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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	1892 Theodore F. Beauchamp
1871 Levin W. Layfield	1892 Clarence W. Strickland
1872 John P. Otis	1892 Francis B. Short
1876 Wilbur F. Corkran	1893 John P. Outten
1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker	1893 James T. Richardson
1878 Robert K. Stephenson	1894 Henry G. Budd
1879 Joshua M. Lindale	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
1884 William A. Wise	1896 Leolan Jackson
1884 Edmund H. Derrickson	1897 John W. Prettyman
1884 Thomas N. Given	1897 Thomas S. Holt
1885 James W. Easley	1897 William O. Bennett
1885 James D. Reese	1897 Harry Taylor
1885 George W. Bowman	1898 Omar E. Jones
1885 Daniel H. Willis	1898 John W. Jones
1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield	1898 Frederick X. Moore
1886 George E. Wood	1898 Hugh B. Kelso
1886 William R. Mowbray	1899 John L. Johnson
1886 James T. Prouse	1899 George W. Dawson
1886 William P. Taylor	1900 Howard Davis
1887 James H. Wilson	1900 Clarence N. Jones
1887 Harvey W. Ewing	1900 William C. Poole
1888 Joshua W. Gray	1900 Goldsborough W. Hastings
1889 Vinal E. Hills	1900 William E. Greenfield
1890 George W. Bounds	1900 Oscar L. Martin
1890 Melvin D. Nutter	1900 John A. Hudson
1890 Virgil E. Rorer	1902 William E. Matthews
1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan	1902 James H. Gardner
1891 George A. Cooke	1902 Oram T. Baynard
1891 George P. Jones	1902 James W. Colona
	1902 Joseph S. Eldridge
	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 William R. Woodell  
1905 William M. Nesbit

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

1908 John W. Sutton  
1908 Leonard White  
1908 James T. Price  
1908 Jesse P. Landon

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

1910 Melvin E. Wheatley  
1910 Thomas J. Sard  
1910 Ernest C. Hallman  
1910 John C. B. Hopkins

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

1912 Olie H. Connelly  
1912 George E. Sterling  
1912 Ivanhoe Willis  
1912 Frank A. Lindhorst

1913 Disston W. Jacobs  
1913 F. D. Lawrence

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 Otis B. Reed  
1916 Lester E. Windsor

1917 Walter A. Hearn  
1917 Charles H. Atkins  
1917 William S. Grant  
1917 William F. Godwin

1918 Edmund W. Henvis  
1918 Robert S. Hodgson  
1918 Willard V. Moore  
1918 John T. Rowlenson  
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 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 James H. Brasher  
1927 Peter B. Burleigh  
1927 John A. Clark  
1927 Roscoe W. Campbell  
1927 John R. Diehl

1927 Willard Everett  
1927 Conrad Hamer  
1927 Harvey O. Hufnal  
1927 Rufus W. Mills  
1927 Paul E. Reynolds

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 Charles I. Carpenter  
1929 Elwood B. Eckhart  
1929 Walter L. Russell  
1929 Grayson H. Wheatley  
1929 Henry G. Budd, Jr.

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

1931 Richard M. Green  
1931 Jacob C. Hanby  
1931 William H. Kohl  
1931 James F. Langrall  
1931 Joseph B. Vaughn  
1931 Theodore O. M. Wills

1932 Leon W. Ross  
1932 George V. Turner

## (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 to trial; those in the last column, the year of appointment or relation.

	Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1921	Andrews, M. S.	E Dover, Del.	5
1917	Atkins, C. H.	E Galena, Md.	1
1924	Bailey, H. N.	E Hopewell (P.O. Port Deposit, Md.)	1
1926	Baker, F. A.	E Fruitland, Md.	1
1923	Barlow, W. G.	E Church Hill, Md.	2
1924	Bartley, O. A.	E New Castle, Del.	2
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E Mt. Vernon, Md.	2
1892	Beauchamp, T. F.	E Snow Hill, Md.	3
1897	Bennett, W. O.	R Hurlock, Md.	2
1914	Benson, N. C.	E Frederica, Del.	7
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E Berlin, Md.	2
1920	Bolton, J. C.	E Deal Island, Md.	5
1890	Bounds, G. W.	E Delmar, Del.	1
1885	Bowman, G. W.	R Laurel, Del.	27
1926	Bradley, S. B.	D Chester-Bethel (P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.)	1
1926	Branford, C. W.	E Ocean View, Md.	6
1926	Branford, H. V.	E Nanticoke, Md.	4
1927	Brasher, J. H.	E Bridgeville, Del.	1
1907	Briggs, W. H.	R Wilmington, Del.	2
1915	Broadway, L. M.	R Perryville, Md.	2
1904	Buckson, J. A.	R Ridley Park, Pa.	1
1894	Budd, H. G.	R Dover, Del.	2
1929	Budd, H. G., Jr.	E At School	2
1909	Bunting, J. J.	E Crisfield, Md.	8
1927	Burleigh, P. B.	D Somerset (P. O. Chance, Md.)	2
1930	Caldwell, H. T.	D Felton, Del.	2
1927	Campbell, R. W.	E Seaford, Del.	1
1928	Carpenter, C. I.	E Rehoboth, Del.	2
1915	Clark, C. W.	E Tilghman, Md.	1
1927	Clark, J. A.	E Millsboro, Del.	1
1883	Collins, V. S.	R Wilmington, Del.	4
1895	Collins, E. H.	E Harrington, Del.	9
1924	Collins, O. J.	E Marshallton, Del.	3
1902	Colona, J. W.	E Harrison St. (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	4

	Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1912	Connelly, O. H.	E Dagsboro, Del.	3
1891	Cooke, G. A.	E Mt. Pleasant (P. O. Laurel, Del.)	1
1876	Corkran, W. F.	R Seaford, Del.	3
1900	Davis, Howard	E Perryville, Md.	2
1921	Davis, C. E.	E Hockessin, Del.	3
1899	Dawson, G. W.	E Greensboro, Md.	1
1884	Derrickson, E. H.	R Odessa, Del.	12
1927	Diehl, J. R.	E Cherry Hill (P. O. Elkton, Md.)	2
1885	Easley, J. W.	R 4632 Walnut St., Phila., Pa.	14
1929	Eckhart, Elwood B.	D St. Johns (P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	1
1902	Eldridge, J. S.	E Grace (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)	3
1930	Ennis, W. J.	E Quantico, Md.	3
1927	Everett, Willard	E Newark, Md.	1
1887	Ewing, H. W.	R Newark, Del.	9
1905	Ford, D. J.	E Hebron, Md.	3
1928	Friedel, O. J.	P At School	2
1915	Frye, A. B.	E Rising Sun, Md.	1
1902	Gardner, J. H.	E Hillsboro, Md.	1
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.	E Bayside (P. O. Sherwood, Md.)	1
1895	Givan, D. J.	E Camden, Del.	4
1884	Given, T. N.	R Cheswold, Del.	10
1917	Godwin, W. F.	S Milton, Del.	3
1903	Goodhand, A. W.	E Sharptown, Md.	3
1917	Grant, W. S.	E Rock Hall, Md.	6
1888	Gray, J. W.	R Willards, Md.	10
1928	Green, R. E.	D At School	2
1931	Green, R. M.	P Christiana, Del.	2
1900	Greenfield, W. E.	R Perryville, Md.	2
1903	Gunby, W. E.	E Newark, Del.	4
1903	Habbart, W. E.	E Dover, Del.	4
1910	Hallman, E. C.	E Denton, Md.	3
1921	Hamblin, S. T.	E Crapo, Md.	1
1927	Hamer, Conrad	E Kenton, Del.	3
1931	Hanby, J. C.	P Houston, Del.	2
1906	Harris, W. G.	E Cambridge, Md.	2
1916	Harris, C. C.	E Eastlake (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1914	Harrison, W. E., Jr.	E McCabe (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	8
1900	Hastings, G. W.	R Blades, Del.	4
1917	Hearn, W. A.	E Richardson Park, Del.	1
1918	Henvis, E. W.	E St. Michaels, Md.	4
1909	Herson, Frank	E Milford, Del.	6
1920	Hess, W. L.	E Frankford, Del.	1
1889	Hills, V. E.	E Madeley (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1918	Hodgson, R. S.	E Milton, Del.	2
1876	Hoffecker, E. L.	R Easton, Md.	15
1897	Holt, T. S.	R Federalsburg, Md.	21
1910	Hopkins, J. C. B.	E Sudlersville, Md.	1

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1922	Hudson, C. H.	E Trinity (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1900	Hudson, John A.	E Suspended	4
1927	Hufnal, H. O.	E Hoopers Island, Md.	1
1896	Jackson, Leolan	E Kent Is. (P. O. Stevensville, Md.)	3
1913	Jacobs, D. W.	E Wilmington, Del.	4
1907	James, O. E.	R Cambridge, Md.	9
1926	Jefferson, O. P.	E Chincoteague, Va.	3
1906	Johns, B. M.	E Grace (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	10
1899	Johnson, J. L.	E Middletown, Del.	4
1891	Jones, G. P.	R Smyrna, Del.	4
1898	Jones, J. W.	E Mt. Salem (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1898	Jones, O. E.	E Georgetown, Del.	2
1900	Jones, C. N.	E Townsend, Del.	2
1903	Jones, C. T.	E Charlestown, Md.	2
1915	Jones, R. C.	E Lewes, Del.	3
1898	Kelso, H. B.	E Tangier, Va.	3
1904	Kelso, J. M.	E Dover, Del.	10
1931	Kohl, W. H.	P Pittsville, Md.	2
1928	Lawrason, N. B.	E Oxford, Md.	1
1913	Lawrence, F. D.	E Salisbury, Md.	1
1908	Landon, J. P.	E St. Thomas (P. O. Bishop's Head, Md.)	1
1931	Langrall, J. F.	P and D Farmington, Del.	1
1871	Layfield, L. W.	R Greenwood, Del.	9
1879	Lindale, J. M.	R Chestertown, Md.	14
1912	Lindhorst, F. A.	E Dover, Del.	1
1928	Louhoff, F. C.	D Odessa, Del.	1
1905	McCoy, J. C.	E Cecilton, Md.	1
1905	McDade, H. R.	E Newport, Del.	3
1906	McDowell, E. W.	E Claymont, Del.	3
1914	Marine, M. W.	E Laurel, Del.	4
1900	Martin, O. L.	R Salisbury, Md.	9
1902	Matthews, W. E.	R Smyrna, Del.	11
1930	Milbury, F. D.	E Wyoming, Del.	2
1927	Mills, R. W.	E St. Peter's (P. O. Oriole, Md.)	6
1920	Minker, R. L.	E Silverbrook (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1898	Moore, F. X.	R New Freedom, Pa.	12
1911	Moore, D. J.	E East New Market, Md.	1
1918	Moore, W. V.	E Selbyville, Del.	2
1905	Morgan, L. B.	E Elkton, Md.	3
1886	Mowbray, W. R.	R Lewes, Del.	7
1930	Nelson, R. H.	P Beckwith (P. O. Cornersville, Md.)	1
1905	Nesbit, W. M.	E Union (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1907	Nichols, R. P.	E Federalsburg, Md.	5
1890	Nutter, M. D.	R Newark, Del.	3
1928	O'Neil, James	E Blades, Del.	2
1872	Otis, J. P.	R Wilmington, Del.	14
1893	Oутten, J. P.	E Girdletree, Md.	1

	Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1924	Parker, J. E.	E Princess Anne, Md.	2
1925	Parks, H. M.	E Delaware City, Del.	1
1896	Poole, L. E.	E Cape Charles, Va.	4
1900	Poole, W. C.	E Chesapeake City, Md.	5
1930	Powell, L. L.	P Pomona (P. O. Chestertown, Md.)	2
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	R Galena, Md.	16
1897	Prettyman, J. W.	E Zion Ct. (P. O. North East, Md.)	10
1909	Prettyman, E. C.	E Wilmington, Del.	18
1908	Price, J. T.	E Still Pond, Md.	1
1886	Prouse, J. T.	R Edge Moor, Del.	20
1916	Reed, O. B.	E Trappe, Md.	1
1885	Reese, J. D.	R Houston, Del.	14
1907	Revelle, W. H.	E North East, Md.	3
1927	Reynolds, P. E.	E Hillcrest (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	4
1911	Rice, O. B.	E Parsonsburg, Md.	3
1893	Richardson, J. T.	R Middletown, Del.	4
1890	Rorer, V. E.	E St. Pauls (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1932	Ross, Leon W.	P Little Creek, Del.	1
1918	Rowlenson, J. T.	E Phoebus, Va.	5
1929	Russell, W. L.	P Phoebus, Va.	1
1910	Sard, T. J.	E Crisfield, Md.	7
1919	Shockley, E. M.	E Brandywine (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1892	Short, F. B.	E New York City	12
1922	Short, W. D.	E Millington, Md.	1
1907	Smith, Tilghman	E Port Deposit and Colora (P. O. Port Deposit, Md.)	3
1906	Sparklin, J. L.	E Hurlock, Md.	2
1926	Spence, P. W.	D Mt. Lebanon and Kingswood (P. O. Rockland, Del.)	1
1911	Spry, C. W.	E Clayton, Del.	4
1870	Stengle, Adam	R Wilmington, Del.	18
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	R Rehoboth Beach, Del.	4
1912	Sterling, G. E.	E Cookman (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	4
1892	Strickland, C. W.	E Epworth (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1928	Strickland, A. W.	D Red Lion (P. O. Bear, Del.)	2
1885	Sunfield, E. C.	R Barnegat, N. J.	11
1908	Sutton, J. W.	E Bishopville, Md.	1
1928	Tawes, R. L.	E Ridgely, Md.	3
1886	Taylor, W. P.	R Ohio	2
1904	Taylor, E. B.	E Nassau, Del.	2
1897	Taylor, Harry	R Dover, Del.	4
1916	Thawley, R. T.	E Centreville, Md.	1
1903	Thomas, G. S.	E St. Georges and Summit (P. O. St. Georges, Del.)	3
1914	Thomas, E. P.	E Smyrna, Del.	4
1932	Turner, G. V.	P Elk Neck (P. O. North East, Md.)	4
1895	Van Dyke, T. R.	E Preston, Md.	2



Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1931 Vaughn, J. B.	P Bethel and Town Point (P. O. Chesapeake City, Md.)	2
1910 Wheatley, M. E.	E Middletown, Del.	3
1929 Wheatley, G. H.	D Onancock, Va.	4
1919 Whedbee, J. H.	E Magnolia, Del.	1
1908 White, Leonard	E Salisbury, Md.	4
1914 White, Frank	E Chestertown, Md.	1
1882 Williams, C. H.	R Snow Hill, Md.	19
1885 Willis, D. H.	R Cambridge, Md.	20
1912 Willis, Ivanhoe	E Asbury (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1931 Wills, T. O. M.	P Ebenezer (P. O. Newark, Del.)	1
1887 Wilson, J. H.	R Mt. Lebanon (P. O. Rockland, Del.)	6
1906 Wilson, Daniel	R Centreville, Md.	8
1923 Wimbrow, L. E.	E Pocomoke City, Md.	2
1916 Windsor, L. E.	E Seaford, Del.	7
1884 Wise, W. A.	R Wilmington, Del.	3
1886 Wood, G. E.	R	1
1905 Woodell, W. R.	E Williamsburg, Md.	1
1918 Wootten, J. W.	E Scott (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1922 Wright, J. H.	E Easton, Md.	1
1918 Zimmerman, A. F.	E Ocean City, Md.	2

## SUPPLIES.

Name	Appointment	Year
Adams, R. H.	Brack-Ex (P. O. Elsmere, Del.)	13
Atkinson, W. F.	Royal Oak, Md.	4
Beckwith, Walter L.	Secretary, Md.	1
Buckson, W. C.	Whitesville, Del.	2
Bishop, J. H.	Dover, Del.	4
Campbell, David T.	Powellville (P.O. Pittsville, Md.)	1
Cannon, C. G.	Vienna, Md.	2
Crockett, E. E.	Canterbury, Del.	1
Conner, R. G.	Ellendale, Del.	2
Dickerson, J. B.	Zoar (P. O. Milford, Del.)	3
Fosnocht, W. E.	Edge Moor, Del.	6
Galloway, J. C.	Stanton, Del.	2
Graham, J. T.	Marion, Md.	3
Hanby, S. L.	Concord (P. O. Federalsburg, Md.)	4
Hudson, A. T.	Crumpton, Md.	1
Jester, J. R.	Bethel, Del.	3
Justis, Carroll	Pocomoke Circuit (P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.)	3
Kelley, J. P.	Gumboro (P. O. Frankford, Del.)	3

Name	Appointment	Year
Kelley, Frank	Church Creek, Md.	1
Kirwan, R. W.	Cheswold, Del.	2
Kirby, R. L., Jr.	Westover, Md.	1
Layton, J. E.	Holly Oak, Del.	8
Lynn, J. G.	Henderson and Barclay (P. O. Henderson, Md.)	2
McClintock, W. L.	Wye Mills, Md.	6
McCorkle, F. K.	Roxana, Del.	3
McLain, L. T.	Mardela Springs, Md.	2
Prettyman, D. B.	Stockton, Md.	7
Ralph, H. M.	Georgetown Ct., Del.	3
Romans, M. T.	Smith's Island (P. O. Ewell, Md.)	2
Sharpless, C. D.	Queenstown, Md.	2
Smith, H. M.	Little Creek, Del.	1
Steen, J. C.	1103 Rosedale Ave., Bellefonte, Del.	5
Thomas, A. G.	Marydel, Md.	2
Thornton, J. H.	Greenwood, Del.	2
Travers, Alonzo	Bozman, Md.	3
Walraven, E. D.	Elliott's Island, Md.	2
Watson, Merle	Burrsville (P. O. Denton, Md.)	1
Willis, J. F.	Lincoln, Del.	2
Wilson, R. H.	Fairmount (P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.)	1
White, Alfred	St. Paul's (P. O. Dover, Del.)	6
Wright, E. N.	Fairlee (P. O. Chestertown, Md.)	2



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Covey, A. H. . . . . Chestertown, Md.	Chesapeake City, Md.
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Atwell, J. H. . . . . Delmar, Del.	Crockett, Ewell . . . . . Tangier, Va.
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Beckwith, W. C., Jr. . . . . Cambridge, Md.	Dennis, Lewis . . . . . Wilmore, Ky.
Bennett, Elmer . . . . . Mardela Springs, Md.	Ellegood, J. A. . . . . Ellendale, Del.
Bishop, J. H. . . . . Dover, Del.	Ely, T. B. . . . . Wilmington, Del.
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Rowelson, W. F. . . . . Sherwood, Md.	Winder, E. J. . . . . Seaford, Del.
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### IV.

## CONFERENCE BOARDS.

### BOARD OF CHURCH LOCATION.

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**Dover District**—Ministers, O. E. Jones, R. C. Jones, M. S. Andrews. Laymen, T. R. Ingram, V. C. Hitchens, Granville Hooper.

**Middletown District**—Ministers, M. E. Wheatley, G. W. Dawson, E. P. Thomas. Laymen, J. E. Walls, A. W. Sisk, H. H. Nuttle.

**Salisbury District**—Ministers, T. F. Beauchamp, T. J. Sard, L. E. Poole. Laymen, R. F. Powell, A. Wellington Tawes, W. T. Dashiell.

**Wilmington District**—Ministers, J. W. Colona, E. W. McDowell, L. B. Morgan. Laymen, T. B. Ely, R. C. McMullin, Dr. E. B. Crooks.

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Church School Superintendents: M. H. Pierce, Harvey Jones, G. F. Alderson, G. P. Chandler.

Laymen: E. J. Winder, J. L. Leonard, R. S. Gallaher.

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**Salisbury District:** O. P. Jefferson, O. H. Connelly, F. A. Baker.

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**Middletown District:** Mrs. Grace Rambo, Harry Higman, H. H. Nuttle.

**Salisbury District:** Miss Janet Nute, Ralph O. Dulany, Everett E. Hearn

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Reserve—G. W. Dawson, Leolan Jackson.

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Term Expires 1933:

Wilmington Dist., Ministerial, L. B. Morgan; Lay, F. P. Gentieu.  
Dover Dist., Ministerial, L. E. Windsor; Lay, George Williams.

Term Expires 1934:

Middletown Dist., Ministerial, E. P. Thomas; Lay, Jefferson Cooper.  
Salisbury Dist., Ministerial, J. W. Jones; Lay, Ralph O. Dulaney.

**TRUSTEES OF WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**

Term Expires:

1933—J. T. Richardson, C. P. S. Webber, John M. Kelso.  
1934—W. F. Corkran, W. A. Hearn, T. R. Van Dyke.  
1935—R. K. Stephenson, W. O. Bennett, M. S. Andrews.

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Term expires:

1933—Ministers: M. E. Wheatley, D. W. Jacobs, M. S. Andrews.  
Lay: W. O. Hoffecker, A. C. Humphries, J. M. Tawes.  
1934—Ministers: R. P. Nichols, J. J. Bunting.  
Lay: A. B. Magee, E. J. Winder.  
1935—Ministers: H. G. Budd, V. S. Collins, L. E. Wimbrow.  
Lay: V. C. Hitchens, L. M. Price, Mayrice F. Alexander.

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**TRUSTEES OF WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.**

Term expires:

1933—Ministerial: J. L. Johnson, V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran, L. B. B. Morgan, T. F. Beauchamp.

Lay:—J. Paul Mullin, Frederick E. Warrington, D. O. Hastings, Melvin Hopkins, H. P. Spedden.

1934—Ministerial: W. G. Harris, O. E. Jones, R. K. Stephenson, W. E. Gunby, R. P. Nichols, J. J. Bunting.

Lay:—J. G. Townsend, Jr., W. O. Hoffecker, W. W. Mack, Wilmer F. Davis, A. W. Tawes, Ed. Willim.

1935—Ministerial:—G. P. Jones, T. R. Van Dyke, D. W. Jacobs, E. W. McDowell, J. W. Colona, E. C. Hallman.

Lay:—A. B. Magee, V. C. Hitchens, H. H. Nuttle, W. N. Jackson, W. H. Jump, E. F. Melson.

**MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS.**

Term expires:

1933—M. W. Marine, L. E. Windsor, M. E. Wheatley, J. W. Colona.

1934—R. C. Jones, Tilghman Smith, W. G. Harris, M. S. Andrews.

1935—Leolan Jackson, L. B. Morgan, Frank Herson, J. W. Jones.

**BUREAU OF CONFERENCE BUDGET.**

Term expires:

1933—T. F. Beauchamp, R. K. Stephenson, G. E. King.

1934—J. W. Colona, R. P. Nichols, H. H. Nuttle.

1935—M. S. Andrews, T. R. Van Dyke, W. O. Hoffecker.

**CONFERENCE RELATIONS.**

Term expires:

1933—G. P. Jones, J. J. Bunting, J. W. Jones, C. C. Harris.

1934—Howard Davis, G. W. Dawson, E. W. McDowell, G. S. Thomas.

1935—R. P. Nichols, L. E. Poole, R. K. Stephenson, J. H. Wright.

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Laymen:—F. M. Jones, T. R. Ingram, R. F. Powell, W. L. Overdeer, C. N. Jefferson, F. R. Nuttle, John G. Townsend, Jr.

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**Salisbury District**—Ministerial: J. J. Bunting. Reserve, T. J. Sard. Laymen:

**Wilmington District**—Ministerial: W. E. Gunby. Reserve, J. W. Colona. Laymen: T. B. Ely, Reserve, J. L. Baker.

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Term expires:

1933—R. C. Jones, C. C. Harris, J. H. Wright.

1934—T. R. Van Dyke, T. J. Sard, Samuel McWilliams.

1935—A. B. Frye, H. B. Kelso, J. R. Bicking.

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## V.

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 Secretary, C. M. Cook, Jr., Wilmington, Del.  
 Treasurer, Granville Hooper, Cambridge, Md.

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 Secretary, T. F. Beauchamp, Snow Hill, Md.  
 Treasurer, W. O. Hoffecker, Smyrna, Del.

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R. P. Nichols, W. A. Hearn, V. S. Collins.

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

L. E. Wimbrow, J. L. Sparklin, Ralph Minker, E. P. Thomas.

**RESOLUTIONS AND THANKS.**

J. T. Rowlenson, Tilghman Smith, M. W. Marine, J. C. B. Hopkins.



## VII.

# DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

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**1. (a) Is this Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**

It is. Corporate Title "The Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

**(b) What Officers and Persons holding Moneys, Funds, etc., are Bonded, and in what Amounts, According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**

John J. Bunting, Conf. Treas., \$50,000. W. A. Hearn, Treas. Board of Conf. Trustees, \$20,000. Jefferson Cooper, Treas. Board of Stewards, \$60,000.

**2. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?**

James H. Brasher, a Deacon, not in full membership, Alabama Conference, April 1, 1932; F. D. Lawrence, Philadelphia Conference, April 4, 1932.

**3. Who have been Readmitted?**

Otis B. Reed (Located Wilmington Conf., 1930.)

**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.**

Leon W. Ross, George V. Turner.

**(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.**

None.

**(c) Exempt from Course of Study under Seminary Rule.**

None.

**6. Who have been Continued on Trial?**

**(a) In Studies of First Year.**

Richard M. Green, Jacob C. Hanby, Joseph B. Vaughn, Theodore O. M. Wills.

**(b) In Studies of Second Year.**

Oliver J. Friedel, William H. Kohl, Roland H. Nelson, Lucian L. Powell, Walter L. Russell.

**(c) In Studies of Third Year.**  
None.

**(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.**  
James F. Langrall.

**7. Who have been Discontinued?**

James M. Faulkner.

**8. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?**

**(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.**

Sidney B. Bradley, Peter B. Burleigh, Henry T. Caldwell, Robert E. Green, Preston W. Spence.

**(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.**

William J. Ennis, Frank D. Milbury, James H. Brasher.

**(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.**

Sidney B. Bradley, Henry T. Caldwell, Robert E. Green, Preston W. Spence.

**(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.**

None.

**10. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**

Peter B. Burleigh, Elwood B. Eckhart, Frederick C. Louhoff, Alfred W. Strickland, Grayson H. Wheatley.

**11. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**

**(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.**

Frank A. Baker, James H. Brasher, William J. Ennis, Harvey O. Hufnal, Otis P. Jefferson, Nathaniel B. Lawrason, Frank D. Milbury, James O'Neil, Roy L. Tawes.

**(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.**

None.

**(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.**

None.

**(d) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.**

None.

(e) Ordained Elder, having been previously Elected by ——— Conference.  
Gerald W. Harris, Missouri Conference.

(f) Ordained Elder elsewhere under our Election.  
None.

**12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**

(a) As Local Preachers.  
None.

(b) Under Missionary Rule.  
None.

(c) Under the Seminary Rule.  
None.

(d) Elected by this Conference and Ordained elsewhere.  
None.

**13. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**

(a) As Local Deacons.  
Merle M. Watson.

(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?**

H. J. Budd, Jr., R. E. Green, O. J. Friedel.

**15. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**  
It was.

**16. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**  
Samuel McWilliams, Philadelphia, April 4, 1932.

**17. Who have Died?**

John F. Anderson, John H. Beauchamp, Louis P. Corkran, Wade H. Cummings, Edward H. Dashiell, Henry S. Dulany, Frank N. Faulkner, William W. Sharp.

**18. Who have been Located at their own Request?**  
None.

**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?**  
Disston A. Stockley.

**23. Who have been Expelled?**  
None.

**24. What other personal Notation should be made?**  
John A. Hudson, his suspension was continued and his case was referred to the District Superintendent.

**25. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?**  
William F. Godwin (3).

**26. Who are the Retired Ministers?**  
W. O. Bennett, G. W. Bowman, W. H. Briggs, L. M. Broadway, J. A. Buckson, H. G. Budd, V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran, E. H. Derrickson, J. W. Easley, H. W. Ewing, T. N. Given, J. W. Gray, W. E. Greenfield, G. H. Hastings, E. L. Hoffecker, T. S. Holt, O. E. James, G. P. Jones, L. W. Layfield, J. M. Lindale, O. L. Martin, W. E. Matthews, F. X. Moore, W. R. Mowbray, M. D. Nutter, J. P. Otis, A. P. Prettyman, J. T. Prouse, J. D. Reese, J. T. Richardson, Adam Stengle, R. K. Stephenson, E. C. Sunfield, Harry Taylor, W. P. Taylor, C. H. Williams, D. H. Willis, Daniel Wilson, J. H. Wilson, W. A. Wise, G. E. Wood.

**27. Who have been granted Leave of Absence?**  
None.

**28. Who are the Triers of Appeals?**  
L. E. Poole, E. C. Hallman, W. A. Wise, J. W. Colona, Frank Herson. Reserves: G. W. Dawson, Leolan Jackson.

**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?**  
\$97,327.
- (b) What is the Aggregate of the Benevolence Collections ordered by the Annual Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**  
\$18,549.
- 34. What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**  
For Annuity distribution, 2427 years multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$24 per year, \$58,248. For Necessitous distribution, \$400. Total, \$62,248.
- 35. (a) What has been Received on these Claims?**  
From The Book Concern, \$621. From Annual Conf. Investments, \$11808. From the Chartered Fund, \$70. From Pastoral Charges, \$34,587. From Board of Pensions and Relief, \$257. From Other Sources, \$829. Total, \$48,172.
- (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?**  
\$62,248.
- 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?**  
Rehoboth Beach, Del.

## VIII.

## APPOINTMENTS.

## DOVER DISTRICT.

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

Beckwith & Spedden, R. H. Nelson P. O. Cornersville, Md.	Hurlock, Md., Laurel, Del.,	J. L. Sparklin M. W. Marine
Bethel, Del., (Sup.) J. R. Jester	Lewes, Del.,	R. C. Jones
Blades, Del., James O'Neil P. O. Seaford, Del.	Lincoln, Del., (Sup.) J. F. Willis Little Creek, Del.,	(Sup.) H. M. Smith
Bridgeville, Del., J. H. Brasher	Camden, Del., W. G. Harris	Magnolia and Barratt's Chapel, J. H. Whedbee
Canterbury, Del., D. J. Givan	(Sup.) E. E. Crockett	P. O. Magnolia, Del.
Church Creek, Md., (Sup.) F. T. Kelley	Milford, Del., Frank Herson	Milford Neck, N. C. Benson
Crapo, Md., S. T. Hamblin	(Sup.) F. T. Kelley	P. O. Frederica, Del.
Dover, Del:	Millsboro, Del., J. A. Clark	Milton, Del., R. S. Hodgson
St. Paul's, (Sup.) A. L. White	Mt. Pleasant, P. O. Laurel, Del.	G. A. Cooke
Wesley, M. S. Andrews	Mt. Zion, P. O. Seaford, Del.	L. E. Windsor
East New Market, Md., D. J. Moore	Nassau, Del., E. B. Taylor	Rehoboth, Del., C. Irving Carpenter
Ellendale, Del., (Sup.) R. G. Conner	Reliance, (Sup.) W. F. Corkran	P. O. Seaford, Del.
Elliott's Is., Md., (Sup.) E. D. Walraven	Farmington, Del., J. F. Langrall	St. Thomas, P. O. Bishop's Head, Md.
Federalburg, Md., R. P. Nichols	Felton, Del., H. T. Caldwell	Seaford, Del., L. E. Windsor
Frederica, Del., N. C. Benson	Georgetown, Del., O. E. Jones	Seaford Ct., R. W. Campbell
Georgetown, Del., (Sup.) H. M. Ralph	Georgetown Ct., (Sup.) H. M. Ralph	P. O. Seaford, Del.
Greenwood, Del., (Sup.) J. H. Thornton	Greenwood, Del., (Sup.) J. H. Thornton	Secretary, Md., (Sup.) W. L. Beckwith
Harrington, Del., E. H. Collins	Hoopers Island, (Sup.) H. O. Hufnal	Vienna, Md., (Sup.) C. G. Cannon
Houston, Del., J. C. Hanby	P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.	Williamsburg, Md., W. R. Woodell
		Wyoming, Del., F. D. Milbury
		Zoar Circuit, (Sup.) J. B. Dickerson
		P. O. Milford, Del.

## MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

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

Bayside, P. O. Sherwood, Md.	J. H. Geoghegan	Middletown, Del., Marydel, Md., (Sup.) Millington & Dulaneys, P. O. Millington, Md.	M. E. Wheatley A. G. Thomas W. D. Short
Bozman and Neavitt, (Sup.) P. O. Bozman, Md.	Alonzo Travers	Odessa & Friendship, P. O. Odessa, Del.	F. C. Louhoff
Burrsville, P. O. Denton, Md.	(Sup.) Merle Watson	Oxford, Md., Preston, Md., Pomona, P. O. Chestertown, Md.	N. B. Lawrason T. R. Van Dyke L. L. Powell
Cecilton, Md., Centerville, Md., Chestertown, Md., Cheswold, Del., (Sup.) Church Hill, Md., Clayton, Del., Concord, P. O. Federalsburg, Md.	J. C. McCoy R. T. Thawley Frank White R. W. Kirwin W. G. Barlow C. W. Spry (Sup.) S. L. Hanby	Queenstown, Md., Ridgely, Md., Rock Hall, Md., Royal Oak, Md., (Sup.) St. Michaels, Md., Smyrna, Del., Still Pond & Betterton, P. O. Still Pond, Md.	C. D. Sharpless R. L. Tawes W. S. Grant W. F. Atkinson E. W. Hervis E. P. Thomas J. T. Price
Cordova, Md., Crumpton, Md., (Sup.) Denton, Md., Easton, Md., Fairlee, P. O. Chestertown, Md.	Leon W. Ross A. T. Hudson E. C. Hallman J. Harry Wright (Sup.) E. N. Wright	Sudlersville, Md., St. Pauls, Tilghman, Md., Townsend, Del., Trappe, Md., Wye Mills and Starr, (Sup.) P. O. Wye Mills, Md.	J. C. B. Hopkins J. C. McCoy C. W. Clark C. N. Jones O. B. Reed W. L. McClintock
Galena, Md., Greensboro, Md., Hillsboro, Md., Henderson and Barclay, (Sup.) P. O. Henderson, Md.	C. H. Atkins G. W. Dawson J. H. Gardner J. G. Lynn		
Kenton and Hartley, P. O. Kenton, Del.	Conrad Hamer		
Kent Island, P. O. Stevensville, Md.	Leolan Jackson		

## SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

Berlin, Md., Bishopville, Md., Cape Charles, Va., Chincoteague, Va.,	J. R. Bicking J. W. Sutton L. E. Poole O. P. Jefferson	Dagsboro & St. Georges, P. O. Dagsboro, Del. Deals Island, Md., Delmar, Del., Fairmount, P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md. Frankford, Del.,	O. H. Connelly J. C. Bolton G. W. Bounds (Sup.) R. H. Wilson W. L. Hess
Crisfield, Md.: Asbury, Immanuel,	T. J. Sard J. J. Bunting		

Fruitland, Md., Girdletree, Md., Gumboro, P. O. Frankford, Del. Hebron, Md., Mardela Springs, Md., (Sup.) Marion, Md., Mt. Vernon, P. O. Princess Anne, Md. Nanticoke, Md., Newark, Md., Ocean City, Md., Ocean View and Millville, P. O. Ocean View, Del.	F. A. Baker J. P. Outten (Sup.) J. P. Kelley D. J. Ford (Sup.) L. T. McLain (Sup.) J. T. Graham O. T. Baynard H. V. Branford Willard Everett A. F. Zimmerman C. W. Branford G. H. Wheatley O. B. Rice J. T. Rowleson Associate Pastor, W. L. Russell W. H. Kohl L. E. Wimbrow (Sup.) E. C. Justis	Powellville, (Sup.) P. O. Pittsville, Md. Princess Anne, Md., Quantico, Md., Roxana, Del., (Sup.) St. Peters, P. O. Oriole, Md. Salisbury, Md.: Asbury, Grace, Selbyville, Del., Sharptown, Md., Smith's Island, (Sup.) P. O. Ewell, Md. Snow Hill, Md., Somerset, P. O. Chance, Md. Stockton, Md., (Sup.) Tangier, Va., Westover, Md., (Sup.) Whitesville, Del., (Sup.) Willards, Md., (Sup.)	D. T. Campbell J. E. Parker W. J. Ennis F. K. McCorkle R. W. Mills F. D. Lawrence J. S. Eldridge W. V. Moore A. W. Goodhand M. T. Romans T. F. Beauchamp P. B. Burleigh D. B. Prettyman H. B. Kelso R. L. Kirby W. C. Buckson J. W. Gray
Pocomoke City, Md., Pocomoke Circuit, (Sup.) P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.	L. E. Wimbrow E. C. Justis		

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Disston W. Jacobs, District Superintendent, (P. O. 2705 Harrison Street, Wilmington, Del.)

Bethel & Town Point, P. O. Chesapeake City, Md.	J. B. Vaughn	Ebenezer, P. O. Newark, Del.	T. O. M. Wills
Brack-Ex, P. O. Elsmere, Del.	(Sup.) R. H. Adams	Edge Moor, Del., (Sup.)	W. E. Fosnocht
Charlestown, Md., Cherry Hill, P. O. Elkton, Md.	C. T. Jones J. R. Diehl	Elk Neck, P. O. North East, Md.	G. V. Turner
Chesapeake City, Md., Chester-Bethel, P. O. Boothwyn, Pa.	W. C. Poole S. B. Bradley	Elkton, Md., Hockessin and Cedars, P. O. Hockessin, Del.	L. B. Morgan C. E. Davis
Christiana, Del., Claymont, Del., Delaware City, Del.,	R. M. Green E. W. McDowell H. M. Parks	Holly Oak, Del., (Sup.) Hopewell, P. O. Port Deposit, Md. Marshallton, Del.,	J. E. Layton H. N. Bailey O. J. Collins



Mt. Lebanon, P. O. Wilmington, Del., R. D. 1.	P. W. Spence	<b>WILMINGTON:</b>	
Newark, Del.,	W. E. Gunby	Asbury,	Ivanhoe Willis
New Castle, Del.,	O. A. Bartley	Bellefonte,	(Sup.) J. C. Steen
Newport, Del.,	H. R. McDade	Brandywine,	E. M. Shockley
North East, Md.,	W. H. Revelle	Cookman,	G. E. Sterling
Perryville, Md.,	Howard Davis	Eastlake,	C. C. Harris
Port Deposit and Colora, Tilghman Smith		Epworth,	C. W. Strickland
P. O. Port Deposit, Md.		Grace,	B. M. Johns
Red Lion,	A. W. Strickland	Harrison Street,	J. W. Colona
P. O. Bear, Del.		Hillcrest,	P. E. Reynolds
Richardson Park, Del.,	W. A. Hearn	Kingswood,	P. W. Spence
Rising Sun, Md.,	A. B. Frye	Madeley,	V. E. Hills
St. George's and Summit,	G. S. Thomas	McCabe,	W. E. Harrison
P. O. St. George's, Del.		Mt. Salem,	J. W. Jones
St. John's,	E. B. Eckhart	Scott,	J. W. Wooten
P. O. Lewisville, Pa.		Silverbrook,	R. L. Minker
Stanton, Del., (Sup.)	J. C. Galloway	St. Paul's,	V. E. Rorer
Zion Circuit,	J. W. Prettyman	Trinity,	C. H. Hudson
P. O. North East, Md.		Union,	W. M. Nesbit

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. A. Lindhorst, Board of Education, Methodist Episcopal Church, Wesley Quarterly Conference, Dover, Del.

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

O. J. Friedel, left without appointment to attend school.

H. G. Budd, Jr., left without appointment to attend school.

R. E. Green, left without appointment to attend school.

Miss Ruth Stow to The Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington.

Miss Elizabeth Frakes, to The Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington.

Miss Helen Phillips, Mary Todd Gambrill Neighborhood Home.

Miss Catherine E. Frey, Mary Todd Gambrill Neighborhood Home.

## IX.

## JOURNAL.

## DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

## FIRST SESSION—TUESDAY EVENING.

**OPENING.**—The Wilmington Annual Conference assembled for its Sixty-Fourth Session in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Salisbury, Maryland, on Tuesday evening, March 29, 1932, at 7.30 o'clock, Bishop Wm. F. McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

**ADDRESS OF WELCOME.**—Addresses of welcome were made by George P. Chandler, Superintendent of Asbury Sunday School, and by Leonard White, District Superintendent of Salisbury District. Brother White presented a gavel to Bishop McDowell on behalf of Grace Church, Salisbury, and its pastor, J. S. Eldridge.

**ORGANIZATION.**—**Secretary.**—J. R. Bicking was unanimously elected Secretary, and named the following assistants and they were confirmed: E. M. Shockley, O. A. Bartley, and J. H. Wright.

**Statistician.**—L. E. Windsor was confirmed as acting Statistician in the absence of John W. Wooten, Statistician, who is unable to be present on account of illness. Brother Windsor nominated the following assistants and they were confirmed: W. L. McClintock, P. E. Reynolds, S. T. Hamblin, H. N. Bailey, R. W. Mills, J. C. Bolton, O. J. Collins, F. D. Milbury, H. O. Hufnal, Willard Everett, T. O. M. Wills, J. B. Vaughn, R. S. Hodgson, R. M. Green and F. A. Baker.

**Treasurer.**—The Treasurer, J. J. Bunting, nominated as his assistants: V. E. Hills, J. E. Parker, R. H. Nelson, R. T. Thawley, O. H. Connelly, A. F. Zimmerman, W. J. Ennis, F. C. Louhoff, W. H. Revelle, L. L. Powell, W. H. Kohl, and they were confirmed.

**ROLL CALL.**—Conference arose and stood while the Secretary called the names of our deceased brethren, and a hymn was sung.

The roll was then called, 105 members and probationers responding to their names.

**POSTMASTER.**—G. W. Bounds was elected postmaster.

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM.**—On motion the program of the Conference as printed was made the official program.



**BISHOP COOK.**—Bishop McDowell announced greetings from Bishop Philip Cook, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Delaware, and a suitable reply was ordered sent on behalf of the Conference.

#### 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. A brief historical statement of the life of each of the following deceased brethren was read by the Chairman: Frank N. Faulkner, Henry S. Dulany, John H. Beauchamp, William W. Sharp, Wade H. Cummings, Louis P. Corkran, Edward H. Dashiell, and John F. Anderson.

A brief statement was made reporting the death of Mrs. Edna K. Beauchamp, widow of John H. Beauchamp.

The Memorial Sermon was then preached by Dr. Harvey W. Ewing from the text found in First Corinthians, 15th chapter and 49th verse: "And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."

On motion of Leonard White, Conference voted to print Dr. Ewing's sermon in the minutes.

On motion of Leonard White it was ordered to print in the Conference Minutes, Memoirs other than the historical statements read.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Conference then adjourned, Dr. Ewing pronouncing the benediction.

#### SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.—LORD'S SUPPER.**—Conference convened at 8.30 A. M., Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. The Bishop administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, assisted by the District Superintendents.

**ROLL CALL.**—The Secretary called the names of those who were not present at the Roll Call on Tuesday evening.

**EXCUSED.**—Dr. Harvey W. Ewing was excused until Saturday.

**G. A. COOKE.**—G. A. Cooke arose to a question of privilege. Bishop McDowell ruled that he was not speaking to a question of privilege. After Brother Cooke made an appeal from this ruling, stating grounds for same, Conference voted to sustain the decision of the Chair.

**GEO. W. CRABBE.**—On motion of E. C. Hallman, Conference voted to send Geo. W. Crabbe a letter of approval of his service and character, he having completed 25 years of work with the Anti-Saloon League on April 1st of this year.

**MEMOIRS.**—The Bishop ruled that the motion of Leonard White and adopted by the Conference, relative to the printing of Memoirs other

than the historical statements read in the Memorial Service, was subject to the vote taken last year unless such action is modified. A motion by Leonard White to reconsider the action of last year was, on motion of E. C. Hallman, laid on the table.

**DRAFTS.**—The Bishop presented a draft from the Chartered Fund for \$70; one from the Methodist Book Concern for \$621.44; and one from the Board of Pensions and Relief for \$257, and they were ordered paid in favor of the Conference Board of Stewards.

**PROHIBITION.**—A Resolution on Prohibition was presented by H. G. Budd, and after a motion by G. W. Dawson to refer the paper to Dr. Budd and the Committee on State of the Church and Social Service was laid on the table, it was adopted.

W. V. Moore, R. L. Minker and Irving Carpenter requested that they be recorded as being opposed to the manner in which this paper was adopted, and their request was granted.

**QUESTION 15.**—The Fifteenth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was taken up. W. E. Habbart, Superintendent of the Dover District, J. L. Johnson, Superintendent of the Middletown District, Leonard White, Superintendent of the Salisbury District, and D. W. Jacobs, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, were called and their characters passed.

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORT.**—J. L. Johnson, Secretary of the Cabinet, read the combined report of the District Superintendents.

The District Superintendents answered affirmatively the questions relating to prorating ministerial support and full support of the disciplinary benevolences.

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

**BAR OF CONFERENCE.**—The bar of the Conference was fixed to include the first ten rows of pews.

**CHANGE OF RELATIONS.**—On motion of their District Superintendents the following requests for changes of relation were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations: O. B. Reed from located to effective; G. E. Wood and J. A. Buckson from effective to retired, and G. W. Bounds from retired to effective.

The request of G. A. Cooke for a change of relation from retired to effective was referred to the Committee.

**ELECTION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.**—On motion of L. B. Morgan balloting for delegates to the General Conference was made the Order of the Day for Thursday morning as soon as feasible after the reading of the Journal.

**MEMORIALS.**—On motion of G. A. Cooke, it was ordered that General Conference Memorials and proposed Constitutional Amendments be read at the afternoon session.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION.**—The report of the Conference Board of Education was made the Order of the Day for Thursday morning following the first ballot for General Conference Delegates.

**WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.**—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, the report of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society was made the Order of the Day for Friday morning immediately following the reading of the Journal.

**QUESTION 2.**—The Second Question, "Who have been received by Transfer and from what Conferences?", was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of James H. Brasher from the Alabama Conference, a deacon not in full membership, April 1, 1932; and F. D. Lawrence from the Philadelphia Conference, April 4, 1932.

