responsibility on all legislative questions. The Annual Conference does not want the laity to have this privilege. Either one or the other is wrong. Surely the laity should be alongside the minister in helping to solve the great problems of the church and help him to solve these problems. In the great task of saving the world, there is no place for petty jealousies, but there is plenty of work for the minister and the laity. What we need is a little warmth in our

religious fervor by the Laymen and Minister working together. He also said, "I am willing to try anything to bring back a fuller realization of the old Methodist power and enthusiasm."

#### Resolutions.

The committee on resolutions presented the following resolutions, which were taken up and adopted.

#### Resolution 1—Klair Law.

RESOLVED, That in view of the fact that previous to the passage of the Klair Law in the State of Delaware, that the privilege of prescribing liquor as a medicine was much abused, we hereby go on record as opposed to the repeal of the Klair Law, believing that the same abuses that existed before the passage of this Law would develop in our communities and greatly increase the difficulties of the officers of the law in enforcing the liquor laws.

#### Resolution 2—Migratory Labor.

RESOLVED, That we recognize our responsibility to treat well, in the Christian spirit, the migrant laborers and their children that we bring into our community to do hard and necessary labors in canneries, berry fields and orchards. Be it further

RESOLVED, That we strongly urge the local churches near these camps of migratory labor, to accept the Christian responsibility for seeing that these migratory children be given the decencies of life.

#### Resolution 3—Lord's Day Alliance.

RESOLVED, Believing that the proper observance of the Lord's Day is necessary for the success of the educational program of our Church as well as to hold steady our Christian civilization, we recommend:

1st—That all our churches and Sunday Schools use the Educational Program of the Lord's Day Alliance in impressing upon the youth the importance of keeping the Sabbath free from commercialized pursuit and sports.

2nd—That the study book about to be issued by the Lord's Day Alliance be recommended as a text to be used by our Sunday Schools.

3rd—That each of our District Superintendents be requested to serve as chairman of the 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.

#### Resolution 4—Thanks to Press and Silverbrook Church Congregation.

RESOLVED, That we express to the pastor and the members of Silverbrook Methodist Episcopal Church our appreciation for their generous hospitality shown us and the fine provisions made for our accommodation, also

RESOLVED, That we extend our sincere thanks to the Press of the City for the kind and efficient manner in which they have given us the news of this Conference.

#### Resolution 5—Wesley Collegiate Institute.

RESOLVED, That the Laymen's Conference has heard with interest the report of Professor C. A. Short, concerning the present status of Wesley Collegiate Institute,

We wish to express, that in our judgement, this school is doing and should continue to do a great work in preparing young people for useful life and Christian leadership.

We strongly recommend to the Laymen of our Conference that they give active support to the administration of this school, by seeking out young people who need preparatory education and directing them to Wesley Collegiate Institute.

Signed,

WILLIAM B. SMITH, JR.,  
E. B. CROOKS.

#### Nominations.

The Committee on Nominations made the following recommendations:

For President: W. T. Dashiell, Salisbury, Md.

Vice Presidents:

Dover District: W. Fell Davis, Federalsburg, Md.

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On motion the report was accepted and the nominees were unanimously elected for one year.

There being no further business to come before the conference, we adjourned to meet sine die.

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## 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.

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GENERAL STATISTICS

OF

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STATISTICAL  
DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns for Church Membership (Prep'ry Mem., Full Members), Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, etc.), and Total. Rows list various churches from 1 to 47, including Beckwith and Speden, Bethel, Blades and Epworth, etc.

STATISTICAL  
DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns for Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishop, Support Conf. C'mnts), Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Bptized), and Total. Rows list churches and pastors from 1 to 47, including Beckwith & Sped'n, Bethel, Blades & Epworth, etc.

District Parsonage at Dover, Del., estimated value \$15,000,

STATISTICAL

DOVER 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, Enrollment (Pupils of all Grades, Cradle Roll, Home Department, Total Enrollment, Average Attendance), Church Membership (Pupils incl. Home Dept who are Ch'ch 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.), Supplemental Report (Enrollment Leadership Training Classes, No. Vacation Schools, Pupil Enrollment, Average Attendance), Epw'th League (Senior and Young People, Intermediate and Juniors).

TREASURER'S

DOVER DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference (World Service, Specials, Annul-ties, Legacies, etc., Children's Day Fund, Woman's Foreign Mis-sionary Society, Woman's Home Mis-sionary Society, Total Disciplinary Be-nevolences), Benevolences as ordered by the Annual Conference (Hospitals and Homes, City Missionary or Chu'h Extension Society, Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, Domestic Missions, Conference Budget, Director of Religious Ed-ucation, Other Items, Total Benevolences Ord'd by Annual Conference, Annual Conf. Investm'ts for Conf. Claimants General Conference Ex-penses, Local Preachers, Subscribers to the Advo-cates), Other Cash Items, Miscellaneous (Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society).







STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (Prep'y Mem., Full Members), Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, etc.), and various financial metrics.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support of District Supt., Support of Bishops, Support of Conf. C'mnts), and Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized).

District Parsonage at Salisbury, Md., estimated value \$15,000, indebtedness \$600.





STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Sunday Schools, Enrollment, Church Membership, Finances, Supplemental Report, Epw'th League. Rows list various churches and their statistics.

TREASURER'S

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Table with columns: Disciplinary Benevolences, Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference, Other Cash Items, Miscellaneous. Rows list various churches and their financial contributions.



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