**QUESTION 16.**—The Sixteenth Question, "Who have been transferred and to what Conferences?", was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of Samuel McWilliams to the Philadelphia Conference, April 4, 1932.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—On motion of Leonard White Conference ordered that the afternoon session at 1.30 be an executive session.

**INTRODUCTION.**—R. A. Brooks, representing the Methodist Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

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

**NUMBER OF DISTRICTS.**—The following resolutions were presented by Tilghman Smith and on his motion they were adopted:

**Resolution—Districts.**

WHEREAS, It is now the duty of the Conference to determine the number of districts that shall compose it, and

WHEREAS, We feel that this Conference should make this a matter of careful study so as to plan wisely for the future, and

WHEREAS, Our beloved Bishop McDowell may be indispensable to us in initiating a thorough consideration of this matter, and

WHEREAS, The Lay Electoral Conference is in session this year,  
RESOLVED, That we request Bishop McDowell that, before the close of this Annual Conference session, he name as ministerial members of a committee of inquiry one minister for each present district, and a chairman chosen at large, and

RESOLVED, That the Lay Electoral Conference be requested to choose one member of this committee from each present district, and

RESOLVED, That the Committee of Ministers and Laymen thus chosen be asked to report to the annual conference of 1933 their conclusions as to the number of districts necessary, and in case of any reduction of the number, state the time when they believe the change should become effective, where the residences of the District Superintendents should thereafter be, and such other matters as they consider germane to the whole problem.

TILGHMAN SMITH.

**RECONSIDERATION.**—On motion of G. W. Bounds, Conference voted to reconsider the Budd Prohibition Resolutions and on motion of R. L. Minker such reconsideration was made the order of the day for Thursday morning after the reading of the Report of the Board of Education.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—After an address by Bishop McDowell on "Immortality," announcements were made and Conference adjourned, W. F. Corkran pronouncing the benediction.

**THIRD SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—Conference convened in executive session on Wednesday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. Dr. W. W. Davis led in prayer.

J. H. Gardner was appointed doorkeeper.

On motion the pastor of Trinity Church was extended the privilege of attending the executive session.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Dr. W. W. Davis, representing the Lord's Day Alliance, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**D. A. STOCKLEY.**—Leonard White, District Superintendent of the Salisbury District, presented the written withdrawal of D. A. Stockley from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and on his motion the withdrawal under complaints was accepted.

**JOHN A. HUDSON.**—After Bishop McDowell explained the status of the case of John A. Hudson, suspended at the Conference of 1929, he announced the judgment of the Chair to be that Conference must now take action and the case is now before us.

After G. P. Jones moved that the suspension of John A. Hudson be terminated, a substitute motion by O. E. Jones that the suspension of John A. Hudson be continued and his case referred to the District Superintendent for trial under paragraph # 318, Section # 4, of the Discipline, was accepted and adopted.

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

**FOURTH SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING.**

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

**JOURNAL.**—The Journals of Tuesday night's session and Wednesday afternoon's session were read and approved. The Journal of the Wednesday morning session was approved as corrected.

**QUESTION 8.**—The Eighth Question, "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Henry T. Caldwell and Preston W. Spence were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents represented, the Committee recommended, and they were elected to Deacon's Orders, advanced to the Studies of the Third Year, and Conference voted to admit them into Full Membership upon answering the usual Disciplinary questions.

James M. Faulkner was called and on motion of W. E. Habbart, he was discontinued.

Lucian L. Powell was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported and he was continued on Trial in Studies of Second Year.

Sidney B. Bradley and Robert E. Green were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendents recommended, they were elected to Deacon's Orders under the Seminary Rule and advanced to Studies of Third Year, and Conference voted to admit them into Full Membership upon answering the usual Disciplinary questions.

Oliver J. Friedel and Walter L. Russell were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and they were continued on Trial and advanced to Studies of Second Year, each being conditioned.

Peter B. Burleigh was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, the Committee recommended, the District Superintendents represented, and he was elected to Deacon's Orders, advanced to Studies of Fourth Year, and Conference voted to admit him into Full Membership upon answering the usual Disciplinary questions.

Wm. J. Ennis and Frank D. Milbury were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendent represented, the Committee recommended, and Conference voted to admit them into Full Membership upon answering the usual Disciplinary questions, they having been previously ordained as Deacons.

The Bishop asked the Class for Full Membership the usual Disciplinary questions and Henry T. Caldwell, Preston W. Spence, Sidney B. Bradley, Robert E. Green, Peter B. Burleigh, Wm. J. Ennis and Frank D. Milbury were admitted into Full Membership in the Conference.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—The following were nominated and elected members of the Board of Stewards to serve for a term of 2 years, the Secretary casting the ballot: Middletown District—Ministerial, E. P. Thomas, Lay, Jefferson Cooper; Salisbury District—Ministerial, J. W. Jones, Lay, Ralph O. Dulany.

George Williams was elected as a lay member from the Dover District to serve one year, the Secretary casting the ballot.

**EXCUSED.**—E. P. Thomas was excused to attend a funeral.

**ELECTION OF DELEGATES.**—The order of the day for the election of delegates to the General Conference was taken up.

**Rules Governing Election.**—The following rules governing the election of delegates to the General Conference were presented and read by E. M. Shockley and on his motion were adopted.

**Rules Governing Election of Delegates to General Conference.**

1. That the Bishop be requested to appoint tellers, two from each district and one at large, and one of the Secretaries, who shall receive the ballots and count same.
2. That four delegates be elected to attend the next General Conference.
3. Every member entitled to vote shall be ordered within the bar of the Conference, and those not within the Bar of the Conference shall not be entitled to vote.
4. That the persons receiving the highest number of votes, provided the same be a majority of the votes cast, shall be chosen as delegates.
5. That any ballot containing more or less than the number of names to be voted for be rejected, and, therefore, not counted.
6. That where there are two or more members of the Conference of the same name, only such names as contain the Christian name or initials of the person for whom the ballot is cast shall be counted, but such omission of the Christian name or initial shall not affect the other names upon said ballot.
7. That the Conference elect three reserve delegates in accordance with these rules.
8. That no member of the election board shall give out any information whatever concerning any ballot before the same is announced officially by the presiding officer.

**TELLERS.**—Tellers were appointed as follows: Dover District, W. G. Harris, J. H. Brasher; Middletown District, W. A. Hearn, M. E. Wheatley; Salisbury District, O. P. Jefferson, C. W. Branford; Wilmington District, Tilghman Smith, W. A. Wise; At-Large, Howard Davis; Assistant Secretary, O. A. Bartley.

**FIRST BALLOT.**—The first ballot was taken and the Tellers retired.

**READMITTED.**—On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, Otis B. Reed, who was located at his own request at the Conference of 1930, was readmitted.



**GEORGE W. BOUNDS.**—On recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, the relation of George W. Bounds was changed from Retired to Effective.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION.**—The Order of the Day was called and W. E. Gunby presented the report of the Board of Education. C. A. Short and J. H. Bishop were granted the privilege of the floor.

C. A. Short read the report of the Wesley Collegiate Institute, which was adopted.

On motion of W. E. Gunby, amended by J. W. Colona, Conference set aside Sunday, May 22nd of this year to take a special offering for the Wesley Collegiate Institute for which World Service Credit on Apportionment may be received. The Secretary of the Conference and the Trustees of the Institute were requested to give publicity to this offering.

The written report of the Board was read by W. E. Gunby and on motion of J. H. Wright it was adopted with the recommendations contained therein.

J. H. Bishop was introduced and addressed the Conference.

**ORDER OF DAY.**—The order of the day was taken up and R. L. Minker moved the adoption of the Budd Prohibition Resolutions. Conference voted to consider the report ad seriatim.

The first section was read and adopted and after discussion, further consideration was postponed until Friday after the First Order of the Day.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**—On motion of L. B. Morgan, Conference ordered a session at 1.30 this afternoon for the purpose of taking, if necessary, a second ballot.

**FIRST BALLOT RETURNED.**—The Tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the First Ballot as follows: Total number of ballots cast, 138; defective ballots, 0; total number of ballots counted, 138; necessary to choice, 70.

W. E. Habbart having received 81 votes, D. W. Jacobs and Leonard White having received 75 votes each, they were declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: J. L. Johnson, 68; J. J. Bunting, 57; W. E. Gunby, 29; E. C. Hallman, 15; E. P. Thomas, 11; J. W. Colona, 10; Frank Herson, 9; Tilghman Smith, T. J. Sard and T. F. Beauchamp, 8 each; E. W. McDowell, 7; W. E. Harrison, W. G. Harris, B. M. Johns and O. E. Jones, 6 each; T. R. VanDyke, 5; R. P. Nichols, J. W. Jones, J. L. Sparklin, 4 each; H. B. Kelso, W. A. Hearn, 3 each; E. H. Collins, L. E. Poole, J. C. McCoy, W. H. Revelle, R. L. Minker, Virgil E. Rorer, Frank White, H. G. Budd, W. F. Corkran, F. B. Short, 2 each; E. M. Shockley, G. P. Jones, O. J. Collins, J. P. Outten, G. W. Dawson, J. R. Bicking, V. E. Hills, C. H. Williams, G. A. Cooke, N. C. Benson, L. E. Windsor, M. E. Wheatley, Howard Davis, J. M. Kelso, O. A. Bartley, J. W. Sutton, L. B. Morgan, G. E. Sterling, 1 each.

**WORLD SERVICE.**—The World Service hour was presided over by H. B. Kelso. The speaker was L. O. Hartman, editor of Zion's Herald.

**CORPORATE SESSION.**—The Conference went into Corporate Session for the purpose of electing ministerial trustees of the Wesley Collegiate Institute, W. E. Gunby presiding.

The following were nominated and elected trustees for the term of 3 years: G. P. Jones, T. R. VanDyke, D. W. Jacobs, E. W. McDowell, J. W. Colona, and E. C. Hallman.

**PRINCESS ANNE ACADEMY QUARTET.**—The quartet from Princess Anne Academy entertained the Conference with Negro spirituals.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Dr. W. T. A. Haynes of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Raymond W. Cooke of the Baltimore Conference, were introduced.

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

#### FIFTH SESSION—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 1.30 p. m., Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. W. F. Corkran led in prayer.

**TELLERS.**—A. B. Frye was substituted for M. E. Wheatley as a Teller.

**SECOND BALLOT.**—The second ballot was taken and the Tellers retired.

**REPORTS.**—The Report of the Standing Committee on World Peace and Fellowship was read by O. E. Jones and was adopted.

**STRAWBRIDGE HOME.**—The report of the Strawbridge Home was read by J. W. Colona in the absence of T. S. Long, who is ill, and it was adopted. J. W. Colona, Dr. C. Wilson Hughes and Mrs. Mary T. Gambrill were elected Trustees of the Home, the Secretary casting the ballot.

Conference reaffirmed its action of last year regarding the Clotilda Lyon McDowell Memorial.

**GREETINGS.**—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, the Secretary was instructed to send greetings to J. W. Wootten and W. M. Nesbit, who are unable to attend Conference on account of illness.

**RICHARDSON PARK CHURCH.**—The following resolutions were read by D. W. Jacobs and on his motion were adopted:

The Methodist Episcopal Church has at Richardson Park a commanding site on which was erected a few years ago a building in which the Methodists of that community have worshipped since its dedication.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension has approved

the Richardson Park M. E. Church as a project for which special gifts may be solicited with World Service Credit.

The Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension recommends that all pastors and people of the churches of the Conference give their sympathetic cooperation and permit a representative of Richardson Park M. E. Church to present the facts and solicit contributions as Special Gifts, World Service credit for which will be received by the local church.

**SECOND BALLOT RETURNED.**—The Tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the second ballot as follows: Total number of ballots cast, 127; defective ballots, 1; total number of ballots counted, 126; necessary to choice, 64. J. L. Johnson having received 70 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: J. J. Bunting, 46; W. E. Gunby, 3; E. P. Thomas, 1; J. W. Colona, 2; M. S. Andrews, E. C. Hallman, T. F. Beauchamp and T. R. VanDyke, 1 each.

**BALLOT FOR RESERVE DELEGATES.**—The first ballot for reserve delegates was taken and the Tellers retired.

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**—On motion of R. T. Thawley, the reading of the historical paper prepared by the Historical Society was made the order of the day for Saturday morning after the reading of the Journal.

**SALE OF CHURCH PROPERTY.**—On motion of J. L. Johnson, Conference authorized the sale of church properties of Central and Shepherd's Churches on Burrsville Charge.

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

#### SIXTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

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

**RESERVE DELEGATES—FIRST BALLOT RETURNED.**—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the first ballot for Reserve Delegates as follows: Ballots cast, 116; ballots defective, 3; ballots counted, 113; necessary to choice, 57. J. J. Bunting having received 75 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: W. E. Gunby, 43; E. C. Hallman, 25; T. R. VanDyke, 24; J. W. Colona, 23; T. F. Beauchamp, 15; E. P. Thomas, 13; Frank Herson, 12; T. J. Sard, 12; E. W. McDowell, 9; W. G. Harris, 6; W. A. Wise, W. A. Hearn, J. L. Sparklin, J. R. Bicking, O. E. Jones, Tilghman Smith, 5 each; M. S. Andrews, E. H. Collins, W. E. Harrison, J. W. Jones, G. W. Dawson, 4 each;

L. B. Morgan, B. M. Johns, R. P. Nichols, 3 each; F. B. Short, R. L. Minker, H. B. Kelso, N. C. Benson, H. G. Budd, M. W. Marine, W. F. Corkran, L. E. Windsor, 2 each; V. E. Hills, J. P. Outten, G. E. Sterling, O. A. Bartley, R. C. Jones, G. P. Jones, G. A. Cooke, 1 each.

**RESERVE DELEGATES—SECOND BALLOT.**—The second ballot was taken and the Tellers retired.

**WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.**—The order of the day was taken up and D. W. Jacobs, Executive Secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society, presented his report, which was adopted together with the recommendations contained therein.

Miss Eleanor Collins, head worker of Wesley Center, was granted the privilege of the floor and spoke concerning the work.

The following recommendations were adopted on motion of D. W. Jacobs:

Your Society recommends if the program at Wesley Center be discontinued at any time the Society be authorized to sell Wesley Church and Parsonage, the receipts from which sale to be used (1) to cancel mortgage against the property, (2) continue the program of the Society at other very needy centers in the city.

**RESERVE DELEGATES—SECOND BALLOT RETURNED.**—The Tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the second ballot as follows: Ballots cast, 100; defective ballots, 2; number of ballots counted, 98; necessary to choice, 50. W. E. Gunby having received 52 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: E. C. Hallman, 30; T. R. VanDyke, 23; J. W. Colona, 22; T. J. Sard, 17; T. F. Beauchamp, 14; E. P. Thomas, 10; Frank Herson, 7; J. R. Bicking, W. A. Hearn, 2 each; R. P. Nichols, M. E. Wheatley, G. P. Jones, R. C. Jones, C. C. Harris, W. G. Harris, E. M. Shockley, L. E. Windsor, G. W. Dawson, J. W. Jones, J. L. Sparklin, Tilghman Smith, W. A. Wise, 1 each.

**RESERVE DELEGATES—THIRD BALLOT.**—The third ballot was taken and the Tellers retired.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—On motion of J. W. Colona an executive session was called for 1.30 o'clock this afternoon, and the order of the day, the reconsideration of the Budd Prohibition Resolutions, was postponed until that time.

**RESERVE DELEGATES—THIRD BALLOT RETURNED.**—The Tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the third ballot as follows: Ballots cast, 106; defective ballots, 2; ballots counted, 104; necessary to choice, 53. No one receiving a majority vote, there was no elec-



tion. The ballot was as follows: E. C. Hallman, 42; T. R. VanDyke, 29; J. W. Colona, 10; E. P. Thomas, 7; T. F. Beauchamp, 5; T. J. Sard, 6; W. G. Harris, 2; Tilghman Smith, J. R. Bicking, 1 each.

**RESERVE DELEGATES—FOURTH BALLOT.**—The fourth ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

**SALE OF CHURCH PROPERTIES.**—On motion of W. E. Habbart, Conference authorized the sale of church properties as follows: Griffith's Neck, one-quarter acre of land on which a church formerly stood; Indian-town, one-half acre of ground on which a church formerly stood; Linkwood, one-third of an acre on which a church formerly stood, and Savannah, a plot of ground 147x147 feet on which there is an abandoned church. The proceeds from the sale of these properties are to be given to the Trustees of Vienna Church.

Church property at Rhodesdale was authorized to be sold and the proceeds given to the Trustees of Hurlock Church.

On motion of Leonard White, Conference authorized the sale of church property at Cornersville, formerly of Girdletree Charge, the proceeds to be given to the Trustees of Girdletree Church.

On motion of G. W. Dawson, Conference authorized the Conference Trustees, when certain properties taken over from the Methodist Protestant Church are sold, to legally turn over such proceeds to the trustees of our churches in the respective communities.

**CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**—W. A. Hearn presented the following nominations for members of the Conference Board of Trustees and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot: R. K. Stephenson, W. O. Bennett and M. S. Andrews, for a term of three years; Clarence P. S. Webber and John M. Kelso for a term of one year to fill vacancies.

W. A. Hearn, Treasurer of the Conference Board of Trustees, presented his report and it was adopted; together with reports of the Barratt's Chapel Fund, and the Washington Foster Estate.

**RESERVE DELEGATES—FOURTH BALLOT RETURNED.**—The Tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the fourth ballot as follows: Ballots cast, 117; ballots defective, 3; ballots counted, 114; necessary to a choice, 58. E. C. Hallman having received 63 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: T. R. VanDyke, 24; J. W. Colona, 8; T. J. Sard, 7; E. P. Thomas, 6; G. A. Cooke, Frank Herson, W. A. Hearn, Tilghman Smith, G. W. Dawson, S. B. Bradley, 1 each.

**MEMORIALS.**—G. A. Cooke presented and read a memorial to the General Conference and on motion of T. F. Beauchamp, Conference voted to consider this memorial at the time the other memorials are considered.

**BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.**—The anniversary of the Board of Foreign Missions was observed with V. S. Collins presiding. The address was made by Dr. John R. Edwards, Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

The Conference Secretary read a communication from the Indus River Conference thanking the Wilmington Conference for making possible the return of the Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Grey to India; also a letter from A. L. Grey expressing his appreciation; and the Secretary was instructed to send suitable replies.

**BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.**—The anniversary of the Board of Home Missions was observed with J. W. Colona presiding. The address was made by Dr. George S. Connell of the Board.

**WORLD SERVICE.**—M. S. Andrews presented and read the report of the standing Committee on World Service, and it was adopted.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE.**—On motion of E. C. Hallman, Conference voted to reconsider the action of last year relative to the Memorial Service.

On motion of E. C. Hallman, the resolutions were amended to read as follows, and were adopted as amended:

WHEREAS, With fullest appreciation of all our departed men, there is, nevertheless, a manifest desire on the part of many for a change in our Memorial Service, simplicity being desired in preference to the old method; and

WHEREAS, It might be well to make such changes as would become operative next Conference, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That instead of Memoirs being prepared and read, we have either a sermon or address, not exceeding one-half hour in length, and that a brief history of each deceased member or wife be stated and afterward the historical facts including a brief memoir be published in the Year Book; be it further

RESOLVED, That we request our Superintendents to nominate one of the members of the Conference to preach the Memorial Sermon, with an alternate, also someone to compile the historical facts including the memoirs concerning our deceased to be memorialized, and that we request the Bishop to appoint those so nominated.

**CONSIDERATION OF MEMORIALS.**—On motion of G. A. Cooke, consideration of General Conference Memorials was made the order of the day for Saturday morning, following the reading of the historical paper.

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.**—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, the following committee was appointed to consider all memorials to the General Conference and report to the Conference: J. W. Colona, R. P. Nichols, W. A. Hearn, T. F. Beauchamp and G. A. Cooke.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Horace E. Cromer, pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Salisbury, Md.; O. B. Newton, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Cambridge, Md.; W. W. Banks and E. J. Symons of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, were introduced.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, W. A. Wise pronouncing the benediction.

**SEVENTH SESSION—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.**

**OPENING.**—Conference convened in Executive Session in Jackson Memorial Hall at 1.30 P. M., Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

**DOORKEEPER.**—G. W. Dawson was appointed doorkeeper.

**BUDD PROHIBITION RESOLUTIONS.**—The order of the day was taken up and after H. G. Budd read the remaining paragraph of the Prohibition Resolution, on motion of J. W. Colona, the following committee was appointed to draw up a set of resolutions covering the entire matter and report to the Conference: H. G. Budd, Frank Herson, E. P. Thomas, J. J. Bunting and W. E. Gunby.

**COMMITTEE ON NUMBER OF DISTRICTS.**—The Bishop appointed the following to serve on the Committee on Number of Districts: Tilghman Smith, O. E. Jones, T. R. VanDyke, L. E. Poole and J. W. Colona.

**CHANGE OF RELATIONS.**—The Committee on Conference Relations made its report and on their recommendation the relation of the following was changed: G. E. Wood from Effective to Retired, at his own request, and J. A. Buckson from Effective to Retired, because of ill health, at his own request.

The Committee recommended that the relation of G. A. Cooke be changed from Retired to Effective, and after a motion by J. W. Colona to continue Brother Cooke in the Retired Relation was laid on the table, Conference approved the recommendation of the Committee and voted to change the relation of G. A. Cooke from Retired to Effective.

**EXCUSED.**—A. P. Prettyman, C. W. Strickland, and E. W. Hennis were excused to attend funerals.

**ADJOURNMENT.**—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, V. S. Collins pronouncing the benediction.

**EIGHTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.**

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. J. A. Buckson led in prayer.

**PROHIBITION RESOLUTIONS.**—W. E. Gunby was excused to attend a funeral and Ralph Minker was appointed in his place on the Committee on Prohibition Resolutions.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—On motion of E. P. Thomas the sum of \$4000 was ordered for Necessitous Cases.

**LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.**—On motion of Leonard White the following Committee was appointed to appear before the Lay Elec-

toral Conference and arrange for a joint session at 11 o'clock: G. W. Dawson, R. K. Stephenson and Howard Davis.

**EXCUSED.**—J. A. Buckson was excused to attend a funeral.

The Committee on Ministerial Qualifications was excused for Committee work.

**ORDER OF THE DAY.**—The order of the day was taken up and R. T. Thawley read the report of the Conference Historical Society and it was adopted. M. S. Andrews was elected a vice-president of the Society.

E. C. Hallman presented and read a paper entitled, "The Genesis of Organized Methodism of the Wilmington Conference." This paper was adopted and by order of the Conference last year is to be printed in the Minutes.

**QUESTION 11.**—The Eleventh Question, "What members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Harvey O. Hufnal, Frank A. Baker, Otis P. Jefferson, N. B. Lawrason, James O'Neil and Roy L. Tawes 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.

William J. Ennis and Frank D. Milbury were called, the Registrar reported and on motion they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elder's Orders under the Seminary Rule.

J. H. Brasher was called and on the information furnished by the Bishop, he was admitted into Full Membership, after answering satisfactorily the usual Disciplinary Questions. On motion he was graduated from the Conference Course of Study and elected to Elder's Orders.

**QUESTION 10.**—The Tenth Question, "What members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?" was taken up. Alfred W. Strickland, Elwood B. Eckhart, Frederick C. Louhoff and Grayson H. Wheatley were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and they were advanced to Studies of Fourth Year, the last three being conditioned.

**QUESTION 6.**—The Sixth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. James F. Langrall was called, his character passed, the Registrar reported, and he was Continued on Trial and advanced to Studies of Fourth Year.

Richard M. Green, Jacob C. Hanby, Joseph B. Vaughn and Theodore O. M. Wills were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported and they were Continued on Trial in Studies of First Year.

William H. Kohl and Roland H. Nelson were called, their characters passed, the Registrar reported, and they were Continued on Trial and advanced to Studies of Second Year, the last named being conditioned.

**QUESTION 13.**—The Thirteenth Question, "What others have been elected to Elder's Orders?" was taken up. The recommendation of Merle M. Watson was received in due form for his election to Elder's Orders

under the Local Rule. His character was passed, the Registrar reported, the District Superintendent represented, and he was elected to said Orders.

**GERALD W. HARRIS.**—Gerald W. Harris, Superintendent of the Goodwill Industries in Wilmington, having been elected to Elder's Orders by the Missouri Conference, will be ordained at this session of our Conference.

**CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.**—H. G. Budd addressed the Conference on behalf of the Conference Education Society. M. E. Wheatley nominated the following to serve for a period of three years on the Conference Education Society, the Secretary casting the ballot: H. G. Budd, V. S. Collins, L. E. Wimbrow, V. C. Hitchens, L. M. Price and M. F. Alexander.

**MEMORIALS.**—The order of the day was called and J. W. Colona, on behalf of the Committee, presented the following memorials, with the Committee's recommendations:

1. The Memorial of G. A. Cooke on the Episcopacy was read, the Committee making no recommendations. On motion of J. W. Colona, Conference suspended the Rules and limited each speaker to five minutes on each memorial.

V. S. Collins moved the adoption of the memorial but Conference voted against its adoption.

2. The First Memorial from the Indiana Conference on duties of District Superintendent regarding abandoned properties, etc., was read, and Conference voted concurrence.

3. The second Memorial from the Indiana Conference relating to Committee on Episcopacy was read and Conference voted non-concurrence.

4. The third Memorial from the Indiana Conference relating to Committee on Entertainment of General Conference was read and Conference voted non-concurrence.

5. The Memorial from the New York East Annual Conference regarding change in name of Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals was read and Conference voted non-concurrence.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.**—The Bishop read the three proposed Constitutional Amendments originating in the Central Pennsylvania Conference and the vote on each was 89 for and none against.

**GOODWILL INDUSTRIES.**—Gerald W. Harris, Superintendent of the Goodwill Industries, was granted the privilege of the floor and read his report, and on motion of D. W. Jacobs the report was adopted and he was pledged our cooperation.

**BUREAU OF CONFERENCE BUDGET.**—W. O. Hoffecker, Treasurer of the Bureau of Conference Budget, was granted the privilege of the floor and head his report, which was adopted.

The following were elected members of the Bureau, to serve for three years: M. S. Andrews, T. R. VanDyke and W. O. Hoffecker.

**JOINT SESSION.**—The members of the Lay Electoral Conference entered the church and took their seats within the Bar of the Conference.

O. M. Shockley, President of the Lay Electoral Conference, was introduced and made a brief address. The names of the delegates-elect to the General Conference, Clarence A. Short, Arthur C. Humphries, Willis J. Overdeer and J. Everett Walls; and Reserve Delegates-elect, J. T. Mears, I. Elmer Perry and E. J. Winder were called and those present were introduced.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Deets Pickett, Research Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, and George W. Crabbe, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Maryland, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

**BISHOP McDOWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP.**—Harry H. Nuttle, on behalf of the ministers and laymen of the Wilmington Conference, expressed our appreciation of Bishop McDowell's leadership during his term of Area supervision and our regret at the termination of his official relationship, and announced the establishment of the Bishop William F. McDowell Memorial Scholarship Fund of \$1000, the proceeds of which are to be used to pay the tuition of ministerial students preferably at Wesley Collegiate Institute. The Bishop responded appropriately. The address of Brother Nuttle follows:

Bishop McDowell, we of the Wilmington Conference are deeply moved as we realize that this is the last session of our Conference over which you will preside, and that in May you will terminate sixteen years of supervision over us.

We have not always agreed with you. You have sometimes sent some of us who are ministers to charges to which we did not prefer to go. To us laymen you have sometimes sent preachers whom we did not want. But if we disagreed with you, we never questioned your motive in what you did. We have always felt that great heart of yours yearning so to plan and act that the Kingdom of God might be built up in us and through us.

Four quadrenniums have passed and now our official relations must be severed. Bishop, the official ties may be cut, but our personal relations will never end. You are our Bishop, and no matter who may come or where you may go, you will still be OUR Bishop, bound to us by indissoluble ties. We hope you remain in the Washington Area, and would be delighted to have you make your home on the Del-Mar-Va peninsula. We believe you would find it pleasant living here on the Shore, even among those whom Mencken classes as morons.

We all, both ministers and laymen, agreed that we wanted in some way to appropriately recognize your presidency and leadership



during more than one-seventh of a century. Times are hard, money is scarce, so we could not do all we felt we would like to do. However, the Committee, after consultation with the leaders of the Conference, decided upon the form of this recognition and made an appeal. The response showed that this is indeed a "labor of love," for not only have we received the money we asked for but also many expressions of pleasure in the privilege of sharing in such a movement.

The Committee felt that they wanted a permanent Memorial. Not that we who know you and love you will ever need any thing to remember you by; you will live in our hearts through all time. But we want that our children, future generations who knew thee not, might learn of that Prince of Israel who piloted us through the stormy seas from 1916 to 1932. We also knew of your life-long interest in education, how you have always insisted upon adequate training for young ministers.

So, Bishop, in behalf of the ministers and laymen of the Wilmington Conference, I desire to announce that we have set up the "Bishop William F. McDowell Memorial Fund" of \$1000.00, the income from which is to help pay the tuition of some young ministerial student, preferably at Wesley Collegiate Institute. We hope that it will help to train that type of spiritual leadership which you have exemplified.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION.**—On motion of Leonard White an Executive Session was called for 1.30 o'clock this afternoon.

**INTRODUCTIONS.**—Raymond White, Pastor of Peninsula Methodist Protestant Church, Wilmington, and J. Earl Cummings, Pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church of Laurel, Delaware, were introduced.

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

#### NINTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened in Executive Session at 1.30 P. M. in Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

**DOORKEEPER.**—J. T. Price was appointed doorkeeper.

**GREETINGS.**—The Secretary was instructed to send our greetings and love to W. E. Greenfield, L. M. Broadway, Adam Stengle, L. W. Layfield, G. W. Bowman, J. M. Lindale and J. T. Prouse.

**CONFERENCE MINUTES.**—After the Secretary made a statement concerning publication of the Conference Minutes, on motion of G. W.

Dawson, amended by L. B. Morgan, Conference ordered that the price of the printed minutes to the pastors be thirty cents per copy and that the price be printed on the minutes.

The Secretary was authorized to secure a loan of \$500 for a period of three months at 5 per cent. from the Conference Board of Trustees.

On motion of Tilghman Smith the following Committee was appointed to formulate a policy for the future publication of the Minutes: W. A. Wise, L. E. Wimbrow and J. R. Bicking.

**SUMMER SCHOOL.**—On motion of T. F. Beauchamp, Conference directed the Bureau of Budget to allow the sum of \$700 for the Summer School of Ministerial Training.

**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 George V. Turner and Leon W. Ross, the Registrar reported, the Committee reported, the District Superintendents represented and by formal action they were received on Trial and placed in Studies of First Year, and the District Superintendents were requested to place them in charges where they might attend one of the colleges in our territory.

**MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS.**—On motion of Tilghman Smith, the following were elected to serve on the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications for a period of three years: Leolan Jackson, L. B. Morgan, Frank Herson and J. W. Jones.

Conference voted to accept the following motion of Tilghman Smith:

That any undergraduate who desires entertainment by the Conference at the Summer School of Ministerial Training shall give to the Registrar written assurance that he intends to remain in this Conference at least two years after graduation from the Conference Course of Study; and, that, in case he should leave within the specified time, he will refund the money so spent in his behalf.

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

#### TENTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

##### Ordination Service.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 2.30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions.

**Deacons.**—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders, and Sidney B. Bradley, Peter B. Burleigh, Henry T. Caldwell, Robert E. Green and Preston W. Spence were ordained as Deacons.



**Elders.**—Those elected to Elder's Orders were called and presented and the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and other elders ordained Frank A. Baker, James H. Brasher, William J. Ennis, Gerald W. Harris, Harvey O. Hufnal, Otis P. Jefferson, Nathaniel B. Lawrason, Frank D. Milbury, James O'Neil, Roy L. Tawes and Merle M. Watson as Elders, the latter under the local rule.

#### CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that on the third day of April, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-two, I ordained as DEACONS

Sidney B. Bradley  
Peter B. Burleigh  
Henry T. Caldwell

Robert E. Green  
Preston W. Spence

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

Frank A. Baker  
James H. Brasher  
William J. Ennis  
Gerald W. Harris  
Harvey O. Hufnal  
Otis P. Jefferson

Nathaniel B. Lawrason  
Frank D. Milbury  
James O'Neil  
Roy L. Tawes  
Merle M. Watson

they having been duly elected to the above orders respectively by the Wilmington Annual Conference. Merle M. Watson was ordained under the local rule.

*William F. McDowell*

Salisbury, Maryland

Bishop

#### ELEVENTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

**OPENING.**—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, Bishop McDowell presiding and conducting the devotions. V. S. Collins led in prayer.

**JOURNAL.**—The Journals of Saturday's sessions were read and approved. The Journal of Sunday Afternoon's session was read and approved.

**QUESTION 25.**—The Twenty-fifth Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Ministers?" was taken up. Wm. F. Godwin was called, his character passed and he was continued in the Supernumerary Relation for the Third Year.

**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.

**PRO-RATING MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.**—W. F. Corkran presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That when the minutes of this Conference session shall have been published so as to make the record public, that the District Superintendents be and are hereby instructed to take up with the pastor and churches, one or both, where the law of pro-rating ministerial support is seemingly violated, for the purpose of securing an observance of the law with respect to the funds raised during the year now closing and also for the purpose of reemphasizing the law where it seems to be greatly needed and to bring the results of their findings and successes in each case to the next session of our Conference.

**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: L. E. Poole, E. C. Hallman, W. A. Wise, J. W. Colona and Frank Herson; Reserves, G. W. Dawson and Leolan Jackson.

**QUESTION 39.**—The Thirty-Ninth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. Through its pastor, C. I. Carpenter, our church at Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, invited the Conference to hold its next session in said church on Plan #3 which is the paid Plan. The invitation was accepted.

**GIFT FROM T. S. HOLT.**—W. E. Habbart read the following communication from T. S. Holt, and on motion Conference voted to accept the gift with greatest appreciation and thanks:

Federalsburg, Md., April 2, 1932.

To the Wilmington Annual Conference,  
Salisbury, Md.

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

I herewith enclose one hundred shares of 6% preferred stock of the Holt Oil Co., par value \$100. per share, to be held in trust by the Conference Board of Trustees, the income from which shall be remitted to the Board of Stewards of the Conference and shall be administered by said Board of Stewards in consultation with the District Superintendents for the creation of a retirement fund for Supply Ministers and their widows who have served the Conference faithfully and won the approval of the District Stewards and the District Superintendents in the general conditions and principles that govern the retirement fund for the members of the Conference, with the understanding that if in any one year such income is not expended for the purpose named above, it or any part of same may be used by the Board of Stewards for the care of necessitous cases of the Board.

Yours sincerely,

THOS. S. HOLT.

**LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.**—On motion of Leonard White the following were elected members of the Lord's Day Alliance: E. W. McDowell, W. G. Harris, V. E. Rorer, G. W. Dawson, O. E. Jones, T. F. Beauchamp, T. J. Sard.

W. G. Harris read the following resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Courts of high jurisdiction in the English speaking world have uniformly declared that the Common Law of England rests on Christianity as its foundation,

WHEREAS, The Courts of this country have declared that the Common Law of England is the fundamental law of America,

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court as well as our own Court of Appeals has declared that Christianity is the foundation of our nation, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in session in Salisbury, Maryland, that we declare our belief in the sanctity of Sunday as a holy day is an inseparable part of our fundamental law, essential to spiritual and moral health, to the success of the Church, the maintenance of the Home and the economic necessity of the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we pledge the Lord's Day Alliance our whole-hearted cooperation in its endeavor to have the Court of Appeals of our State declare that Ordinance #130, which seeks to legalize in the City of Baltimore, Sunday Commercialized Sports and the Sunday Theatre, including the Motion Picture Theatre, is null and void because it is an indirect endeavor to give the constituency of one of the political units (Baltimore) the right to change a general law, which right the Legislature cannot delegate the power to any municipality or to any political unit to vote itself out from under this general law; be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend the General Educational Program of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland and pledge our whole-hearted cooperation to make it effective in our several churches; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend the Day of Worship, which has just been published by the Lord's Day Alliance and urge our pastors as rapidly as possible to form Lord's Day Reading Circles that this book, the product of the labors of sixteen writers, among them our own Bishop McDowell, may be thoroughly read to the end that there may be created a new conception of the priceless value of the Lord's Day for the Home, the Church and the State.

**PROHIBITION RESOLUTIONS.**—R. L. Minker read the report, of the Committee on Prohibition Resolutions and on his motion they were adopted.

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

**MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.**—R. K. Stephenson, Trustee of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund, read his report, which was adopted, and he was reelected.

On motion of J. W. Colona Conference set the second Sunday in May as a day to take an offering for the Contingent Relief Fund in every church and request the Secretary to send notices to this effect to the pastors about ten days previously.

**COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE 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: R. P. Nichols, L. E. Poole, R. K. Stephenson and J. H. Wright.

**EVANGELISM.**—The following resolutions were presented by G. A. Cooke and on his motion they were adopted:

#### Resolutions on Evangelism.

WHEREAS, The reports that come from our churches within the Wilmington Conference, indicate that there is great need of a general revival of religion,—one that will bring our people into a joyous experience of personal salvation, and

WHEREAS, Methodism has from the beginning of her history, been distinguished for revival power, for fervent prayer and clear testimony growing out of definite knowledge as to sins forgiven. We know the disease of the soul caused by sin, and we know the Gospel cure. There is a balm in Gilead. "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Rom. 1-16. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That we, the Methodist pastors of the Wilmington Annual Conference, do hereby pledge ourselves to concentrate our thought, our energies and our faith in the promises of God, to the end that there may be a glorious revival of religion in each of our churches.

G. A. COOKE,  
C. E. DAVIS.

**MINUTES PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.**—L. E. Wimbrow presented the report of the Committee on Publication of Conference Minutes, and on motion the report was received and ordered published in the Minutes and action postponed until the session of 1933.

**BOARD OF STEWARDS.**—E. P. Thomas presented the financial report of the Board of Stewards and it was adopted. He announced the gift of \$50 from the Minister's Wives Association of the Conference.

**CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT.**—G. P. Jones presented the report of the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund, and it was adopted.

**TREASURER.**—J. J. Bunting, Treasurer, presented his report, which was read by R. T. Thawley, and it was adopted, and on motion J. J. Bunting was reelected Conference Treasurer.

**STATISTICIAN.**—The Statistical Report was read by L. E. Windsor, Acting Statistician, and it was adopted. On motion of D. W. Jacobs, J. W. Wootten was reelected Statistician with appreciation of the work of L. E. Windsor as Acting Statistician.

**GOUCHER COLLEGE.**—The following were nominated from which Goucher College will elect one Trustee: Hon. John G. Townsend, J. W. Lattomus and R. P. Nichols.

**INTRODUCTION.**—Leonard Smith, President of the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, was introduced and given a seat on the platform.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE.**—V. S. Collins presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

RESOLVED, That the recent action concerning the Memorial Service of 1933 be and hereby is rescinded.

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Conference Program be and hereby is instructed to set aside Wednesday afternoon of the session for the Memorial Service, commencing at two o'clock, and that ten minutes be allowed for each memoir of departed brethren.

**GROUP INSURANCE.**—The following report of the Commission on Group Insurance was presented by M. S. Andrews and on his motion was adopted:

“The Commission on Group Insurance ordered by the Conference of 1930 reports as follows:

1. An insufficient number of applications were received, so that the Commission was unable to put the insurance in force.
2. The Commission has complied with the action of the Conference last year (see 1931 Journal, page 107), all payments on proposed premiums having been returned.
3. The Commission, according to Conference action last year, regards its work completed and begs to be discontinued.

**STATE OF CHURCH.**—L. E. Wimbrow read the report of the Standing Committee on State of the Church and Social Service, and it was adopted as amended.

**COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM.**—On motion of T. R. VanDyke the following were elected members of the Commission on Evangelism to serve for a term of three years: A. B. Frye, H. B. Kelso and J. R. Bicking.

**BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND STANDING COMMITTEES.**—Conference authorized the Cabinet to name the members of the various Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees and to print them in the Minutes.

**QUESTION 14.**—The Fourteenth Question, “Who have been left without appointment to attend one of our schools?” was taken up. The Bishop announced the names of H. G. Budd, Jr., R. E. Green and Oliver J. Friedel.

**THANKS.**—V. E. Hills read the report of the Committee on Thanks and it was adopted.

**EDIT MINUTES.**—On motion the Secretary was ordered to edit the Minutes and the Printed Journal was made the Official Journal of the Conference.

**JOURNAL.**—The Journal of the morning session was approved without reading.

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

**APPOINTMENTS READ.**—Appointments were read, a hymn sung, the Bishop pronounced the benediction and Conference adjourned.

*William F. McDowell*

President.

*J. R. Bicking*

Secretary.

## GENERAL CONFERENCE MEMORIALS.

### Memorial to General Conference of 1932 Meeting at Atlantic City, N. J.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

WHEREAS, The founders of American Methodism in establishing a constitutional government, provided for an episcopal form of supervision and expressed it in what is known as the Third Restrictive Rule, which reads: "The General Conference shall not change nor alter any part or rule of our government so as to do away with Episcopacy, nor to destroy the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency; but may elect a Missionary Bishop or Superintendent for any of our foreign Missions, limiting his Episcopal jurisdiction to the same respectively." Therefore,

RESOLVED, That we memorialize the General Conference to restore the general superintendency as provided and guaranteed in our constitution.

GEORGE A. COOKE.

### Memorials to the General Conference, Atlantic City, 1932, From the Indiana Annual Conference.

1. We request a change in chapter 10, paragraph 239, Duties of District Superintendents, by adding a section as follows:

24. To prepare, continue and pass on to his successor a list of all abandoned properties, annuities and other material holdings within the geographical bounds of his district.

2. We request the General Conference to authorize and appoint, from the Committee on Episcopacy, a committee of not more than fifteen, to continue throughout the Quadrennium; that this committee be empowered to consider and act upon all matters of emergency concerning episcopal administration, not otherwise provided for in the Discipline.

3. We request the adoption of the following:

That the General Conference shall appoint a commission of fifteen members the duty of which shall be to make all necessary plans for the entertainment of the Conference at its next session and any possible ad-interim session or sessions.

### Memorial From New York East Conference Concerning a Change of Name for the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals.

WHEREAS, The Preface to the Constitution of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals recites that the purpose of the Board is "In order to make more effectual the efforts of the Church to create a Christian public sentiment, which will relate the principles of the Gospel of Christ to the economic, political, industrial and social relations of life, and which will crystalize opposition to all public violations of the moral law, and all attempts to undermine or destroy established civil and religious liberties," and

WHEREAS, The present title of the Board, in view of the purpose of its constitution, as described in the above quoted Preface, is clearly a misnomer; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the New York East Conference, in regular session assembled, in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 9 to 13, 1931, respectfully memorialize the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at its regular session in the month of May, 1932, to change the title of the above mentioned Board to some title more nearly consonant with the expressed purpose of the Constitution of the Board as described in the Preface quoted above.

### Proposed Constitutional Amendments Originating in the Central Pennsylvania Conference and to be Voted Upon by the Annual and Lay Electoral Conferences Prior to the General Conference of 1932.

(Changes to be voted on printed in heavy type.)

#### No. 1.

Amend Par. 38, Sec. 2, by inserting between "Conference" and "four" in the (as in Discipline, 1928) sixth line the words **at least**, so that the section, as amended, shall read:

Sec. 2. The Ministerial Delegates shall be elected by ballot by the Members of the Annual Conference at its session immediately preceding the General Conference. Such Delegates shall be Elders, at least twenty-five years of age, and shall have been Members of an Annual Conference **at least** four successive years, and at the time of their election and at the time of the session of the General Conference shall be Members of the Annual Conference which elected them. An Annual Conference may elect Reserve Delegates, not exceeding three in number, and not exceeding the number of its Delegates.

#### No. 2.

Amend Par. 38, Sec. 2, by substituting for the sentence "An Annual Conference may elect Reserve Delegates, not exceeding three in number, and not exceeding the number of its Delegates," the following:



An Annual Conference may elect as many Reserve Delegates as it may determine, not exceeding the number of its Delegates.

so that the section, as amended, shall read:

Sec. 2. The Ministerial Delegates shall be elected by ballot by the Members of the Annual Conference at its session immediately preceding the General Conference. Such Delegates shall be Elders, at least twenty-five years of age, and shall have been Members of an Annual Conference four successive years, and at the time of their election and at the time of the session of the General Conference shall be Members of the Annual Conference which elected them. **An Annual Conference may elect as many Reserve Delegates as it may determine, not exceeding the number of its Delegates.**

#### No. 3.

Amend Par. 39, Sec. 4, by substituting for the sentence, "A Lay Electoral Conference may elect Reserve Delegates, not exceeding three in number, and not exceeding the number of its Delegates," the following:

**A Lay Electoral Conference may elect as many Reserve Delegates as it may determine, not exceeding the number of its Delegates.**

so that the section, as amended, shall read:

Sec. 4. Each Lay Electoral Conference shall be entitled to elect as many Delegates to the General Conference as there are Ministerial Delegates from the Annual Conference. **A Lay Electoral Conference may elect as many Reserve Delegates as it may determine, not exceeding the number of its Delegates.** These elections shall be by ballot.

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### REPORTS

#### (a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

##### COMBINED REPORT.

Bishop McDowell and Members of the Wilmington Annual Conference—

Dear Fathers and Brethren:

For the third time, we ask your indulgence while we present a combined report and at the same time request the privilege to have printed in the Conference Journal a separate report for each of the four Districts.

It is our purpose at this time to make some observations as to the results of the recommendations made by the Cabinet and adopted by this body at its last annual session, also to call your attention to some vital things, which if done, will we believe make lasting contributions to the work of building the Kingdom of righteousness in this conference and in the world.

Before entering into our report, we pause to pay respect and bring love's tribute to the memory of those of our co-workers who during the year have passed on to be with God.

##### Pastors.

Frank N. Faulkner, Died April 27, 1931 at Delmar, Delaware.  
Henry S. Dulaney, Die May 17, 1931 at Wilmington, Delaware.  
John H. Beauchamp, Died June 4, 1931 at Wilmington, Delaware.  
Wade H. Cummings, Died September 10, 1931 at Baltimore, Md.  
William W. Sharp, Died September 29, 1931 at Baltimore, Md.  
Edward H. Dashiell, Died November 1, 1931 at Delmar, Delaware.  
Louis P. Corkran, Died November 27, 1931 at Church Hill, Md.  
J. F. Anderson, Died January 21, 1932 at Wilmington, Del.

##### Widow.

Mrs. Edna J. Beauchamp, Died July 8, 1931 at Philadelphia, Pa.

##### Presidency of Bishop William F. McDowell.

During the past sixteen years the Wilmington Conference has been exceedingly fortunate in having as its resident Bishop, William F. McDowell, scholar, author, diplomat, Christian gentleman.

Being a continuing student his search for knowledge throughout his life has kept him abreast the changing currents of intellectual thought.

He knows what the best minds are thinking on the important subjects of our day, and from that storehouse of ripe, rich scholarship, confident faith in the eternal God and his salvation through Jesus Christ and extensive travel have come those writings which inspire the soul, enlighten the mind and hasten the coming of true brotherhood. One needs but read, "This Mind," "Making a Personal Faith," "Good Ministers of Jesus Christ," and others of his writings to appreciate the breadth of his sympathies, the depths of his knowledge, and the yearning of his heart.

He has lived in Washington during the period when so-called Christian nations were slaughtering each other on land and sea—when hate reigned in the councils of men, as well as during the post-war years of peace—peace by diplomacy, preparation for war by increasing armaments. Always ready and willing, upon invitation, to counsel with the officials of state, his wise judgment has created for him a place of very high confidence in the councils of each chief magistrate of this country during these past sixteen years.

Did you read carefully that letter you received from him dated Dec. 15, 1931? We are sure many of our pastors read it and reread it and then laid it on their desk to read again and that you cherish it as you would a letter from some loved one. In that letter was the heart of a father pouring itself out in love and confidence and Christian concern for his children. None but this one who has on all occasions held before us the Christ as he has led us for sixteen years, during which time he has presided over our annual deliberations eleven times, and has come to know us so intimately, could have called us in so tenderly and fatherly a way to greater consecration to our Lord and his Church during the new year. According to the law of the Church he will take the Retired Relation at the next General Conference to be held in Atlantic City in May. It is our sincere hope that he will make his home within the bounds of the Washington Area and that we will continue to have his genial presence among us and his inspiring messages to challenge the people of our churches for many years to come.

#### Christian Education.

The need of thorough instruction of our youth in Scriptural truths and the life and teachings of Christ in particular in order that they may assist in building Christian character is not a recent conception of our church leaders.

In the Episcopal Address to the General Conference of 1844 our Chief Pastors said:

"Sunday School instruction may justly be regarded as one of the most effectual auxiliaries which we can employ for the prevention of the destructive influence of error by preoccupying the infant mind with the germs of Scriptural truth. Although it is a matter of rejoicing that a great amount of good has been accomplished by this service, it is believed that much more might be done with a system

better adapted to the capacities of the subjects of instruction, and with books suitable to different classes in the several stages of improvement."

From that day to the present our leaders have assiduously labored to prepare for us materials adapted to the capacities of the subjects of instruction, and our pastors and church school leaders have graded and departmentalized our tens of thousands of youth in order to afford the best helps and greatest facility in accomplishing the desired results.

As a Church we soon began to discover our present teaching personnel must be more efficiently trained and augmented by a great company of trained and consecrated teachers prepared to continue the difficult and important task of the intensive training of our youth.

Our Conference leaders soon caught the vision of trained teachers training youth for Christian service, and in the report of the Conference Board of Sunday Schools to the 1922 Conference session one of the recommendations reads: "That a worker be assigned to develop the field and lead the forces of the Sunday Schools of the Conference territory. This leader, it is the opinion of the Board, should be a man thoroughly equipped by special training for the work, and with qualities of unquestioned leadership." Being requested by the Conference to speak on this subject, our presiding bishop at that Conference, who was none other than our own Bishop W. F. McDowell who presides over us today, addressed the Conference on the Church's unparalleled opportunity and very grave responsibility for the instruction of its youth in Christian character building, after which address the Conference adopted the recommendation.

With very great interest Bishop McDowell has followed the progress of our program of Christian education through these years. Listen to his words written recently: "I have been very much interested in the work of Christian Education in the Wilmington Conference, and I am writing now to reaffirm my interest in and devotion to it. I wish there were some way by which the whole church in the Conference could see the tremendous meaning and significance of making the mind of Christ in the mind of the church and the world. And I wish also it were possible to make people see that this is not a thing that can be done in a single year. Certain kinds of Christian work can be done quickly but this is not one of them."

Since the appointment of our first Director of Religious Education in August, 1922, to the present time an intensive cultivation in this field has been in progress and has received the support of Conference officials, pastors and church school superintendents, and we need only to refer to the annual reports of our Board of Education and Conference Directors to note the work accomplished and the progress made during these years.

However, there is one phase of our program to which must be given more serious consideration, and that is the instruction of adults. "There is nothing more pathetic than a few teachers trying to educate children in the standards and ideals which the adults reject in their daily living,"

writes one keen observer of our program of Christian Education. He continues:

"Young men and young women soon abandon as impracticable the idealism of the church school teachers when faced with the program of adjusting themselves to a pagan world supported by the adult church. If the kingdom of God is to be built on the earth, the adults must do it, and their education for this task is absolutely fundamental." Brethren, these words bring us as pastors face to face with our responsibility as well as our opportunity as christian ministers, called of God to instruct our people in the way of holy living.

A careful perusal of the Christian Education Bulletin issued quarterly from the office of our Conference Director, Mr. James H. Bishop, shows the aims, activities and responsibilities of our Director and his staff workers, and is replete with suggestions for use of church school teachers and other leaders of youth. It is a compendium of very useful information and suggestions which should be placed in the hands of every leader of youth. If every pastor would read that bulletin each quarter he would have a much better understanding of the task of our Director and the opportunity the Church affords him as pastor to lead his local group in the field of Christian Education.

For the details of the progress of the program of Christian Education in our Conference this conference year we respectfully refer you to the reports of our Board of Education and Conference Director.

#### Graduate Courses of Study.

Dr. Allen MacRossie, Executive Secretary of the Commission on Courses of Study says:

"Some ministers remember when they were students. Others never forget that they are students. Student days to them are all the days of their life. Their work demands continuous study, and they continue at their books until the Judgment Book is opened. Otherwise, they know they will be dead before they die."

Not many ministers have the money and are free from family responsibilities so they may avail themselves of the disciplinary provision of a sabbatical year taken regularly for purposes of special study.

Only a few of our ministers are located so they may have the opportunity to matriculate at college or university for special study.

Most commendable, therefore, is the work of the Commission in selecting so admirable a list of subjects; such as, "The Person and Work of Jesus Christ", "The Holy Spirit in Christian Life and Thought", "The Meaning of God", "Modern Thought in its Bearing on Religion", and seven other equally interesting and thought provoking subjects, and so competent a faculty, and offering these courses to all our ministers at such a nominal cost.

We recommend to our pastors that they continue to be numbered among the ranks of the continuing students by enrolling and completing at least one of these courses a year.

#### The Church and Economic Conditions.

We are meeting in the third year of an unparalleled, world-wide economic depression. In many respects the year has been the most depressing in our experience. We came through the year 1930-31 fairly well. We did not feel the full force of the financial collapse. But during the year just closing we have shared, in full measure, the common distress. In our industrial centers unemployment reached the peak and many thousands of our working population have had nothing to do for many months, save the occasional job provided by public charity. All classes have been affected. The white-collared and the shirt-sleeved; the highly trained and the ordinary laborer have suffered alike. And the measure of that suffering only those who have passed through it or been close to it can appreciate. Those who have had work have been compelled to accept reductions in wages and in addition contribute to Unemployment Relief Funds and Community Chests. They have done this gladly but in many instances these contributions have forced incomes below the margin of self-support. The campaign against hoarding has little significance for the great majority of Methodists. Rigid economy has, perforce, been the order of the day.

Not less harassing has been the situation in the rural sections. Contrary to the preceding year when the terrible drought burned up the fields and prevented the making of crops, this year Nature was in a prolific mood. As if in remorse for her miserliness in the year of the great drought, Nature turned over her Cornucopia and poured out all crops in lavish abundance. But there was no market. It was not that the people did not want and need the crops that the farmers produced. They had no money with which to buy. As President Butler remarked: "Our problem is not one of over-production, but of under-consumption". With millions of our citizens on the verge of starvation, and other millions undernourished to the danger point, prices were so depressed that the growers could not gather their crops, save at a loss, and left them to rot in the fields. As a result there was mal-nutrition for many in the cities and bankruptcy for many of the farmers.

The case has not been otherwise in the water sections which form so large a portion of our Conference territory. The year has been one of continuous disaster. An unprofitable fishing season in the Spring was followed by equally unprofitable crabbing and oyster seasons. Again it must be said that Nature was provident. God did his part. But again distribution broke down and the catches of fish, crabs and oysters could not be profitably marketed. Packers operated at a loss and the waterman could eke out only the barest livelihood.

Notwithstanding all of this our people carried on bravely and sacrificially. When the World Service books were closed on Nov. 3rd the decrease in receipts throughout the Church, when compared with the preceding twelve months was 16.53%; in the Washington Area the decrease



was 12.55%; while in the Wilmington Conference it was only 6%. Since that date, however, the cumulative effect of the financial stringency has been keenly felt. Money became more scarce. Bank after bank to a total of 13 on the Peninsula closed their doors, tying up church funds in many instances and wiping out the hard earned savings of many of our people. To cap the climax on the first Sunday in March the most terrific storm in its history swept over the lower part of the Peninsula. Beginning as a North-East gale of marked intensity, about three o'clock in the afternoon, in the twinkling of an eye, it swept around and blew from the South-West with hurricane force. The tide rose so rapidly that in 15 minutes it was running breast high over many of our Islands, and Deals, Smiths, Tangier, Hoopers were threatened with complete inundation, while many parts of the main land, particularly Crisfield, Onancock, Nanticoke, and the Rock Creek sections were badly flooded. Hundreds of canoes were destroyed, large boats were carried far up on the shore, particularly Crisfield where many at this writing are lying more than a quarter of a mile from the harbor. Crab houses were blown down and crab floats reduced to kindling wood. Fishing nets put out for the Spring fishing were torn beyond repair. At most the points affected ours is the leading church. In many the only church. Coming at a time when our loyal people were girding themselves for one last effort to overcome the deficiencies of the year and make as creditable a showing as possible this unprecedented storm dealt a severe blow to our work. We do not know what the final record will be. It seems inevitable that all our Benevolences will suffer severely. Ministerial Support in more Charges than usual and to a larger extent than for many years will be deficient.

We have, however, been greatly heartened by the fine spirit shown by most of the people in most of the Charges. There have been those who have taken advantage of the depression to slash the church budget, in some instances ruthlessly and without sufficient justification, at least, as to the extent of the cut. But these are exceptional cases. We have seen men stand up in Quarterly Conferences and confess their inability to carry on at present standards, and do it with quivering lip and tear-wet cheeks. We have heard men with a great venture of faith and courage say, "We love our Church; we believe in her. We have had a hard year. We do not know how we are coming out. But we are not going to imperil the future of the Church because of any temporary loss we have sustained. We will carry on." The pastors have not lagged behind in this matter. They have shared in the misfortunes of their people. They have contributed far beyond their ability to the various Causes in the Church. They have carried on with high courage and devotion in the face of appalling difficulties. The full story of the heroic, sacrificial spirit manifested by pastors and people is known and fully appreciated only by the great Head of the Church, who Himself was made perfect by the things that He suffered. But we ourselves have observed most of our people standing up under the misfortunes of the day with amazing fortitude and courage. "The

panic without has not produced a panic within. They are proving themselves possessors of treasures which no depression can corrupt, and no hard times can take away."

But we are not willing to confine our discussion of the economic disaster which has us all in its grip to a mere review of the effect which these adverse conditions are having upon the finances and the program of the Church. The Church, not the Methodist Episcopal Church only, but the Christian Church as a whole has a deeper stake in this situation than the financial losses it may sustain. What are underlying causes of this terrible collapse of our industrial order? Has the Church any responsibility for seeking for and discovering, if possible, the causes and the remedy for these disastrous conditions? What is the function of the Church in this hour of depression? Can the Church seek to save her own life when the social and economic order is sick nigh unto death? What is the Church's responsibility in this crisis?

This is a testing time for the Church of Jesus Christ. It must, of course, do what it can to afford immediate relief to men in their physical extremity. And we believe that the Church, as an organization and through the individuals who make up her membership, is doing effective service at this point. More than that the Church must undergird men with the fundamental virtues of fortitude, faith, hope if they are to stand up under the terrific strain of the hour, and through her ministrations restore badly shattered spiritual morale. Beaten and battered by the storms men must hear the voice of the Church speaking in the name of her Lord and saying "Be not afraid; My peace I give unto you; neither death nor life, angels or principalities, height nor depths, things present nor things to come can separate you from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus your Lord". But the Church cannot confine herself to taking her full share in the urgent task of relieving the physical and spiritual distress of the present. She must deal with the major problem of so Christianizing the social and economic order that a recurrence of these conditions will be impossible. There is general agreement that the present order is fundamentally Unchristian. Never was there so much wealth, so much money in the banks, so much food stuffs in warehouses, so much of material treasures and yet there are millions who are hungry; insufficiently clothed and sheltered and are enduring the physical, mental and moral havoc of forced unemployment. And this utterly anti-Christian condition is rooted in a selfish and materialistic civilization. Corporations accumulate a surplus in prosperous times to insure against the depression of their physical properties and to insure the payment of dividends. Should not the same concern be shown for the workingman so as to protect him against enforced idleness? If the development of the machine has rendered unnecessary the labor of millions of workmen, is capital alone to receive the benefits that accrue therefrom, while labor is further depressed. We believe that the acceptance of the Christian principles of unselfishness and brotherly love, and nothing else, can solve these vital problems which have in them enough dynamite to violently destroy our entire civilization,



with what of good it contains as well as the evil. The Church must unflinchingly proclaim these principles and struggle for their enthronement. We quote from the report of the recent Washington Conference of Catholics, Protestants and Jews; We affirm our belief in the necessity of a more equitable distribution of wealth and income—we, particularly deplore indiscriminate wage cuts as socially unjust and tending to intensify bitterness and industrial unrest and still further to lower the purchasing power of the masses. "Unemployment is so devastating in its physical, mental and moral consequences that the present conditions constitute in our mind a national and international emergency which calls for courageous social action and the adoption of heroic measures adequate to the gravity of the situation." The Church has the message. May she have the courage and the spirit to apply that message to the end that a truly Christian civilization may be built up and the kingdoms of this world become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.

#### Denominational Comity.

In 1905 a delegation representing two Charges in the Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference, Claremont and Phoebus, attended the sessions of the Wilmington Conference at Grace Church, Wilmington and requested that these two Charges be added to our Conference. This request was complied with, the arrangements for the transfer were completed during the following year and Claremont and Phoebus became members of the Wilmington Conference. During the World War thousands of soldiers and sailors were encamped at Phoebus and vicinity for training and subsequent transportation to various fields of the great conflict. A marvelous religious ministry was carried on in the interests of these boys through our church under the leadership of Rev. W. O. Hurst, whose herculean labors led to his lamentable and untimely death. Out of this ministry has grown one of the strongest churches in our Conference. We have a right to be proud of this important Society at this most strategic point.

On the other hand the church at Claremont has steadily declined in membership and financial ability to the point where it was no longer self-supporting. Remote from any other Methodist Episcopal Church the only solution to the problem seemed to be to turn it over to some other Denomination represented in the neighborhood. Several times negotiations were entered into with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South but for various reasons were unsuccessful. While the present Superintendent of the Salisbury District was in correspondence with the authorities of the Southern Church advances were made to him by the representatives of the Methodist Protestant Church which had several churches in the immediate vicinity and were willing to make certain exchanges of members and properties in other parts of our territory in order that they might secure Claremont and strengthen their work at that point. Your Cabinet held a number of conferences with the representative of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, Dr. Leonard B. Smith, the

President and Dr. W. H. Litsinger at that time Superintendent of Church Extension and now pastor of Bethesda Church at Salisbury. These negotiations had proceeded far enough last year to submit the results to the last session of the Wilmington Conference. The Conference voted its approval and instructed the Superintendents to complete the negotiations. We are glad to report that the project has been consummated. Claremont has been transferred to the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church and is being served by them. This move had the unanimous approval of the officials and members of the Claremont Church. In return the Methodist Protestants have withdrawn from the following places in our territory—Chincoteague, Quantico, Crumpton, and Felton. The properties at these points have been or are in process of being transferred to the Wilmington Conference while our pastors at the points affected are patiently and lovingly trying to win these former Methodist Protestants to membership in our Church. These arrangements have not been accomplished without friction at some points. There were those who loved their own particular Methodism best and it was a wrench to leave it for another fellowship. We welcome them and believe that they will soon see the wisdom of what has been done and enter warmly and wholeheartedly into the new relationship.

We wish to record our sincere appreciation of the fine spirit manifested by our Methodist Protestant brethren in these negotiations. All our discussions were carried on in a most brotherly and Christian manner and it is in our minds to continue such adjustments wherever in our mutual judgment it will serve the interests of the Kingdom.

We also wish to put ourselves on record as gladly welcoming any advances that might be made to us from our brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and fervently pray for the hastening of the day when these three Methodist bodies will become one great Methodist Church.

#### Methodist Men's Movement.

From the beginning of Methodist History persistent efforts have been made to harness the man-power of the church to its task; a variety of different clubs and brotherhoods have been tried out with different degrees of success.

The Brotherhood movement was organized in 1894 under the name Brotherhood of St. Paul, about this time the Wesley brotherhood was formed and thirteen years later the two movements united under the name—Methodist Brotherhood the plan to make this the official men's movement for all Methodists and it has remained such down to the present time.

The General Conference of 1916 committed the leadership of this movement to the Adult Department of the Board of Sunday Schools and twelve years later the movement was put under the direction of "A Men's Work Commission" consisting of fifteen members of the Board of Education and fifteen other men chosen at large throughout the church. The personnel of this commission is twenty-three laymen and seven ministers.

It is a church wide movement for the enlistment of every age group of men, carrying the name—BROTHERHOOD, encouraging the combination and cooperation of all agencies having to do with men's work into an effective organization whose purpose is to wage a vigorous campaign to enlist its manhood with a service motive.

Its plan of organization can be adapted to churches of all sizes or types, the program of activity expanded, reduced or modified to meet the needs of the individual church and community.

The Methodist Men's movement does not disturb existing organizations that are producing results in harnessing the man power of the church to the work of Kingdom building, but it seeks to unite all groups in the local church touching the life and activity of men.

It has been given special emphasis throughout the Conference this year and a cultivation program put on having for its purpose the development of men's organizations.

We would suggest as a Conference Goal "The men of every Church organized for Definite Christian Service."

We believe in this organization the field is sufficiently broad to utilize the talents of every man in every community and its activities sufficiently appealing to furnish the inspiration for every good work.

#### Temperance.

With the adoption of National Prohibition many people thought the battle was over, the victory won, and we would have no more trouble with intoxicating liquors, but there always are those who because of a keen appetite they have not been able to control, or because of pecuniary ambitions which are greater than their sense, either of patriotism or moral responsibility, are forever agitating with the hope that there will be a modification or repeal of the 18th. Amendment.

They have resorted to every conceivable scheme of befogging propaganda of which the following is typical. The 18th. Amendment is not, and never has been the will of the American People; that it was adopted without being put to popular vote and was slipped over on us while 2,000,000 of our young men were over seas; that it is a violation of states rights, and personal liberty; that it increases lawlessness, and has put the boot-legger in power; that it has increased drunkenness among all classes, and has corrupted and debauched our young people; that it has increased our taxes, and is the primary cause of our unemployment situation today.

Every one of the above propositions is false, and has been proven so over and over again.

The Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of our church in its "Clip Sheet" turns the search light on the liquor traffic prior to the passage of the 18th. Amendment, and reminds of the fact that it has always been an outlaw.

In 1896 The Pittsburg Leader quotes Mr. E. P. Hessen manager of the Keystone Detective Agency as saying "If any man denies that speak-

easies exist in large numbers in Pittsburg, I will guarantee to take him into ten such places in any one ward which he may name out of fifteen wards which I will select. The same paper under date of Jan. 31st. 1898 quotes J. Flanning O'Riley, Editor of the Liquor Trade Review, as saying, "The evils of adulteration, imitation, and counterfeiting of labels, are among the worst curses of the liquor business". He continued to say, that 90% of the so called imported goods sold in this country are spurious, and that 75% of the so-called Pennsylvania, and Kentucky, whiskey never saw those states, and is nothing but colored cologne spirits, touched up with prune juice, burnt sugar, beading oil, and other stuff of that kind with a very small percentage of the genuine article. A search of the files of the Wilmington newspapers, the results of which were published through the office of former Prohibition Administrator, Harold D. Wilson revealed the following interesting facts. Dec. 26th, 1903 Wilmington streets were overrun with intoxicated men on Christmas Eve. The police had their hands full in taking care of them, and only aggravated cases were arrested. The intoxicated men started in last Thursday night and kept it up without abatement. The Police Station was like Bedlam. Among those arrested were two twelve year old boys. March 27th. 1909 The Journal reported Deputy Attorney General Harrington, now Judge Harrington of Kent Co. as asking for an appropriation of \$2500.00 to close the forty speak-easies in Milford.

Space will not permit a continuation of these extracts, but they may be duplicated in nearly every city and town in our country.

We rejoice that the Protestant Churches of our country stand firmly against the liquor traffic. The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church held in Pittsburg in 1931 adopted the following resolution. "In line with our unbroken tradition as a church, the 143rd. General Assembly voices its undiminished opposition to the beverage traffic in intoxicating beverages whether legalized or illicit. It placed itself unequivocally on record in support of the 18th. Amendment". The Southern Baptist Convention went on record as saying. "We declare our intention and purpose not to support for President of the United States, or Senate, or Representative or Governor, or other officer of high responsibility, any candidate who is hostile to, or does not openly and frankly support our present prohibition laws. The Methodist Episcopal Church South, at its General Conference in 1930, resolved that they firmly set their faces against any recession from the constitutional outlawry of the liquor traffic. Our last General Conference issued the following statement. "Prohibition is the fixed policy of the United States of America. We will not countenance anarchy under a banner of personal liberty, and social license; we will not cease to speak by tongue, and pen, and vote; we will not turn back; we have enlisted for the duration of the conflict which will end only in the complete extermination of the beverage alcohol habit and traffic."

### The Methodist Episcopal Hospital.

The Methodist Episcopal Hospital located at Broad and Wolf Sts., Philadelphia, Pa., is a credit to the Methodists of the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and New Jersey Conferences, and a benefactor to multitudes of sufferers who have found healing and comfort within its walls.

The Hospital is valued at more than \$2,000,000, and occupies one whole block of five acres. It is equipped with 305 beds, has an efficiently manned \$30,000, X-Ray Department, a new operating suite with a vita glass room. It has a state rating of grade A, with a staff of surgeons, medical men, and nurses of national reputation, and a Christian atmosphere pervades the entire institution.

For many years the ministers and laity of our Conference have received the most cordial treatment in this institution. To ministers and their families there is no charge made for the best surgeons and doctors on their staff, and X-Ray treatment, and all rooms may be had for half price, and to all others most amicable concessions are made.

To persons from within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference in 1931 treatment was given 44 days in private rooms where the patient paid the full fare rate, 75 days treatment was given to patients in semi private rooms where they paid about one half of the actual cost, 182 days treatment was given to patients who paid from one to three dollars per day, and 761 days treatment was given to free patients.

Many of our ministers and members of their families have received the touch of healing in this institution, and with renewed vigor have gone back to their work, while multitudes of our laity have been similarly blessed.

We feel that our giving to this "House of Mercy" has never been commensurate with what we have received. Donations of fruit and vegetables are always acceptable, and very useful, but we could recommend that an offering be taken, each year, in every church in our Conference to help support and maintain the splendid work they are doing.

### Pastoral Support.

The abnormal financial condition of the country has seriously affected the finances of the churches. They have worked and sacrificed to meet their local expenses, benevolent budget and pastoral support, some have succeeded and even increased their giving, others due to industrial conditions and the failure of banks in which funds were deposited, will report a decrease. At this point we cannot refrain from expressing our appreciation of the attitude of many of our people toward the claims of the church. During the depression, all over the conference in our Quarterly Conferences we have met men whose income from their business had greatly decreased, men whose salaries had been cut and men who had not worked for many weeks, we have seen these same men vote to maintain the present pastoral support with the whole budget of the church.

The question of pastoral support at this time is tremendously vital because it has to do with, not only the disabled, aged or retired minister but also with those in the effective ranks.

In some places we find an undercurrent running in the direction of reducing salaries since prices have in some instances taken slight drops and based upon the argument that in this period of re-adjustment all incomes are being reduced as a matter of sheer necessity.

It must be remembered that pastoral support has never advanced commensurate with the advances made for service rendered in every other profession; that during the period of larger salaries and rising income in every field of endeavor the pastor continued at an inadequate salary.

When the true history of pastoral labors during the years of plenty shall have been written it will record the fact that in many instances he was, if not the largest, among the largest contributors, to the local budget; he not only gave his tithe but went far beyond it because of his desire to see the work of the kingdom advance in his church and in the world.

Fifty-five charges within the conference paid twelve hundred dollars and less to their pastor last year.

The sacred right to a comfortable living adheres in Gospel ministry, a poorly paid ministry compels needless and painful sacrifice, fosters pastoral unrest and inefficiency and is a serious detriment to the work of Kingdom building.

The people expect the pastor to own and keep up an automobile, to educate his children, himself and family—to dress neatly and appropriately, to pay his bills when due, to meet all the social requirements of his office in the church and community and finally to take a big share in every financial undertaking of whatsoever character—all this must be done whether the church pays promptly, irregularly or fails to pay in full.

How men and women who love God and his church in the face of the facts as they are today can think of voting to reduce pastoral support is beyond our comprehension.

It is true that in recent years there have been advances in salaries but these advances have for the most part been confined to the larger church. The larger salaries have become larger while the smaller and middle class appointments have only advanced a little.

There are men among us, good men, faithful and capable, some of them College bred men, who have spent years and much money in preparing themselves for the ministry, who this year are under the necessity of borrowing money upon which to live or else entering the debtor class. Some of these men have served as substitute teachers in Public Schools, others as salesman, and others different forms of labor. There is no dishonor in secular employment, but no man can be at this and be his best in the ministry if he must be constantly harrassed by the Ghost of debt, burdened by the problems of how to feed and clothe his family, maintain his social standing in the life of the community and meet the financial demands his office imposes.



If the ambassadors of Jesus Christ are placed in a position so embarrassing, what think ye will be the standing of his cause and its appeal to a fair thinking, square dealing business world? Will real men be attracted to such a cause?

We must insist that unless the churches are willing to deal squarely with their ministers and give them a reasonable support we shall be confronted with the impossible task of properly manning the work.

We believe the Methodists of this Conference will see to it that there shall be no serious retreat at this point; that they will declare their love for and faith in the men who shall be sent to lead them in holy things by giving the necessary support to make their leadership the most effective.

#### Evangelism.

The shadow of the cross had fallen athwart their lives, but the empty tomb and the resurrected Christ were a challenge to sacrificial service.

That parting commission: "Go ye and teach all nations", spoken by their Saviour, sent those evangels of the early church to minister to a sin-cursed world and to die for their faith in their Lord.

His life and death and resurrection and his personal command to us to minister in His name challenge and send us forth with a similar purpose and passion.

Among the forces of Protestantism, Methodism has proven itself a fervent evangelistic agency. Our flaming itinerants accompanied the early settlers across the frontier plains of our country and planted the cross as the emblem of the Saviour's love in hamlets, homes and hearts.

City after city in our land has lifted its buildings of commerce and industry above its sordid streets, but in the sky line is seen the spires of the Christian church, many of them Methodists, emblematic of the practice of Christian faith and love in the relations of man with man.

Prominent men of our land, among them former Presidents of the United States, have spoken words of appreciation of the beneficial effect of Methodism's passion for the souls of men and dependability in times of national stress and strain. We have been an acknowledged Christian force in the life of the nation and the world.

The Gospel of Christ which our forefathers preached with such fervor and acceptability was never more needed than it is today. The world is full of unrest. Fear, unemployment, poverty, sickness, crime, hatred, greed, war, are hideous horsemen traveling the highways of the nations of the earth. The old economic and social structures are weakening, and in some places breaking under the strain—the moral supports are showing signs of collapsing. If our nation does not soon seriously realize the utter futility of depending primarily on armies and navies, bank accounts and bonds, to perpetuate peaceful international relations and assure Christian living historians in the not distant future will chronicle the sad fate of the land of the free and the home of the brave.

The solution of our present crisis is not financial rehabilitation alone. We rode to our present economic and moral crisis over highways of prosperity in company with the gods of materialism. Neither is it a new philosophy of life which disregards the fundamental doctrines of our Christian faith.

The remedy is found in the Church's distinctive message to man: "Be ye reconciled to God". And, brethren of the Christian ministry, we who are called of God to the sacred task of preaching His glorious gospel of redemption to a world cursed by sin, this is our message for the world. May we brood over His word until the flame of concentration turns to white heat, and then go to our pulpits with our souls afire with a sacrificial love for all mankind, and call sinners to repentance and lead a weary world to the foot of the cross.

Ralph Waldo Emerson never spoke a truer word than when he said:

"Thou must be true thyself  
If thou the truth wouldst teach;  
Thy soul must overflow  
If thou another soul wouldst reach;  
It needs the overflowing heart  
To give the life full speech."

The following is a brief statement from each Superintendent regarding the program of evangelism on his district.

The Dover District has majored during the Conference year in evangelism. Every pastor, after careful and prayerful consideration, has waged a vigorous campaign for the salvation of the unsaved, and many of them have been rewarded with a gracious ingathering of souls, and the spiritual life of the Church greatly enriched.

Realizing how difficult it is to get the Church interested in a revival, and how difficult it is to win young people back to the Church after they have been tainted with sin, a concerted effort has been made to organize the baptized children into classes for special instruction and consecration of their lives to Christ, and this effort culminated at Easter in a splendid ingathering of the lambs into the fold of God.

In each of the six groups of churches on the Middletown District evangelistic services have been held.

When the mass movement plan has been followed the several pastors with their congregations have joined at a central church within the group for one week of intensive effort, a different minister preaching each night with a direct and definite appeal to the unsaved. The pastor of that particular church continues the meeting another week either preaching himself or asking pastors not in that group to assist him. The other pastors of the group begin at another church or churches using the same method.

In some groups, in connection with the mass movement, the method of visitation evangelism has been used and every home visited by ministers and lay workers. In both types of evangelistic effort the churches have



been stirred, souls saved and many have joined the church. Not a single meeting has been held without conversions and accessions to the church. The reports to the Superintendent show from five to forty accessions in every church where the efforts have been made. Every church on the district has been touched by the influence of the meetings and we expect a large ingathering to be reported. The method has been a great blessing to the churches of the district.

Every church or charge will observe Passion Week with appropriate services each night.

The Evangelistic program on Salisbury district has had the right of way at every point on the District. There has been a definite tendency to break away from the old idea of a "periodic revival" at some time in the Fall or Winter, with the consequent ignoring of this supreme activity of the Church during the rest of the year. There has been scarcely a period during the year when some definite effort has not been under way at some point on the District. Even several of the camp-meetings were accompanied by old fashioned revivals. This was notably true at Smith's Island where over 100 were converted, and the revival fires continued burning throughout the year resulting in over 150 conversions. A meeting conducted by Dr. G. W. Cooke at Deal's Island resulted in about 100 conversions. And again the work continued in a remarkable way, with a total number of conversions and reclamation of 256. These meetings were held in the Summer and early Fall. The Group Evangelistic Program was again carried out in four or five groups on the District. These meetings were splendidly attended, the preaching was of a very high order and the spirit of the members of the co-operating churches all that could be desired. Conversions were few but the pastors went into the revival effort in their own charges with an enthusiasm and zeal they might not have had but for the group meetings, and as a result a number of noteworthy revivals broke out on the District. Details will be found in the separate report of the Superintendent.

A great majority of the charges have planned special evangelistic meetings leading up to Easter. Some took the whole month of March, others the last two weeks of the month, but there is a commendable determination to take full advantage of this most fruitful season for winning folks to Christ. Another wholesome development is the increased number of Pastors who are using the Preparatory Membership training class for children. Several of our most efficient and consecrated Pastors are finding this a most profitable and delightful field in which to toil. The indications are that the number of conversions and reclamations on the District will exceed the gratifying total of last year.

On the Wilmington District many of the rural churches began their evangelistic efforts after the series of group meetings the week of October 12th, at which group meetings the missionary and evangelistic responsibilities of the church were discussed. While the numerical result of the rural churches' revival efforts was not large, in many places there was a noticeable increase in interest on the part of the people of the community

in the services. Christians were more firmly established in the faith and the unconverted called to repentance.

The churches in and near the city of Wilmington began their intensive evangelistic program January 6th, and concluded same last Sunday, Easter. This period was divided into four parts; namely, (1) the period of the Friendly Canvass; (2) the period of Public Evangelism; (3) the period of Visitation Evangelism; (4) the period of the Spiritual Crusade in the Local Church.

During the period of Public Evangelism Bishop Adna W. Leonard conducted a Preaching Mission in Grace M. E. Church, Wilmington. This was pronounced by many to be the greatest public meeting of an evangelistic nature ever held by Methodism in that city. The attendance overflowed the spacious auditorium night after night, making necessary the installation of amplifiers in adjoining rooms. The conduct of the public services, the appropriateness and rendition of the music by the combined choirs, the clear and forceful presentation of the gospel truth by Bishop Leonard were so appealing that many were moved to a renewed consecration and others were called to repentance from sin.

Following the Preaching Mission the churches engaged in their local evangelistic appeal and a number of them were blessed with gracious revivals. At the time of writing this report Claymont and Hockessin lead the district in numerical results.

The Superintendent has urged the conservation of the life of our youth, and an increasing number of churches on the district are conducting Decision Day services in their church schools, after which they are placing the youth in classes for instruction as preparatory members. Not including the results of Decision Day services conducted on Palm Sunday and Easter, the reports received up to the time of writing this report show 579 youth enrolled as preparatory members. Later reports should bring the total to at least 1,000.

Evangelism! The challenging task of the Church. Good ministers of Jesus Christ, we who are called of God to proclaim the gospel of good news and minister in his stead to fearful and sorrowing and broken hearted and sin sick humanity, may the sincere prayer of our souls be,

"Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love,  
And do what thou wouldst do".

#### Conclusion.

The year has been a busy one. The Association of the preachers and their families has been a constant joy and benediction. Words fail us to adequately express our appreciation of the fine company of devoted men and women in the laity whose fellowship has greatly enriched our lives.

Bishop McDowell has been the embodiment of kindness and courtesy; he has never been too busy to council with us in the minor as well as the major problems confronting us. He has a great place in our hearts and in the hearts of the Methodists of this Peninsula.

With gratitude to him, whose we are, and whom we serve we submit this Annual report.

May our labors have so pleased him as to merit his—"Workmen of God well done".

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#### DOVER DISTRICT.

W. E. HABBART, District Superintendent.

As we come to record our activities for another year on the Dover District, we desire, first, to express profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His great goodness in protecting us from accident, and serious affliction, and thus has enabled us to perform the duties that have devolved upon us as we have tried to carry on His work in this part of His vineyard. I desire also to express my appreciation to the loyal ministers, and their faithful wives, whose wonderful co-operation has made possible the fine things that have been done this year.

Only once during the year has the Grim Harvester Death entered our ranks. Rev. Wade H. Cummings, who because of serious illness, was obliged to retire at our last session of Conference, passed quietly out to be with his Lord on Sept. 10th, 1931.

Beckwith & Speddens (G. E. Wood, pastor). No report.

Bethel (J. R. Jester, pastor). 22 Conversions. 22 Accessions. World Service and all other benevolences in advance of last year. Sunday School and Epworth League making rapid progress. \$200.00 paid on old indebtedness. \$620.00 raised by Ladies Aid.

Blades & Epworth (James O'Neil, pastor). 15 Accessions to the church. World Service and all other interests of the church represented. Sunday Schools and Epworth League improved. \$500.00 raised by Ladies Aid.

Bridgeville (J. P. Outten, pastor). Conversions 26. Accessions 59. The World Service and all other benevolences were represented.

Cambridge (W. G. Harris, pastor). 64 in probationers class. Junior Church organized with 54 members. Epworth League doing good work with an average attendance at the Sunday evening devotional meeting of 160. Daily Vacation Church School with an enrollment of 152, paid its own way, and gave \$20.00 to World Service. Congregations increasing.

Sunday School doing fine work. World Service and all other benevolences equal to last year. \$900.00 raised for improvements. \$1000.00 paid on old indebtedness.

Camden (D. J. Givan, pastor). 10 Accessions. World Service and all other benevolences equal to last year. Sunday School in vigorous condition. Epworth and Junior Leagues doing fine work. Large congregations greet the pastor at every service. The Ladies Aid raised \$500.00.

Canterbury (E. C. Crockett, pastor). 1 Conversion. 1 Accession. World Service and all other benevolences were faithfully represented, but as Brother Crockett has been here but a few months he has not had a fair chance to see what he could do.

Church Creek (R. L. Kirby, pastor). Conversions 12. Accessions 12. This charge has suffered severely because of the depression. The Ladies Aid raised \$150.00.

Crapo. No report.

St. Pauls, Dover (A. L. White, pastor). Conversions 8. Accessions 8. World Service in advance of last year. Sunday School making steady growth. \$485.00 raised by the Ladies Aid.

Wesley, Dover (M. S. Andrews, pastor). 13 Accessions to the Church. Sunday School has made phenomenal growth. World Service and other benevolences in advance of last year. \$475.00 paid on old indebtedness. Ladies Aid raised \$457.00.

East New Market (J. A. Clark, pastor). World Service and all other benevolences represented. Junior League organized, and doing good work. Two Standard Training Classes held with 8 scholars each. Sunday School making fine progress.

Ellendale (R. G. Conner, pastor). Conversions 5. Accessions 9. World Service and all benevolences met in full. Sunday School and Epworth League in prosperous condition. \$482 expended on improvements. \$200.00 paid on old indebtedness. \$511.00 raised by the Ladies Aids.

Elliott's (E. D. Walraven, pastor). No report.

Farmington (L. W. Layfield, pastor). This charge has had three pastors during the year, but comes up at the end with World Service and other benevolences equal to last year.

Federalsburg (R. P. Nichols, pastor). 3 Conversions. 9 Accessions. Sunday School doing very fine work. World Service and all other benevolences up to the splendid mark of last year. Pastors salary advanced \$200.00 and \$500.00 paid on old indebtedness.

Felton (H. T. Caldwell, pastor). Conversions 2. Accessions 2. Sunday Schools well organized. The Epworth and Junior Leagues are looking after the spiritual training of the young people. Felton has maintained her splendid record in World Service and other benevolent giving. The Ladies Aid raised \$200.00.

Frederica (N. C. Benson, pastor). World Service and all benevolences faithfully represented. Congregations good. Sunday School receiving special attention.

Georgetown (O. E. Jones, pastor). 50 Conversions. 83 Accessions.

All departments of the Sunday School in fine shape. 131 in daily vacation church school. 29 in Standard Training School. World Service and all other benevolences equal to last year. \$491.00 raised by Ladies Aid. \$5500.00 paid on old indebtedness. All this and more in spite of depression.

Georgetown Ct. (H. M. Ralph, pastor). World Service equal to last year, and all other benevolences represented. The Sunday Schools are all well attended, and the churches are all in fine harmonious condition.

Harrington (E. H. Collins, pastor). Conversions 12. Accessions 12. World Service and all other benevolences paid in full. District Parsonage and Conference Claimant Endowment all paid. The Sunday School the best in the history of the church. Epworth and Junior Leagues are in fine shape and doing good work. Ladies Aid raised \$515.00. \$1055.00 raised on old debt. Every interest of the church is alive, and the pastor and people are happy, and have adopted the slogan, Dun-Movin.

Hoopers Island (M. M. Watson, pastor). This charge because of depression and other things has not had a chance to do much this year, but we hope for better things next year.

Houston (J. C. Hanby, pastor). 65 Conversions and accessions. World Service and all other benevolences in advance of last year. Sunday Schools more than doubled. Epworth League well organized and doing good work. Congregations fill the church, and real enthusiasm running high. The Ladies Aid raised \$550.00 and \$200.00 were expended on improvements.

Hurlock (J. L. Sparklin, pastor). Conversions 16. Accessions 16. The World Service and all other interests of the church have been faithfully represented, but the closing of one of the banks in the town, has imposed a great handicap on the people. The Sunday School is on the increase, and the Epworth and Junior Leagues are in fine shape. The Ladies Aid has raised \$408.00.

Laurel (M. W. Marine, pastor). The World Service and all other benevolences, as well as every other financial interest of the church suffered because of a bank failure here. The Sunday School was never better. The Epworth League is going strong, and the congregations are wonderful.

Lewes (R. C. Jones, pastor). No report.

Lincoln (J. F. Willis, pastor). 29 Conversions. 29 Accessions. World Service and all other interests of the church represented. Congregations and Sunday Schools largest in years. \$238.00 raised by the Ladies Aid. Enthusiasm runs high, with the promise of greater things next year.

Little Creek (J. B. Chadwick, pastor). World Service and other interests of the church represented. Sunday Schools doing good work. \$473.00 raised by Ladies Aid.

Magnolia (R. W. Campbell, pastor). 14 Accessions to the church, with the Sunday Schools and Epworth League doing unusual work. World Service and all other benevolences in advance of last year. The Ladies Aid raised \$300.00.

Milford (Frank Herson, pastor). 12 Conversions. 16 Accessions. World Service and other benevolences equal to the fine record of last year. Boy Scouts and Intermediate League organized and doing fine work. All departments of the Sunday School in a flourishing condition. Epworth League so well organized that every department functions with great vigor. \$1600.00 expended on improvements. The Ladies Aid raised \$500.00. The spirit of this great church is excellent.

Milford Neck (N. C. Benson, pastor). This little church is stemming the tide of depression, and comes up with World Service and all benevolences equal to last year. 110 enrolled in the Sunday School. \$342.00 raised by the Ladies Aid.

Millsboro (D. J. Moore, pastor). 26 Conversions. 30 Accessions. 510 enrolled in Sunday Schools, and they are clamoring for more room. The congregations are fine. The World Service and all benevolences are in advance of last year. \$300.00 were expended on improvements, and \$275.00 on old debts.

Milton (R. S. Hodgson, pastor). Conversions. Accessions. The World Service and all other interests of the church were faithfully represented. The Sunday School and Epworth League are doing constructive work. \$2093.00 were expended on improvements. The Ladies Aid raised \$95.00.

Mt. Pleasant (W. R. Woodell, pastor). 10 Conversions. 10 Accessions. World Service and other benevolences equal to last year. The Ladies Aid raised \$500.00.

Mt. Zion (L. E. Windsor, pastor). The World Service and all other interests of the church were represented, but most of the results are frozen up in the bank that closed in Laurel. The Sunday School is in good condition. The Ladies Aid raised \$300.00.

Nassau (E. B. Taylor, pastor). 9 Conversions. 7 Accessions. 375 enrolled in the Epworth League, and 290 in the Sunday Schools, and all doing fine work. The World Service is equal to last year. \$300.00 were expended on improvements, and the Ladies Aid raised \$300.00.

Rehoboth (C. I. Carpenter, pastor). 16 Conversions. 29 Accessions. All benevolences in advance of last year. World Service faithfully represented. Sunday School demanding larger quarters. 13 in Standard Training School. Epworth League organized and doing splendid work. Congregations large and enthusiastic, and want their pastor back to the extent of a \$200.00 advance in salary. \$159 expended on improvements, and \$322.00 raised by the Ladies Aid.

Reliance (W. F. Corkran, pastor). World Service equal to last year, and all other benevolences well cared for. The congregations are good, and the Sunday Schools are well attended. The Ladies Aid raised \$275.00.

St. Thomas' (J. H. Brasher, pastor). The World Service and all other benevolences were faithfully represented, but are not equal to last year. This section suffered severely from the depression. The congregations are good, and all young peoples organizations are well cared for.

Seaford (L. E. Windsor, pastor). Conversions 60. Accessions 33.



509 enrolled in the Sunday School and 56 in the Epworth League. The World Service, which for some years has equaled or exceeded some of the stronger churches, is not quite up to the usual high mark, but is well cared for. All other benevolences in full. \$1200.00 were expended on improvements, and \$184.00 raised by the Ladies Aid.

Seaford Ct. (H. N. Bailey, pastor). 47 Conversions. 52 Accessions. World Service and other benevolences represented. Sunday Schools well attended. Congregations always good. Ladies Aid raised \$560.00.

Secretary (G. V. Turner, pastor). 11 Conversions. 11 Accessions. The World Service and all the interests of the church have been well represented. \$1363.00 paid on old indebtedness, and the Ladies Aid raised \$358.00.

Vienna (C. G. Cannon, pastor). 45 Conversions. 40 Accessions. I think the outstanding work on the District has been done this year at Vienna. The Church was burned last year just before Conference, and the people were so discouraged that some of them thought they could not rebuild, but by Brother Cannon's faith and leadership they built a beautiful little church costing \$3800.00 and every dollar has been paid, and the World Service and all other benevolences are equal to last year. The Ladies Aid raised \$400.00.

Williamsburg (A. T. Hudson, pastor). We are sorry to have to report a little decrease in the World Service and other benevolences, but there has been some very sacrificial giving in this section. The Sunday Schools are well attended. Epworth and Junior Leagues have been organized and are doing good work. The Ladies Aid raised \$300.00.

Wyoming (F. D. Milbury, pastor). Conversions and Accessions 17. Junior Choir organized with 32 members. Daily Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 60. 19 attended Standard Training School. World Service and all other benevolences in advance of last year. \$1665.00 expended on improvements.

Zoar Ct. (J. B. Dickerson, pastor). No report.

#### MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

JOHN L. JOHNSON, District Superintendent.

Bishop W. F. McDowell and Brethren:

During another strenuous year, the Methodists of Middletown District have generously and faithfully given themselves and their substance toward maintaining and furthering the work of building the kingdom of righteousness and today they share with others the satisfaction of having helped to extend the kingdom of love and light.

With sadness we report the translation of Brother Louis P. Corkran on November 27, 1931, from his home in Church Hill to his heavenly home

beyond the skies. All who knew this man will delight to remember him as "A Good Minister of Jesus Christ."

#### Evangelism.

Evangelism has had a large place in the hearts of pastors and people, and across the months this important matter has been kept first in the thinking, planning and praying of the people. In the six groups of churches into which the District is divided, practically the whole of the autumn season was given over to this important work, frequently eight ministers would be in a single service with their people, singing, exhorting, praying and inviting the unsaved to Christ. A central point was selected in the group for the first meeting, then on to another until each church was touched; thus revival fires were lighted all over the District and as a result conversions and accessions are reported from every church. Fifteen churches observed Passion week with services every night, each and all looking for a great ingathering on the glorious Easter Day.

#### Epworth League.

The Epworth League continues to be a mighty force for good and a right arm of power to the church; offering a splendid field of opportunity for the development of the intellectual, social, moral and spiritual life of its youth. The Annual District Convention was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Greensboro in November and will be remembered as a time of great social, spiritual and intellectual stimulus, the attendance was the largest ever and the interest and inspiration awakened beyond compare. Since that time, several new Chapters—both Senior and Junior—have been organized. It is the plan and purpose of Officers and Leaguers to cooperate with every movement which has for its purpose the betterment of youth.

#### Christian Education.

The program of Christian Education is progressing in a very splendid way. Twenty-four Church Schools on the District contributed \$400.00 to the Rally Day offering. Three standard Training Schools and three Week Day Schools of Religion have been held and sixteen Daily Vacation Schools conducted. Nineteen were enrolled in "The Summer Institute for Youth" held at Dover and twenty-four young people represented the District in the Youth Conference held in Salisbury in February last.

A very important part of the work among the youth has been the organization of twenty-two Junior Choirs representing a total membership of six hundred and thirty-two young people between the years of eleven and sixteen. To have present in the morning or evening service and frequently in both—a group of young people bringing the Gospel in song is enough to warm the coldest heart. Some of these choirs have even conducted Evangelistic services in the local and neighboring churches, taking the whole service, including the invitation to unsaved people to accept Christ and in the presence of large congregations.



### Methodist Manhood Movement.

One of our District Goals has been "To Harness the Man-power of the Church to the work of Kingdom Building." To this end a special cultivation program has been put on with magnificent results.

May 12, 1931 was the day selected for launching this program. Chestertown Methodist Episcopal church was selected as the place for the District wide gathering. They came from every church and filled the largest auditorium, morning, afternoon and night. Some of the best informed and most eloquent ministers and laymen of the church addressed the meetings—bringing larger information and great inspiration. A District Men's Council was set up and immediately the work of organizing the men in the several churches was begun with the result that twenty-one Brotherhood Organizations were formed and several Men's Organized Bible Classes instituted and now the District has forty-two Men's Organized Bible Classes and twenty-one Brotherhood Chapters, making in all sixty-three organizations of men working to help build the kingdom of love in the world.

### World Service.

This important phase of our work has had the closest attention of Superintendent, pastors and people. A program of cultivation having for its purpose information and stimulation has been kept before the people. In October, two weeks of intensive effort was put forth, culminating in a general exchange of pastors throughout the District on Sunday, October 25. The results of the efforts cannot be tabulated in a column of figures or in the number of dollars given it will go deeper; down into the very being of men and women and the harvest will be gathered through the years of the future. The giving may not be as large this year as it has been in previous years, but the gifts will represent greater sacrifice than ever they have done.

### Womens' Organizations.

In no year of the past have the W. F. M. S., the W. H. M. S. and the Ladies Aid and kindred societies, worked more diligently and accomplished more splendidly than during the year just closed. From the standpoint of interest, devotion and achievement these faithful women set us examples of marvelous accomplishments, unaffected by depression or any external hindrance or adverse conditions; they have moved steadily on with their task and when the final tabulation shall have been made the reports will reveal no deficits in giving or diminution of interest in the work of each of these splendid organizations.

### Charge By Charge.

Barclay—J. T. Richardson. All apportionments raised in full. Active church school. Ladies' Aid raised \$122.00.

Bayside—H. M. Smith. Benevolences in full. Fifteen received into

church fellowship. Junior League organized. Active Senior League. 5 students in Standard Training School.

Bozman and Neavitt—Alonzo Travers. Twenty-six accessions to the church. Increase in church school attendance and interest. Junior Choir organized. Splendid Youth program. Large congregations—interesting and helpful class meetings.

Burrsville—W. I. Littleton. Six received into the church. Apportionments met in full. Increased interest and attendance upon all church services.

Cecilton—R. T. Thawley. Junior Choir organized. Church School attendance increased. Ladies' Aid Societies active.

Centerville—George White Dawson. Five received into church fellowship. 770 pastoral calls. 41 Christian Advocates taken. Ladies' Aid Society raised \$400.00. Brotherhood organized.

Chestertown—J. Harry Wright. Thirty-seven received into church fellowship. \$3,417.00 raised on old debt. Ladies' Aid Society raised \$271.00; W. F. M. S. raised \$380.00; W. H. M. S. raised \$193.00. By Kota Club raised \$235.00 for Strawbridge Home. Brotherhood organized. 13 in Standard Training School. Church school attendance increased.

Cheswold—Ray H. Kirwan. Interior of church decorated—floors and pews re-polished at a cost of \$500.00. All provided for on day of re-opening. Three large organized Bible classes. Church School attendance increased. Fine Youth program. Large Junior Choir.

Church Hill—W. G. Barlow. Two received into church membership. Ladies' Aid raised \$300.00. Church School attendance increased.

Clayton—C. W. Spry. Received into the church, six. Three organized Bible Classes. Benevolences in full. Church school attendance increased. 18 in Standard Training school.

Concord—S. L. Hanby. Twenty-one received into the church. Ladies' Aid raised \$260.00. Church School attendance increased.

Cordova—Leon W. Ross. Twelve received into the church. Church School attendance increased. Junior Choir organized. All apportionments met. Splendid Youth program. Church greatly quickened.

Crumpton—H. O. Hufnal. Nine accessions to the church. Queen Esther Circle organized. Brotherhood organized. Increased interest and attendance in church school. Ladies' Aid raised \$400.00. 530 pastoral calls.

Denton—E. C. Hallman. Fifty received into church fellowship. New pipe-organ installed, auditorium decorated, new carpet, new lighting system, pulpit and choir platform enlarged, new choir gallery and chairs for Junior Choir, new roof on church and other improvements, totaling \$5,000.00, all provided for. On Loyalty Day church membership and constituency came to the church and subscribed the whole budget of the church. Great Youth Program. 30 members in Training School. 5 organized Bible Classes. 30 members in Training School. More than 100 increase in Church School enrollment. Whole church active. Mid-week service a power for good. Passion week program planned.

Easton—W. A. Hearn. Ten received into the church. Program arranged for Passion week and Easter. Decision Day planned for Palm Sunday. 5 organized Bible Classes. Junior Choir organized. Church School Attendance increased. W. F. M. and W. H. M. and Ladies' Aid societies raised \$1,297.00. Paid on improvements since January 1930, \$9,075.00. Every department of the Church active. Brotherhood organized. Standard Training School held.

Fairlee—E. N. Wright. Ten persons received into the church. \$350. paid on improvements. Three active Epworth Leagues. Church School attendance increased. \$930.00 raised by Ladies' Aid Society.

Galena—W. L. Hess. Three received into the church. 166 pastoral visits. One Week Day School of Religion.

Greensboro—A. B. Frye. Thirty-two received into the church. Junior Choir organized. Brotherhood organized. 480 pastoral calls. Ladies' Aid Society raised \$850.00. Splendid Youth program. Active Senior and Junior Leagues.

Hillsboro—Willard Everett. Eight received into church fellowship. Junior choir organized. Ladies' Aid Society active. Church School active and attendance increased.

Henderson and Hartly—J. G. Lynn. Thirty-five accessions to the church. Daily Vacation Bible School held. Active Epworth League at Hartly and splendid youth program at Henderson.

Kenton—Conrad Hamer. Seven received into the church. Ladies' Aid Society raised \$243.00. Two large organized Bible Classes. 311 pastoral calls.

Ridgely—Roy L. Tawes. Five received into the church. Brotherhood, large Men's Bible Class, Junior and Senior Epworth League organized. Large men's chorus active in Sunday evening service. Every department of the church active and interested.

ROCK HALL—W. S. Grant. Twenty-two received into the church. Splendid youth program. Church School attendance increased. Junior Choir organized and active.

Royal Oak—W. F. Atkinson. Six received into the church. Church School attendance greatly increased. Junior Choir active. Fiftieth Anniversary of Tunis Mills church appropriately observed.

Sudlersville—C. W. Clark. Eighteen received into the church. Active Senior League. Brotherhood organized. Week Day School of Religion. Outstanding Christian Education Program. Ladies' Aid Society raised \$464.00.

St. Michaels—E. W. Hervis. Twenty persons received into the church and others to join. Successful visitation Evangelism Campaign conducted. The one hundred and fiftieth Anniversary of the Church appropriately observed with large attendance, inspiring program, splendid financial and spiritual results. 683 pastoral visits. Every department of the church life has been quickened.

Smyrna—Essel P. Thomas. Twenty-six received into the church. Ladies' Aid Society raised \$490.00. W. F. M. and W. H. M. societies rais-

ed \$490.00—each society active. Senior and Junior Leagues active. Large Junior choir with average attendance of 35. Church school attendance greatly increased. Large congregations upon the Sabbath and mid-week services. Every department of the church is active.

Still Pond—J. C. B. Hopkins. Three accessions to the church. Ladies' Aid and W. F. M. Societies raised \$778.00. Two active Epworth Leagues. 200 pastoral calls and 800 pastoral letters.

Tilghman—C. H. Atkins. Three received into the church. Ladies' Aid raised \$259.00. Two large adult Bible Classes. Splendid youth program. Increase in church school attendance. Increased interest in all departments of the church.

Kent Island—Leolan Jackson. Four received into the church. Brotherhood organized. Three Epworth Leagues doing fine work. Church School attendance increased. Ladies' Aid Societies active.

Middletown—M. E. Wheatley. Fifty received into Church fellowship. Two big organized Bible classes. Great program for Youth. \$550. paid on old debt. W. F. M., W. H. M. and Ladies' Aid Societies raised \$817.00. One daily vacation Bible School. Junior Ushers Union organized and active. Church School attendance and enrollment greatly increased. Brotherhood and Missionary Organizations doing splendidly. Congregations large. Large and active Junior Choir.

Marydel—A. G. Thomas. Eighteen accessions. Thomas Chapel reopened and a flourishing society established, Church School, Epworth League, Ladies' Aid and young people organization in active operation. Two Junior choirs. Two Daily Vacation Bible Schools. Splendid youth program. \$435.00 raised by Ladies' Aid Societies.

Millington and Dulaney—Roland H. Nelson. Ten persons received into the church. One Junior League organized. Interior of Dulaney's church decorated. One school of religion and one Daily Vacation Bible School.

Odessa and Friendship—S. T. Hamblin. Twenty-one received into the church. \$1,100.00 paid for new heating plant in the church. Epworth League organized. Church School attendance increased. Large Junior Choir. Ladies' Aid raised \$382.00.

Oxford—E. B. Eckhart. Twelve persons received into the church. Church School increased 10%. Attractive youth program. Junior Choir organized. Ladies' Aid raised \$300.00.

Preston—T. R. VanDyke. Eighteen received into the church. Benevolences in full. Church School attendance increased. Organized Bible class. Junior Church active. Large congregations on the Sabbath and mid-week service.

Pomona—L. L. Powell. Three accessions to the church. One Epworth League organized. Ladies' Aid raised \$450.00. 15% increase in Church School.

Queenstown—C. D. Sharpless. Sixteen accessions. \$700.00 paid on improvements. Ladies' Aid raised \$700.00. Increase in interest and attendance upon all the services.

Townsend—C. N. Jones. Twenty-six received into the church. Two large adult Bible Classes organized. Splendid youth program. An active Junior Choir. New heating plant installed at the Parsonage with other improvements. Ladies' Aid Society raised \$259.00.

Trappe—J. H. Geoghegan. Three accessions to the church. Increase in church School attendance. 172 pastoral calls.

Wye and Starr—W. L. McClintock. Twenty-one accessions. Brotherhood active. 10% increase in Church School attendance. Ladies' Aid Society raised \$325.00. Pastor made 225 pastoral calls.

From the incomplete reports submitted previous to March 15, it is impossible to make an accurate report of all monies raised and all members received. There will be the usual last minute effort to get the last dollar for the great benevolent causes and decision day will be observed in many of the churches on Palm Sunday and Easter will be a day of general ingathering.

If proper mention has not been made in any of the churches of achievements wrought, it is because the pastors have failed to give sufficient data for such report.

With a deep sense of gratitude to God for his kindness in giving health and protection, for strength of mind and body to accomplish in His name the given tasks, for the sympathetic cooperation of my brethren of the ministry and the uniform courtesy extended by the laity, I present my third annual report.

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### SALISBURY DISTRICT.

LEONARD WHITE, District Superintendent.

Twice during the year the death angel visited our District and in both instances alighted at Delmar. Rev. Frank N. Faulkner, a retired member of the Conference, former pastor at Delmar and since retirement an active member of the church there was the first to hear the summons to the life celestial, leaving a widow and adopted son to mourn their loss. On the first Sunday in November as devout worshippers were making their way to the sanctuaries, Dr. E. H. Dashiell, long an honored and valued member of the Conference, joined the heavenly choir and passed to the fellowship of the saints in light, leaving a widow and daughter and a host of friends to look forward with greater anticipation than ever to the land that is fairer than day, "where all tears are wiped away and there is blessed reunion with those we have loved long since, and lost awhile."

For a description of the difficult conditions that confronted us during the year and the heroic manner in which those conditions were met and, at least, partially overcome by pastors and people the reader is referred to the combined report of the District Superintendents. Suffice it to say here

that never have we seen finer courage, greater devotion, and more sacrificial love than has been manifested during these hard months which have witnessed the climax of this terrible economic and financial collapse. All honor to our devoted and loyal people. May God richly bless and reward them with a return of a prosperity that will not be material only but shall bring spiritual enrichment to their lives.

### Stewardship.

In conformity with the recommendation of the Superintendents in the report of last year, duly adopted by the Conference, we have stressed the Stewardship doctrine and program throughout the year. From October 18th to 25th inclusive we accompanied Dr. Harvey Reeves Calkins in a tour of the District, holding afternoon and evening sessions in five groups, namely: Snow Hill, Crisfield, Princess Anne, Salisbury and Parsonburg, and Berlin. The following week Dr. Calkins spent on Chincoteague Island holding a seminar there and going out to Pocomoke and other points in that vicinity. Dr. Calkins' messages were Scriptural, philosophical, and searching, while his presence was a benediction. Stewardship campaigns were put on in a number of the Charges during February. Thorough teaching, both by precept and example, of the principles of Stewardship will solve not only our financial but all other problems in the work of building up the Kingdom of God.

### Religious Education.

For the purpose of intensive cultivation the District was divided into five sub-Districts with a prominent pastor in each group constituting, with the District Superintendent and the Director of Religious Education, an Advisory Council. Five Standard Training Schools were held throughout the District—Salisbury, Berlin, Pocomoke, Cape Charles and Bivalve. Four of these were Co-operative Schools. One, Berlin, was under our own control, though other Denominations were invited to participate. This School had a record enrollment of 135. The Salisbury School had a much larger enrollment than the year preceding, while a creditable showing was made at all of the other points, notably Cape Charles. We have taken our full share of the responsibility for the general Youth Program throughout the Conference. The largest registration at the Delmarva Institute at Dover was from Salisbury District, while we registered 101 delegates out of a total of 179 at the Youth Conference at Salisbury. Both of these great events were noteworthy, both from the standpoint of attendance and general interest. One of the finest features of our Youth Program is the splendid work being done in the Selbyville Group under the direction of Miss Ruth Lindseth. This has been made possible through the generosity of Hon. John G. Townsend, who personally bears a large portion of the cost of these valuable activities. It is with pleasure that we note that by a special arrangement with the Board of Home Missions World Service credit is granted to the Charge for this contribution. We feel that this



whole program for Youth is better organized and more wisely and effectively led than at any time since the beginning of the movement and look forward to the future with confidence.

#### Evangelism.

Again we would refer the reader to the District Superintendents Report for a general statement of our activities in this, the supreme task of the Church. We would add a few details to what is therein contained. A truly remarkable revival was held on Gumboro Charge. This Charge was dealt what almost seemed a death blow when Carey's church, one of the stronges on the Circuit, was transferred at their insistence to Millsboro Charge on Dover District. The salary was reduced from \$1400 to \$900 by this move, but Brother J. P. Kelley, one of our finest supplies, decided to remain with the discouraged people in the other churches. This decision heartened and inspired them. They stood by loyally throughout the year and their faith and devotion were rewarded by great revivals at all three points. There were 123 conversions, 112 of whom were received into Preparatory membership. Seventy of these were afterwards received into Full Membership, increasing the latter from 140 to 212. Herein is a manifestation of the law of compensation for the membership of the Charge is now greater than it was before Carey's departed, while some of the converts went to strengthen that and other churches in the neighborhood. Brother Kelley has done a wonderful work and goes back to conserve the results.

Pittsville Charge continues to respond to the magnetic leadership of its young pastor, W. H. Kohl. Fruitful revivals were held at all points on the Circuit with a total number of 88 conversions, 60 of whom were brought into the Full Membership of the Church and others remain to be taken in at a later date. It was the Superintendent's privilege to preach, administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and receive large classes into the membership of Melson's and Pittsville churches. At the latter service six fine young men came forward and gave their hearts to the Christ, whose passion and death we were holding in precious remembrance. Benevolences at every point showed an advance over the preceding year. Other glorious revivals were held at Dagsboro-St. Georges with 65 conversions, 42 of whom were received into Preparatory Membership and 33 to Full Membership; at Houston on Frankford Charge, where there were 46 conversions and 40 accessions to the membership of the church; at Ocean City with 44 conversions, most of them of High School age; at Powellville with 41 conversions, 28 being received into Full Membership. All of our pastors toiled faithfully and lovingly for the salvation of souls and those who reaped abundantly were no more diligent nor devoted than those in Charges where results were apparently more meager. Only the Lord of the harvest can justly measure and evaluate the service each of us has rendered.

#### Finances.

A hasty calculation indicates that the District had a decrease of \$3471 in all Benevolences, including World Service. This represents a decrease of about 12% as compared with the preceding year. In Ministerial Support there was a total decrease of \$8153 or about 7½% as compared with the preceding year, every item in Ministerial Support sharing in the decrease. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society had an increase of \$167, the only increase at any point, the Home Society having a slight decrease. The total decrease for all purposes was less than 10%, an altogether amazing and praiseworthy achievement.

#### Building and Improvements.

There has been but one improvement project on the District during the year. The church at St. Stephens on St. Peters Charge, R. Ward Mills, pastor, was renovated inside and out. A new pulpit arrangement, metal ceiling and sides, hardwood floors, a new coat of paint inside and out has made one of the most charming little churches on the District. The total cost was \$1500. With the help of a gift from the Board of Home Missions of \$200, this loyal people, notwithstanding the terrible financial condition prevalent in the community paid off \$1200 of this cost, leaving indebtedness of only \$300. Other items of improvements are found in the tabulated report.

It is with great pleasure that we again record our grateful appreciation of the courtesy, sympathy and kindness shown us by our brethren, both of the ministry and laity, especially the pastors in the Island Charges and the more remote sections of the District, whose hospitality we have gladly accepted. Nothing could exceed the thoughtfulness and consideration for our comfort and welfare shown by these parsonage families. Our hope is that we have left some measure of blessing to them. God has been good to us. We have been kept in health and strength, not having been ill a single day in the three years we have been on the District, and never failing to keep an appointment because of illness. Grateful for the blessings of the past we look forward with courage and optimism towards the future. Our God is marching on to certain triumph in all the fields of human endeavor. We follow in His train, and expect to share the glory of His triumph.

The tabulation by Charges so far as we are able to make it follows:  
 Berlin—J. R. Bicking, pastor. World Service \$800; Conversions 28; Admissions, Preparatory 26, Full Membership 8; Improvements \$300; Standard Training Schools, 16.

Bishopville—R. H. Wilson, pastor. World Service \$260; all other Claims met in full; Improvements \$400; Conversions 18; Accessions to Full Membership 12.

Cape Charles—L. E. Poole, pastor. World Service \$450; Debts paid \$1200; Improvements \$400; Conversions 3; Accessions 20; Co-operative Standard Training School largest ever held in Cape Charles, our church



having the largest registration; new equipment furnished last year being used to the full and with fine effect.

Chincoteague—O. P. Jefferson, pastor. World Service \$420; Conversions 2; Accessions 6; Improvements \$205; Delegates to Delmarva Institute 2; to Youth Conference 5; Vacation Bible School 66; H. R. Calkins Fund \$100; to Methodist Hospital, a most commendable offering of \$102.

Crisfield—Asbury—T. J. Sard, pastor. World Service \$806; Improvements \$200; Conversions 11; Accessions to church 56; Delegates at Epworth League Institute 4.

Crisfield—Immanuel—J. J. Bunting, pastor. World Service \$800; Improvements \$50; Conversions 1.

Dagsboro and St. Georges—O. H. Connelly, Pastor. World Service \$350; Improvements \$1382, mainly at St. Georges; Conversions 65; Admissions to Church—Preparatory 42; Full Members 33; 30 in Standard Training School, the largest enrollment in the Berlin School; 8 at Youth Conference; 2 Christian Advocates.

Deals Island—J. C. Bolton, Pastor. World Service \$187; Improvements \$300; Conversions 260; Admissions to Church, Preparatory 100; Full Members 94.

Delmar—G. W. Bounds, pastor. World Service \$1205; Conversions 10; Accessions 27; total Benevolent offerings only \$28 less than preceding year—a remarkable achievement in the face of conditions familiar to us all.

Fairmount—J. W. Sutton, pastor. World Service \$106; Conversions 2.

Frankford—J. H. Gardner, pastor. World Service \$100; Improvements \$35; Conversions 46; Accessions to Full Membership of church 40.

Fruitland—J. T. Price, pastor. World Service \$350; Building and Improvements at Siloam \$750; Debts \$400; Conference Claimants Endowment \$42 from Siloam.

Girdletree—J. P. Landon, pastor. World Service \$95; Accessions 6.

Gumboro—J. P. Kelley, pastor. World Service \$100; Conversions 123; Received on Probation 112; Full Membership 78; Improvements \$25; no debts made or paid; Ushers Union organized.

Hebron—D. J. Ford, pastor. World Service \$90; Conversions 2; Admissions to Preparatory Membership 2.

Mardela—L. T. McLain, pastor. World Service \$18; Improvements \$40; Full Membership 2; a fine work done against terrific odds by a veteran Supply.

Marion—J. T. Graham, pastor. World Service \$100; Improvements \$100; Conversions 4; Accessions 6.

Mt. Vernon—O. T. Baynard, pastor. World Service \$203; Improvements \$50.

Nanticoke—H. V. Branford, pastor. World Service \$170; Improvements \$200; Debts paid \$800.

Newark—Frank Baker, pastor. World Service \$50; Improvements \$1083; Conversions 22; Accessions to Church 11.

Ocean City—A. F. Zimmerman, pastor. World Service \$50; Conversions 44; Admissions, Preparatory Membership 34, Full Membership 6; Debts \$508; 23 at Berlin Standard Training School.

Ocean View & Millville—C. W. Branford, pastor. World Service \$280, an increase of \$5; Improvements \$645; Debts paid \$81; 3 delegates at Delmarva Institute; Conversions 6; Admissions into church, Preparatory 6, Full Membership 3.

Onancock—G. H. Wheatley, pastor. World Service \$175; Improvements \$150; Conversions 14.

Parsonsbury—O. B. Rice, pastor. World Service \$268; Debts paid \$469; Supported Vacation Bible School at Pittsville; Conversions 16; Accession; Preparatory 9; Full Members 34.

Phoebus—J. T. Rowleson, pastor. World Service \$100; Improvements \$300; Union revival with 90 conversions; Admissions to Preparatory Membership 10, Full Membership 15.

Pittsville—W. H. Kohl, pastor. World Service \$170; Improvements \$37; Conversions 88; Accessions to Full Membership 67; Vacation Bible School with total enrollment of 103, Pittsville furnishing 50.

Pocomoke Circuit—E. C. Justis, pastor. World Service \$60; Improvements \$112; Conversions 5; Accessions, Full Membership 4.

Pocomoke City—L. E. Wimbrow, pastor. World Service same as last year; Accessions to church, Full Membership 17; other items up to last year.

Powellville—C. V. Smith, pastor. World Service \$79; Improvements \$78; Conversions 41; Accessions into Full Membership 28.

Princess Anne—J. E. Parker, pastor. World Service \$450; Conversions 1; Accessions to Membership, Preparatory 2, Full Membership 8; Week Day School 23; Improvements \$50.

Quantico—W. J. Ennis, pastor. World Service \$250; Improvements \$500; Conversions 6; Accessions 6.

Roxana—F. K. McCorkle, pastor. World Service \$225; Conversions 32; Accession, Preparatory 10, Full Membership 10; Paid for Improvements \$1569.

St. Peters—R. W. Mills, pastor. World Service \$100; Accessions 10; Improvements \$1500, \$1200 paid.

Salisbury—Asbury—Samuel McWilliams, pastor. World Service \$3175, same as last year; 45 accessions; 12 at Institute; 30 Standard Training School; 130 Week Day School; 21 at Youth Conference.

Salisbury—Grace—J. S. Eldridge, pastor. World Service \$175; Debts paid \$50; Improvements \$250; Conversions 17; Accessions into Full Membership 15; Week Day Bible School 65; Vacation Bible School 60; fine attendance at Prayer Meeting.

Selbyville—W. V. Moore, pastor. World Service \$1180; Conversions 12; Accessions 29; 118 in Week Day School; 40 in Standard Training School; Men's Brotherhood organized.

Sharptown—A. W. Goodhand, pastor. World Service \$113; Conversions 19; Accessions 5.

Smith's Island—M. T. Romans, pastor. Conversions 153; Accessions into Preparatory Membership 125, Full Membership 125; Vacation Bible School 100; Improvements \$490; Debts paid \$200.

Snow Hill—T. F. Beauchamp, pastor. World Service \$457; Debts Paid \$550; Improvements \$75; Accessions 5; Conference Claimants Endowment \$75; W. F. M. S. \$64.

Somerset—P. B. Burleigh, pastor. No report.

Stockton—D. B. Prettyman, pastor. World Service \$150; Improvements \$295; Conversions 6; Accessions 6.

Tangier—H. B. Kelso, pastor. World Service \$405; Debts paid \$150; Improvements \$527; Conversions 25; Accessions to Full Membership 54.

Westover—F. T. Kelley, pastor. World Service \$120; Improvements \$75; Full Members 3; Ladies' Aid \$300.

Whitesville—W. C. Buckson, pastor. World Service \$110; Debts paid \$100; Improvements \$150; Accessions 14.

White Haven—D. T. Campbell, pastor. World Service \$59; Improvements \$121; Conversions 3.

Willards—J. W. Gray, pastor. World Service \$100; Conversions 16; Benevolences equal last year.

#### WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

DISSTON W. JACOBS, District Superintendent.

When I attempt to record the labors of the ministers and members of the churches of this district I realize how impossible it is for me to record all the facts concerning the activities and achievements of pastors and people during the year. Many plans, prayers, purposes and hopes of pastors and people just cannot be recorded in the brief space allotted to this report. However, it is possible to make brief but proper recognition of certain results of our labors of love.

#### Deaths.

The highly esteemed pastor of Asbury Church, Wilmington, Rev. Henry S. Dulany, passed to his eternal reward, May 17, 1931, after a brief illness.

Rev. John H. Beauchamp, Founder and Superintendent of the Goodwill Industries, after a brave fight against falling physical strength, departed this life June 4, 1931, to be followed in the eternal life by his faithful wife, Edna J. Beauchamp, five weeks later, July 8, 1931.

Having retired in 1925, after an active ministry of thirty-nine years, Rev. William W. Sharp was suddenly stricken and died on a railroad train enroute to Florida from his home in Ocean Grove on September 29, 1931.

On Jan. 21, 1932, in the city of Wilmington, Rev. John F. Anderson was called from this life away.

Proper recognition of the lives and services of these persons was made at the memorial service and carefully prepared memoirs will be printed in the minutes.

#### Pastoral Changes.

Following the death of Rev. H. S. Dulany, the pulpit of Asbury Church was supplied by Rev. G. W. Harris, Superintendent of the Goodwill Industries, during the months of July, August and September. The Rev. W. A. Wise, Retired, was appointed pastor of Asbury Church October 1, 1931, and has rendered very acceptable service.

A vacancy in the Superintendency of the Goodwill Industries caused by the death of Rev. J. H. Beauchamp was filled by the nomination by Dr. E. J. Helms of Rev. Gerald W. Harris, a member of the Missouri Conference, and his election by the Board of Directors of the Goodwill Industries.

#### Men's Council.

The program of the district for the Conference year began by a largely attended and very inspirational District Men's Council meeting held under the auspices of the Men's Work Commission of the Board of Education, Dr. Bert E. Smith, Executive Secretary. The meeting was held in Grace Church, Wilmington, May 11, 1931, attended by the pastors and representative laymen who had been elected at the previous fourth quarterly conference for that purpose. District officers were elected. Although not many Brotherhoods have as yet been organized we do believe the organized men's work of the district, which consists largely of Men's Bible Classes, was stimulated by the Council meeting.

#### District Stewards.

The annual meeting of the District Stewards was held in Union Church, Wilmington, June 2, 1931. The report of the District Superintendent was received and favorably commented upon. The report submitted by the Treasurer of the Trustees of the recently purchased district parsonage showed every charge on the district having made payment except one. Another \$1,000. was ordered paid on the mortgage, reducing same to \$3,000. from \$5,000. in two years, and all other bills were reported paid.

#### District Program.

Early in the Conference year the charges of the district were arranged in groups and a leader appointed for each group. This was done for purposes of administration and more thorough cooperation in the general program of the district. The group leaders were then called in conference and the Superintendent submitted to them a district program which was unanimously adopted. This program was printed and sent to each pastor with letter of explanation.

The annual district meeting was held at Elkton, Md., on October 8, 1931. It was a joint meeting with the Middletown District and was largely attended by pastors and laymen from both districts. The claims of the various Boards of Benevolence were interestingly presented. The address of the evening by Bishop McDowell was an impressive plea for renewed consecration to our Kingdom tasks.

Following the annual meeting the week of October 12, 1931, this district was engaged in a series of meetings among the groups of the district. Each meeting was held for two sessions, afternoon and evening, in which the missionary and evangelistic programs of the Church were presented. Dr. Harvey Reeves Calkins assisted the Superintendent and rendered most acceptable service.

Many of the churches in the rural sections of the district conducted their evangelistic services following these group meetings.

In the quarterly conferences the disciplinary provision regarding Rally Day contributions was thoroughly explained and a Rally Day offering was received from forty charges, and \$925.08 was remitted to the Board of Education at Chicago.

Thanksgiving and Christmas were properly observed by our churches. The intensive program of evangelism in the churches in and near the city of Wilmington began January 6, 1932, and concluded with Easter. For brief detail of same see section on Evangelism in composite report of District Superintendents.

Conference Claimant apportionment, Christian Education, World Service, and all other worthy causes have been properly emphasized, and the gifts of our people for same have been urged throughout the district.

#### Charge by Charge.

Bethel and Town Point, J. B. Vaughn—Successful all-day meeting held in each church in the Fall. Two active Ladies' Aid Societies. Improvements to parsonage. Town Point church improved.

Brack-Ex, R. H. Adams—Increase in membership; D. V. Church School; Junior Church organized; parsonage painted and electric refrigerator installed in same; \$300. paid on garage.

Charlestown, C. T. Jones—Inspirational evangelistic services at both churches; new furniture in parsonage; sale of old parsonage and building of new one hoped for this new year.

Cherry Hill, J. R. Diehl—D. V. C. School with enrollment of 180 with 88% average attendance; 20 received on probation as result of revival efforts; two Junior Epworth Leagues organized; unit system being established; community survey being made and constituency rolls being prepared; Cherry Hill Church School increased 100% in attendance.

Chesapeake City, W. C. Poole—20% increase in Church School attendance; \$200. paid on improvements to memorial windows in church, etc.; piano purchased for Church School; charter rewritten to harmonize with discipline.

Chester-Bethel, J. A. Buckson—Inspirational evangelistic meeting

held October 4th to 18th; improvements to church and parsonage, \$275. paid; active Epworth League.

Christiana, R. M. Green—Successful revivals at both churches following similar meetings last year under same leadership; extensive improvements to parsonage; membership of Salem church increased over 50% and at Christiana nearly as great an increase; 14 officers and teachers attend Standard Training School.

Claymont, E. W. McDowell—Gracious revival service with approximately 60 received on probation; two star (\*\*) charge for World Service which means equaling or exceeding amount contributed previous year; \$1,050 paid on indebtedness; \$500. paid on improvements; young people's work in excellent condition.

Delaware City, P. W. Spence—Well organized young people's work; parsonage improved; Men's Club organized; revised order of worship service; one teacher training class; active Ladies' Aid Society.

Ebenezer, S. B. Bradley—Church and parsonage painted and improved, \$400; 12 conversions; active Boy Scout Troop; \$100. contributed by young people to World Service.

Edge Moor, W. E. Fosnocht—Well attended Church School; property improved; pastor dearly beloved by his people as he closes five years of service with them.

Elkton, F. C. Louhoff—World Service increased; all apportionments paid in full; no indebtedness on property; six all-day meetings held during the year; eleven conversions as result of special services held during October.

Elkton, L. B. Morgan—\$1500. paid on debt; \$400. paid on improvements; D. V. C. School; Children's choir of 50 voices; Men's Club and Men's Choir; Gleaners organization with 150 members.

Hockessin and Cedars, C. E. Davis—Gracious revival at Hockessin with large ingathering; interior of Cedar Church redecorated, Epworth League organized at Hockessin; D. V. C. Schools at both churches; work well organized.

Holly Oak, J. E. Layton—W. F. M. S. organized; eleventh anniversary service held on Nov. 15th, which was beginning of evangelistic service which resulted in receiving 15 persons into church membership; Epworth League reorganized; Church School enrollment increasing; \$125. paid for improvements; \$150. on debt.

Hopewell, J. H. Whedbee—Improvements to parsonage and church house.

Marshallton, O. J. Collins—Improvements costing \$17,231 made a few years ago to church have been paid; mortgage was burned Dec. 20, 1931; \$1200. of this indebtedness paid during present pastorate; church school and young people's work in excellent condition; D. V. C. School with enrollment of 60 members; salary increased \$200; membership increased.

Mt. Lebanon, T. O. M. Wills—Disciplinary financial plan established; sold parsonage and built new one with valuation of \$7100., all paid.



Newark, W. E. Gunby—Fine increase in membership; increase in World Service; \$297. paid for improvements; \$160. paid on debt of same amount; Junior Choir of 40 members; thoroughly departmentalized Church School; 15 attended Delmarva Institute; 12 attended Elkton standard training school; substantial sum has been accumulating for some years for erection of Church School unit, contract for which was given in March, 1932.

New Castle, O. A. Bartley—Substantial increase in membership; Junior Choir, Fireside Club and Men's Bible Class have been organized; \$500. paid for improvements; greatly increased prayer meeting attendance; Dorcas Society raised \$900; Ladies' Aid Society raised approximately \$300; work well organized.

Newport, H. R. McDade—Membership increased; two adult Bible classes organized and well attended; balance on mortgage standing for 12 years cancelled; improvements amounting to \$150. made and paid; Church School attendance has reached over 200, which is record attendance.

North East, W. H. Revelle—150th Anniversary observed Oct. 25th to Nov. 1, 1931; four attended Delmarva Institute; active Boy Scout troop.

Perryville, Howard Davis—Increase in membership; interior of church auditorium redecorated; improvements to interior of parsonage; a Protestant Chapel at the United States Veterans Administration Hospital at Perry Point, Md., has been equipped and was dedicated on Nov. 15, 1931, for which this pastor is to be congratulated; three weeks' of evangelistic services with beneficial results; young people's work in good condition.

Port Deposit and Colora, Tilghman Smith—\$290. paid on improvements; \$390. paid on indebtedness; union D. V. C. School; preparatory class received.

Red Lion, A. W. Strickland—Substantial increase in membership; D. V. C. School, enrollment 114; 6 attended standard training school; \$300. improvements on parsonage; \$1225. paid for improvements to Red Lion and Kirkwood churches; work in the three churches in excellent condition.

Richardson Park, Frank White—28 received into full membership; \$100. paid for improvements to parsonage; Active Ladies' Aid Society; by aid of Home Board \$3,000. paid on indebtedness; Loyalty Campaign in January, 1932, produced pledges amounting to approximately \$15,000; a loyal people making a heroic effort to pay for their church.

Rising Sun, J. C. McCoy—Preparatory class under instruction; D. V. C. School enrollment, 75; church painted; parsonage painted, repaired and papered; total improvements, \$842; 24 subscribers to The Christian Advocate.

St. George's and Summit, G. S. Thomas—Preparatory class of 23; Rev. G. W. Townsend left bequest of \$1,000 to St. George's Church; improvements to interior of parsonage.

St. John's, H. M. Parks—Young people's work in good condition;

improvements, \$80; revival service resulting in 7 conversions and five reconsecrations; all benevolences in full; Missionary Society organized.

Stanton, J. C. Galloway—Excellent increase in membership; salary increased \$100. for next year; work in good condition.

Zion Circuit, J. W. Prettyman—42 received into full membership; 41 received into preparatory membership; revival services in the four churches resulting in 53 conversions; debt on Ebenezer community house paid; pianos for Ebenezer and Zion purchased; pastor closing ninth year much beloved.

WILMINGTON: Asbury, W. A. Wise—Successful anniversary service; young people's work in good condition under leadership of City Missionary worker.

Bellefonte, J. C. Steen—Union D. V. C. School with Hillcrest, enrollment from Bellefonte, 45; Church School enrollment, 114; 2 enrolled in standard training school.

Brandywine, E. M. Shockley—Membership increased, Church School enrollment, 600; active young people's groups; excellent increase in Men's Bible Class enrollment; all apportionments paid in full; \$400. paid for improvements; Junior choir.

Cookman and Newark Union, G. E. Sterling—Church School auditorium of Cookman Church redecorated; D. V. C. School; 12 at Delmarva Institute; fine youth program; church property and grounds greatly improved; probationers' class.

Eastlake, C. C. Harris—All property painted; Church School rooms redecorated; \$1100 paid on debt; excellent Christian Endeavor group; 39 conversions; many Church School scholars attend Sunday morning service; membership increased.

Epworth, C. W. Strickland—Increased congregations Sunday evenings; active Senior and Junior Leagues; thorough examination of membership roll; 6 at Second Annual Youth Conference; \$100. paid for improvements.

Grace, B. M. Johns—Membership increased; two preparatory classes; three active League groups; \$200. paid on improvements; Preaching Mission held in Grace Church; every Monday morning Preachers' Meeting has use of a room in church house.

Harrison Street, J. W. Colona—Excellent increase in membership; 33 enrolled in preparatory class; \$237. paid for improvements; Church School enrollment greatly increased.

Hillcrest, P. E. Reynolds—Interior of church redecorated and pews and carpet installed, \$800. paid; parsonage painted (interior); \$300. paid on parsonage debt; D. V. C. School with Bellefonte with 86 enrolled from Hillcrest; 26 received into full membership; salary increased for next year.

Kingswood, Ivanhoe Willis—\$800. paid on parsonage improvements during present pastorate; no indebtedness remaining; D. V. C. School with



enrollment of 146; City Missionary worker in charge of all young people's activities.

Madeley, V. E. Hills—Church School enrollment, 275; church repaired and exterior painted; interior of parsonage greatly improved; \$400. paid for improvements; \$100. paid on indebtedness.

McCabe, W. E. Harrison—Well organized young people's program; 6 in Delmarva Institute; 6 in Second Annual Youth Conference; membership increased; \$100. paid for improvements.

Mt. Salem, J. W. Jones—23 received on probation; 4 attended Youth Conference; \$940. paid for improvements; Junior Choir; work in good condition.

Scott, J. W. Wootten—D. V. C. School with average attendance of 65; old benches in Church School replaced by new chairs; \$1500. paid for improvements to parsonage and church and for new furniture in parsonage; Methodist Brotherhood organized; successful autumn festival; Church School enrollment, 340; active Epworth League and Junior League.

Silverbrook, R. L. Minker—Church School enrollment, 600; Epworth League and High School League; D. V. C. School with enrollment of 100; 10 attended standard training school; 7 attended Youth Conference; \$350. paid on indebtedness.

St. Paul's, V. E. Rorer—Increase in membership; 26 received as preparatory members; Epworth League reorganized; 15 attended standard training school; \$181 for improvements.

Trinity, C. H. Hudson—Membership increased; \$185 paid for improvements to church and parsonage; Church School attendance greatly increased; all departments of church in excellent condition.

Union, W. M. Nesbit—18 received into full membership; 556 enrolled in Church School; women's organizations and Men's Club active; \$1814. cost of improvements to Church School room, etc.

This district had 47 enrolled in Summer Institute of Youth; 32 enrolled in Youth Conference; contributed \$195.36 to North African Project (24 hours a day plan); and 40 charges contributed \$925.08 as Rally Day offerings.

If proper credit has not been given some church or pastor for some important item it is due to failure to make mention of same on report returned to me.

As I conclude this report with an expression of love to all the brethren who have labored so faithfully during the year I realize how impossible it is for these statistics to reveal all the hopes and desires and sacrifices of pastors and people for the Kingdom.

"Statistics prove" so many things,  
The size of towns, the height of kings,  
The age of children in the schools,  
The skull development of fools.  
The salaries that parsons get,  
The number of abodes to let,  
The wealth of lucky millionaires,  
The price of hens and mining shares—  
All things below and things above,  
It seems to me, "statistics prove."

But no! statistics never yet  
Appraised a single violet,  
Measured the glances of an eye,  
Or probed the sorrow of a sigh.  
Statistics never caught the gleam  
That dances on a meadow stream,  
Or weighed the anthem of a bird  
In forest aisles devoutly heard.  
Statistics never proved a soul,  
In high or low, in part or whole,  
Sin, beauty, passion, honor, love—  
How much statistics cannot prove!

Scots Observer.

## (b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

### REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Wilmington Conference Board of Education held its Annual Meeting at Wesley Church, Dover, on Monday, February 29th. Recognizing that anything like a complete report of its work would consume too large a share of the time of the Conference, it authorized that a summary of its work be printed and distributed to the Members of the Conference, the previous day, for perusal and study, and that its President bring but a brief report to the Conference, and present its recommendations. This imposed task I now undertake.

Methodists have always believed that the "religion of experience" is essential to a vital, dynamic, militant Christianity. But Christian experience must have nurture, guidance, and directive stimulation for its proper and rational development. Christian Education is one of the essential requisites in the normal process of preparing the ground for Evangelism, and of leading lives to the attainment of the "religion of experience." Vital experience helps to produce sane and lasting enthusiasm. This report is intended to disclose the existing, abundant reasons we have for gratitude for the results achieved and in process of achievement in carrying forward the Conference Program of Christian Education.

1. The Magnitude and Importance of the Task. When we visualize that we have 326 Sunday Schools, with more than 5,000 Officers and Teachers, and 57,000 pupils enrolled for Christian nurture and development, representing a total expenditure of approximately \$100,000 for Christian Education in its manifold forms, and various phases, how utterly imperative that the workers be trained and guided, that the various agencies be integrated, and correlated and brought to the highest degree of cooperation, and that the expenditures of time and talent and money, be made as effective as possible! Thus we begin to realize the importance of the total task, which this Board is meant to furnish guidance, direction, counsel and encouragement. We have some 40,000 in this territory yet untouched by our Sunday Schools. Both the Church and the World are in the making. This territory to-morrow will reflect the vision, the consecrated devotion, and the trained leadership of to-day. With a constituency of approximately 100,000 for whose training, leadership, and Christian nurture and development our Church has the responsibility, the accomplishments, in the face of the greatness of the task, are marvelous, considering the limitations under which the Board has had to carry on its work.

2. Responsibilities of the Conference Director. The Director, is the Executive Secretary of the Board, he supervises the work with Children, with Young People, with Adults; the Week-Day, and Vacation School work; sets up and directs 17 Standard Leadership Training Schools; edits the Christian Education Bulletin. Besides these general responsibilities,

he travels about 20,000 miles through the territory, held this year 76 Group Meetings, made 86 formal Addresses, taught 133 fifty-minute periods in Training Schools, led 40 devotional periods, made 45 special visits to Charges, and directed a program of correspondence of great magnitude.

3. Leadership Training. We have more than 5,000 Officers and Teachers, and we need to be training 1,000 new ones every year, if the future of the Church is to be safeguarded with wise and trained leadership. Herein is revealed the necessity for carrying forward the present rapidly developing program of leadership training. Improvements are constantly being made both in method, and in courses, to meet the practical needs of church members and leaders. Of the 18 major training agencies 13 showed increases over last year. Of these 13, eight showed the highest record so far. The total Registration of these training agencies for the year is 1765, the highest yet attained. The total cost of this part of the work to the Conference was but \$195. If the Churches had enrolled 195 more workers within the 17 schools, this part of the work would have been self-supporting financially, and caused no expense to the Conference program.

4. Special Work Among the Youth. The Delmarva Summer Institute held at Dover has reached a high state of efficiency and development, with a total registration of 146, having 16 trained leaders, and was self supporting. The Second Annual Youth Conference held in Salisbury was a pronounced success, with a total Registration of 188, and it was also self-supporting. Eight Week-Day Schools, and thirty-six Vacation Church Schools were held during the year. Under the Director the Young People of the Conference have been organized and given a definite work known as the North African project, and have contributed to the Young Peoples' Work of North Africa this year \$435.

5. Keeping within the Budget. The Board has given careful study and needful revision to its plans, to keep within the limits of authorized expenditures. The total Budget for this Conference Year, approved by the Finance Committee, permitted expenditures amounting to \$6,271. With a conservative estimate of receipts from the Conference Treasurer, we are within our Budget by possibly \$200. The Conference considers it essential to apportion \$4,400 to the Churches to cover the cost of its sessions, lasting less than a week. We apportioned \$3600 last year to cover the entire Education program, as directed by this Board for the year. Of that \$3600 apportioned the Board will probably receive \$2500, directly from the Churches. Other sources of income are Personal Gifts, a subsidy from the General Board of \$670, and from the Rally Day Offerings, amounting this year to \$2339. Under our law this offering would have gone elsewhere, had we no organized program of Christian Education employing a full-time, accredited Director, in the Conference Territory. Note that the raising of \$2500 from the Churches, makes possible the gift of \$670 from Chicago, and the return of the \$2339 Rally Day Offering, comprising the authorized Budget of \$6,271, the expenditure of which not only furnishes leadership and direction to Training Schools, Institutes, and Conferences,

and allied agencies, more or less supporting, involving an expenditure of some \$15,000 in leadership agencies, and furnishing supervision and guidance for a total program within the Conference, involving the expenditure of approximately \$100,000. How much we accomplish through allied agencies, for such a small direct payment from the individual churches!

The Conference Board feels that it has had the best year of its history. It is representatively constituted, highly organized, forward looking, and working efficiently. Plans are already made covering a great Training School to begin in Harrison St. Church, Wilmington, Tuesday, April 19th. We look forward expectantly to larger and better "Summer Institutes" and "Youth Conferences" and plans are already under way. The Director, James H. Bishop, is a consecrated, hard-working, fine spirited, highly-trained worker, whose leadership in this field has called forth the plaudits of the General Board, and brought our conference work into prominence, evoking the praise and commendation of the leaders of other Churches.

Grateful for the kindly and helpful cooperation of District Superintendents, Pastors, and the growing number of lay-workers interested, and for the support and interest of the Conference, your Board of Christian Education faces the future with hope and confidence.

There follow the Recommendations of the Board presented for Conference approval and acceptance:

1. That the following Ministers and Laymen be elected to Membership on the Board.

Ministers: Wilmington District—E. M. Shockley, G. E. Sterling, J. W. Colona. Middletown District—E. P. Thomas, W. A. Hearn, E. W. Hervis. Dover District—L. E. Windsor, W. G. Harris, M. W. Marine. Salisbury District—O. P. Jefferson, O. H. Connelly, F. A. Baker.

Laymen: Wilmington District—Mrs. Maude G. Thornton, Mrs. Elizabeth P. Dressner, G. France Alderson. Middletown District—Mrs. M. Grace Rambo, Mrs. Clara Whitby, H. H. Nuttle. Dover District—M. Haswell Pierce, W. Fell Davis, W. B. Thornburgh. Salisbury District—Miss Janet G. Nute, Mrs. Ralph O. Dulany, Everett E. Hearn.

Others are members Ex-officio.

2. That inasmuch as the content of the heading "Director of Religious Education" as used in the statistical tables of the Conference Minutes is misleading, the term, "Conference Board of Education" be used instead.

3. That it be recognized that the Director of our expanding program is working under severe handicaps in available leadership and finances and that only by the fullest and most sympathetic cooperation of every member of the Conference can the effectiveness of the program be increased.

4. That the Church apportionment be maintained at the Goal of

\$3600 and that every effort be made to achieve this goal.

5. That the Rally Day Offering goal be set at \$2600 and that every effort be made to achieve this goal.

6. That the Board having reelected James H. Bishop as Director for the ensuing year, that the Conference confirm the election, the Bishop to appoint him for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. GUNBY,

Chairman Conference Board of Education, Wilmington Conference.

#### REPORT OF WESLEY COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

The following report of the Wesley Collegiate Institute for the present school year is here submitted for your consideration.

The attendance has been 11% under last year, being 81 instead of 91. The distribution of students in courses is as follows: Academic, 61; Business, 14; Special, 6. Students have registered from Cuba, New York, Connecticut, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. By Conference territory, distribution among the boarding students is as follows: Dover District, 8; Middletown District, 5; Wilmington District, 6; Salisbury District, 15.

In June and July, 1931, the prospects were bright for a very large attendance in boarding students, but August brought its blighting influence and one after another notified us they could not come because of financial reasons. Five of last year's boarders that we expected to return did not do so. In this year's student body, we have had our usual large percentage of high school graduates, who have felt their foundation was not strong enough to meet the increased demands of college work. Also we have had an increase in the ministerial students, now having 9 instead of 7.

Seventy-one per cent. of last year's graduates have entered college and university—Delaware, Maryland, Duke, Wisconsin, Johns Hopkins, and American University. At the present time we have 15 students at the University of Delaware, 4 of these being on the honor list, giving us a rating of 27%—the highest of any school having more than one graduate in the college student body. Of all the Wesley Collegiate Institute students attending colleges and universities this year, we have not had a single failure so far.

The condition of the property is the best in the six years that I have been at the school. The painting inside and outside of the main building makes a great improvement in appearance and will prove a great help in securing new students. The outstanding need is a good roof on the gymnasium and some replacing of classroom furniture.

Financially, the task this year has been heavy. With the reduction of the student body of 11%, the reduction of the Conference Educational



Fund of 64%, and some securities in the Endowment having passed their dividends, it is a certainty that the year will show quite a deficit instead of a balanced budget as it did for the two years, 1929 to 1931. However, we have no repudiation of students' loans during the year. Several of the former students have paid out their notes in full and others are promising to do so before next fall. This represents the healthiest condition in the student loan department that has existed in many years.

At the first of December, the Executive Committee, at a meeting, decided to place a full-time agent in the field and employed Mr. B. F. Davis, who has done that work for us during the past two summers. He has been spending his time largely in making contacts with the superintendents of the several schools on the Peninsula. He has everywhere been most cordially received and most of the school officials are seeing the Institute from the standpoint of an aid in the educational program of the Peninsula and not as a competitor for the high school students. A number of the superintendents have already placed Mr. Davis in touch with prospective students for the next year, and should finances be available, I feel that next year's enrollment will be the largest for many years.

There has been no change in the scholarship situation. Tuition scholarships aggregating \$150 a year are provided, while another friend of the school pays a full boarding scholarship amounting to \$500.

During the past summer, the legacies left the school by Mr. Thomas Irons and Miss Mary P. Merritt for scholarships have been turned over to the school and the funds will be available for use another year. Also the Bishop McDowell Memorial that is being provided at this session of Conference designates the Wesley Collegiate Institute as the preferred institution to receive the income from the said fund.

There is a keener feeling on the part of many of the men on the Peninsula today of the great need of Wesley Collegiate Institute as a preparatory school and I feel that if its friends will aid it through the present period of financial depression, it will have bright prospects for a successful future.

There has been much interest manifested toward the school from the other parts of the country and it is to be hoped that some of this interest may lead to additional financial support as well as directing students to this school.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE A. SHORT, President.

#### REPORT OF GOODWILL INDUSTRIES, YEAR 1931.

The Goodwill Industries of the Wilmington Conference has passed through a very trying year. With the death of both Rev. J. H. Beauchamp, Superintendent, and his wife, the work came to a standstill until a new Superintendent could be appointed and located in the work. The

present Superintendent took charge on July 14, 1931. However in the face of these difficulties the response to our appeals have been most gratifying. Many of the brethren have invited the new Superintendent into their pulpits where appeals for materials only have been made and the response in each place has been good. Appeals for work and relief were triple those of 1930. We have tried to measure up. We have felt the guiding hand of God.

Sales for the year 1931 amounted to \$9898.17. This was an increase of 36 per cent. over the previous year and according to the National Goodwill Report just received the third largest gain of any Goodwill in the Country. Receipts from membership fees and donations amounted to \$7560.65, making a total for the year of \$17,358.82. This shows an increase over last year of \$5569.88. During the year 32,552 hours of employment were given to 189 different persons. These persons earned \$10,733.49 in self-respecting wages. 24,575 persons received articles of clothing through our two stores. This work was made possible through gifts from 7000 homes which contributed 6016 bags of clothing, 2610 bags of paper and 2629 articles of furniture. So much for the material side. What of the spiritual?

Our interest is not alone in the collection of cast-off clothing and furniture. Our chief interest is in the souls of the men and women applying to us daily for help. During 1931 a total of 3545 persons attended our services. These services are non-sectarian. Men and women of all races and creeds gather in the chapel, listen to a short address and then go to the workrooms with the sound of sacred music in their ears. They forget their troubles and start the day with a sense of elation. Directly or indirectly, each worker is influenced. Up in the sewing room, white-haired old ladies ply their needles more busily. Over in the sorting room, women who are too old and infirm to stand, laugh and joke as they work. On the walls in the workrooms amid the mending of old clothes, there may be found a sign, "Never too poor to pray, never too weak to win." That sign hung on the walls of the first Goodwill Industries established in Boston many years ago, and it has been emblazoned in spirit if not in actual letters on the walls of all the Goodwill Industries that have come after it. For the Goodwill Industries offer to the handicapped and needy, no matter how poor or troubled, a chance to help themselves, friendly encouragement and every assistance possible in overcoming their difficulties. The most important thing to me is the fact that we are dealing with folks that our churches cannot reach. But the man or woman that is "down and out" needs God and the Goodwill Industries stands as a beacon light of salvation and hope to these many persons who are applying daily for help. The amount of good that we can do depends entirely on the amount of materials that we receive. We are grateful to all who have helped during the past year. It is our earnest prayer that this work may be extended during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

GERALD W. HARRIS, Superintendent.



**WILMINGTON CITY MISSIONARY AND CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.**

In one of the most thought-provoking books published recently the question of Protestantism's ability to sustain its share of the battle against unbelief is raised. Dr. John F. Moore, the author of "Will America Become Catholic?", after reviewing carefully the evidence, answers this question in the negative, then proceeds to challenge our attention by a discussion of what to him seems to be a much more important question, namely, "Is America to be Made Christian?" He says, "Unless, therefore, Protestantism is active, evangelical, definite in its faith, its discipline, its worship, there cannot fail to be in the United States a vast population surrendered to indifference and disbelief. The issue today is not whether America is to be made Catholic but whether America, Protestant or Catholic, is to be made Christian."

Twenty-two years ago last June a company of forward-looking Methodist ministers and laymen in the city of Wilmington, anxious that America should be made Christian, realized the very great need of rendering a more definite Christian ministry to many people in the city of Wilmington, particularly the boys and girls born of foreign parentage, and they organized this Society, among other purposes of which, as stated in its certificate of incorporation, was the one "to provide religious and missionary work among the destitute people and persons of the City of Wilmington, Delaware, and its vicinity."

Through these years this organization has ministered to thousands of boys and girls who otherwise would have had little if any training in Christian character and the ideals of American citizenship.

From time to time I am asked: "What are the results of our City Missionary work?" Upon further conversation with my questioners I soon discover that too many of them are thinking of "results" in terms of accessions to the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is true that we are interested in the youth with whom we work becoming church members, and at Kingswood and Asbury, both of which churches have the leadership of pastors, we look upon the step our youth takes when they join the church as a very proper one in their training as Christians, but we are not unmindful of the fact that Wesley Center and Sixth Avenue Mission are crowded with youth who greatly need the love and instruction of our faithful workers if they are to have any semblance of Christianity in their lives and any proper conception of the ideals and requirements of American citizenship. If we measure "results" in accessions to the Methodist Episcopal Church they would be very meagre. If we will continue our work among those needy people and permit our Heavenly Father to measure the results by his wise and omniscient way we will be much happier and His work will continue to prosper.

I wish it were possible for me to present to you in person the present enrollment of classes, clubs, and kindergartens. You would need but to visit the homes from which some of these children come, look into their faces, hear them recite their lessons, watch the influence of Christian attitudes displayed by them during their play hours to be thoroughly con-

vinced not only that there is a very great need for our Society's work, but also that the opportunity for rendering a Christian ministry is one that challenges us to do our best in order that America may be truly Christian.

Your thorough familiarity with the diversified types of service rendered by our workers makes it unnecessary for me to incorporate in this report any details concerning same.

Due to the cooperation of many of the pastors in remitting their apportionments early in the Conference year the program has been continued throughout the year without the dismissal of a worker or any decrease in salaries.

However, our Society has a very difficult financial problem to solve the new Conference year. There was a considerable decrease in remittances from charges during the present Conference year. Some who have failed to remit we hope will do so to the Conference treasurer at this session of the Conference. This decrease in remittances from charges during the year, plus a 16% reduction in receipts from the Home Board, which reduction took effect January 1, 1932, and notice of possibility of a further decrease from the Home Board during current year, together with the impossibility of launching a financial drive in the city of Wilmington, constitute a very serious financial problem. We cannot too strongly urge the brethren of the Conference to remit their apportionments for this worthy cause just as soon as possible in the new Conference year in order that our Society may continue its much needed work in Christianizing boys and girls who are to become future citizens of America.

I desire to take this opportunity to express my very great appreciation for your cooperation. The financial responsibility for the support and continuance of our program is a difficult one, but the thought that my brethren and the loyal Methodists of our Conference are aiding by their prayers and gifts encourages me in the task of helping to make America Christian.

Recommendation: That the same amount, \$5,000, be apportioned to the charges for the support of the Society for the ensuing Conference year.

Respectfully submitted,

DISSTON W. JACOBS,  
Executive Secretary.

**CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

The activities and accomplishments of the Historical Society during the past year are listed, in part, as follows.

Our Society was represented by the president and secretary at the annual meeting of the National Association of Methodist Historical Societies held in the month of May in the city of New York.

Various books, pamphlets, and facts of historical importance have been secured and added to the valuable collection already in our possession.

At the request of the District Superintendent of the Middletown District, the history of Bridgetown Church has been traced. An interesting article will be read by the president in which he definitely traces the history of the first organized Society within the present bounds of our Wilmington Annual Conference.

Four churches have been notified of the existence, dates and places where their deeds are recorded. We have supplied part of the materials for two important historical meetings. Certain suggestions were furnished the Sesqui Centennial Committee as well as a replica of Barratt's Chapel.

Various speeches have been given and counsels held.

The Research Secretary is now classifying the Christian Advocate from the first copy to the present time.

The historical mystery of where Asbury hid when he fled north from Judge White's during his retirement has been solved by your Society.

This report is not complete without some word of appreciation to our president, Rev. E. C. Hallman, for his untiring interest in all matters of historical importance together with his willingness to serve whenever and wherever called. To him we are indebted for most of the valuable collections now in our hands which are being preserved with care for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. THAWLEY, Vice-President;  
O. A. BARTLEY, Secretary.

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#### WORLD SERVICE.

World Service is the term used to designate one method by which the Methodist Episcopal Church is attempting to proclaim the message of Jesus to the whole world. The world is indeed the parish of the true Christian, whether he be minister or layman. Our message is Jesus Christ. He is the propitiation for our sins and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. No church can contain and keep that message walled up in the heart and life of its own local organization. To keep the message for ourselves is to lose it and die. To give it to others is to save it and live. This is at the heart of the gospel. The missionary motive is inherent in the very nature of the gospel itself.

In spite of the economic depression, some of our churches have given more to World Service than last year. Some have maintained their giving equal to last year. Some have given less. All have given heroically and sacrificially. But the problem of falling income for our mission work throughout the world is not due to the depression alone. The income of our mission boards has been steadily reduced throughout a period of the last ten years, but one. Thus, even in the period of great prosperity our mission work was cut and reduced. A church which permitted this once

or twice might passibly be excused on sufficient grounds. But a church which allows her missionaries to be withdrawn, and a continual retrenchment and retreat to be effected over a long period of time, stands condemned in the light of the gospel we proclaim.

The trouble has been that Jesus' command "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every nation" has been in the minds of the majority of Methodists only as an idealistic utterance of a young Galilean teacher—to be read and admired for its daring, but to be forgotten in actual practice. It does not represent to them a command from the Eternal God.

Thus we face in our church a great crisis. Do we really believe Jesus Christ is sufficient to meet the world's need? Probably only about one-fourth of the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church contribute directly to World Service. We need to educate ourselves and our people to the opportunities and responsibilities of being world Christians.

Our problem, therefore, is not primarily to raise money for our missionary work but to train our people in Christian attitudes toward, and Christian habits of action in relation to, other members of the human family everywhere throughout the world.

Thus, World Service is not primarily a financial but a spiritual matter. If our giving of money to missionary enterprises has no basis in spiritual truth, we would do better to seek a new and more vital religious experience.

In view, then, of our responsibility to our Lord and Master, we resolve to use every agency possible in our local churches to develop in ourselves and our people the mind of Jesus Christ. We urge especially that the machinery of the church such as: The Epworth League, Church School, Mid-week service, and any other agency as may seem best and wise, be used for this purpose. We call attention to a number of study materials already available from the educational agencies of our church such as: Missionary Study courses, World Service News, The Delaware Study Conference Reports.

We recommend that every pastor make a sincere effort to interpret through the agencies and organizations already at his command, the real meaning of World Service and that October next be set as the Missionary month of our Conference year, with proper observance in every department of the Church's life.

We further recommend that the World Service Commission of our Conference do constitute the standing committee on World Service for next year.

For the Committee,

M. S. ANDREWS,  
W. A. HEARN,  
E. C. HALLMAN.

**WORLD PEACE AND FELLOWSHIP.**

We reaffirm our faith in World Peace—not as a beautiful dream but as a practical reality, and that in the face of the conflict between Japan and China. God forgive us for ever seeming to suggest any good in war at all—we do not, for our faith is strengthened not because of this thing that is taking place now which is war except in the use of that name by one of the parties engaged in it, but notwithstanding it.

We have been told repeatedly that another war would precipitate immediately another world conflict and that would mean destruction for us all. It has not done it. The world is not destroyed. We should have more faith in the creation of the Heavenly Father. Then we have been shown that the nations can act together in moral pressure as in physical force and that pressure is substantial and salutary. When Mr. Secretary Stimson started to Japan the unalterable position of the United States Government—"not to recognize any situation, treaty, or agreement . . . brought about by means contrary to the Covenant . . . or the Pact of Paris," Japan lost her cause, whatever the outcome of the war shall be. And when the League of Nations unanimously adopted this as their platform in relation to the conflict, the League practically entered the Peace Pact, giving over, let us hope forever, the one thing that has been, at least ostensibly, the insurmountable barrier to our entrance into the League—the use of force or war to make peace. Peace is now to be attained and maintained by peaceful and moral and spiritual means—as it should be.

All of which simply proves that we are moving upward—not as fast as we should like, of course. Though not all of us are ready to take the stand of our Christ Church in Pittsburgh, of pledging our government that we will never take part in any war whatever. We will not argue the justifiableness of war ever. We hate war. War is murder as is the taking of life always except in self defense and in defense of other life. And we will defend ourselves and can conceive the possibility of again fighting purely for peace and our ideals of life in the world. But we are moving towards the time when that possibility will not be—towards World Peace. The treaties and covenants and Leagues and Pacts do have a reality that counts. And better than that the spirit, the will for peace grows among the nations. The Disarmament Conference in session now in Geneva is the result of this spirit and greatly makes for it in the world. We thank God and again take heart and make certain suggestions as to what we can do about it.

1. That we set ourselves to promote this spirit and will and movement toward peace by preaching and teaching in our pulpits, to Rotary, Clubs, Lodges, High Schools, and through study classes in Church and Sunday Schools.

2. That we send a telegram to Mr. Secretary Stimson expressing as a Conference our appreciation of his calm, clear, sincere statement of the position of the United States as to the outcome of the conflict between Japan and China as a piece of great statesmanship that will greatly make for World Peace.

3. That we send letters to our representatives in our National Congress asking for their influence and votes for the speedy entrance of our country into the World Court.

4. That we ask our delegates to the General Conference—not instruct but request—that they favor the continuance of our national Church Peace Commission for the active promotion of World Peace and Fellowship.

5. That we give ourselves anew to winning life, all life in all the world, to the life and spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord, for only so will that come when wars shall cease and all evils and

"all men's good  
Be each man's rule, and universal peace  
Lie like a shaft of light across the land."

W. G. HARRIS,  
GEORGE WHITE DAWSON,  
OMAR E. JONES,  
T. J. SARD.

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

Your Committee has selected only a few of the many subjects which might be treated in this report, as follows:

**War and Peace.**

We are in hearty accord with the stand our Church at large has taken and is taking concerning war. We believe that war cannot be reconciled with the teachings of Jesus, and therefore should never receive the blessing of the Church. We call upon the leaders of our Conference to make a strenuous effort to create public sentiment in favor of peace. We urge our Pastors to present special peace programs on both Memorial Day and Armistice Day Sundays, and at such other times as is feasible.

**Disarmament Conference at Geneva.**

We express approval of the efforts of President Hoover in the interests of World Peace, and highly commend his selection of such able and courageous representatives who are wrestling with peace problems at Geneva. May the accomplishments of this great Geneva disarmament conference insure to all the nations of the earth that peace for which Jesus came, lived, and died, to establish.

**Economic Depression.**

The world-wide economic depression with its attendant problems of unemployment, financial stringencies, and possible lowering of the stand-



ards of living, call loud and long to Christians everywhere for a greater consecration and loyalty to "Him whose we are and whom we serve." In days such as these the Church must continue to hold high the banner of the Cross. The people must be saved from the maelstrom of materialism and Atheistic Communism.

To this end we urge upon our people everywhere the development of a devotional mind that shall function as a part of their everyday life; the faithful observance of the Lord's Day according to the commandment of God; and the cultivation of a deep, rich, vital Christian experience. Let us live Christ and preach Christ till the mind of Christ shall be the mind of men and women everywhere and America become really and truly Christian.

#### Crime.

We greatly deplore the widespread increase of crime throughout our land. This is doubtless due to many contributing causes. For all these evils there is one and only one antidote, viz: the Gospel of the Son of God. We therefore call upon all Methodists to use their God-given powers and a persistent Christian influence to the end that by Christian education, moral training, and spiritual nurture, the influences and agencies now operating to corrupt the citizenry of this nation may be counteracted; and that a loyal, patriotic Christian, law abiding citizenry may be raised up.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. WIMBROW,  
J. L. SPARKLIN,  
W. E. HARRISON,  
FRANK HERSON,  
Committee.

#### THANKS.

We come to the close of this 64th Session of our Conference with thankful hearts for the many blessings which we enjoy.

1st. We desire to express our thanks to Asbury Church and its pastor for the splendid manner in which they have entertained the Conference, and express our desire to return again in the near future. We desire to include in this all the friends who have opened their homes for our comfort.

2nd. We appreciate the courtesy of our sister Church, Trinity, M. E. South, for opening her doors for our Conference.

3rd. To the newspapers of Wilmington and the local paper, for the generous space given to reports of our work.

4th. We cannot express in words our appreciation of the presence of our beloved Bishop McDowell, and his presidency of our Conference, his last Conference before his retirement, and we desire to assure him

of our love, and hope for his presence with us in our churches in the days to come.

5th. We desire to express our thanks to God our Father, for His presence with us and His blessing upon us during our session.

Submitted,

VINAL E. HILLS.

#### THE STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS, INC.

The Trustees of The Strawbridge Home for Boys, Inc., beg to submit to the Wilmington Annual Conference their Eighth Annual Report.

We are not unmindful of the watchful care of the Heavenly Father for the orphan and dependent boys of His Kingdom. The fine cooperation of the Pastors and Churches of the two great contributing Conferences have made possible our "carrying on" and the meeting of our financial obligations. When you know that the Home at this time is supported solely by free will offerings, you must know how happy we are to report that through the sustained influence of this cause we have met, up to date, every financial obligation. This certainly is no small achievement in the midst of the financial depression that has affected every Church interest and especially the financial interest of our Institutions.

The Will of Miss Mary F. Bawden of New Oxford, Pennsylvania, just probated, bequeaths to The Strawbridge Home for Boys more than twenty thousand dollars. This gift is a Memorial Endowment to the memory of her father who was a Sunday School Superintendent for many years. This bequest is the forerunner of others that some day will furnish endowments which will help us to "carry on" without depending entirely upon free will offerings.

We have at this time fifty-one boys sheltered in our Home. We have had applications of more than thirty boys during the past year, and our great need is a new building to care for at least eighteen boys. As this Conference at its last session endorsed a Memorial Building in memory of Mrs. Clotilda Lyon McDowell, the wife of our beloved Bishop, we are hoping that this endorsement will be reaffirmed at this session of the Conference.

The personal attention given to each boy in his home training, as well as in his studies in the public school and in our own Mechanical Arts Shop, we are hoping will make in future years a group of useful men who will worthily represent the confidence of the Church.

With grateful appreciation of the cooperation of my Brethren in this great enterprise of Methodism, this report is respectfully submitted.

We are asking the reelection as Trustees representing this Conference, Dr. J. W. Colona, Dr. C. Wilson Hughes, and Mrs. Mary T. Gambrill.

THOMAS S. LONG,  
Executive Secretary.

March 30, 1932.

### THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

While the income of the Board of Stewards has suffered this year along with the other interests of the Church, we have reasons to be grateful that the level of giving is as high as we now know it to be.

Your investments, amounting to \$202,852.50, are in first mortgages on properties within or near the city of Wilmington, Delaware. We have collected from these investments this year \$11,808.46, which is the entire amount due the Board. We consider it to be remarkable that we are not compelled to report even one delinquent. We cannot too greatly appreciate the efficiency with which our affairs are handled, particularly when our attorneys are performing these duties without charge, because of their regard for this part of the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The collections from the churches by districts are as follows:

Dover . . . . .	\$ 7379.00
Middletown . . . . .	5694.00
Salisbury . . . . .	7952.00
Wilmington . . . . .	13749.00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$34587.00</u>

Last year, \$38907.00—Deficit, \$4320.00.

We have received \$621, which is our share of the income of the Book Concern; the Chartered Fund sends us \$70 and the Board of Pensions and Relief \$257. The amount to be distributed to the claimants is \$48172, which is of course, the total from all sources.

There are in our claimant list 42 retired ministers with 1440 years of service, 57 widows with 964 years of service and 7 children with 21 years of service. We have therefore 104 annuitants with 2427 years of service. Our rate must be fixed at \$18, which is \$2 lower than that of last year.

We ask for the appointment of L. E. Windsor as trustee for Mrs. Lora Williams and children.

Our statistics reveal that as usual many pastors and charges disregard their obligations to pro rate, yet those same statistics suggest much generous loyalty and sacrificial giving on the part of numbers of other ministers and churches. We urge the brethren carefully to guard the interests of the Board during these trying times, and allow no voice, however eloquent, or for whatever cause, to woo them from their holy responsibility in connection with the needs of our honored claimants.

E. P. THOMAS.

### CONFERENCE MINUTES.

We recommend the following:

1. That the Annual Conference assume the financial responsibility for the publication of the conference minutes, beginning with the 1933 edition.
2. That a special minute publication fund be created which shall be provided by the apportionment to the Charges of an amount equal to one-half on one per cent. of the pastors' cash salary.
3. That the Secretary supplement this fund by following the usual custom of securing suitable advertising matter.
4. That the distribution of the printed minutes to the charges be made on the basis of not more than four copies for every dollar paid on apportionment.
5. That the Conference designate one of its members to receive and disburse the minute fund.
6. That the Secretary continue to superintend the publication and distribution of the minutes, and that he be paid a sum not less than \$125 annually.

### COMMITTEE ON PROHIBITION.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is irrevocably committed to the emancipation of the human race from the tyranny of the organized liquor traffic. "It can never be legalized without sin. License high or low is wrong in principle and powerless as a remedy."

Prohibition is the expression in constitutional law of an ideal. It is the fruit of the prayers and the devoted labors of generations of Christian men and women, of patriotic citizens who prefer their country to themselves. It was brought about by constitutional processes. It is essential to the vindication of our form of government that it shall be made a success.

The law has been beneficent in its results. It has restored broken homes, enlarged the opportunities of children, and raised the entire standard of living of the common people. Wherever and whenever it has seemed to fail, these shortcomings have been directly traceable to hostile activities against the law. We condemn the incitement of the people to violation of this part of our constitution, the ridicule which is intended to undermine it in the understanding of the youth, the abuse which obscures the noble motive of which it is the result.

We regard as a peril to the nation the fact that the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, which is in large part responsible for the difficulties in the enforcement of the law, derives the major part of its support from a few men who devote large sums to its overthrow. The records of the United States Senate indicate that their gifts have

been used in such a way as to alienate unthinking men and women from the government, and to encourage habits which contribute directly to the prosperity and power of the bootlegger. It is unthinkable that the purpose behind the votes of millions of citizens of moderate circumstances should be thwarted by a few men who control vast fortunes under the beneficent protection of the constitution they are attacking.

We call the attention of all right thinking citizens to the clear issue between the government and the criminal. It is impossible for men to patronize a bootlegger without supporting all the ramifications of crime without definitely aligning themselves against their country in its life and death struggle with the sinister forces of the underworld. The one patriotic position for any good citizen today, whether wet or dry, is by the side of his government against crime in all of its manifestations, and total abstinence from the use of illegal liquor is essential to such a position.

We urge the use of sound and effective scientific literature, teaching the indisputable facts in regard to alcohol, in schools promoted by public funds.

It is clear that within the bounds of our own Conference as nowhere else—and never before perhaps—we have the duty of maintaining an alert and interested citizenship. Unless our ministry stands upon the walls, and unless our citizenry is ever awake, we face the danger of finding our primaries controlled, through the corrupt use of money, with wet candidates named on both tickets, and with no alternative in choice for the man or woman who believes in the prohibition law.

We commend the work of the various agencies, such as our Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, the Anti-Saloon League, the W. C. T. U., etc., as well as all organized and active friends of the law, working in our midst for the maintenance of Prohibition, and pledge our most earnest co-operation in their program.

### (c) SPECIAL AND FINANCIAL.

#### CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

##### Treasurer's Report, March 29, 1932.

###### RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank April 1, 1931 .....	\$1248.32
Earnings on Investments .....	596.00
From Baltimore Conf. Trustees (Conowingo Fund) ..	2670.43
Interest .....	20.51

Total Receipts ..... \$4535.26

###### DISBURSEMENTS.

1931	
Apr. 27, Beckwith from the Thomas Fund .....	\$ 110.00
Apr. 27, Goshen from the Carey Fund .....	115.00
Apr. 27, Clayton from the Clifton Fund .....	25.00
Apr. 27, Parsonsburg from the Wimbrow Fund .....	45.00
Apr. 27, Chesapeake City from the Lindsey Fund ...	60.00
May 15, Investment of Conowingo Funds .....	2670.43
May 15, For Investment .....	329.57
May 15, Expenses .....	35.00
May 16, W. A. Hearn, Trustees Expense .....	8.60
June 17, Premium on Treasurer's Bond .....	12.50
Sept. 2, M. S. Andrews, Printing and Supplies .....	9.25
1932	
Feb. 8, Box Rent .....	4.00

Total Disbursements ..... \$3424.35  
 Balance in Bank, March 29, 1932 ..... \$1110.91  
 \$4535.26

W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.

#### BARRATT'S CHAPEL FUND.

##### Treasurer's Report, March 29, 1932.

###### RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank, April 1, 1931 .....	\$ 594.11
Earnings on Investments .....	60.00
Interest on Savings Account .....	17.94

Total Receipts ..... \$ 672.05

Balance in Bank March 29, 1932 ..... \$ 672.05

W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.



**WASHINGTON FOSTER ESTATE.**  
**Treasurer's Report, March 17, 1932.**

## CORPUS.

Balance in Bank to Corpus, April 1, 1931 .....	\$ 851.93
July 24, 1931, Sale of 1 1/7 Acres of Land .....	400.00
Dec. 1, 1931, Surrender of Mortgage .....	5500.00
Total .....	<u>\$6751.93</u>

## INVESTMENTS.

July 27, 1931, Investment in Mortgage, R. J. McCauley .....	\$1251.93
Jan. 25, 1932, Mortgage through Joshua Clayton, Atty. ....	3500.00
Jan. 25, 1932, Mortgage through Joshua Clayton, Atty. ....	2000.00
Total .....	<u>\$6751.93</u>
Balance in Bank Credited to Corpus, Mar. 17, 1932.	<u>\$.....</u>

First account of Walter A. Hearn, Treasurer, of the Washington Foster Estate. Debtor to amount received of the Washington Foster Estate, July 21, 1931 .....	\$13504.43
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## CORPUS, MARCH 17, 1932.

Mortgage, 6%, Elkton .....	\$1200.00
Mortgage, 6%, Newark, Del. ....	4600.00
Mortgage, 6%, Rising Sun, (\$2300.00) to Corpus ..	2204.43
Mortgage, 6%, Elkton, Jan. 25, 1932 .....	3500.00
Mortgage, 6%, Elkton, Feb. 23, 1932 .....	2000.00
Total .....	<u>\$13504.43</u>
Total Value of Washington Foster Estate, Mar. 17, 1932 .....	<u>\$13504.43</u>

## INCOME.

Balance in Bank April 1, 1931 .....	\$ 86.91
Receipts from Investments .....	652.24
Accrued Interest on Mortgage .....	798.00
Interest on Account .....	46.61
Total .....	<u>\$1496.85</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1931	
July 27, By Check, Recording Account .....	\$ 1.00
July 27, By check, Notary Public and Expense .....	2.05
July 27, By check, For Investment, Rising Sun Mort.	95.57
Sept. 19 to Mar. 8, 1932, By check, Pastor Elk Neck Charge .....	700.00
Dec. 16, 1931, By check, Premium, Treasurer's Bond	36.66
Total .....	<u>\$ 835.28</u>
Balance in Bank credited to Income, Mar. 17, 1932..	<u>\$ 661.57</u>
	<u>\$1496.85</u>

W. A. HEARN, Treasurer.

## WILMINGTON CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

## RECEIPTS.

1931	General Fund	Riddle Fund
March 25, To Balance .....	\$ 384.91	\$2128.73
April 13, To Check, Security Trust Company .....		87.35
April 13, To Check, Board of Education, Chicago ...	28.50	
April 17, To Check, Security Trust Company .....		138.18
May 8, To Check, Interest Janes L. Rogers Mortgage.	45.00	
May 13, To Check, Board of Education, Chicago ....	28.50	
June 1, To Check, Interest on Savings Account .....		41.96
June 12, To Check, Board of Education, Chicago ...	28.50	
July 13, To Check, Board of Education, Chicago ....	28.50	
Oct. 14, To Check, Board of Education, Chicago ....	30.00	
Oct. 28, To Check, J. A. Buckson .....	2.00	
Oct. 28, To Check, R. S. Hodgson .....	1.00	
Oct. 28, To Check, George Emmitt Wood .....	1.00	
Nov. 4, To Check, M. T. Romans .....	1.00	
Nov. 4, To Check, N. C. Benson .....	1.00	
Nov. 4, To Check, Wm. L. McClintock .....	1.00	
Nov. 4, To Check, John H. Thornton .....	1.00	
Nov. 4, To Check, J. B. Vaughn .....	2.00	
Nov. 4, To Check, E. H. Collins .....	2.00	
Nov. 4, To Check, F. Charles Louhoff, Jr. ....	5.00	
Nov. 4, To Check, Samuel McWilliams .....	5.00	
Nov. 6, To Check, A. T. Clayton, Tr. Harrison St. Ch.	5.00	
Nov. 6, To Check, Chas. P. Witsel, Tr. McCabe Ch...	2.00	
Nov. 12, To Check, Rebecca A. Crossan, Tr. Newark.	2.00	

	General Fund	Riddle Fund
1931		
Nov. 12, To Check, W. Vaughn Moore .....	5.00	
Nov. 12, To Check, E. P. Wyatt, Tr. Immanuel Ch....	5.00	
Nov. 12, To Check, Interest Jane L. Rogers Mortgage	45.00	
Nov. 14, To Check, W. G. Harris .....	5.00	
Nov. 14, To Check, Board of Education, Chicago ....	30.00	
Nov. 25, To Check, Virgil E. Rorer .....	5.00	
Nov. 25, To Check, J. W. Clark, Tr. Still Pond S. S...	1.00	
Nov. 25, To Check, Chas. H. Burris, Tr. Epworth S. S.	5.00	
Dec. 1, To Check, Interest on Savings Acct. ....		43.25
Dec. 9, To Check, Board of Education, Chicago ....	30.00	
Dec. 11, To Check, Security Trust Company .....		265.82
1932		
Jan. 8, To Check, E. C. Hallman .....	3.00	
Jan. 9, To Check, Treas. Asbury M. E. Ch., Crisfield.	5.00	
Feb. 16, To Check, Board of Education, Chicago ...	30.00	
Feb. 19, To Check, Wesley Church S. S., Dover.....	5.00	
Feb. 29, To Check, Board of Ed., Chicago, #36150..	30.00	
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	\$ 808.91	\$2705.29

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1931		
April 20, By Check, Sidney Bradley .....		\$ 100.00
April 20, By Check, Frederick H. Truitt .....	25.00	
April 20, By Check, Raymond W. Hallman .....	37.50	
April 20, By Check, Roscoe W. Campbell .....		100.00
April 20, By Check, Jacob C. Hanby .....	25.00	
April 20, By Check, Harry H. Conner .....	25.00	
April 20, By Check, Ray Kirwan .....	25.00	
April 20, By Check, Alton E. Lowe .....	37.50	
April 20, By Check, Robert E. Green .....	25.00	
April 20, By Check, Arthur P. Coulbourn .....	25.00	
April 20, By Check, Richard L. Horner .....	37.50	
April 20, By Check, W. Smith Chism .....	50.00	
April 20, By Check, James F. Langrall .....	50.00	
Oct. 30, By Check, Rev. H. G. Budd, stamped env. ...	4.48	
Nov. 12, By Check, Raymond W. Hallman .....	37.50	
Nov. 12, By Check, Sidney Bradley .....		100.00
Nov. 12, By Check, Robert E. Green .....	37.50	
Nov. 12, By Check, James F. Langrall .....	37.50	
Nov. 12, By Check, Alton E. Lowe .....	25.00	
Nov. 12, By Check, George Homer Murphey .....	25.00	
Nov. 12, By Check, John Edward French .....	25.00	
Nov. 13, By Check, Elwell E. Crockett .....	25.00	
Nov. 13, By Check, James Otis McAllister .....	25.00	

	General Fund	Riddle Fund
1931		
Nov. 13, By Check, Harry H. Conner .....	25.00	
Nov. 13, By Check, Ray W. Kirwan .....	25.00	
Nov. 13, By Check, Frederick Howard Truitt .....	25.00	
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Mar. 26, 1932, By Balance .....	\$ 679.48	\$ 300.00
	129.43	2405.29
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	\$ 808.91	\$2705.29

## CONFERENCE BUDGET BUREAU.

## Treasurer's Report.

## RECEIPTS.

1931	
March 25, To Balance .....	\$ 321.44
April 10, To Check, John J. Bunting, Conference Treasurer ....	2000.00
April 13, To Check, John J. Bunting, Conference Treasurer ....	1000.00
April 15, To Check, John J. Bunting, Conference Treasurer ....	1447.00
April 17, To Check, Rev. J. L. Johnson, return per diem allow..	18.00
April 18, To Check, Rev. B. M. Johns, return per diem allowance	6.00
May 5, To Check, Chas. B. Pinto, return of excess payment .....	5.00
Sept. 28, To Check, Rev. E. W. McDowell, return of excess pay- ment Summer School .....	100.00
Nov. 28, To Check, Anna C. Unfiet, Treas. Mt. Lebanon Church..	18.00
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Total Receipts .....	\$4915.44

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1931	
April 2, By Check, Rev. J. R. Bicking, Vault rent Secretary's Trunk, 1931 .....	\$ 10.00
April 9, By Check, Chas. B. Pinto, assistant .....	2000.00
April 11, By Check, Chas. B. Pinto, assistant .....	1000.00
April 11, By Check, Rev. J. P. Otis, five days attendance .....	15.00
April 11, By Check, Chas. B. Pinto, assistant .....	200.00
April 13, By Check, Rev. R. P. Nichols, six days attendance ....	18.00
April 15, By Check, Rev. J. J. Bunting, six days attendance ....	18.00
April 15, By Check, Rev. H. S. Dulaney, three days attendance..	9.00
April 15, By Check, Rev. Harvey W. Ewing, four days attendance	12.00
April 15, By Check, Rev. John W. Wootten, six days attendance.	18.00
April 15, By Check, Rev. J. W. Wootten, Stationery, Stat. Dept..	1.00
April 16, By Check, Rev. E. H. Dashiell, six days attendance ...	18.00
April 16, By Check, Rev. G. H. Wheatley, four days attendance..	12.00

April 16, By Check, Rev. R. W. Kirwan, six days attendance . . . .	18.00
April 16, By Check, Rev. J. W. Colona, six days attendance . . . .	18.00
April 16, By Check, Rev. Virgil E. Rorer, six days attendance . .	18.00
April 16, By Check, Rev. Disston W. Jacobs, five days attendance	15.00
April 16, By Check, Rev. Wm. P. Taylor, four days attendance . .	12.00
April 16, By Check, Rev. W. E. Harrison, Jr., four days attend..	12.00
April 17, By Check, Rev. W. E. Gunby, seven days attendance . . .	21.00
April 17, By Check, Rev. Henry G. Budd, three days attendance . .	9.00
April 15, By Check, Rev. G. A. Cooke, six days attendance . . . .	18.00
April 17, By Check, Rev. R. K. Stephenson, six days attendance . .	18.00
April 17, By Check, Rev. V. S. Collins, two days attendance . . . .	6.00
April 17, By Check, Rev. H. G. Budd, Jr., three days attendance . .	9.00
April 17, By Check, Rev. F. K. McCorkle, six days attendance . .	18.00
April 17, By Check, Rev. J. H. Wright, six days attendance . . . .	18.00
April 17, By Check, Rev. R. L. Minker, three days attendance . .	9.00
April 17, By Check, Rev. J. R. Bicking, Confer. Sec. allowance . .	25.00
April 18, By Check, W. O. Hoffecker, Treasurer's bond premium . .	12.50
April 18, By Check, E. P. Wyatt, Conference Treasurer Bond . . . .	125.00
April 22, By Check, Rev. T. J. Sard, six days attendance . . . . .	18.00
April 22, By Check, George W. Bounds, Conference Postmaster . . .	25.00
April 23, By Check, Rev. J. J. Bunting, Conference Treasurer . . .	5.17
April 25, By Check, The G. E. King Press, Printing bill . . . . .	16.75
May 5, By Check, Chas. B. Pinto, services as Asst. Treasurer . . . .	25.00
July 2, By Check, Rev. E. W. McDowell, Summer School . . . . .	800.00
1932	
Feb. 20, By Check, First National Bank, Dover, Vault rent Secre- tary's trunk, 1932 . . . . .	10.00
Feb. 20, By Check, Rev. T. R. VanDyke, Printing bill & Postage . . .	6.15
Feb. 25, By Check, Rev. T. R. VanDyke, Postage Stamps . . . . .	4.90
Total Disbursements . . . . .	\$4623.47
March 26, 1932, Balance . . . . .	291.97
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	\$4915.44

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March 26, By Balance Active Account . . . . .	\$ 291.97
March 26, By Balance Savings Account . . . . .	None
Total Balances . . . . .	\$ 291.97

## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

W. O. HOFFECKER, Trustee.

## RECEIPTS.

1931

April 15, To Check, Rev. J. J. Bunting, Conf. Treas. . . . .	\$1763.00
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

1931

April 28, By Check, Rev. W. E. Habbart . . . . .	\$ 443.00
April 28, By Check, Rev. John L. Johnson . . . . .	404.00
April 28, By Check, Rev. Leonard White . . . . .	332.00
April 28, By Check, Rev. D. W. Jacobs . . . . .	584.00
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	\$1763.00

## BOARD OF CHURCH SCHOOLS.

HARRY H. NUTTLE, Treasurer.

March 27, 1931 to March 30, 1932.

## RECEIPTS.

In hand March 27, 1931 . . . . .	\$ 442.62
Received from Conference Treasurer, 1930-31 . . . . .	1486.00
Received from Churches, 1931-1932 . . . . .	1261.00
Refunds—Training Schools, Promotion Expense, etc. . . . .	392.40
Rally Day Offerings . . . . .	2397.60
Received—Board of Education, Chicago, Subsidy . . . . .	637.49
Bulletin Subscriptions . . . . .	11.00
Net, Money Borrowed (\$2110.81) . . . . .	2028.36
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Total Receipts . . . . .	\$8656.47

## EXPENDITURES.

Salary, James H. Bishop . . . . .	\$2499.98
House Rent . . . . .	600.00
Travel and Field Expense . . . . .	1246.64
Supplies and Postage . . . . .	271.04
Telephone and Telegraph . . . . .	74.49
Clerical . . . . .	1080.00
Office Rent and Fixtures . . . . .	198.25
Printing . . . . .	139.36
Slides . . . . .	27.02
Insurance . . . . .	5.45
Notes Paid, 1930-31 . . . . .	1394.06
Notes Paid, 1931-1932 . . . . .	810.00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	40.05
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Balance in hand, March 30, 1932 . . . . .	\$ 270.13

## ASSETS.

Bond . . . . .	\$ 500.00
Furniture and Fixtures . . . . .	150.00
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	\$ 650.00

Liabilities—Notes to Peoples Bank of Denton, Md. . . . .	\$1300.81
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## MINISTERIAL CONTINGENT RELIEF FUND.

## RECEIPTS.

Balance, March 31, 1931 .....	\$ 824.21	
Received from Conference Treasurer .....	73.00	
Received from Pastors .....	139.70	
Interest on deposits .....	25.56	\$1062.47

## DISBURSEMENTS.

John L. Johnson, District needs .....	\$ 100.00	
Disston W. Jacobs, District needs .....	500.00	
Leonard White, District needs .....	100.00	
Berlin Printing Co., notices .....	3.50	
R. K. Stephenson, Stationery & Postage .....	1.00	\$ 704.50
Balance in Treasury .....		\$ 357.97

R. K. STEPHENSON, Trustee.

## REPORT OF AUDITOR.

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

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

Balance on hand April 15, 1931 .....	\$ 143.00
Receipts .....	584.00
Total Receipts .....	\$ 727.00
Expenditures .....	\$ 475.00

Balance on hand March 29, 1932 .....	\$ 252.00
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## Rev. D. W. Jacobs, Treasurer of World Service Maintenance.

Receipts .....	\$ 308.75
Expenditures .....	265.00

Balance on hand March 31, 1932 .....	\$ 43.75
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## Rev. J. L. Johnson, Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

Receipts .....	\$ 404.00
Expenditures .....	\$ 404.00

## Rev. J. L. Johnson, Treasurer of World Service Maintenance.

Receipts .....	\$ 381.25
Disbursements .....	\$ 381.25

## Rev. W. E. Habbart, Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

Receipts .....	\$ 443.00
Expenditures .....	\$ 443.00

## Rev. W. E. Habbart, Treasurer of World Service Maintenance.

Receipts .....	\$ 662.50
Expenditures .....	\$ 662.50

## Rve. Leonard White, Treasurer of Domestic Missions.

Balance on hand at the beginning of the Conference year .....	\$ 545.00
Receipts .....	884.00

Total Receipts .....	\$1429.00
Disbursements .....	\$1150.00

Balance on hand March 31, 1932 .....	\$ 279.00
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## Rev. George White Dawson, Treasurer Commission on Group Insurance.

Total Receipts .....	\$ 336.80
Expenditures .....	\$ 336.80

## H. H. Nuttle, Treasurer Board of Church Schools.

Balance on hand March 26, 1931 .....	\$ 442.62
Receipts .....	8213.85

Total Receipts .....	\$8656.47
Total Disbursements .....	8386.34

Balance on hand March 30, 1932 .....	\$ 270.13
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## Rev. R. K. Stephenson, Treasurer Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.

Balance on hand March 31, 1931 .....	\$ 824.21
Receipts .....	238.26

Total Receipts .....	\$1062.47
Disbursements .....	704.50

Balance on hand March 19, 1932 .....	\$ 357.97
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## Rev. J. L. Sparklin, Theasurer of Wilmington Conference, 1930-1931.

Balance on hand on date of audit .....	\$ 117.97
Paid out after audit .....	25.00

Balance on hand April 13, 1931 .....	\$ 92.97
Paid to J. J. Bunting April 13, 1931 .....	92.97

**Rev. J. J. Bunting, Treasurer of Wilmington Annual Conference.**

Received from Rev. J. L. Sparklin .....\$ 92.97  
 Receipts during the year ..... 86398.94

Total Receipts .....\$86491.91  
 Disbursements .....\$86401.00

Balance on hand March 31, 1932 .....\$ 90.91

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

Balance on hand March 31, 1931 .....\$ 31.85  
 Received during the year ..... 800.00

Total Receipts .....\$ 831.85  
 Disbursements .....\$ 802.18

Balance on hand March 16, 1932 .....\$ 29.67

**Rev. John M. Kelso, Treasurer of Wilmington Conference Historical Society**

Total Receipts .....\$ 35.01  
 Expenditures .....\$ 35.01

**Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer Washington Foster Estate.**

Total Receipts to Estate .....\$ 6751.93  
 Total Investments to Estate .....\$ 6751.93

Total Value of Estate March 17, 1932 .....\$13504.43

Total Income from Investments .....\$1496.85  
 Total Disbursements ..... 835.28

Balance on hand March 17, 1932 .....\$ 661.57

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

Balance on hand April 1, 1931 .....\$1248.32  
 Receipts during the year ..... 3286.94

Total Receipts .....\$4535.26  
 Disbursements .....\$3424.35

Balance in hand March 29, 1932 .....\$1110.91

**Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer of Barratt's Chapel Fund.**

Balance in hand April 1, 1931 .....\$ 594.11  
 Receipts ..... 77.94

Total Receipts .....\$ 672.05  
 Balance on hand March 29, 1932 .....\$ 672.05

**Jefferson Cooper, Treasurer of Board of Stewards.**

Balance in hand March 31, 1931 .....\$13159.45  
 Received during the year ..... 57220.39

Total Receipts .....\$70379.84  
 Disbursements .....\$58301.49

Balance in hand March 31, 1932 .....\$12078.35

**W. O. Hoffecker, Treasurer of Conference Budget.**

Balance on hand March 25, 1931 .....\$ 321.44  
 Received during the year ..... 4594.00

Total Receipts .....\$4915.44  
 Disbursements .....\$4623.47

Balance on hand March 26, 1932 .....\$ 291.97

**W. O. Hoffecker, Treasurer of Domestic Missions.**

Received from Conference Treasurer .....\$1763.00  
 Disbursements:

To Supt. Salisbury District .....\$ 332.00  
 To Supt. Dover District ..... 443.00  
 To Supt. Middletown District ..... 404.00  
 To Supt. Wilmington District ..... 584.00

Total Disbursements .....\$1763.00

**W. O. Hoffecker, Treasurer of Wilmington Conference Education Society.**

Balance on hand March 25, 1931 .....\$ 384.91  
 Receipts ..... 424.00

Total Receipts .....\$ 808.91  
 Disbursements ..... 679.48

Balance on hand March 26, 1932 .....\$ 129.43

**Riddle Fund.**

Balance on hand March 25, 1931 .....\$2128.73  
 Receipts ..... 576.56

Total Receipts .....\$2705.29  
 Disbursements ..... 300.00

Balance on hand March 26, 1932 .....\$2405.29

HUGH B. KELSO, Conference Auditor.

## BISHOP'S RESIDENCE FUND.

Statement of Morris E. Swartz, Financial Secretary, to Close of 1932  
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
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
Clayton . . . . .	57.00	28.00	29.00
Cordova . . . . .	47.00	5.00	42.00
Galena . . . . .	53.00	10.00	43.00
Greensboro . . . . .	79.00	20.00	59.00
Henderson . . . . .	27.00	9.00	18.00
Hillsboro . . . . .	57.00	51.00	6.00
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
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
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
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



Charge	Quota	Paid	Due
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
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	59.00	100.00
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 . . . . .	—	—	—
Colora . . . . .	24.00	10.00	14.00
Hopewell . . . . .	60.00	50.00	10.00
New Castle . . . . .	140.00	—	140.00
North East . . . . .	101.00	—	101.00
St. John's . . . . .	30.00	—	30.00
Wilmington—			
Asbury . . . . .	85.00	10.00	75.00
Cookman . . . . .	75.00	55.00	20.00
Eastlake . . . . .	92.00	50.00	42.00
Epworth . . . . .	128.00	—	128.00
Madeley . . . . .	105.00	—	105.00
Mt. Salem . . . . .	120.00	—	120.00
St. Paul's . . . . .	315.00	248.00	67.00
Trinity . . . . .	105.00	5.00	100.00
Union . . . . .	188.00	—	188.00

Note: The above apportionments, with a few exceptions, were made ten years ago. This will account for blanks in the quota column. Please try to clean up this Conference year.

Make checks and money orders payable to Morris E. Swartz, Financial Secretary, and send to him at 1820 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pa.

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

## CONFERENCE CLAIMANT ENDOWMENT COMMISSION.

## Report of Treasurer, Conference 1932.

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

## Dover District.

Church	Pledge	Paid in 1925-31	Paid 1932	Total
Beckwith & Spedden . . . . .	\$ 225.00	\$ 12.00	\$	\$ 12.00
Bethel & Zion . . . . .	100.00			
Blades & Epworth . . . . .	262.00	152.00		152.00
Bridgeville . . . . .	1000.00			
*Cambridge . . . . .	2500.00	2632.00		2632.00
Camden . . . . .	430.00	137.00		137.00
Canterbury . . . . .	140.00	46.00		46.00
Church Creek & Taylor's . . . . .	150.00			
Crapo . . . . .	265.00			
Dover, St. Paul's . . . . .	38.00	12.00		12.00
Dover, Wesley . . . . .	2200.00	395.00		395.00
East New Market . . . . .	260.00			
Ellendale . . . . .	200.00	32.00		32.00
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	110.00		110.00
Galestown . . . . .	30.00			
Georgetown . . . . .	1700.00	1275.00		1275.00
Georgetown Circuit . . . . .	240.00	149.00	16.00	165.00
Greenwood . . . . .	160.00	29.00		29.00
*Harrington . . . . .	640.00	640.00		640.00
Hooper's . . . . .	200.00			
Houston . . . . .	250.00	40.00		40.00
Hurlock . . . . .	1200.00	200.00		200.00
Laurel . . . . .	1800.00	1100.00		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	94.00		94.00
Milford . . . . .	3200.00	2530.00		2530.00
*Milford Neck . . . . .	30.00	30.00		30.00
*Millsboro . . . . .	275.00	275.00		275.00
Milton . . . . .				
Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	250.00	125.00		125.00
Nassau . . . . .	275.00	208.00		208.00

Church	Pledge	Paid in 1925-31	Paid 1932	Total
*Rehoboth . . . . .	250.00	250.00		250.00
Reliance . . . . .	150.00	25.00		25.00
St. Thomas . . . . .	665.00	215.00		215.00
Seaford . . . . .	1500.00	1252.00		1252.00
*Seaford Circuit . . . . .	350.00	350.00		350.00
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	8.00	18.00
*Personal . . . . .	45.00	45.00		45.00
	\$26080.00	\$15923.00	\$ 24.00	\$15947.00

## Middletown District

Church	Pledge	Paid in 1925-31	Paid 1932	Total
*Barclay Circuit . . . . .	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00	\$	\$ 80.00
Bayside . . . . .	275.00	139.00		139.00
*Bozman & Neavitt . . . . .	275.00	276.00		276.00
Burrsville . . . . .		50.00		50.00
Cecilton . . . . .	600.00	300.00		300.00
*Centerville . . . . .	1000.00	1000.00		1000.00
Chestertown . . . . .	1500.00			
Cheswold . . . . .	200.00	160.00		160.00
Church Hill . . . . .	300.00	25.00		25.00
Clayton . . . . .	500.00	78.00		78.00
Crumpton . . . . .	200.00	30.00		30.00
Concord . . . . .	300.00	126.00		126.00
Cordova . . . . .	100.00	18.00		18.00
*Denton . . . . .	1200.00	1200.00		1200.00
Easton . . . . .	2000.00	835.00		835.00
*Fairlee . . . . .	220.00	220.00		220.00
Galena . . . . .	250.00	100.00		100.00
*Greensboro . . . . .	875.00	875.00		875.00
Henderson . . . . .	100.00	50.00		50.00
*Hillsboro . . . . .	200.00	200.00		200.00
Kent Island . . . . .	600.00	45.00		45.00
*Kenton . . . . .	200.00	200.00		200.00
Marydel . . . . .	200.00			
Middletown . . . . .	1400.00	1133.00		1133.00
Millington . . . . .	300.00	75.00		75.00
Odessa & Friendship . . . . .	500.00	408.00	33.00	441.00
Oxford . . . . .	200.00	25.00		25.00

Church	Pledge	Paid in 1925-31	Paid 1932	Total
*Piney Neck . . . . .	50.00	50.00		50.00
Pomona . . . . .	50.00			
Preston . . . . .	600.00	514.00		514.00
Queenstown . . . . .	120.00	31.00		31.00
Ridgely . . . . .	300.00	119.00		119.00
Rock Hall . . . . .	300.00	181.00	30.00	211.00
Royal Oak . . . . .	50.00	30.00		30.00
St. Michael's . . . . .	650.00	61.00		61.00
Smyrna . . . . .	3000.00	1750.00		1750.00
Still Pond & Betterton . . . . .	800.00	300.00		300.00
*Sudlersville . . . . .	400.00	400.00		400.00
Tilghman . . . . .	640.00	183.00		183.00
Townsend . . . . .	700.00	353.00		353.00
Trappe . . . . .	200.00	100.00		100.00
Wye & Starr . . . . .		50.00		50.00
*Personals . . . . .	150.00	150.00		150.00
	\$21585.00	\$11920.00	\$ 63.00	\$11983.00

## Salisbury District.

Church	Pledge	Paid in 1925-31	Paid 1932	Total
Annamessex . . . . .	\$ 408.00	\$ 109.00	\$	\$ 109.00
Ayres Chapel . . . . .	345.00			
*Berlin . . . . .	735.00	735.00		735.00
Bishopville . . . . .	440.00	123.00		123.00
Cape Charles . . . . .	1000.00	600.00		600.00
Chincoteague . . . . .	766.00	250.00		250.00
Claremont . . . . .				
Crisfield, Asbury . . . . .	1084.00			
Crisfield, Immanuel . . . . .	1300.00			
Dagsboro . . . . .	566.00			
Deal's Island . . . . .	900.00	250.00		250.00
Delmar . . . . .	866.00	432.00		432.00
Fairmount . . . . .	550.00			
Frankford . . . . .				
Fruitland & Siloam . . . . .	675.00	500.00	42.00	542.00
Girdletree . . . . .	500.00	125.00		125.00
Gumboro . . . . .	433.00			
Mardela Springs & Zion . . . . .	100.00			
Marion . . . . .	450.00	103.00		103.00
Mt. Vernon . . . . .	600.00	30.00		30.00
Nanticoke . . . . .	466.00			
Newark . . . . .	583.00	9.00		9.00

Church	Pledge	Paid in 1925-31	Paid 1932	Total
Ocean City . . . . .	526.00			
Ocean View & Millville . . . . .	583.00	100.00		100.00
Onancock . . . . .	566.00	100.00		100.00
Parsonsborg . . . . .	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	8.00		8.00
*Princess Anne . . . . .	700.00	700.00		700.00
Quantico . . . . .	375.00			
Roxana . . . . .	566.00			
St. Peters . . . . .	880.00			
Salisbury, Asbury . . . . .	2000.00	1500.00		1500.00
Salisbury, Grace . . . . .	580.00			
*Selbyville . . . . .	768.00	768.00		768.00
Sharptown . . . . .	600.00			
Smith's Island . . . . .	550.00	336.00		336.00
Snow Hill . . . . .	834.00	650.00	75.00	725.00
Somerset . . . . .	666.00	50.00		50.00
Stockton . . . . .	550.00	230.00		230.00
Tangier . . . . .	883.00	183.00	125.00	308.00
Westover . . . . .	300.00	23.00		23.00
White Haven . . . . .	326.00	50.00		50.00
Whitesville . . . . .	550.00	30.00		30.00
*Personal . . . . .	570.00	570.00		570.00
Personal . . . . .	750.00			
	<b>\$30497.00</b>	<b>\$ 8644.00</b>	<b>\$ 242.00</b>	<b>\$ 8886.00</b>

## Wilmington District.

Church	Pledge	Paid in 1925-31	Paid 1932	Total
Bethel & Town Point . . . . .	\$ 160.00	\$	\$	\$
*Bellefonte . . . . .	67.00	67.00		67.00
Cedars . . . . .	162.00	62.00		62.00
*Charlestown . . . . .	200.00	200.00		200.00
Cherry Hill . . . . .	260.00	205.00		205.00
*Chesapeake City . . . . .	100.00	100.00	5.00	105.00
Chester Bethel . . . . .		25.00		25.00
*Christiana . . . . .	227.00	227.00		227.00
*Claymont . . . . .	800.00	800.00		800.00
Colora . . . . .	100.00			
*Delaware City . . . . .	200.00	200.00		200.00
Ebenezer . . . . .	450.00	267.00		267.00

Church	Pledge	Paid in 1925-31	Paid 1932	Total
Edgemoor . . . . .	120.00	30.00		30.00
Elkton . . . . .	2500.00	1250.00		1250.00
Elk Neck . . . . .				
Hockessin . . . . .	350.00	175.00		175.00
*Holly Oak . . . . .	80.00	80.00		80.00
*Hopewell . . . . .	400.00	320.00	80.00	400.00
Marshallton . . . . .	487.00			
*Mt Lebanon . . . . .	200.00	200.00		200.00
Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	550.00	400.00		400.00
Newark . . . . .	2000.00	1000.00	50.00	1050.00
New Castle . . . . .	1100.00	682.00	75.00	757.00
*Newport . . . . .	300.00	300.00		300.00
North East . . . . .	800.00	400.00		400.00
*Perryville . . . . .	500.00	500.00		500.00
Port Deposit . . . . .	850.00	400.00		400.00
*Red Lion . . . . .	260.00	260.00		260.00
*Rising Sun . . . . .	1000.00	1000.00		1000.00
St. Georges . . . . .	500.00			
St. Johns . . . . .				
*Stanton . . . . .	200.00	200.00		200.00
Zion Circuit . . . . .	475.00	425.00		425.00
WILMINGTON:				
Asbury . . . . .	900.00	322.00		322.00
*Brandywine . . . . .	1600.00	1600.00		1600.00
*Brack Ex . . . . .	250.00	250.00		250.00
Cookman . . . . .	400.00			
East Lake . . . . .	1100.00	627.00		627.00
Epworth . . . . .	1050.00	700.00	100.00	800.00
Grace . . . . .	12282.00	10900.00		10900.00
Harrison St. . . . .	2638.00	500.00		500.00
*Hillcrest . . . . .	200.00	200.00		200.00
*Kingswood . . . . .	350.00	350.00		350.00
Madeley . . . . .	800.00			
McCabe . . . . .	2500.00	2100.00		2100.00
Richardson Park . . . . .	900.00			
Mt. Salem . . . . .	800.00	300.00	150.00	450.00
*Scott . . . . .	800.00	800.00		800.00
Silverbrook . . . . .	800.00	450.00	225.00	675.00
St. Paul's . . . . .	6000.00			
Trinity . . . . .	600.00	30.00		30.00
Union . . . . .	2200.00			
*Other sources . . . . .	1801.00	1801.00		1801.00
Personal pledges . . . . .	200.00			
	<b>\$53569.00</b>	<b>\$30705.00</b>	<b>\$ 685.00</b>	<b>\$31390.00</b>



## Conference Claimant Endowment Summary.

District	1925-31	1932	Total
Dover	\$15923.00	\$ 24.00	\$15947.00
Middletown	11920.00	63.00	11983.00
Salisbury	8644.00	242.00	8886.00
Wilmington	30705.00	685.00	31390.00
	\$67192.00	\$1014.00	\$68206.00

## Other Sources:

J. C. Penney Estate	\$7500.00		
Gambrill Estate	7500.00		
Townsend Annuity Bond	3000.00		
Bequest, Bishop Berry Estate	1000.00		\$19000.00
Total			\$87206.00

GEORGE 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.	\$7,000.00
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 1931. They were approved by the Conference.

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.		Special Fund	Total
		Annuity Claim	Annuity Allowed		
CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.					
MINISTERS.					
1931 34	W. O. Bennett, Hurlock, Md.	\$816	\$612		\$612
1906 17	G. W. Bowman, Laurel, Del.	408	306		306
1931 24	W. H. Briggs, 302 W. 24th St., Wilmington, Del.	576	432	120	550
1931 16	L. M. Broadway, 3310 Madison St., Wilm., Del.	384	288	152	440
1932 28	J. A. Buckson, 417 Pine St., Ridley Park, Pa.	672	504		504
1931 37	H. G. Budd, Dover, Del.	888	666		666
1929 46	V. S. Collins, 2422 West St., Wilmington, Del.	1104	828		828
1930 53	W. F. Corkran, Seaford, Del.	1272	954		954
1921 37	E. H. Derrickson, Odessa, Del.	888	666		666
1919 34	J. W. Easley, 4632 Walnut St., Phila., Pa.	816	612		612
1924 37	H. W. Ewing, Newark, Del.	888	666		666
1923 34	T. N. Given, Cheswold, Del.	816	612		612
1925 35	J. W. Gray, Willards, Md.	840	630		630
1931 31	W. E. Greenfield, Perryville, Md.	744	558		558
1929 26	G. W. Hastings, Seaford, Del.	624	468		468
1918 42	E. L. Hoffecker, Easton, Md.	1008	756		756
1911 10	T. S. Holt, Federalsburg, Md.	240	*		
1924 16	O. E. James, Central Y. M. C. A., Baltimore, Md.	384	288		288
1929 38	Geo. P. Jones, P. O. Box #3, Mystic, Conn.	912	684		684
1924 53	L. W. Layfield, Greenwood, Del.	1272	954		954
1919 40	J. M. Lindale, 1106 Greenhill Ave., Wilm., Del.	960	720		720
1924 16	O. L. Martin, Edmonston, Md.	384	288		288
1922 20	W. E. Matthews, Smyrna, Del.	480	360	240	600
1921 23	F. X. Moore, New Freedom, Pa.	552	414		414
1926 40	W. R. Mowbray, Lewes, Del.	960	720		720
1930 40	M. D. Nutter, Newark, Del.	960	720		720
1919 47	J. P. Otis, 2107 Washington St., Wilm., Del.	1128	846		846
1917 35	A. P. Prettyman, Galena, Md.	840	630		630
1913 26	J. T. Prouse, Edgemoor, Del.	624	468	132	600
1919 34	J. D. Reese, Frederica, Del.	816	612		612
1929 36	J. T. Richardson, Middletown, Del.	864	648		648
1915 40	Adam Stengle, 407 West 21st St., Wilm., Del.	960	720		720
1929 51	R. K. Stephenson, Smyrna, Del.	1224	918		918
1922 37	E. C. Sunfield, Felton, Del.	888	666		666
1929 32	Harry Taylor, Dover, Del.	768	576		576
1931 45	W. P. Taylor, 2280 Bellefield Rd., Cleveland, Ohio.	1080	810		810
1904 31	C. H. Williams, Snow Hill, Md.	744	558		558
1925 19	Daniel Wilson, 3721 Reisterstown Rd., Balto., Md.	456	342		342
1927 39	J. H. Wilson, 9 Spruce Ave., Elsmere, Del.	936	702		702
1930 46	W. A. Wise, 317 West 19th St., Wilm., Del.	1104	828		828
1932 43	Geo. E. Wood	1032	774		774
1913 28	Daniel H. Willis, Cambridge, Md.	672	504		504
*Relinquished.					
WIDOWS					
1915 43	Mary R. Adams, Rehoboth, Del.	\$774	\$581	\$	\$581
1930 37	Alphonso N. Alderson, 1001 Madison St., Wilm., Del.	666	500		500
1903 21	Lydia M. Avery, 2519 Calif. Ave., Santa Monica, Calif.	378	284		284
1903 9	Selma C. Bowie, 37 Red Road, Chatham, N. J.	162	122	136	288
1926 18	Ida V. Brevington, Hebron, Md.	324	243	151	394
1915 30	Laura W. Burke, 1400 West 7th St., Wilm., Del.	540	405		405
1918 31	Margaret Burke, Newark, Del.	558	419		419
1924 30	Ella E. Burr, 3 Nassau Place, Hemstead, L. I., N. Y.	540	405		405
1925 33	Annie V. Carpenter, Seaford, Del.	594	446	54	500
1909 31	Mary E. Chandler, Crumpton, Md.	558	419		419
1920 23	Sarah W. Chaires, Bozman, Md.	414	311		311

Date of Claim	Service	Distribution of Conference Funds.	Annuity Claim	Annuity Allowed	Special Fund	Total
CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.						
WIDOWS—Continued.						
1922	5	Nora B. Cochran, 517 Bellevue Ave., Hammonton, N.J.	90	68		68
1905	25	Mary E. Collins, 1607 West 13th St., Wilm., Del.	450	338		338
1922	6	Blanche E. Compton, 741 N. 64th St., Phila., Pa.	108	81	175	256
1931	26	Ethelyn S. Corkran, Church Hill, Md.	468	351		351
1931	13	Mabel V. Cummings, Tilghman, Md.	234	176	124	300
1929	13	Emma Morgan Dawson, 347 Ilchester Ave., Balto., Md.	234	176	124	300
1931	32	Martie B. Dashiell, 602 Park St., Salisbury, Md.	576	432	68	500
1931	41	Ella G. Dulany, Fruitland, Md.	738	554		554
1914	39	Bessie B. Fosnacht, 67 Putnam Ave., Whitneyville, Ct.	702	527		527
1931	23	Cora Wix Faulker, Delmar, Del.	414	311		311
1908	27	Mary E. Grise, Pocomoke City, Md.	486	365		365
1921	34	Elizabeth B. Guthrie, Kenton, Del.	612	459		459
1924	12	Georgia Jester, 1617 W. 4th St., Wilm., Del.	216	162	100	262
1919	17	Mary J. Kenney, Selbyville, Del.	306	230		230
1917	9	H. Bertrude Lewis, Laurel, Del.	162	122		122
1930	49	Tryphena MacSorley, 2209 Baynard Boul., Wilm., Del.	882	662		662
1917	23	Sallie W. Martindale, Salisbury, Md.	414	311		311
1931	18	Elizabeth S. Marshall, 612 Tennessee St., Salem, Va.	324	243		243
1930	8	Ada Law McCabe, Bishopville, Md.	144	108		108
1920	31	Jennie S. Mitchell, Middletown, Del.	558	419		419
1930	25	Gertrude B. Moore, 1415 Mt. Royal Ave., Balto., Md.	450	338		338
1917	24	Minnie S. Morgan, Chambersburg, Pa.	432	324		324
1916	10	Pauline N. Murray, 3905 Spruce St., Phila., Pa.	180	135		135
1909	35	Evelyn J. Nelson, 1025 Spruce St., Phila., Pa.	630	473		473
1921	38	Elizabeth F. Neese, 221 Geddes St., Wilm., Del.	684	513		513
1924	28	Lelia M. Northrup, 900 Adams St., Wilm., Del.	504	378		378
1917	32	M. Cornelia O'Brien, 2709 Jefferson St., Wilm., Del.	576	432		432
1918	7	Maria O. Poole, 724 Edmonds Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa.	126	95		95
1882	8	Emma Prettyman, Salisbury, Md.	144	108	172	280
1928	18	Emma J. Reed, Cheswold, Del.	324	243	81	324
1919	29	Mary B. Roberts, 143 West Cedar Ave., Merchantville, N. J.	522	392		392
1929	35	Janie M. Smith, Denton, Md.	630	473		473
1884	15	Emma F. Shilling, 600 Delaware Ave., Wilm., Del.	270	203		203
1905	12	Sarah D. Sidell, 338 7th Ave., N., St. Petersburg, Fla.	216	162	238	400
1926	25	Lida J. Smith, Dover, Del.	450	338		338
1922	8	Carrie W. Stallings, Lovettsville, Va.	144	108	252	360
1901	12	Martha H. Swain, Dover, Del.	216	162	170	332
1924	22	Julia E. Tompkinson, 503 W. 19th St., Wilm., Del.	396	297	103	400
1926	16	M. Louise Van Blunk, 902 Howard St., Camden, N. J.	288	216	100	316
1929	14	Sarah E. Walton, Route #1, New Castle, Del.	252	189	61	250
1927	39	Martha S. Watt, 17 Homer St., Worcester, Mass.	702	527		527
1918	21	Lulu V. G. Westerfield, Port Deposit, Md.	378	284	160	444
1924	16	Belle V. White, Salisbury, Md.	288	216	154	370
1929	9	Carrie E. Wilson, Aberdeen, Md.	162	122	190	312
1923	10	Laura M. Williams, 235 Westlake Apt., Westover Ave., Norfolk, Va., L. E. Windsor, Trustee, Seaford, Del.	180	135	521	656
1923	19	Kate Williams, Georgetown, Del.	342	257		257
*Relinquished.						
CHILDREN.						
1930	25	E. Tennyson Moore	150	113		113
1930	8	Charles Law McCabe	48	36		36
1923	10	Bristol W. Williams	60	45		45
1923	10	Grace Williams	60	45		45
1923	10	Maleta Williams	60	45		45
1923	10	Sherman Williams	60	45		45
1923	10	Hugh Williams	60	45		45

## XI.

## CONFERENCE PLAN OF EXAMINATION.

## RULES.

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 18-28. Board and lodging will be paid by the Conference.

5. 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.

6. 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. Papers on written work will not be accepted at Seat of Conference. No Examiner is permitted to excuse a student from the provisions of this rule except by vote of Board.

7. No student will be admitted to the Examination in any subject unless his required written work in that subject is in the hands of the proper Examiner.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. An undergraduate failing to pass an examination on any given subject will not be given the second examination on the same subject during the Conference year.

11. An undergraduate desiring entertainment by the Conference at the Summer School shall give to the Registrar written assurance that he intends to remain in this Conference until two years after graduation from the Course of Study, and in case he decides to transfer, and should do so within the specified time, he shall refund the money so spent in his behalf.

12. 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 . . . . . R. S. Hodgson  
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 should be in the hands of the appropriate examiner on or before July 1, 1932.

#### 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. Henvis

The required written work on above studies must be in the hands of the proper examiner on or before March 1, 1933.

#### 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, 1933.

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, 1933.

Tuesday, 3:30 P. M.

Bible Biography . . . . . W. H. Revelle

Candidates will please send written sermon to W. E. Harrison, Jr., by March 1, 1933.

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, 1932.

First Year—Jesus of History . . . . . E. C. Hallman  
The Technique of Public Worship . . . . . L. E. Windsor  
That I May Save Some . . . . . E. W. Henvis



- Second Year—The Abingdon Bible Commentary . . . . . Frank Herson  
 Life in the Making . . . . . Tilghman Smith  
 Steeples 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 . . . . . R. S. Hodgson  
 Good Ministers of Jesus Christ . . . . . R. P. Nichols  
 Building the House of God . . . . . E. W. Henvis

January 1, 1933.

- 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, 1933.

- 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—Religion In Life . . . . . J. W. Prettyman  
 Homiletical Work (See D. & H.) . . . . . E. M. Shockley
- Fourth Year—Religion In Life . . . . . 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 . . . . . R. S. Hodgson

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 4, 1932, 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 . . . . . R. S. Hodgson  
 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.

### FRANK NELSON FAULKNER.

Frank Nelson Faulkner was born on a farm near Magnolia, Delaware, December 14, 1886 and died April 27, 1931 in Delmar, Delaware after two months illness. The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the late Rev. E. H. Dashiell assisted by a number of other ministers.

His parents were James and Annie Terry Faulkner. He was educated in the public schools, the Wilmington Conference Academy, now Wesley Collegiate Institute and Drew Theological Seminary now Drew University.

He was converted at the age of 16 largely due to the influence of his godly mother who survives him. A revival service was in progress at their church under the leadership of Rev. S. N. Pilchard, the pastor. His mother spoke to him one day about giving his heart to the Lord and asked him if he did not think it was about time he did so. His reply was brief but characteristic of the man. "Yes, and I will attend to it". No more was said, no more needed to be said. That night when the opportunity was given for seekers he went forward, knelt at the altar and surrendered his life to Jesus Christ. There was no outward demonstration. It was a deliberate, manly transaction and yet the assurance of his acceptance was clear, definite and positive. The blessed experience of salvation by faith, he never doubted. It ran through all of his subsequent life and was the dominant note in his preaching.

After completing his education in the public schools he entered business. For several years he successfully pursued that occupation. Though a lover of business he was never perfectly satisfied. A call to the work of the christian ministry that would not be pushed aside seemed to trouble him. One day he spoke to his mother about it. But owing to a lack of educational preparation the way was not clear. Here, as in the case of his conversion, his mother's influence was manifest. She assured him that if the call to the ministry was clear the educational preparation could be secured. On her advice he entered the Wilmington Conference Academy and later Drew Theological Seminary where he readily acquired the intellectual equipment that made him an efficient minister of the gospel.

On January the eleventh 1889 he was married to Miss. Cora Wix of Frederica, Delaware. It was a very happy union. This good woman walked beside him in beautiful helpfulness for 32 years and lingers behind him with her shadowed yet sacred memories. He is also survived by one son, James W. Faulkner, of the Marvel Package Company, Laurel, Delaware.

He joined the Wilmington Annual Conference in the spring or 1900. He served successively the following charges: Selbyville, Parsonsburg, Bethel, Fairmount, and Delmar. His entire ministry was spent on the Salisbury District. Deservedly successful in all of his Pastorates perhaps Delmar was the most outstanding one. Here he remained eight years. The church and entire community felt the influence of the mature man. A great revival blessed his ministry and many of the leaders in the Delmar church today were converted during that meeting. Also one of the finest parsonages in our conference was erected during that pastorate. Here as during the revival he was the leader. Speaking to the writer one day about the parsonage brother Faulkner said: "I collected the money, paid the bills and the people let me build as I pleased." His dream was for a new and modern church building. But the people did not think that they were in a financial condition for the new enterprise at that time. Therefore the old building was remodeled, a lower room built to care for the growing Sunday School.

As a preacher of the gospel he was thoughtful, clear and strong. Ornate in style he was always brief, when aroused eloquent. In spirit he was evangelical. In teaching he was practical. In theology he was always orthodox. He preached Jesus Christ the savior from sin, the refuge for troubled hearts and the everlasting hope of all, with all the favor of his soul.

Ten years prior to his death brother Faulkner retired from the active work of the ministry because of seriously impaired health. Public speaking apparently seemed to leave his nerves in a prostrate condition and at times his suffering was very acute. But a man of his energies could not be content unemployed therefore he engaged in business which he pursued with such regularity as his health would permit until the time of his death. In private life his influence did not abate. Public spirited he was interested in every movement for the community welfare. Good roads, public schools and business enterprises found in him an able advocate and diligent friend.

He had broad, deep sympathies that readily responded to the human needs about him. He was a friend to the poor, a helper to those in need. During the days of the "Flu", he spared not himself but day and night went from house to house ministering to the sick in the things of God, and in many cases acting as nurse. Those who knew him best believe that his ceaseless labors during that awful epidemic caused his health to break.

He was active to the end in the local church. His rich baritone voice was always heard in the choir and his presence was an inspiration to the service. During the writers pastorate he was the leader of the railroad class which was composed principally of men. He knew men and their needs. His ability in song, his wide experience and his readiness in apt exhortation all made him an ideal class leader. In many other ways did this good man serve the church and the community. His going is a loss beyond repair, to the church and to the community at large in which he spent the last eighteen years of his life.

"Servant of God well done!  
The glorious warfare passed;  
The battle's fought, the race is won  
And thou art crowned at last."

J. W. JONES.

### HENRY S. DULANY.

I speak guardedly when I say that the Reverend Henry S. Dulany was the most radiant personality that it was ever my joy to know. A truly beautiful spirit has gone out from among us and we deeply mourn the loss to ourselves, to the church at large, and to every phase of the cause of righteousness.

Brother Dulany was born to a rich personal inheritance. His father was a broad minded, greathearted, highly competent business man, who served God and blessed his fellow men.

His mother was a burst of sunshine who made perpetual springtime to the limits of her influence. She was the mother of all the children of her community, the nurse of all the sick, and the good angel of all in every kind of distress. She was "Mother Dulany" to all who knew her.

These splendid traits of character of these godly parents were inherited by all their children, but it did seem that Henry inherited a double portion of these rich endowments or else his more public life gave them larger opportunity for activity.

Added to these splendid native endowments were the gifts and graces of the spirit of God. At his mother's knee, in very early childhood, he learned of the fatherhood and motherhood of God, and the soil of his spiritual nature was thoroughly prepared for the showing that produced the rich harvest of his mature years both in character and in works.

He early dedicated his life to God and gave his name to the church which he served zealously from boyhood to mature manhood. When at the age of thirty-five he entered the ministry. He was a very active member of his home church at Fruitland, Maryland, and filled various official positions therein until his call to the ministry.

In the spring of 1886 he offered himself to the Wilmington Conference for the itinerant ministry. He was accepted and appointed to Holland's Island. The enthusiasm that he awakened, and the success that attended his labors on that island were nothing less than phenomenal, and marked the beginning of a long and eminently successful ministry.

His appointments were as follows: Hollands Island, Parksley, Kingswood, Onancock, Whitesville, Millington, Asbury, Wil., Asbury, Crisfield; Grace, Salisbury, Felton, Sharptown, St. Peters, Grace, Salisbury; the second time, and Asbury, Wil., the second time. For five years, 1907 to 1911, inclusive, he held a supernumerary relation on account of broken health, but as soon as he recovered adequately, he responded to the call

again and took up the itinerant journey which he continued, until the Great Head of the Church and the Bishop of Souls transferred him to the Church of the first-born who are without fault before the throne of God, last Sunday morning at 8:14 o'clock.

How fitting the time of his transfer from the active rank of the Church Militant to the Joys and may I not say, the activities of the Church triumphant. He got to heaven on Sunday morning in time for the reception and the hallelujah service in the temple not made with hands eternal in the heavens. I fancy that hardly anyone ever felt more at home or received a heartier welcome by a larger company from all over this peninsula than our brother. It would be indeed soul-stirring to call in part even the roll of those who hailed him with joy as he was introduced to the assembled millions at 8:15 o'clock, but I leave that to your own imagination.

There were some outstanding characteristics in this minister of Jesus Christ that were indeed so outstanding that they marked him as belonging to a class of his own. First, his very remarkable social qualities. This impressed every body and drew people to him as with the magnet of love and held them as with bands of steel. This Friendliness was not assumed. It was not professional. Nobody could think of Brother Dulany as assuming anything. He was the very soul of sincerity. His friendliness was the spontaneous, out-gushing of a soul that was full to overflowing with love for his fellow men that drew him to them. One has spoken of him as "hot handed", he was so constant in hand shaking, and so he was hot handed because he was hot hearted. In this he was the same all the time, in all places, and to all people. In his hand clasp there was the thrill of a galvanic personality.

In this we never saw his like before! Will we never see his like again?

Another outstanding characteristic of this dynamic personality was his boundless enthusiasm. I suppose most of us, as ministers of the gospel, are amazed that we are not more enthusiastic in our chosen profession when we consider the issues involved for ourselves and the people to whom we minister, yet here is a man at whom we are amazed for the high degree of his fervent and sustained enthusiasm, year in and year out, even to the end, and we are also amazed that this fire had not consumed him long ago.

The Psalmist said "The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up" and when the disciples saw their Lord and Master driving the thieves out of the temple, they applied this declaration to him. Surely had it not been for his rugged powers of physical endurance Brother Dulany would have burned out before this. Driven by the fire that burns and the water that boils, the railroad locomotive plunges on through sunshine and storm by day and by night. That is a symbol of the fire that burned within this man and would not let him stay when he knew he was being consumed to near the finish. It was his ambition to spend and be spent for the glory of God and the Salvation of men. The sentiment of his soul and the ambition



of his life was expressed by the poet who said, "Happy if with my latest breath, I may but gasp his name, Preach him to all and cry in death, Behold, Behold the Lamb".

St. Paul commended the zeal of the Corinthians saying, "Your zeal has provoked many". Brother Dulany's zeal was the contagious kind and no church ever died nor declined on his hands. The preachers and people of this conference have sustained a great loss in this respect in Brother Dulany's going. Many churches and some preachers are singing a dirge rather than a Hallelujah chorus, and any agency or personality that stays this current is of incalculable blessing. We have just lost such a personality. May his tongue of fire descent upon us that the cause he loved so much may not suffer loss.

Another outstanding characteristic of our Brother was his restless, persistent, never give up industry. His boundless resourcefulness grew out of his dogged determination to succeed, and if he could not succeed one way he would try another and another until he found a way over or around or through the barriers that hedged his progress. With St. Paul, his whole ministerial life said, "I count my life dear unto myself so that I might finish my course-work-with joy".

Sometimes these diligent hard working lay men criticize us ministers that we are an easy going bunch and sometimes there is too much ground for that complaint. But I dare say that, no one ever heard such a complaint entered against Brother Dulany. On the other hand the remark was not infrequently made that Brother Dulany was a hard worker. Only a few hours ago a prominent official of a prominent church who was a parishioner of Brother Dulany's for three years and who knew his work well before and since, said to me, "It is amazing that Brother Dulany lived as long as he did in view of his constant hard work", and I think that is quite a general feeling. He not only worked himself but he had the knack of getting other people to work. He had an undying passion for souls that would not let him rest and his ambition to die in that pursuit was gratified.

One striking proof of all I have said with reference to the outstanding characteristics of Brother Dulany is found in the fact that beyond the age when most men retire if they can and if they can't retire entirely they are looking for an easy place, he joyfully accepted an invitation to Asbury Church knowing full well that it was an exceedingly difficult field and that only the hardest labor could hold it to its present standard. In accepting this hard field he literally laid down his life for the cause.

There are other exceedingly valuable elements of character that went to make Bro. Dulany's personality that are not so well known of the public at large, but that exalted him and endeared him to the hearts of his more intimate friends, such as his undying loyalty to the inner circle of his friends. He had no enemies, much less was he the enemy of anybody, but there were those who because of affinity of spirit and because of association and mutual interests, he knew better, loved more, and trusted further. These knew the wealth of his mind and heart as the world at large

did not. Then there was the private circle of his family and near relatives. He was a devoted son and a joy to his parents while they lived. He was one of a family of six children—five brothers and one sister. To these he was a brother indeed, zealous of their rights and happiness. His own home was a bit of heaven sent to earth. He was ever true to the matrimonial vows "to love and to cherish till death us do part." He and his bereaved companion walked the toilsome road of life happily together for fifty-two years. Their only child, Earl, was the object of the devotion of a great hearted father.

As a preacher he was intensely earnest. He believed the Gospel he preached with all his soul and had a profound moving conviction that the Gospel was the only hope of the world and the absolute need of the individual. He preached for the conviction and conversion of souls in every sermon, and he had the joy of a great revival in every charge he served.

He was a most diligent pastor in visiting from house to house and adapted himself to all classes and conditions of his people. During his long and intensive ministry he gathered thousands of people into the churches he served. His going is mourned by a vast multitude on earth, and acclaimed with joy by a great company in heaven.

Earth is poorer but heaven is richer for his passing. We have never had but one Henry S. Dulany and we shall never have another. We will thank God for lending him to us so long and with the poet congratulate him, saying:

Servant of God well done  
Thy glorious warfare's past.  
The battle's fought, the race is won  
And thou art crowned at last.

Redeemed from earth and pain,  
Ah! When shall we ascend  
And all in Jesus' presence reign  
With our translated friend?

W. F. CORKRAN.

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**JOHN H. BEAUCHAMP, D. D.**

Brother John H. Beauchamp was born in Fairmount, Somerset County, Maryland, October 1st, 1862. The names of his parents were John and Mary Jane Beauchamp.

He was converted at the altar in the Union Methodist Episcopal Church, Fairmount, in 1890, under the ministry of the late Dr. C. W. Prettyman, his pastor. The same year, 1890, he experienced the "call" to the Christian Ministry, and was granted Local Preacher's License by the Quarterly Conference of his home church. He was admitted to membership in the Wilmington Conference in March, 1894.

The problem of securing the necessary training for the work of the ministry was far more difficult in those days than now. However, Brother Beauchamp, though startling late, did equip himself well. He attended and graduated from the Fairmount Academy, easily one of the best private schools on this Peninsula at that time. In 1890 he entered our Wilmington Conference Academy at Dover, Delaware, from which institution he graduated in June, 1894. While it was not practicable for him to continue longer in the schools, yet he did continue throughout his ministry to be an industrious student of books and life, and thus increasingly prepared himself for the handling of larger tasks. He received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity from the Western University of Chicago, Illinois, on January 31, 1908.

On June 17, 1883, he was married to Miss Edna Jane Cox, daughter of Edward and Sally Cox, of Fairmount, Maryland. To them were born five children, Mrs. George A. Wedler, Mrs. W. Rodney Price, Herbert E. and Elon H. Beauchamp, all of Wilmington, and John H. Beauchamp, Jr., who died October 10, 1904.

Brother Beauchamp was indeed a good minister of Jesus Christ. He served faithfully and successfully every Church committed to his pastoral care. He was a splendid preacher and a faithful pastor. Many of his friends of his school days remain with us in the ministry and would rejoice to bear witness to his personal integrity and fidelity to every trust and duty. His most outstanding appointment in his ministry was as Superintendent of the Goodwill Industries of Wilmington. He served this institution from its beginning and until his death, a period of 11 years. He led in the development of this institution and in the extension of its ministries of helpfulness to the poor of Wilmington. Under his leadership about \$50,000 was raised by the help of the public spirited individuals of Wilmington in 1928 to enlarge the plant and multiply its helpfulness.

For about two years Brother Beauchamp had been in failing health. On May 24th, 1931, he was stricken with heart trouble and passed away June 4th, following. Funeral services were held from his late home, 2812 Harrison Street, Wilmington, with Rev. D. W. Jacobs, District Superintendent, and the writer, in charge. Interment in the Emmanuel M. E. Cemetery, Townsend, Delaware. His last words uttered to his children gathered about his bedside were: "Have faith."

This fatherly exhortation to his children was quite like the last words of Paul to Timothy, his son in the faith: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

J. W. COLONA.

### WADE H. CUMMINGS.

The Reverend Wade H. Cummings, the son of John W. K. and Sarah E. Cummings, was born at Tilghman, Maryland, October 26, 1876. He attended the school at Tilghman and to further his education took a correspondence course. He completed the Conference Court of Study with credit to himself and with satisfaction to the Conference.

Brother Cummings was converted early in life, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. Soon after his conversion, he was convinced that he was called of God to enter the Ministry. He was very active in Christian work in his own community, and did evangelistic work with a marked degree of success. So pronounced was his work that his pastor, the Reverend Ivanhoe Willis, in 1915 recommended him to the Quarterly Conference for Local Preacher's License, which was freely granted. He supplied Williamsburg, Maryland for three years. His work there merited the approval of the Conference. He was received on trial in 1918, and continued to pursue his work with such zeal and success that the Conference received him into full connection and ordained him Elder March 26, 1922, at its Fifth-fourth session at Cambridge, Maryland.

October 26, 1899 he married Mabel N. Mathias, daughter of Reuben J. and Emma J. Mathias of Uniontown, Carroll County, Maryland. She was indeed a helpmeet to him throughout the remaining years of his life. Of this union one child, Courtney H., was born, who in June, 1931, joined the Central Pennsylvania Conference and is now stationed at Houston-town, Pennsylvania.

Brother Cummings possessed a great amount of native ability. He was successful in advancing the work of the Church both spiritually and financially. He was a 32d Degree Mason and Associate Patron of the Order of Eastern Star.

He served the following charges: 1918-20, Ebenezer; 21-22, Fairmount; 23-24, Roxana; 25-28, Parsonburg; 29-30, Vienna; 31, Retired.

While he was stationed at Ebenezer, he succeeded in helping Frank Kelly to prepare himself for the ministry, and at the present time he is supplying Westover, Maryland. While at Fairmount, Maryland, he recommended two brothers, H. V. Branford and the writer for Local Preacher's License, and was much gratified to see both of them admitted into the Conference and ordained Elders. But his joy was made complete when his only son responded to the call of the Master and consecrated his life to the active work of the Ministry. He was now ready to say with Simeon, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace."

A malignant disease, cancer, incapacitated him for further activities, and in 1930 he was compelled to relinquish his work, and ask for the retired relation. It was not long before this serious illness terminated his earthly career. All through his affliction he exhibited a trustful faith and hope of immortal life. This song cheered and comforted him even unto the end:

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean upon Jesus' name.

When darkness veils his lovely face  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, his covenant, his blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh may I then in him be found;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand  
All other ground is sinking sand.

He passed away in the Maryland General Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, September 10, 1931. The funeral services were held in the Tilghman Church on September 13, 1931, in charge of the Reverend Ivanhoe Willis, assisted by Reverend C. H. Atkins and the writer.

The Masons acted as a guard on honor and performed their last rites at the grave.

His body was laid to rest in the Cemetery adjoining the Church, there to await the resurrection of the just.

CHAS. W. BRANFORD.

**REV. W. W. SHARP.**

By VAUGHAN S. COLLINS.

William Wingate Sharp, son of Benton and Mary Conoway Sharp, was born Sep. 23rd, 1853, in Nanticoke Hundred, near Georgetown, Delaware. Converted when a boy at Chaplain's Chapel, he started at once to do his Heavenly Father's will.

Educated in the public schools of Delaware, including the High School at Georgetown, Del. When but twenty-one years of age (Dec. 29th, 1874) he married Miss Wilhelmina Welch, daughter of James and Eliza Rickards Welch, and started upon a business career. But hearing the call of God to preach the gospel, he turned his back upon business, and in 1886 applied to the Wilmington Conference for admission on trial, was

received, and appointed to Ingleside. Then followed thirty-seven years of happy, and reasonably successful life of an itinerant minister, brother and sister Sharp laboring side by side in the Master's service, during which the following charges felt the charm and inspiration of this devoted couple, viz: Kenton, Kent Island, Hillsboro, Wesley, Delmar, Tangier, Deal's Island, St. Peter's, Newport, Seaford Circuit, Frederica, and Mount Pleasant.

It was while stationed at Mount Pleasant that sister Sharp passed on to the heavenly home, Aug. 1st, 1923. After nearly forty-nine years of such delightful companionship the parsonage home could never be the same without the counsel and inspiration of his life-partner. Brother Sharp tried to "carry on," and did for a year and a half, and then gave up the unequal struggle, feeling that alone he could not bear the burdens and perform the duties demanded by the active ministry. So, at the 1925 session of the Conference he asked for and was granted the Retired relation.

After his retirement on April 4th, 1925, brother Sharp married at St. Petersburg, Florida, Mrs. Annie Sergeant. His retired life with this cultured Christian woman has been divided between the cosy apartment at Penney Farms, Green Cove Springs, Florida, and Ocean Grove, N. J.—nine months at Penney Farms, and three at Ocean Grove. It was my happy privilege two years ago to visit them at Penney Farms, and to study on the ground this worthy philanthropy of that noble Christian gentleman, Mr. J. C. Penney. I found brother Sharp and his wife not only very happy in their new environment but greatly beloved and highly respected by the scores of other retired ministers, of various denominations, who are furnished at Penney Farms a comfortable apartment, fully furnished; with heat and light and water, and a garden for growing vegetables, all absolutely free by the liberal generosity of this son of a Baptist minister, Mr. J. C. Penney.

Brother Sharp's happy retired life came to a very sudden end. He had come north to perform the marriage ceremony for his daughter, Miss Sallie Sharp to Mr. Messick, of the Lone Elm Farm, Seaford, and was on the train en route to his Florida home, Oct. 29th, 1931, when he suffered a heart attack, and was dead before assistance could be rendered. The body was returned to Wilmington, Del., and interment made in Riverview Cemetery.

Brother Sharp is survived by his widow, Mrs. Annie Sergeant Sharp, who will now make her home at Ocean Grove, N. J.; one daughter, Mrs. Sallie Sharp Messick, Lone Elm Farm, Seaford, Del.; and two sons, Newman Sharp, Parlin, N. J., and Oscar Sharp, Wilmington, Del.

Brother Sharp was a fine type of the faithful, loyal Methodist preacher. Pleasing in manner, and of a gentle, kindly spirit, no wonder he made friends and held them. As a sermonizer he was predominantly a hortatory preacher, and therefore largely evangelistic. He believed in "holiness unto the Lord," and lived it. His spotless life was above reproach. Like his Master he loved the children, and they in turn loved him. He was in the language of our Bishop, "A good minister of Jesus Christ."



## REV. EDWARD H. DASHIELL, D. D.

By VAUGHAN S. COLLINS.

Edward H. Dashiell, son of Luther Cox Dashiell, and Adela H. Cahoon, his wife, was born in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, Feb. 15th, 1873. His father died while he was yet a small boy, and his mother passed away while he was a lad of only eleven years; but she had lived such a faithful Christian life, and had so instructed her son, that he never forgot her teachings and example, and in later years frequently spoke of her holy life, and that in tones of unusual affection and tenderness.

His education began in his home, was continued in the schools of Elizabeth City; and on the death of his mother, kind relatives in Baltimore, Maryland, took the lad into their home and reared him as one of their own family. In Baltimore the Public Schools trained his growing mind, and this was followed by a course in a business college. His mind, however, was such that a professional life allured him, and he completed a course in law and was preparing to enter the law firm of Steele, Seems and Carey when he attended a revival service, was soundly converted, and his whole life was changed. His call to preach the gospel was so clear and convincing that turning his back on the law, he began preparation for the ministry, and united with the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Bro. Dashiell's name first appears in the Minutes of the Wilmington Conference in one sentence in the report of Dr. Watt to the Conference of 1899, viz: "In September H. W. Ewing was transferred to the Kentucky Conference, and E. H. Dashiell, formerly of the Church South was at the earnest request of the Mt. Salem official board appointed as supply until spring." When the appointments were read that year brother Dashiell was sent to Mt. Lebanon, as a supply; but such was his diligence and ability both as a student and as a pastor the record one year later shows he was admitted on his credentials from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as a Deacon, in studies of the third year. He wisely remained at Mt. Lebanon four years, and during those years developed by hard study and deep spiritual exercises into a pastor-evangelist, preacher, and debater that caused his advancement through all the years of his busy life. His list of appointments clearly show his worth and progress: Chesapeake City, Northeast, Frederica, Federalburg, Asbury (Crisfield),—it was a steady climb, and he never served a charge that was not enriched by his masterful preaching and his holy living.

By 1916 our Conference had awakened to the fact that our Conference Claimants were not being adequately cared for, and never could be if we relied absolutely on that variable quantity, viz: free-will offerings. An endowment fund seemed the logical solution of the difficulty, and by a well-nigh unanimous judgment of the brethren brother Dashiell was appointed executive secretary of that movement, and for five years devoted himself wholly to that work.

Re-entering the pastorate in 1921 he was stationed at Cape Charles, where he had one of the happiest and most successful pastorates of his entire career. His grip on the Church, in fact the whole community, was so strong and so helpful, and his administrative ability so marked, that it was not surprising that brother Dashiell received the unanimous endorsement of the cabinet for the position of Superintendent of Salisbury District, which he served with great success for six years.

In 1924 he was honored with election as delegate to the General Conference at Springfield, Mass., and served with his usual devotion and loyalty to high principles.

On retiring from the Superintendency he was appointed to Delmar. With his accustomed insight he studied the situation, and soon decided Delmar's dream of a beautiful, new, modern Church, was an impossibility under existing financial conditions, but three things were perfectly possible of attainment, and greatly needed, viz: a united Church, a genuine revival of religion, and the building of a fund looking toward a new Church when the building was feasible. With his sweet, winning spirit, and his preaching the gospel of love, he won the hearts of his people, and following their Pastor's example they began to lay aside monthly and quarterly various sums for the new Church. At the end of the first year he could report a church united in spirit, with increased interest in prayer meetings, class meetings, and every spiritual work of the Church, with a few thousand dollars in cash in the Bank for the new building. The second year's success was even more pronounced; and during the first half of the third year his heart was cheered by a blessed revival which revived the Church and resulted in many accessions. Meanwhile the building fund had grown until there was \$19,000 cash in Bank for the new Church.

And then, right in the midst of his labors and his successes, an insidious disease, unknown to most of us, seized him. For one week all that medical skill, and prayers, and faith could do was done, but it was a losing battle. Early Sabbath morning, November first, 1931, he called his wife and daughter to him, and said, "I am tired," and proceeded to make all arrangements for his funeral, naming those whom he desired to officiate at the services, and other details. Then with an affectionate farewell to his loved ones he closed his eyes and fell asleep.

July 6th, 1897, brother Dashiell married Miss Martie Barton of Queen Anne County, Maryland. She brought to their parsonage home culture, refinement, and a zeal for Christian work far beyond the strength of her physical body. In confidential talks with me brother Dashiell has told me of the inspiration she ever was to him, and attributed a large measure of his success and usefulness in the work of the ministry to her unselfish devotion, and her keen spiritual insight. Their home life was beautiful in its mutual devotion, and one who enjoyed their gracious hospitality could never forget it. It was always a benediction to spend a night in that home where love ruled, and each vied with the other in tokens of affection for one another, and to the guest.

Funeral services were held in the Delmar Parsonage, but the scores of ministers and hundreds of laymen could not find room in the large house, but overflowed to the porch, the yard, and the pavement. By request the writer was in charge, assisted by Reverends J. W. Jones, M. W. Marine, and Dr. W. F. Corkran. Delmar Church choir and quartet sang, while the Delmar Official Board furnished the pall bearers. Interment was at Parsons Cemetery, Salisbury, Md.

In the death of brother Dashiell the Wilmington Conference has lost one of its ablest, noblest members. Out of a well-stored mind he brought to his people "truths both new and old." One of our most vigorous debaters he was ever courteous to an opponent, and the heat of argument never caused him to be other than a Christian gentleman. Truly it may be said of him, as Luke said of Barnabus: "He was a good man, full of faith and of the Holy Ghost."

His widow and one daughter, Miss Mazie, survive him. After his decease Mrs. Dashiell found in his much-used Bible the following poem, evidently a favorite of his:

"I can not say, and I WILL not say,  
That he is dead. He is just away.  
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand  
He has wandered into an unknown land,  
And left us dreaming how very fair  
It needs must be, since he lingers there.

And you, O you, who the wildest yearn  
For the old-time step, and the glad return,  
Think of him as faring on, as dear  
In the love of there as the love of here.  
Mild and gentle as he was brave,  
When the sweetest love of his life he gave  
To simple things; where the violets grew  
Pure as the eyes they were likened to;  
The touches of his hand have strayed  
As reverently as his lips have prayed;  
When the little brown thrush that harshly chirred  
Was heard to him as the mocking bird;  
And he pities as much as a man in pain  
A writhing honeybee wet with rain.  
Think of him still as the same, I say,  
He is not dead—he is just away."

"Let me die the death of the righteous;  
And my last end be like his."

### LOUIS PHILLIP CORKRAN.

Louis Phillip Corkran belonged to the older order of the ministry of our Church. His name in the Chronological Roll of our last Conference Minutes stands eighth in this list of some one hundred and ninety-seven preachers. Admitted to the Conference in 1881 and given the retired relation in 1917, his period of active service was ended before fully one-third of our present members had entered upon theirs. He was one of those men who with many of the qualities of real greatness have made our Church on the Peninsula what it is to-day.

Born in 1852 in Dorchester County, Maryland, he came of a Methodist family that gave along with him two of his brothers to the ministry of our Church, both of whom survive him—our own Wilbur F., and David H., who at one time was a member of our Conference but is now a retired member of the Troy Conference, making his home in Glenn Falls, New York. He began the work of life on the farm, but, hearing the call to the ministry, entered the Wilmington Conference Academy in Dover. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of our Church in Dover while in school. It is interesting to note that his ordination as a Deacon was by Bishop Simpson in the Conference session held in Cambridge in 1883. In 1891 while serving Lincoln City, he was married to Miss Ethelyn Small of that town. His appointments, beginning with Sudlersville, where he served as Junior Preacher with the Rev. J. T. Van Burkalow, included such charges as, Greenwood, Lincoln City, Delmar, New Castle, Epworth in Wilmington, and Sudlersville again, where he closed his active ministry with a delightful and much loved pastorate of four years.

Retirement was necessitated by a severe attack of heart trouble. After a few years of complete rest, while making his home in Church Hill, he consented to supply Salem and Barclay, a small charge nearby of two churches, with a third church at times. Year after year, in the face of repeated requests to be relieved of this work that he was not able to do, though he loved to do it, they besought him in love, and, because he loved them, he continued to minister to them. Even though weak from an attack of Bronchial Pneumonia coming just before last Conference, he was returned to them for the tenth year, and did his work up until nine weeks before the Master touched him one day and whispered, "It is enough. Come up higher."

Funeral services were held in our Church in Church Hill in this neighborhood where he had spent twenty years of his ministerial life and where the people loved him. They were in charge of the District Superintendent, who was assisted by many of the ministers of our Conference. Interment was made at Lincoln City.

Such is the story of his life—simple and quiet and plain, and such was the man. There is nothing spectacular or extraordinary in it and there was nothing of that in him. He was plain and quiet and modest and even humble always. He took no part in the work of the Conference sessions. Very likely his voice was never heard in debate on the floor of the Conference. Simply and quietly and modestly he gave himself—thirty-

six years of his active life and then ten years of almost as much activity, though in a smaller field, to the Church.

He is worthy a place among those men of another day of whom we are so fond of saying, "They were giants in those days"—though he would be the last to dream of such a thing himself. Tennyson sings of his friend who

"bore without abuse  
The grand old name of gentleman."

So with this minister of God. And he both looked and acted the part. No one would question of him, as of some these days, what his calling might be. The dignity of the minister was always upon him. Like the most of the ministers of his day, his preparation was not that of the schools—though he graduated from the Conference Academy in Dover—but one gained for himself by hard and close effort and it was a good one. He was gifted with a fine mind and he had it well stored and disciplined. He did not preach essays but sermons, of the older style, and good for to-day as well—logical and definite, with clearly marked arrangement, in simple, plain, but choice language, delivered with all the freedom of extempore utterance, and with that peculiar earnestness and force that the fathers called "the unction of the Spirit." The people who heard him, who had been listening to him, some of them for fourteen years, were still glad to hear him. Perhaps he was not a great preacher, but his was great preaching.

He was simple and delightful in his personal life. Indeed, one had to become acquainted with him intimately to appreciate him. He did not give himself freely. He was not one to stand around with the group exchanging those reminiscences so dear to the preacher's heart. To some who did not know him, he might appear cold and distant. To those who got beneath the crust of only shyness, he showed a very warm and tender heart. Those who knew him in his home, who enjoyed his kindly humor, his genial spirit, interested and interesting always, loved him. To them with the warmth of love in their hearts, he is not dead. For them he can never die.

"They are not gone who pass  
Beyond the grasp of hand  
Out from the strong embrace;  
They are but come so close  
We need not grope with hands.  
Nor look to see, nor try  
To catch the sound of feet.

"They have put off their shoes  
To softly walk by day  
Within our thoughts, to tread  
At night our dream-led paths  
Of sleep.

"They are not dead who live  
In hearts they leave behind;  
In those whom they have loved  
They live a life again,  
And shall live through the years  
Eternal life, and grow  
Each day more beautiful,  
As time declares their good,  
Forgets the rest, and proves  
Their immortality."

OMAR E. JONES.

#### JOHN F. ANDERSON.

John F. Anderson, son of John V. and Sarah Hoeffcker Anderson, was born June 19, 1859, near Church Hill, Maryland.

At the age of eleven years, he was converted under the Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, grew cold at heart, was revived under the pastorate of Rev. Thomas E. Terry, and united with Raymond's Church on Leipsic Charge.

He was eager for an education, and his mind turned to pharmacy. He studied in Philadelphia and for some years followed his profession. Later he felt the call to preach the Gospel, and was admitted to the Wilmington Annual Conference on trial in 1888, then in session at Wilmington, Delaware. He served the following charges: Westover, Parsonsburg, Parksley, Crumpton, Pomona, Talbot, Woodlawn, Marion, Powellsville, Stockton, Sharptown, Houston, Wyoming, Farmington, Kenton, St. Georges, Cherry Hill, Mt. Lebanon, and Calona.

Brother Anderson was married to Miss Caddie N. Stout of Magnolia, Delaware, and to them were born two sons, Edmund V. and J. Franklin Anderson, and one daughter, Elsie S. Anderson. Later, Brother Anderson married Miss Emma Cooper of Bozman, Maryland.

In 1922, ill health made it necessary that he should take a retired relation. He located in Wilmington, where his devoted children provided a very comfortable home for him for the balance of his days. During these days of retirement Mrs. Anderson went to her heavenly home.

Brother Anderson held his Quarterly Conference relation with Silverbrook Church. It was the privilege of the writer of this memoir to be his pastor. He attended the services, took part in the work and rendered a helpful service.

January 21, 1932, the Master's chariot called at his earthly home, and found him ready and willing. He stepped in and went home. Funeral services were conducted by his District Superintendent, Disston W. Jacobs, assisted by his brother ministers and friends. The interment was



made at Camden, Delaware, after services were held in the nearby chapel by brother ministers and friends.

Now the laborer's task is o'er;  
 Now the battle day is past;  
 Now upon the farther shore  
 Lands the voyager at last.  
 Father in thy gracious keeping  
 Leave me now the servant sleeping.

Earth to earth, and dust to dust  
 Calmly now the words we say  
 Left behind, we wait in trust  
 For the resurrection day.  
 Father in thy glorious keeping  
 Leave me now thy servant sleeping.

R. K. STEPHENSON.

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**MRS. EDNA JANE BEAUCHAMP.**

Mrs. Edna Jane Beauchamp, wife of the Reverend John H. Beauchamp, D. D., was born in Fairmount, Maryland, on November 16th, 1866. The names of her parents were Edward and Sally Cox.

She united with the Upper Fairmount Methodist Episcopal Church on the Fairmount Charge when she was a young girl, and grew up to young womanhood in the life and activities of the Church. She attended school at the Fairmount Academy, one of the best known Schools on this Peninsula at that time.

On June 17th, 1883, she was married to Mr. John H. Beauchamp, who later was converted and, after uniting with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fairmount, Md., was granted Local Preacher's License by the Quarterly Confernece of said Church, and subsequently entered the ministry and membership of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Beauchamp. The names of the children are: Mrs. George A. Wedler, Mrs. W. Rodney Price, Herbert E. and Elon H. Beauchamp, all of Wilmington, Delaware, and John H. Beauchamp, Jr., who died October 10th, 1904.

Mrs. Beauchamp was a quite and modest personality, always unassuming in spirit, and unselfish in all her relations toward others. Indeed she was easily one of the most beautiful Christian characters it has ever been the privilege of the writer to know. The young men who were the fellow students of her husband at the Wilmington Conference Academy thought of her as their mother, for she was a real mother to them in the kindness and tenderness of her ministerings unto them. They have always

carried her in their affections as a real mother who sought to do for them when students are away what their own mothers would do when at home. That motherly touch to them meant, infinitely more than gold deposited to their credit in the bank, for it meant a real rich deposit of Christian spirit and ideals in their characters.

Mrs. Beauchamp was stricken during the last illness of her husband. Immediately after the burial of her husband, she was compelled to go to bed, where she remained until taken to the Lakenau Hospital, Philadelphia. After five weeks of lingering she passed away July 8th, 1931. While she suffered from a complication of diseases, yet it is the general opinion that she really died of a broken heart, due to the loss of her husband.

The funeral services were in charge of the Rev. D. W. Jacobs, District Superintendent, and the writer. Interment by the side of her husband in the Emmanuel M. E. Cemetery, Townsend, Delaware.

J. W. COLONA.

## MEMORIAL ADDRESS.

First Corinthians XV: 49—And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

We are assembled tonight in solemn service to honor the memory of our fellow workers who have undergone the great evolution from the image of the earthy to the image of the heavenly.

They have performed their work, lived their lives hid with Christ in God, and have passed "to where beyond these voices there is peace."

"Their work well done,  
Their race well run,  
Their crown well won."

Knowing that we shall greet them no more in our annual sessions we cry in exultant faith—"ALL HAIL."

"Come let us join our friends above  
Who have obtained the prize,  
And on the eagle wings of love  
To joys celestial rise."

We assemble tonight not so much under the shadow of deep grief as we do in the light of an assured immortality in Jesus Christ. We do not mourn as those who have no hope. These old friends all died in the faith; they are with God.

The text of this sermon may be regarded as an epitome of their lives; they did bear the image of the earthy, they now bear the image of the heavenly. I ask you to think with me on this—

### Theme—Human Evolution, or the Earthy Image and the Heavenly Image.

1—We remember our departed friends as bearing the image of the earthy life, as embodied spirits. We must think of them now as disembodied spirits in perfect conformity to the likeness of the Son of God.

They have passed through the various phases of the material life, and have already entered upon the experiences of the heavenly life.

For them the glorious promise of the text is being fulfilled; they now see Jesus as he is and are becoming like him. They are experiencing the real evolution, the emergence from the chrysalis shell of earth into the glorious condition of the heavenly world.

Tonight we may boldly call ourselves evolutionists, knowing that in God's own good time we also shall experience the meaning of real evolution. For nearly three-quarters of a century the word evolution has been a disturbing term in human thinking. It has had its proponents and its opponents, its friends and its enemies. Many wordy battles have been waged about this word, and the strife is not over yet.

In the year 1858 Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace announced to the world the theory of evolution, which startled the thinking world, and which still has power to stir our sluggish brain cells into activity. Evolution spells revolution. Science was revolutionized by the theory and religious thinking also has been vastly disturbed. As a result of the launching of this theory our thinking has taken on new life and our traditional modes of expression have been transformed. Much of our old time terminology has been dropped, the language of canaan has given place largely—too largely, I fear—to the verbiage of the scientific laboratory. Many pious souls have been seized with trembling for the ark of God and have put forth strong hands to steady it lest it fall and crash. The past seventy-five years have been years of contention, usually emitting more heat than light. But it must be said in all honesty that truth has been divested of some of its clinging garments of imagination and prejudice, not to say superstition, which too long hid the beauty of its real nature, and that real nature has been brought into clearer light. The cause of truth marches on. One form of error after another dies amid the lament of its worshippers, but truth, mighty truth, eternal truth, moves on its triumphant way.

But tonight we are not so much interested in evolution as applied to the lower forms of life as we are in the evolution of human personality. The earthly form in which human personality is encased is but a passing phase of human existence, serving well the purpose of the Creator. The creative purpose of God contained in the statement, "Come let us make man in our image and after our likeness" involved of necessity the using of the material shell into which the divine image was poured as a mould, thus dignified and sanctified as the temple of the personality, and therefore it has its place in the plan of human redemption from which no speculations of scientists nor scorn of unbelievers can dethrone it. Whether one holds to an immediate creation of the human body out of the dust of the ground—a creation that immediately preceded the creation of the personality, or whether one prefers to believe that God by slow degrees had been preparing the body from the lower animal forms, the great hour in the creative plan was the incasing of personality in the human form, there to remain till ready for the higher life, where the image of the earthy should evolve into the image of the heavenly.

The great event in the history of time was not the implanting of the law of evolution in the lowest possible life forms for the purpose of a long process of development into higher forms till perfection should be reached but it was the creation of human personality well expressed in the language of the author of Genesis, "Come let us make man in our likeness and after our image." Here I think every teacher of the Bible may take his stand and know that he is on the impregnable rock of truth. The question as to what is lost when the earthy image transforms into the heavenly, demands our careful consideration. Let us consider this point by reference to those whose memory we honor tonight.

We have known these departed friends, first of all, by the house in

which they dwelt. Their form and features were impressed on our brain cells when first we met them and that impression has remained as the chief means of identification as we have met them occasionally through the years. And as we think of them now it is in the human form. We cannot visualize them as sheer spirit, for memory still hangs before us the face and form of these saints. But this form has disappeared from view. It exists for us only in our memory. Tenderly we laid the loved form away in God's Acre, saying with Eugene Fields:

"Sleep little ones sleep  
The Shepherd loveth the sheep  
Swift speedeth the night away,  
Soon cometh the opening day  
Sleep little ones, sleep."

These bodies, fearfully and wonderfully made, resisting disease through the years, bearing heavy burdens, doing the work of life, plodding on through the increasing years, at last came to the end of the trail, where

"God's finger touched them and they slept."

To all appearances the human shell is lost, "Earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust." These mortal forms may be "blown about the desert dust or sealed within the iron hills," or taken up in the circulation of nature. But the image of the earthy is more than is implied in the constitution of the physical body. If that were all that God did and meant when he created man then well might we say with Solomon in his hours of pessimism—"Man has no preeminence over the beast, as one dieth so does the other." But the history of the race proves beyond debate that man is more than a physical form functioning according to the law of its animal nature and appetites. His advancement in thought power, in acquiring knowledge of and in the control of the material universe puts him in a far different class from the beast. The ascent of man is one of the most fascinating stories that the ages has for us. If man's ancestor and that of the monkey were the same why is it that the monkey remains a monkey still, living in the forests as did his ancestors, while man has climbed down the trees and has climbed up the skies? Tennyson sings:

I envy not the beast that takes  
His license in the field of time  
Unfettered by a sense of crime,  
To whom a conscience never wakes.

The monkey remains a monkey, living his beast's life in the forests without a conscience, without longing for better things, without the sense of God, with no prospect nor horizon.

And just here the beast argument for man as only physical breaks down utterly. It cannot account for all the facts. It is wholly inadequate to explain the facts.

But now the essential element in the image in which man was created is personality. Man is more than an individual something—monkeys are individual. Man is a personality, meaning thereby that he is that trinity of elements called intellect, sensibility and will, a trinity which belongs in possibility to every member of the human race. Personality cannot be posited as belonging to any other creature that God has made on the earth outside the human family. God in person, the angels who surround the throne are persons, man is person, but below the order of the human race there can be found no trace, not even the slightest intimation of a trace of personality. Therefore man stands in an unique position in the scale of creation. The psalmist was right when he exclaimed: "Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels and has crowned him with glory and honor; and made him to have dominion over the works of thy hands." This God-given quality raises man forever above the lower orders of animal creatures. Here, I think, every thinker can find firm standing ground from which no philosophy can drive him.

This element called personality is not an acquirement, it is not an acquisition which a few have attained, not a mark of the superman alone, but it is an essential possession of the race given to our first parents and by them handed on to all their descendants. The baby born this day is both an individual and a personality. He has all the elements of personality which grows with his growth.

"The baby new to earth and sky  
What time his tender hand is prest  
Against the circle of the breast  
Has never thought that this is I.

"But as he grows he gathers much,  
And learns the use of I and me,  
And finds, I am not what I see,  
And other than the things I touch.

"Thus rounds he to a separate mind  
From which pure memory may begin.  
And through the frame that binds him in  
His isolation grows defined."

Let us not lose our way here. The human personality, while differing in degree in individuals is nevertheless the possession of all normal people; pagan, savage or christian. The impartation or the implanting of this personality is the chief thing in human creation, for which the human body was not preparatory. This act of creation is described in the Bible as follows, "And God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul." The divine inbreathing is the real fact in creation.

This is only another way of saying that man was created in the divine image. He is like God because he has intellect, sensibility and will. This is the trinity of elements which exist in their perfection in God—in the infinite God, not in the finite God of the Philosopher of Beacon Hill, who is obsessed with a word called the "GIVEN."



Now, those whose memory we recall and honor tonight were personalities because created in the divine image.

But now the tremendously important question is this:—Has the process through which they have passed called death affected these elements of personality? Do intellect, affection and will crumble into dust as does the body when death touches it? Can death reduce personality to dust as it does the body? Some so hold, at least they talk and write that way. According to their philosophy, intellect is only the physical grey matter we call the brain in operation; affection is only the reaction of the nervous system to certain stimuli; with only a beastly obstinacy. Hence with the collapse of the body these so-called elements are destroyed also and the so-called persistence of life after death is only a pipe dream. All these highly rated powers being only functions of the body when the body disintegrates these powers disappear also. This is the animal philosophy which is creeping like a slow paralysis into the minds of far too many so-called teachers of youth today. There can be no doubt in the mind of any intelligent reader of the present day literature that this form of infidelity is spreading like a poison gas cloud over the people. Shelly has declared in his highly poetic style that, "Life, like a dome of many colored glass stains the white radiance of eternity." But the modern materialist would change this into the statement—Death like a gas cloud from the pit blots out from the human soul the fond hope of an eternity of continued life.

Renan lay dying, suffering intense agony. His wife sat by his bedside weeping. Arousing for an instant from his semi-conscious state he feebly inquired, "Why do you weep?" And the faithful wife answered, "Because I see you suffer so." "Do not weep," he said. "We are only manifestations of that nature which goes on forever, while we fall into nothingness." Nature goes on forever while the highest product of nature falls into nothingness. Lord Byron, dying at the age of 35, worn out by his excesses, said, "I will have nothing to do with your immortality. We are miserable enough in this life without the absurdity of speculating about another."

The arguments against immortality are usually put in some such forms as these: Immortality cannot be proven; appearances are against it; thought is dependent on the brain; belief in immortality is not needed; man may be immortal while men are not; and so on.

It is not my purpose to dwell on this side of the controversy, sufficient for my purpose to state the opposing points.

But while we all freely admit that the image of the earthy so far as the body is concerned does return to the dust temporarily, yet we hold tenaciously to the truth that the essentials of the image of the earthy are not destroyed by death but become the basic facts in the image of the heavenly, which we shall inherit to the full in Christ.

First, then, we hold that the intellect cannot be destroyed by death. If mind is simply a function of the material grey matter called the brain then the argument is closed. But the latest conclusions of our best think-

ers on this point stress the fact that the brain is only an instrument of the intelligent and immortal spirit to be used under the commands of the spirit. An illustration frequently used may be here employed to illustrate this point. A musician stands before an audience and with his Stradavari-ous entrances his audience with soul stirring music. But suddenly string after string breaks till the violin is useless and the music ceases of course. But does the music reside in the violin? Not at all. The music is in the intelligent soul of the violinist. The violin was only the instrument by which the musician expressed his musical conceptions. The brain is the violin of the soul, on which the intelligent being plays his part in the symphony of life. The brain is injured and decays but the immortal spirit is not harmed by the accident of death overtaking the brain. These, our departed friends, used the brain which God gave them as an instrument of the soul, by which they expressed themselves in life, but they are not deprived of the power of expression in the other world. No, death does not affect the first essential of personality. Of this we may be sure.

Second—The affectional nature is not destroyed by death. To be sure the eyes of our recently dead no longer light up with the love of the soul, the lips no longer move, dropping words of endearment, the hands are no longer busy fashioning gifts for the loved ones of the family, but the loving souls of our departed dead still move with holy affection for us who remain on this side the flood. As I write I look up at a portrait of my mother which I have kept in my study for fifty years. Fifty years have passed since I sang her favorite hymn,

"O how sweet it will be in that beautiful land,  
So free from all sorrow and pain,  
With songs on our lips and with harps in our hands  
To meet one another again."

As she listened to my choking voice I heard her say, quietly, "I am going to sleep now, and I shall not wake again in this world." Thus passed out of my life and out of my arms a beautiful spirit fashioned by the regenerating grace of God and refined by a life of suffering. And I have been lonely and soul hungry for her these fifty years. Does that mother heart still yearn in love over me, her youngest child? She has about her in the Father's House all her family except me—is she lonely for me? She enswathed my soul with her mother love, restraining my impulses, directing my feet in the path of uprightness, consecrating me to the ministry while yet in the cradle, and dying, looked into my very soul with her eyes, still assuring me of her undying love. Is that great affection of this mother dead? Has it crumbled into dust with her beautiful body? Who can believe this? These fifty years since her going home I have felt this wonderful love of Mother on my life, and her hands are on my shoulder tonight as I stand here trying to preach the Gospel in which she trusted. "O love that will not let me go." I shall feel its perfection soon in the home of eternal love. Even Aristotle, that ancient

thinker, has said, "Whatever it may be within us that thinks, feels and desires, is divine and celestial and imperishable." No, no, affection never dies. With Browning I say concerning my Mother's love:

"O soul of my soul! I shall clasp thee again,  
And with God be the rest."

Third—Will is not destroyed by death. Some may ask, where are the evidences of the existence of will in our dead? Can will move the body as formerly, direct its activities, cause the eyes to look on scenes of beauty, command the feet to move again in the ways of the world? To be sure not. But that element of the soul still operates in that realm for which it was made. Our deliberate conclusion is that the entity called the personality in none of its constituent parts has been affected by death. The only thing that can be certainly said is that there has been a transference of the personality from the bodily home to the earthly home.

What then is lost in the experience of death? I answer, nothing.

John Fiske has declared, "it is an intolerable thought that sentient beings are doomed to complete annihilation after such long continued slow progress." And the great scientist is right, and has won our everlasting thanks for that true sentence.

Sir Oliver Lodge of England, despite his psychic peculiarities, is universally regarded as one of the leading scientists of today. Hear his latest deliverance on the question of the persistence of personality: "We shall certainly continue to exist; we shall survive."

Another Englishman, Alfred Tennyson, has said the finest things about our future existence. Hear him declare:

"Thou wilt not leave us in the dust,  
Thou madest man he knows not why.  
He thinks he was not made to die,  
And thou hast made him, thou art just."

Again he writes down this best argument for immortality to be found anywhere outside the Bible:

"My own dim life should teach me this  
That life shall live forever more,  
Else earth is darkness at the core  
And dust and ashes all that is."

And in his swan song he confidently sings:

"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 borne 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."

We agree with Emerson: "God does not build magnificently for mice."

Victor Hugo thrills us with these lines: "Winter is on my head and eternal spring is in my heart. The nearer the approach of the end the plainer I hear around me the immortal symphonies of the world which meets me. It is marvelous and it is simple, it is a fairy tale and it is history. For a half of a century I have been writing my thoughts in verse, history, philosophy, drama, romance, tradition, satire, ode, song,—I have tried all. But I feel that I have not said the thousandth part of what is in me. The world is inexplicable without another world."

## II. The Heavenly Image.

And as we have borne the image of the earthy we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Our inquiry must now be this: What is the content of the phrase—The image of the heavenly? The only way I know to answer this question intelligently and fully is to study the 15th chapter of First Corinthians, together with other statements of scripture which bear on this subject. We are entirely within the plain teaching of scripture when we say that this image of the heavenly finds its highest expression in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the perfect image of the eternal God. Paul declares elsewhere that we see the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. In the letter to the Hebrews, Jesus is described as "reflecting the bright glory and stamped with God's own character." "Great is the mystery of Godliness, God manifest in the flesh." The heavenly image of our Lord was revealed in a striking way to the three disciples on the mount of transfiguration, the essential fact of which was the complete dominance of the physical nature of Jesus by His Deity. Here was Deity unveiled; here was the Heavenly Image outlined. I think we may confidently say that the heavenly image as used in the text is the nature of Christ Himself. John rapturously declares, "And we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is." The image which we shall bear by and by is the image of our blessed Christ.

But more specifically the image which Paul has in mind is the image of the risen Lord. This whole chapter of Corinthians is based on the Resurrection of Christ. Paul triumphantly shouts, Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. And he closes this triumphant chapter with the shout, "O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory. Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

We must not allow ourselves to forget that this image of the risen Lord is still an embodied image in which the material body of the Lord had its just part. The death of our Lord on the cross of calvary is a fact of history—a fact of history as certainly and surely accredited as any fact of secular history which the world accepts today without question. Cruel hands nailed him there. The spear point of the Roman soldier touched his heart. His death was not a swoon, or a fiction of the brain of some romancer, not an imagination of some novelist of that age.

"From Calvary a cry was heard,  
A bitter and heart rending cry.  
My Saviour every mournful word  
Bespeaks thy soul's deep agony."

The spirit of our Lord was separated from his body as is evidenced by the statement of his dying lips: "Father into thy hand I commit my spirit." The personality known as Jesus was absent from his body from Friday noon till Sunday morning, as is evidenced by his answer to the prayer of the dying thief, "today shalt thou be with me in paradise." After these three days in heaven Jesus returns to the tomb to claim his body, to raise it from the power of the grave and to be joined with it forever and forever. The resurrection of Jesus was a physical resurrection, not a spiritual one merely, if that means anything. In fact the term resurrection cannot be applied to the spirit but to the body only. His resurrection was not one of influence only and merely. It was not a persistence in the world of men by virtue of his teaching. He does not live today merely because men still believe in his ideals and attempt to follow them more or less closely. That kind of a resurrection is the palest kind of moonshine; it is without substance, meaning or life. It was a return of his body from the grave and to life once more to be the eternal home of the personality called the Son of God. The first fact then to be held in clear thought is the truth that the heavenly image is inevitably and eternally associated with the physical form of Jesus. The very body of Jesus that was crucified, buried, rose again on the morning of the third day and forty days thereafter from Mt. Olivet ascended to heaven, there to reign as the Divine-Human King of Kings. The personality known as Jesus Christ is still an embodied personality. The heavenly image of Jesus, our type and example unto which likeness we are to attain is a complex of perfect God-hood and perfect manhood. In the incarnation of our Lord there was an eternal union of the fullness of the Godhood with the perfection of manhood. In him dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead **BODILY**. Jesus did not drop his body at his death on the cross or in his ascension to his throne.

Tender hands carefully laid away the wasted form of our friends whose memory we revere tonight in the glorious hope of a resurrection from the grave on the morning when Christ shall return to judge the world and to raise the dead. We shall see them again in their embodied state—a perfect body forever free from the limitations of this body, and forever free from death. Jesus himself taught this truth when he said: "Marvel not at this for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, they that have done evil unto the resurrection of condemnation." And his own resurrection is confirmation of his word as just quoted.

As I understand the teaching of the 15th chapter of Corinthians, there is to be a physical resurrection of all the dead. Let us take time

to renew our study of this chapter as it relates to the resurrection of the body. In verses 42-44 I read this clear statement concerning the resurrection of the body. Hear it: "It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body." Here it is evident that the thing sown is the thing raised. What is it that is sown? By sown he means buried, of course. The thing buried is the body, and the body only, not the personality. He also declares that the thing sown is raised. Any fair common sense interpretation of these words must limit it to the resurrection of the body. Any other interpretation of this scripture must imply if it does not directly state that Paul is not inspired and did not know what he was talking about. But there were objections to a physical resurrection in Paul's day as there are at this day of scientific study and attainment. When Paul preached to the Athenians Jesus and the Resurrection, they laughed at him, calling him a "spermologos," a picker-up of seeds in the streets as birds do. An objector put to Paul this double question: "How are the dead raised up and with what body do they come?" We may justly gather from this chapter that Paul answered the first question by the word—**THE POWER OF GOD**. To the second question as to the body to be raised—its character—Paul devotes the remainder of this marvelous chapter. He first begins with an illustration from nature, and then follows it with direct and specific teaching on the subject. The illustration concerns a grain of corn planted in the ground. What happens when you plant a grain of corn carefully in the ground? Several things happen. First, it dies, i. e. changes its form and soon sends up a shoot of blade above the earth which in time grows into a stalk bearing at length the grain multiplied by a miracle of nature many times. What has happened to the old grain? It has had its resurrection. No other term will express the fact. But some one says the grain planted dies. Yes, of course it dies. It could not have a resurrection except it die. Pull up a grain of corn from your field next May shortly after it has been planted. You will find clinging to the roots a shell of the planted grain. Pull another and similar grain planted at the same time, a few days later, and you will not find the shell even. What has become of it? Suppose you get a chemist to analyze the soil in which the grain was planted and then analyze another bit of soil close by and he will not find any particle of difference between the two specimens of soil. Has any particle of the old grain remained in the soil of the hill? Not one bit. But where is it? It is in the new stalk and the new ear to be brought to maturity at harvest time. What is this but a resurrection of the planted grain? And what does Paul mean to teach by this illustration? Can you not see? He is teaching the fact of a physical resurrection. Go on a little farther in this chapter and you will find Paul saying: "For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality." Dr. Moffatt translates this sentence as follows: "This perishable body must be invested with the imperishable." It is to be carefully noted that it is not the creation of a new body, *de novo*, but a clothing of the once corruptible body with an incorruptible power.



What is this but the fact that the basis of the incorruptible body is the once corruptible body. And that means resurrection.

But the careful reader of this chapter will not fail to notice this further statement of Paul which, I think, has been often misunderstood. "Now this I say brethren that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Neither does corruption inherit incorruption." This seems at first blush to be dead against a physical resurrection, and seems to contradict what Paul has said in the other parts of this chapter. But an inspired man who is the mouthpiece of God must not contradict himself. There must be harmony in his teaching on a subject.

The key word in the quotation is the word INHERIT. Let me read the quotation with the emphasis on the key word. Flesh and blood cannot INHERIT the kingdom of God. What is the real idea of the word inherit? A father dies and leaves his son as his sole heir to his property. The son naturally comes into the possession of the property without any extra process of law. It is his by natural right. This will illustrate the root meaning of this word inherit.

But now, think clearly, flesh and blood do not come into the kingdom of God, which is solely spiritual, by any natural process. One enters the kingdom of God by a supernatural process—the process of conversion. Else all men, however wicked and unspiritual would gain heaven at once. Added to the supernatural process of conversion is that of a resurrection in which the corruptible body puts on incorruption and the mortal puts on immortality. Therefore we conclude that the first element in the heavenly image is a raised, refined, spiritualized Christ like body perfectly fitted to the new life of the spiritual world. This truth is further taught by Paul in that verse in Philippians when he says, "Our citizenship is in heaven from which we look for a Savior the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile bodies and make them like unto his own glorious body according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself."

And as we have borne the image of the earthy we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

But the second element in the heavenly image is perfectly purified and spiritualized personality, intellect, affections and will.

Those whom we remember tonight have passed into the spirit world and are in perfect bliss. We hold with Paul that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. There is no such thing as an intermediate place, such as the Romanists dream of and call it purgatory—a place where spiritual fires shall purge out the dross of this earthly life—a doctrine which would take the place of the blood of Jesus as the power to cleanse sins. If sins are not forgiven and cleansed away in this life they cannot be in the life to come. Destiny is determined here. There is no second probation or second chance. Salvation which includes cleansing and perfect sanctification must begin here and now and prepare the trusting and obedient soul for the heavenly home.

But while there can be no such PLACE as purgatory to complete the work of salvation there is and must be an intermediate STATE—a STATE

existing between the death of the body and its resurrection, but a state which will be perfect bliss, even heaven itself. Into this perfectly happy state our friends who have died in the Lord have gone to be forever in the divine presence.

We hold then that these personalities of ours—intellect, affections and will—shall be perfectly developed, perfectly purified from all sin, washed in the blood of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world for our redemption, and made in all respects after the pattern of our blessed Lord, who redeemed soul and body from sin by his own life and death. Whatever we lack in intellectual operations which may hinder us here in the discovery of truth will be forever impossible there, whatever dross may be mixed into our affectional nature here will be purged out there, so that we will love God and Christ perfectly, whatever obstinacy of will which has limited our development here in the direction of righteousness will be corrected there, and with a perfect personality like unto that of our Lord we will pursue the duties and perform the work and render the worship which will be perfect there.

In this glorious truth we rest our faith. In this glorious truth we do our work here. In this glorious truth we suffer our pains and disappointments. In this glorious truth we bear the heavy burdens of life. In this glorious truth we lay away in God's Acre our dead. In this glorious truth we face our future here and at the hour of death. Our immortality is assured in Christ our Lord. The longings which God placed in our hearts in our creation—longings which have grown with our years, shall be answered by a just God in the heavenly image. We cannot believe that God would instill these longings in us only to mock us in this life and then to fling us on the rubbish heap of the universe. I hold here with Tennyson when he says:

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 besides  
And I shall know him when we meet.

There is for each of us another life, perfect, spiritual, sinless, holy and Christ-like. God will not disappoint us, God will not deceive us. Our Savior has said—"Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's House are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you, and if I go and prepare a place for you I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there ye may be also." "Heaven and earth may pass away but my word shall never pass away," and that word is the sure and certain promise of an eternal life of bliss with him. Our friends have found their way into that life—in fact they found it here by faith and obedience, but now they have passed through the gates of pearl into the reality in heaven. They found their way there

through trial, through affliction, through toils, through sufferings. They journeyed on their years and now they have found their hearts desire. Browning cried out:

"I see my way as birds their trackless way.  
I shall arrive what time, what circuit first  
I ask not, but unless God send his hail,  
Or blinding fire balls sleet or stifling snow,  
In some time, his own time, I shall arrive.  
He guides me and the bird, in his good time."

The birds follow their trackless way from one clime to another guided by the instinct that the all good Creator placed within them, but our friends, who have gone, saw not a trackless way from this earth life to the life that is supernal, but they followed the shining way left by the Lord himself when he ascended from Mt. Olivet to his throne, leaving behind him a flood of light which grows more and more brilliant till the perfect day.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again to a lively hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last day." "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end."

After the death of Thomas Edison there appeared in one of the papers a cartoon which attracted my attention. It represented the great inventor in the act of stepping off the surface of the globe. The horizon to the eastward was luminous with an untold number of electric lights. The artist represented the inventor looking at the illumination with surprise and delight. I do not know whether the cartoonist intended to teach anything further than the fact that Edison's great work was the invention of the electric lamp, but as I looked on that cartoon I saw a spiritual meaning in it vastly more exhilarating than the mere material one. My mind immediately went to this statement of the scripture—The path of the just is as a shining light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day. These, our departed Brothers, leaving the scene of their earthly activities, found themselves in a glad moment in the city of God, which hath no need of the sun to give it light, but THE Lamb is the light thereof.

O, what are all my sufferings here,  
If, Lord, thou count me meet  
With that illustrious hosts to appear  
And worship at thy feet.  
Give joy or grief, give ease or pain,  
Take life or friends away.  
But let me find them all again  
In that eternal day.

HARVEY WINFIELD EWING.

## 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 EF PECTIVE
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
1847	Amos A. Ewing	Jan.	19, 1872.. Cecil County, Md.	30	4
1848	Alfred Cookman	Nov.	13, 1872.. Newark, N. J.	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey	July	9, 1871.. Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct.	3, 1872.. Frankford, Del.	34	13
1825	T. J. Thomson	Nov.	29, 1874.. Wilmington, Del.	71	49
1828	Robert E. Kemp	Mar.	6, 1875.. Greensboro, Md.	73	32
1832	Wesley Kenney	June	24, 1875.. Smyrna, Del.	70	42
1835	Henry Sutton	Mar.	23, 1876.. Philadelphia, Pa.	68	23
1871	George A. Campbell	Sept.	7, 1876.. Frankford, Del.	30	4
1862	John W. Weston	Apr.	23, 1877.. Wilmington, Del.	38	15
1837	John D. Curtis	July	25, 1877.. Wilmington, Del.	61	40
1845	David R. Thomas	Feb.	13, 1878.. Wilmington, Del.	58	30
1870	Andrew J. Crozier	Jan.	21, 1879.. Wilmington, Del.	41	7
1829	Joshua Humphriss	Jan.	23, 1879.. Salisbury, Md.	78	41
1868	Francis M. Chatham	May	29, 1878.. Berlin, Md.	41	8
1857	Edward G. Irwin	Mar.	12, 1879.. Wilmington, Del.	50	21
1848	John Hough	Mar.	27, 1879.. Near Trenton, N. J.	58	31
1857	Thomas J. Williams	Mar.	29, 1879.. New Castle, Del.	53	21
1870	William I. Bain	May	13, 1880.. Pocomoke City, Md.	36	10
1832	William Urle	Nov.	13, 1880.. Smyrna, Del.	67	43
1860	Thomas F. Plummer	Feb.	2, 1881.. Wilmington, Del.	44	8
1833	Elijah Miller	Apr.	15, 1881.. Sudlersville, Md.	71	49
1836	John W. Pierson	May	6, 1881.. Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1880	Francis B. Quigley	Aug.	19, 1881.. Hopewell, Md.	27	2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman	Feb.	27, 1882.. Newark, Md.	36	9
1865	Benj. W. Chase	Dec.	11, 1882.. Seaford, Del.	48	17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack	June	24, 1883.. Cambridge, Md.	67	46
1834	I. T. Cooper	Apr.	12, 1884.. Camden, Del.	78	26
1829	Henry Colclazer	Dec.	18, 1884.. Philadelphia, Pa.	75	55
1833	John L. Taft	May	30, 1884.. Norristown, Pa.	72	41
1869	John Shilling	July	22, 1884.. Wilmington, Del.	52	15
1842	Arthur W. Milby	June	13, 1886.. Harrington, Del.	71	44
1840	Elon J. Way	July	5, 1886.. Baltimore, Md.	75	26
1839	Valentine Gray	Jan.	21, 1887.. Gap, Pa.	72	42
1881	Isaiah D. Johnson	Mar.	4, 1887.. Bridgeville, Del.	33	6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil	Mar.	9, 1887.. Church Hill, Md.	55	28
1854	Joseph Dare	Oct.	22, 1887.. Newark, Del.	56	32
1886	Frank M. Morgan	Feb.	11, 1889.. Philadelphia, Pa.	34	3
1849	William Merrill	Oct.	23, 1889.. Upper Fairm't., Md.	75	28
1873	Isaac N. Foreman	June	12, 1890.. Lincoln, Del.	47	17
1841	John Allen	Dec.	13, 1890.. Brooklyn, N. Y.	72	33
1855	Samuel T. Gardner	Jan.	3, 1891.. Pivot Bridge, Md.	60	33
1889	Samuel J. Baker	Sept.	22, 1891.. Laurel, Del.	33	2
1870	Thos. O. Ayres	Oct.	4, 1891.. Delaware City, Del.	53	21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer	Jan.	10, 1892.. Milton, Del.	45	19
1840	Vaughan Smith	Nov.	21, 1891.. Wilmington, Del.	79	43
1845	Charles Hill	June	22, 1892.. Salisbury, Md.	70	47
1833	James L. Houston	Sept.	18, 1892.. Trappe, Md.	82	32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin	Oct.	17, 1892.. Bel Air, Md.	52	24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher	Dec.	12, 1893.. Bridgeville, Del.	62	17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg	Jan.	24, 1893.. Wyoming, Del.	68	36
1847	Joseph Robinson	Feb.	18, 1893.. Perryman, Md.	63	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.	58	
1868	James Conner	Sept. 10, 1896	Selbyville, Del.	59	28
1862	Merritt Hulburd	Oct. 10, 1896	Wilmington, Del.	54	34
1873	Newton McQuay	May 12, 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	28
1856	John France	Mar. 10, 1904	Wilmington, Del.	69	48
1879	E. K. Creed	Apr. 24, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	58	25
1890	E. R. Sidell	May 14, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	43	14
1853	J. E. 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
1880	J. R. Cannon	Feb. 8, 1915	Chance, Md.	56	34
1865	James Carroll	Apr. 15, 1915	Milford, Del.	91	34
1871	William L. S. Murray	Feb. 26, 1916	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1901	R. H. Lewis	Aug. 30, 1916	Fishing Creek, Md.	41	12
1876	T. A. H. O'Brien	Oct. 21, 1916	Salisbury, Md.	63	40
1887	S. M. Morgan	Jan. 6, 1917	Wilmington, Del.	63	27
1864	T. E. Martindale	Feb. 16, 1917	Salisbury, Md.	73	52
1893	H. A. G. Westerfield	June 17, 1917	Port Deposit, Md.	51	23
1886	Asbury Burke	Sept. 4, 1917	Newport, Del.	66	31
1870	John W. Poole	Sept. 30, 1917	Philadelphia, Pa.	91	18
1901	William H. Kenney	Apr. 16, 1918	Selbyville, Del.	69	17
1884	Emerson P. Roberts	Aug. 6, 1918	Middletown, Del.	64	34
1884	Wilmer Jaggard	Nov. 21, 1918	Millsboro, Del.	62	34
1887	Ralph T. Coursey	Jan. 5, 1919	Wyoming, Del.	56	31
1885	James M. Mitchell	Sept. 25, 1919	Millington, Md.	61	32
1878	Charles A. Hill	Oct. 11, 1919	Smyrna, Del.	62	39
1870	Joseph A. Arters	Dec. 14, 1919	Cordova, Md.	86	40
1886	Clinton T. Wyatt	Feb. 7, 1920	Denton, Md.	56	34
1884	Daniel F. McFaul	Mar. 6, 1920	Wilmington, Del.	82	34
1878	Howard T. Quigg	Apr. 4, 1920	Newport, Del.	61	42

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1892	William O. Hurst	Aug. 4, 1920	Phoebus, Va.	54 28
1878	Gordon R. Neese	Feb. 10, 1921	Wilmington, Del.	62 41
1881	Frederick J. Cochran	Oct. 11, 1921	Hammonton, N. J.	71 40
1858	William W. Redman	Feb. 24, 1922	Lincoln, Del.	86 28
1869	Phillip H. Rawlins	Nov. 11, 1921	Seaford, Del.	87 39
1887	Zach H. Webster	Dec. 10, 1921	Denton, Md.	63 33
1862	George S. Conaway	Feb. 25, 1922	Smyrna, Del.	86 44
1889	James W. Fogle	Feb. 26, 1922	Seaford, Del.	61 29
1888	William P. Compton	Mar. 11, 1922	Lansdowne, Pa.	63 20
1876	Louis E. Barrett	Mar. 25, 1922	Chestertown, Md.	78 43
1912	George W. Williams	Oct. 6, 1922	Mt. Vernon, Md.	50 10
1892	Wm. S. H. Williams	Mar. 3, 1923	Georgetown, Del.	71 25
1903	Walter W. White	June 21, 1923	Salisbury, Md.	72 16
1902	Benjamin F. Jester	July 13, 1923	Wilmington, Del.	66 11
1892	Van P. Northrup	Sept. 27, 1923	Baltimore, Md.	54 31
1898	George R. Ellis	Dec. 1, 1923	Millsboro, Del.	61 25
1871	William E. Tomkinson	Dec. 26, 1923	Harrisburg, Pa.	86 23
1888	Warren Burr	Feb. 12, 1924	Hempstead, L. I.	72 30
1886	William G. Koons	May 14, 1924	Rising Sun, Md.	60 31
1866	James Esgate	Nov. 9, 1924	Riverside, Cal.	85 5
1888	Frank F. Carpenter	Jan. 7, 1925	Cambridge, Md.	58 37
1871	Thomas H. Harding	Feb. 8, 1925	Wilmington, Del.	84 35
1890	Julius A. Brewington	April 5, 1925	Hebron, Md.	68 30
1876	Thomas E. Terry	June 25, 1925	Magnolia, Del.	80 39
1893	William L. White	July 23, 1925	Easton, Md.	72 31
1896	George P. Smith	Sept. 30, 1925	Dover, Del.	72 26
1905	Jos. M. S. Van Blunk	Dec. 6, 1925	Salisbury, Md.	57 15
1885	Robert Watt	Dec. 20, 1926	Worcester, Mass.	70 38
1876	John M. Collins	Mar. 28, 1927	Wilmington, Del.	81 27
1881	Sevall 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 22
1868	C. W. Prettyman	June 23, 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 46
1920	Joshua B. McCabe	May 29, 1929	Wilmington, Del.	38 8
1888	George T. Alderson	Sept. 18, 1929	Wilmington, Del.	65 41
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
1905	Charles W. Moore	May 20, 1930	Catonsville, Md.	59 25
1873	Robert Roe	Nov. 15, 1930	Easton, Md.	85 38
1902	Edward H. Marshall	Jan. 6, 1931	Salem, Va.	77 23
1900	Frank N. Faulkner	Apr. 27, 1931	Delmar, Del.	64 23
1886	Henry S. Dulany	May 17, 1931	Wilmington, Del.	77 45
1894	John H. Beauchamp	June 4, 1931	Wilmington, Del.	68 37
1918	Wade H. Cummings	Sept. 10, 1931	Baltimore, Md.	55 13
1886	William W. Sharp	Sept. 29, 1931	Baltimore, Md.	78 39
1899	Edward H. Dashiell	Nov. 1, 1931	Delmar, Del.	58 32
1881	Louis P. Corkran	Nov. 27, 1931	Church Hill, Md.	79 36
1888	John F. Anderson	Jan. 21, 1931	Wilmington, Del.	73 34



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CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

No.	Date	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1	March 17, '69	Wilm'ton—Asbury	M. Simpson	S. L. Gracey
2	" 16, '70	Port Deposit	E. S. Janes	S. L. Gracey
3	" 8, '71	Dover	L. Scott	S. L. Gracey
4	Feb'y 21, '72	Laurel	E. R. Ames	T. E. Martindale
5	March 5, '73	Easton	L. Scott	T. E. Martindale
6	" 4, '74	Salisbury	L. W. Wiley	T. E. Martindale
7	" 17, '75	Smyrna	E. S. Janes	T. E. Martindale
8	" 15, '76	Wilm'ton—Union	L. Scott	T. E. Martindale
9	" 7, '77	Milford	E. R. Ames	T. E. Martindale
10	" 13, '78	Chestertown	R. S. Foster	T. E. Martindale
11	" 19, '79	New Castle	M. Simpson	T. E. Martindale
12	" 17, '80	Dover	E. G. Andrews	T. E. Martindale
13	" 16, '81	Lewes	Thos. Bowman	John D. Rigg
14	" 8, '82	Middletown	J. F. Hurst	John D. Rigg
15	" 7, '83	Cambridge	M. Simpson	John D. Rigg
16	" 5, '84	Wilm'ton—Asbury	W. L. Harris	John D. Rigg
17	" 12, '85	Snow Hill	S. M. Merrill	John D. Rigg
18	" 4, '86	Elkton	W. F. 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	" 18, '12	Wilm'ton—St. Pauls	L. B. Wilson	W. A. Wise
45	" 25, '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	Wilm'ton—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
63	April 8, '31	Crisfield—Asbury	H. Lester Smith	J. R. Bicking
64	March 29, '32	Salisbury—Asbury	W. F. McDowell	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 Hulbert, L. E. Barrett, Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran. Reserves—W. E. Avery, V. S. Collins.
1900. Robert Watt, T. E. Martindale, W. F. Corkran, C. S. Baker. Reserves—A. S. Mowbray, J. D. C. Hanna.
1904. A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, Adam Stengle, C. S. Baker. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, W. G. Koons.
1908. A. S. Mowbray, Adam Stengle, W. G. Koons, S. M. Morgan. Reserves—C. T. Wyatt, Robert Watt.
1912. C. A. Hill, R. K. Stephenson, Robert Watt, G. P. Jones. Reserves—E. L. Hoffecker, C. W. Prettyman, G. T. Alderson.
1916. Robert Watt, E. L. Hoffecker, R. K. Stephenson, T. A. H. O'Brien. 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.
1932. W. E. Habbart, D. W. Jacobs, Leonard White, J. L. Johnson. Reserves—J. J. Bunting, W. E. Gunby, E. C. Hallman.

LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

Members of the Lay Electoral Conference of the Wilmington Conference held at Trinity Methodist Church, South, Salisbury, Md., on April 1, 1932:

Dover District.

Beckwith & Spedden, G. M. Barrack; Bethel, J. M. Gootee; Blades & Epworth, C. C. Clifton; Bridgeville, T. S. Smith; Cambridge, Granville Hooper; Camden, Dr. L. S. Conwell; Canterbury, W. Kersey; Church Creek, O. B. Robinson; Crapo, Robert Simmons; Dover—St. Paul's, W. S. Short; Wesley, C. A. Short; East New Market, J. E. Patton; Ellendale, C. A. Timmons; Elliott's Island, Rommie Gray; Farmington, Lewis W. Richards;

Federalburg, W. F. Davis; Felton, N. L. Sipple; Georgetown, Frank M. Jones; Georgetown Ct., W. C. Cason; Greenwood, C. H. Kinder; Harrington, W. W. Sharp; Hooper's Island, Hobert Wallace; Houston, H. R. Moore; Hurlock, O. H. Thompson; Laurel, Victor C. Hitchens; Lewes, E. C. Lodge; Lincoln, Chester Short; Little Creek, M. E. Chadwick; Magnolia & Barratt's, C. W. Johnson; Milford, Thomas Davis; Milford Neck, H. A. Thompson; Millsboro, J. E. Megee; Milton, G. H. Waples; Mt. Pleasant, J. O. Workman; Mt. Zion, E. R. Hastings; Nassau, W. W. Hazzard; Rehoboth, T. W. Palmer; Reliance, F. L. Williams; Secretary, T. A. Colbourne; St. Thomas, W. F. Todd; Seaford, E. J. Winder; Seaford Ct., Wm. Russell; Vienna, E. T. Banning; Williamsburg, D. L. Moore; Wyoming, S. W. Harrison; Zoar Ct., Hylon Smith. Total, 45.

#### Middletown District.

Barclay, Mrs. Ethelyn S. Corkran; Bayside, Robert S. Harrison; Bozman & Neavitt, Mrs. Grace McQuay; Burrsville, John Wooten; Cecilton, M. Earl Davis; Centerville, R. M. Hopkins; Chestertown, J. C. Loud; Cheswold, J. Herman Anderson; Church Hill, S. J. Fogwell; Clayton, R. W. Slaughter; Concord, H. H. Nuttle; Cordova, Mrs. J. M. Barwick; Crumpton, Mrs. Ida Milbourn; Denton, J. L. Everngam; Easton, C. Norman Jefferson; Fairlee, B. F. Rash; Galena, J. D. Davis, Jr.; Greensboro, H. H. Moore; Hillsboro, W. E. Sylvester; Kent Island, Lemuel Kirwan; Middletown, J. Everett Walls; Marydel, Miss Mary Knotts; Millington & Dulany, N. A. Wallen; Odessa & Friendship, J. E. Latta; Oxford, A. R. Conly; Preston, A. W. Sisk; Queenstown, J. K. Wrightson; Ridgley, Dr. J. D. Davis; Royal Oak, Mrs. Clara Benson Boley; St. Michaels, J. T. Morris; Smyrna, W. O. Hoffecker; Still Pond & Betterton, Harvey Moore; Sudlersville, Spencer Walls; Tilghman, W. W. Fluharty; Townsend, Walter E. Hart; Trappe, H. L. Slaughter; Wye Mills, M. M. Price. Total 37.

#### Salisbury District.

Berlin, H. E. Palmer; Bishopville, O. M. Shockley; Cape Charles, Va., W. P. McGrath; Chincoteague, Va., J. T. Mears; Crisfield, Immanuel, Dr. C. E. Collins; Dagsboro & St. Georges, E. A. Townsend; Deals Island, William Mister; Delmar, F. G. Elliot; Fruitland, Austin Banks; Girdletree, W. H. Brymer; Gumboro, G. S. Philips; Hebron, S. T. Culver; Mardela, C. I. Bennett; Marion, Vernon Maddox; Nanticoke, W. F. Turner; Newark, C. W. Numford; Ocean City, W. S. Wallace; Ocean View, T. H. Hudson; Onancock, J. M. Watson; Parsonburg, W. B. Holloway; Pocomoke, Ct., Charles Boston; Pocomoke, V. P. Stevenson; Powellville, Lawrence Pennewell; Princess Anne, F. D. Layfield; Quantico, Ira E. Elsey; Roxana, James Brasure; Salisbury, Asbury, H. L. Marcum; Grace, Norris Watson; Selbyville, W. A. Law; Sharptown, H. S. Bennett; Smith's Island, E. T. Evans; Snow Hill, C. A. Clark; Somerset, H. T. McGrath; Stockton, C. C. Pilchard; Tangier, George Clark; Westover, C. H. Layfield; Whitesville, Ernest Brittingham; White Haven, J. D. Dolby; Willards, Miss Helen Shockley. Total 39.

#### Wilmington District.

Bethel & Town Point, William E. Briscoe; Cherry Hill, J. C. Boulden; Chesapeake City, Herbert Wilfong; Chester & Bethel, Robert E. Pyle; Christiana, Mrs. Edna A. Dickey; Elkton, L. B. Gillespie; Elk Neck, Arthur McDowell; Hockessin, Mrs. Freda Pierce; Holly Oak, W. B. Alfree; Hopewell, H. H. Kirk; Marshallton, W. H. Wingate; Mt. Lebanon, H. Louisa Husbands; Newark, Dr. E. B. Crooks; New Castle, William E. Deakyne; Newport, A. M. Craig; North East, R. C. Simpers; Rising Sun, E. L. Haines; St. George's, A. L. Harvey; Stanton, Elias E. Othoson; Zion Circuit, J. F. Holt.

WILMINGTON:—Brandywine, G. L. Bilderback; Cookman, Joseph Campbell; Eastlake, Mrs. Laura Houston; Epworth, W. L. Overdeer; Grace, W. S. Holton; Harrison Street, I. Elmer Perry; Hillcrest, Walter Glashoff; Kingswood, Miss Emma Campbell; Madeley, Mrs. Anna Faulkner; McCabe, T. B. Ely; Mt. Salem, C. H. Brown; Richardson Park, Dr. E. R. Miller; Scott, C. P. Harvey; Silverbrook, J. F. Peeney; St. Paul's, Albert Dougherty; Trinity, C. W. Cooke, Jr.; Union, William Owens. Total 37.

#### PROCEEDINGS.

The Lay Electoral Conference of the Wilmington Conference met in Trinity M. E. Church, South, Salisbury, Maryland, April 1, 1932. Brother E. J. Winder, former lay delegate to General Conference had charge of the devotional exercises.

The business session was called to order by Enrolling Secretary, Clarence A. Short at 10:00 a. m. Brother O. M. Shockley of Bishopville, Md., was made temporary chairman. The roll was called to which 141 delegates responded. A Committee on Credentials was appointed consisting of Brother George H. Waples, Sister Clara Benson Boley, Brothers W. F. Turner and G. L. Bilderback. They reported the following recommendations: "Your Committee on Credentials recommend that the roll as called and checked by the Enrolling Secretary be accepted as the roster of delegates to this Lay Electoral Conference. Additional names of now absent delegates shall be added to the roll upon their being found present and to whom no objection has been raised. Any question of the right of any delegate to sit as a member of this body shall be submitted to this Committee not later than 1:30 p. m. today, April 1, 1932." Upon motion the recommendations were adopted and permanent organization taken up. Upon nomination of Brother H. H. Nuttle, the temporary chairman was made the permanent chairman of the Lay Electoral Conference, Clarence A. Short, Secretary, and C. W. Cooke, Jr., Assistant Secretary.

The Chairman appointed the following committees: Relations with Annual Conference, I. Elmer Perry, Dr. C. E. Collins, E. J. Winder and Spencer Walls.

Resolutions: H. R. Moore, Granville Hooper, C. H. Kinder, C. Norman Jefferson, Dr. J. D. Davis, W. A. Law, H. L. Harcum, W. S. Holton, and E. L. Haines.

Brother W. L. Davis moved, seconded by Brother E. J. Winder, that the Committee on Resolutions make its report at the time of the banquet supper so that the session of this lay electoral conference session be completed in one day. The resolution was defeated by the vote of 52 to 23.

Dr. E. B. Crooks offered the following resolution: "Whereas: It has been the custom of former Lay Electoral Conferences in the Wilmington Conference to choose a lay delegate to the General Conference from each district of this Conference by a majority of all the votes cast

Be it resolved, that this custom shall be followed by this Lay Electoral Conference in the election of their delegates today, and that the three reserve delegates shall be chosen at one time from the defeated candidates and other nominations to insure at least one candidate for reserve delegate from each district, provided that not more than one reserve delegate shall be from the same district.

Be it further resolved, that the election of Lay Delegates and reserve delegates be made the special order of business at 2:00 p. m. today." Resolution adopted.

Brother A. W. Sisk offered the resolution:

Realizing that all Christians and Christian organizations everywhere, including our own Methodist Church, should exercise patience and love toward all men; yet when we discover the very foundations of our faith and belief for centuries are being pulled down and thrown into the discard by those to whom we entrusted leadership in our religious and educational institutions, and continued by the modernists who occupy many of our pulpits, we are constrained to enter our solemn protest in the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That we the duly elected Lay Delegates to the annual Wilmington Conference in regular session this first day of April 1932 do hereby express our united opposition to the employment hereafter of any teachers, lecturers or professors in any school, college or university supported in whole or part, or in any manner sponsored by the Methodist Episcopal Church who do not believe in or who do not teach and practice the fundamental doctrines as outlined in our creed and discipline.

RESOLVED, Further by this Layman's Conference that we protest and emphatically object to those having official authority, sending to our churches teachers or ministers to occupy our pulpits who are not in harmony with all the Articles of Faith of our Church, including the Salvation of men by Grace through faith in the efficacy of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ to redeem us from sin.

RESOLVED, Further that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes and copies sent those in authority over such matters.

After remarks by Dr. E. B. Crooks, Dr. E. R. Miller, A. W. Sisk and Clarence A. Short, the resolutions were adopted.

Dr. C. M. Boswell was introduced and brought before the Conference the work being done by the Methodist Episcopal Hospital. The hospital

is being kept up largely by donations by laymen but due to the general depression there is need of special efforts and sacrifice to keep up the efficiency of the hospital.

The Chairman appointed the following tellers for the election of delegates and reserve delegates this afternoon:

1. Brothers W. H. Wingate, Robert S. Harrison, E. T. Banning and Sister Helen Shockley.

2. Brothers E. C. Lodge, L. B. Gillespie, J. L. Everngam and T. M. Hudson.

Conference adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

#### Afternoon Session.

The devotional exercises led by Brother H. H. Nuttle, Brother I. Elmer Perry led in prayer. The roll of absences was called and 18 names added to the roster. A collection was taken to defray the expense of printing the minutes—amount \$28.16.

Dr. John R. Edwards of the Board of Foreign Missions was introduced and outlined the conditions in foreign fields. In his remarks he noted that a conflict is raging in China between Christianity and Communism, that Russia has the largest standing army in the world, but with the breaking up of old orders in the Asiatic nations there is a great opportunity for Christianity or Communism. This opportunity constitutes the challenge to Christian people today.

The special order of the day, election of delegates to the General Conference, was now taken up.

The following nominations were made:

Wilmington District: Brother I. Elmer Perry of Harrison Street Church, by J. F. Peeney, seconded by Granville Hooper; Brother James W. Lattomus, Grace Church, by W. S. Holton; Brother Willis L. Overdeer, Epworth Church, by C. W. Cook, Jr., seconded by C. P. Harvey, G. L. Bilderback and H. H. Nuttle.

Brother Willis L. Overdeer elected.

Dover District: Brother Clarence A. Short of Wesley Church, Dover was nominated by E. J. Winder, seconded by V. C. Hitchens, T. B. Ely, and Dr. L. S. Conwell. No other nominee. Ballot taken and Brother Short declared elected.

Middletown District: Brother J. Everett Walls, Middletown, by J. D. Davis, Jr., seconded by W. E. Hart, H. H. Nuttle, Frank N. Jones and Dr. L. S. Conwell; Brother Rinear W. Slaughter, Clayton, by W. O. Hoffecker, seconded by J. Herman Anderson; Brother A. W. Sisk, by Mrs. Clara B. Boley, seconded by Dr. C. E. Collins, and Granville Hooper.

Brother J. Everett Walls was elected.

Salisbury District: Brother Arthur C. Humphries was nominated by O. M. Shockley, seconded by T. D. Hudson and W. A. Law. No other nominee. The ballot was taken and Brother Humphries was declared elected.



The candidates for reserve delegates were: Dover District, E. J. Winder; Middletown District, A. W. Sisk and Rinear W. Slaughter; Salisbury District, J. T. Mears; Wilmington District, I. Elmer Perry and J. W. Lattomus.

Brothers J. T. Mears, I. Elmer Perry and E. J. Winder were elected.

Mr. R. A. Brooks of the Methodist Book Concern requested all members of the Lay Electoral Conference to enter their subscriptions for the Daily Christian Advocate at an early date.

Dr. George W. Crabbe of the Anti-Saloon League brought us an up-to-date review of the Wet and Dry situation. He said the fight against the lawless wet element must be kept up with renewed energy. He was followed by Mr. Dow Bancroft of the Methodist Men's Movement who centered his remarks about the thought of how best to train the youth so they will vote right when they become of age.

Dr. George S. Conwell, Secretary of the Home Missionary Board was introduced and made a plea for a special effort to be made to make up the shrinkage in their funds, citing many cases where the work in home fields must be abandoned unless increase comes in the moneys available for the same.

Prof. Clarence A. Short read a report of the year's work at the Wesley Collegiate Institute and told of the action of the Annual Conference in setting aside a special Sunday to solicit funds for this Institution. See page—for report.

Dr. James H. Bishop, Director of Religious Education of the Wilmington Conference spoke of the need for education of the youth in Christian living so that the world may become a better world in which to live, our nation a drier nation with citizens more law-abiding and the people have a personal knowledge of living for Christ. "The greatest need of the day," said he, "is the enthronement of Jesus Christ in the hearts of men."

The Chairman read the proposed changes in the Discipline relating to qualification of ministerial delegates to General Conference and the change in number of reserve delegates that may be elected; these being in the form of a memorial to the General Conference from the Central Pennsylvania Conference.

On proposition 1, vote—ayes 63 to noes 0.

On proposition 2, votes—ayes 55 to noes 0.

On proposition 3, votes—ayes 59 to noes 0.

Brother Frank M. Jones was given the privilege of the floor to speak on the proposal to reduce the number of Districts in the Wilmington Conference to two. He spoke favorably on the proposition and asked that the Committee to be set up should compare results with costs, also make comparisons with other conferences. The Conference then adjourned by singing the Doxology, to meet at 9:30 Saturday morning.

### Saturday Morning Session.

The devotional exercises were in charge of Brother I. Elmer Perry who gave a message of help and inspiration to all.

The business session was called to order at 10:00 a. m. A committee from the Annual Conference consisting of Revs. George White Dawson, R. K. Stephenson and Howard Davis presented the compliments of that body and informed the Lay Electoral Conference that Bishop McDowell requested a joint session of the two conferences at some period as near 11:00 o'clock as possible. The time asked was agreed upon.

Rev. Charles W. Spry was introduced and presented facts regarding the book written by Rev. E. H. Dashiell just before his death asking as many as possible to add this book to their libraries, stating the place where the books were on sale.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was now taken up as the resolutions dealt with in their order:

Resolution I, A study of the need for District Superintendents, was briefly discussed by Brothers I. Elmer Perry, G. L. Bilderback, C. A. Short and Sister Frieda Pierce. The resolution adopted unanimously and Brothers O. M. Shockley, R. W. Slaughter, Granville R. Hooper and I. Elmer Perry appointed to represent the laymen on that joint committee.

Resolution II, Thanks, adopted unanimously.

Resolution III, Wesley Collegiate Institute Special Collection. After the need for the same and the reasons for the deficit had been explained by Clarence A. Short, President of the Institute, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Resolution IV, Cooperation with the Director of Religious Education, Adopted unanimously.

Resolution V, Renewed effort for Prohibition education and to prevent "Wets" obtaining advantage through neglect of the primaries by the "Drys". After discussion by Dr. E. R. Miller, Willis Overdeer, and I. Elmer Perry, the resolution was amended by striking out the word "multi-millionaires" before the word "wets" in the next to the last paragraph and then passed unanimously.

The Lay Electoral Conference then marched to Asbury M. E. Church and entered into joint session with the Annual Conference. Chairman O. M. Shockley was presented to Bishop McDowell by Brother I. Elmer Perry, Chairman of Committee on Conference Relations. Chairman Shockley presented the Lay Delegates to the General Conference, Clarence A. Short, Wesley Church, Dover, Delaware; Arthur C. Humphries, Snow Hill, Maryland; Willis L. Overdeer, Epworth Church, Wilmington, Delaware; also reserve delegates, I. Elmer Perry, Harrison Street Church, Wilmington, Delaware; and E. J. Winder, Seaford, Delaware.

Bishop McDowell then introduced Mr. Deets Pickett, of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, who spoke upon the prohibition situation, giving many encouraging statements of conditions of today but he also exhorted to steadfastness to make sure of the fruits of the

victories already won. He was followed by Mr. George W. Crabbe, who spoke along the same lines.

Brother Harry H. Nuttle was given the privilege of the floor and on behalf of the Laymen paid tribute to Bishop McDowell who is now serving as presiding Bishop of this Conference for the last time, since he will be retired as Bishop in May. He announced that the ministers and laymen of this Conference had raised a fund of \$1000.00 for the establishment of a William F. McDowell Memorial, the income from which will be used to aid some worthy young man studying for the ministry, preferably at the Wesley Collegiate Institute.

Bishop McDowell thanked the Conference for the fund created. He declared the gift was of a nature he most appreciated, one that will be helping to carry on the Master's work "after we are gone". He spoke at some length of his 28 years as a Bishop and especially of his period as Presiding Bishop of this area and said that no matter where he may reside after being retired, he expected still to be interested in questions touching youth and doing what he may be able to do to make this world a better place in which to live.

The Lay Electoral Conference adjourned "sine die".

O. M. SHOCKLEY,  
Chairman.

CLARENCE A. SHORT  
C. W. COOK, JR.  
Secretaries.

#### Resolution I—Districts.

WHEREAS, It is now the duty of the Conference to determine the number of districts that shall compose it, and

WHEREAS, We feel that this Conference should make this a matter of careful study so as to plan wisely for the future, and

WHEREAS, Our beloved Bishop McDowell may be indispensable to us in initiating a thorough consideration of this matter, and

WHEREAS, The Lay Electoral Conference is in session this year,

RESOLVED, That we request Bishop McDowell that, before the close of this Annual Conference session, he name as ministerial members of a committee of inquiry one minister for each present district, and a chairman chosen at large, and

RESOLVED, That the Lay Electoral Conference be requested to choose one member of this committee from each present district, and

RESOLVED, That the Committee of Ministers and Laymen thus chosen shall be asked to report to the annual conference of 1933 their conclusions as to the number of districts necessary, and in case of any reduction of the number, state the time when they believe the change should become effective, where the residences of the District Superintendents should thereafter be, and such other matters as they consider germane to the whole problem.

#### Resolution II.

WHEREAS, According to the Ruling of the Methodist Episcopal Church, that the Lay Electoral Conference meet every four years to elect Lay Delegates to the General Conference; and, whereas, the time for this meeting was set for April 1 and 2, 1932; and whereas Asbury M. E. Church knew of this when inviting the Wilmington Conference to meet with them, therefore be it, RESOLVED,

1. That this Lay Electoral Conference hereby express its appreciation to the minister, the Rev. Samuel McWilliams, also the members and friends of said church, as well as the citizens of the City at large for their hospitality.

2. We express our appreciation to Trinity M. E. Church, South, for putting their church at our disposal for this Conference.

3. We express our appreciation to the officers and the committees of this conference for the faithful performance of their duties; also the speakers who have brought matters of importance before us; and the Public Press for their courtesy and full and friendly reports of the proceedings of the Lay Electoral Conference.

#### Resolution III—Wesley Collegiate Institute.

WHEREAS, The Annual Conference has passed the following resolution: "RESOLVED, That May 22, 1932 be set aside this year as Wesley Collegiate Institute Day and a special collection be taken for this, our school at Dover, for which the local church shall receive World Service credit," be it

RESOLVED, That this Lay Electoral Conference pledge cooperation in this worthy cause and will do everything possible to make this proposition a success.

#### Resolution IV.

Inasmuch as:

1. The boys and girls of today will be the men and women of tomorrow.
2. The church, world and leaders of tomorrow are being made today.
3. Christian experiences and decisions depend upon right guidance and nurture.
4. The Bible as the "Living Word" must be so taught as to insure the evangelization of personal life and the construction of a Christian social order.
5. Over 300 Sunday Schools need help and guidance in organizing and supervising their teaching ministries.
6. Nearly 60,000 Sunday School pupils need the most effective Christian Education that the Wilmington Conference can insure.
7. At least 40,000 other pupils need to be reached by the Sunday Schools.
8. Nearly 6,000 teachers and officers need help, guidance and training.

9. Nearly 1,000 new teachers and officers need to be recruited and trained each year.

10. An effective leadership training program is being developed that helps to train nearly 2,000 Methodists in this Conference every year.

11. An effective program of conferences, institutes and programs is being rapidly developed to reach our youth, totaling nearly 20,000 individuals.

12. The Conference office and program is being conducted along lines of the strictest economy and producing results far beyond the financial considerations involved.

13. The total cost of the program financed through the Conference Board of Education is a very small investment made in the interest of the future church and for the Kingdom.

Be it RESOLVED that:

1. Our laymen heartily endorse the Conference program of Christian Education, and

2. Pledge their fullest interest, co-operation and support to the Conference Board of Education and the Director of Christian Education.

#### Resolution V.

On March 10th, at the call of a few citizens, a gathering of Laymen and Ministers was held in Dover. The purpose of the gathering was to form a Good Citizen's League for the promotion of the Temperance Reform as needed at the present time in the State of Delaware. The gathering was called by personal invitation without regard to political or Church lines. A company of eighteen or twenty men of outstanding position and reputation discussed what seemed to them a policy of suppression and silence in high circles of the Civic Life. It was recalled that the Allied Campaigners stirred the State and left behind them an organization to conduct further agitation. It was recalled that not a single meeting and not a speech has followed those rousing days. It was further noticed that, at the demand of the wets, permission has been denied the W. C. T. U. to put their literature into the Public Schools. There was also reported a quiet determination of the wets to secure the nomination of wet people to both of the Party Nominating Conventions, so that there will be no alternative left but to vote for wet delegates. These in their turn will vote for wet candidates and the voting strength of the State will then take Delaware into the wet column. It was further declared by Citizens active in both Political Parties that notice has been served on them that no Campaign Funds will be provided unless wet Candidates are put on the tickets. Pre-election silence was declared to be the Official Policy. Discussion was not desired. Citizen's Meetings were especially to be avoided. The mass of the voters was not to be aroused. Good Citizens were expected to allow the Primaries to go by default.

A second Citizen's Meeting with a larger attendance and more enthusiasm was held last Monday evening and an organization was effected for the defense of Federal Prohibition and Good Government. This movement in the Capital City prompted the Methodist Contingency to memorialize this Annual Conference. At the suggestion of District Superinten-

dent Habbart, Dr. Henry Budd was requested to present the above facts and to ask Conference to approve an immediate campaign of Prohibition agitation. Because of the above recited facts and because of the critical situation indicated:

Therefore, be it RESOLVED:

1. That the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church again place itself on record as an implacable foe of the liquor traffic and of the curse of social drinking.

2. That it approve an immediate campaign of Prohibition agitation.

3. That it call upon every pastor located in Delaware to preach upon this subject.

4. That it suggest exchanges of pulpits to follow the pastor's efforts.

5. That it invite the Women's Christian Temperance Union to organize public meetings and that the ministers of the entire Conference offer their services as speakers.

6. That we hail the Anti-Saloon League and bid them God-speed and that we offer them our hearty cooperation.

7. That it especially recommend the employment of competent lay speakers—both men and women.

8. That it invite the ministers of the other denominations to a cordial rivalry with their Methodist brethren in this labor for sobriety and good government.

9. That it exhort men of the highest characters and of known friendship for the Eighteenth Amendment to enter the Primary Contests for Public Office and then we recommend that all friends of the "Noble Experiment" support them with their voice and their votes.

10. That the above exhortation apply to the State of Maryland also but the solicitude expressed for Delaware is due to the special political significance of that State at the present time. Maryland is already in the wet column. The wets are making persistent effort to put Delaware in the wet column also, and they propose to do it by buying the State from that part of the citizenry who may be corruptible.

There is no possibility of this conspiracy succeeding if the citizenry can be aroused. Therefore we need an especial campaign in Delaware at this time. Be it further

RESOLVED, That this Lay Electoral Conference concur in above recommendations and will lend our influence and efforts to bring them to a successful reality.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. MOORE, Chairman,  
GRANVILLE HOOPER,  
C. H. KINDER,  
C. NORMAN JEFFERSON,  
DR. J. D. DAVIS,  
W. A. LAW,  
H. L. HARCUM,  
W. S. HOLTON,  
E. L. HAINES,

Committee on Resolutions.



## OFFICERS OF LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

- 1872—President, John F. Williamson; Secretaries, Dr. W. T. Collins, I. T. Matthews.
- 1876—Pres., R. J. Jump; Secretaries, I. T. Matthews, J. H. Bell.
- 1880—Pres., John F. Williamson; Secy's, P. F. Causey, Dr. R. J. Price.
- 1884—Pres., Henry F. Pickles; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, Henry S. Dulaney.
- 1888—Pres., H. C. Dodson; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, W. H. Dashiell.
- 1892—Pres., I. T. Matthews; Sec'y, Joseph Smithers.
- 1896—Pres., H. F. Pickles; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. W. Coley.
- 1900—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. S. Collins.
- 1904—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, Wesley Webb.
- 1908—Pres., W. O. Hoffecker; Secy's, C. A. Short, A. R. Spaid.
- 1912—Pres., R. D. Jones; Secretaries, C. A. Short, H. R. Moore.
- 1916—Pres., E. J. Winder; Secretaries, C. A. Short, A. Galt Starr.
- 1920—Pres., H. C. Conrad; Secretaries, C. A. Short, V. C. Hitchens.
- 1921—Pres., H. C. Conrad; Secretary, C. A. Short.
- 1924—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secretaries, C. A. Short, John Shilling.
- 1925—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secretaries, C. A. Short, John Shilling.
- 1928—Pres., H. H. Nuttle; Secretaries, C. A. Short, C. W. Cook.
- 1929—Pres., H. H. Nuttle; Secretaries, C. A. Short, C. W. Cook.
- 1932—Pres., H. H. Nuttle; Secretaries, C. A. Short, C. W. Cook.

## LAY DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

- 1872—Delegates, Daniel M. Bates, Walter H. Thompson.  
Alternate, John F. Williamson, Thomas Mallalieu.
- 1876—Delegates, John F. Williamson, Thomas Mallalieu.  
Alternate, W. J. Jones, Dr. Geo. C. Tyler.
- 1880—Delegates, I. T. Matthews, T. B. Coursey.  
Alternate, J. F. Dawson, P. F. Causey.
- 1884—Delegates, F. A. Ellis, Alfred G. Cox.  
Alternate, Dr. A. E. Sudler, Jos. Pyle.
- 1888—Delegates, H. P. Cannon, L. S. Melson.  
Alternate, Joseph Pyle, Dr. A. E. Sudler.
- 1892—Delegates, Dr. A. E. Sudler, Joseph Pyle.  
Alternate, I. T. Parker, J. W. Melson.
- 1896—Delegates, Dr. W. L. Gooding, W. H. Jackson.  
Alternates, T. J. Truxton, G. F. Jones.
- 1900—Delegates, Chas. B. Lore, G. E. Hukill, Jos. E. Holland, Geo. A. Cox.  
Alternates, S. H. Baynard, G. C. Moore, J. W. Fletcher, L. E. P. Dennis.
- 1904—Delegates, C. B. Lore, H. P. Cannon, R. M. Cooper, J. E. Ellegood.  
Alternates, A. W. Sisk, Geo. C. Moore, L. S. Melson.

- 1908—Delegates, J. P. Holland, I. T. Parker, W. O. Hoffecker, R. D. Jones  
Alternates, John G. Townsend, Jr., Joseph W. Coley, J. C. Mullikin.
- 1912—Delegates, Chas. H. Jefferson, John G. Townsend, Wm. Saulsbury,  
Joseph W. Coley.  
Alternates, Mrs. Jeannie M. Field, A. W. Sisk, Wm. T. Records.
- 1916—Delegates, E. J. Winder, Thos. H. Bock, Melville Gambrill, Martin  
B. Burris.  
Alternates, I. M. Lenderman, W. O. Hoffecker, L. E. P. Dennis.
- 1920—Delegates, E. C. Hardesty, H. C. Conrad, L. Atwood Bennett, J. W.  
Wheatley.  
Reserves, Joseph Mallalieu, R. F. Powell, J. S. Mullin, Jr.
- 1924—Delegates, I. Elmer Perry, W. Harry Jones, Orlando Harrison, T. N.  
Rawlins.  
Reserves, W. O. Hoffecker, E. P. Wyatt, H. C. Conrad.
- 1928—Delegates, W. Newton Jackson, H. H. Nuttle, W. G. Abbott, E. F.  
Melson.  
Reserves, W. B. Smith, Jr., W. T. Brasure, C. M. Phillips.
- 1932—Delegates, Clarence A. Short, Arthur C. Humphries, Willis L. Over-  
deer, J. Everett Walls.  
Reserves, J. T. Mears, I. Elmer Perry, E. J. Winder.

## THE GENESIS OF ORGANIZED METHODISM OF THE WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.

By ERNEST C. HALLMAN.

The startled honk of the sentinel caused flock after flock of wild geese to take wing; myriads of ducks fanned their wings in frantic effort to get away from the vicinity of the old bateau as the Indians laboriously forged ahead. Rosevelt Waldron was in deep thought as he pondered the situation in reference to the claims of Lord Baltimore to the territory now occupied by his people. The quick eye of Augustine Hermen, not only noted the abundance of game, but also the wealth of hardwoods and the evident fertility of the soil. Sander Boyer plies the bailer to keep the leaky craft afloat. They had come by foot from New Amstel to the head waters of the Elk River and thence by bateau to Kent Island and from there to Patuxent River on a mission from the Dutch at New Amsterdam to the Governor of the Province of Maryland, in an attempt to settle the land dispute between the two colonies. This is a long journey for any row boat in these days, a far more perilous journey in the year 1659, when Indians were hostile and bitter enmity existed between the English and Dutch settlers. They met the Governor of Maryland and did all in their power to advance the claims of the Dutch, without avail. This attempt, like all others, proved to be a failure in so far as the land claims were involved, but it did accomplish this, it brought Augustine Hermen's attention to a land after his own heart and was the means of his settling Bohemia Manor.

Augustine Hermen was a native of Prague, Bohemia. As a younger son of the gentry he began to seek his fortune elsewhere. Various enterprises engaged him in different parts of the world; soldiering in Turkey, trading in the West Indies, privateering on the high seas etc. In the year 1633, we find him in the employ of the West India Company purchasing for them, from the Lenape Indians, a considerable tract of land including the site of Philadelphia.

He continued to rove until his marriage to Jannetze Varlett, December 10, 1651. This changed his life in that he began to desire an estate. He found exactly what he wanted on the bank of what the Indians called Oppoquenmine Creek, one of the rivers emptying into the head of the Chesapeake Bay. For him to want was to act. He proposes to Lord Baltimore that he make a map of Maryland and for payment of the same he be granted a tract of land on Oppoquenmine Creek and be naturalized as a citizen of the Province of Maryland. This map is remarkable for its accuracy. He claims it cost him "no less than two hundred pounds sterling, beside his labor". In three separate grants he secured title to 22000 acres of land in and around the head waters of the Bohemia River (Oppoquenmine), and Back Creek and thence across the Peninsula to the Delaware River. In 1660 Augustine Hermen, his five children, John Jarbo,

Anna Hack and her sons George and Peter were all naturalized. This was the first incident of its kind in America as far as history knows.

Augustine Hermen moved his family to Bohemia Manor in 1661. Having a desire for a title, as well as an estate, he assumed the title of Augustine Hermen, Lord of the Manor. In his will he stipulated whoever inherited the title must also assume the name of Augustine. Sometime the females would become Augustine, so and so, Lord of the Manor. In addition to the title he established a feudal system by importing indentured servants from Bohemia. This was the first and only attempt of feudalism in the New World. Hermen built his mansion on the north bank of the Bohemia River, a little west of the present state road. The farm house now occupies the original foundation. From this knoll you can see the broad reaches of the beautiful Bohemia while the distant background is eternally guarded by the foothills of the Blue Ridge. Back of the mansion he had his deer park and at strategic points, he built his tenant houses with the understanding whoever should occupy them should pay tribute, thus recognizing him as Lord of the Manor. Some of the original titles to these lands have a clause to the effect they shall keep so many fox-hounds or riding horses or deliver so many roses or barnyard-fowl to the Lord of the Manor.

Here Augustine Hermen raised his family of five children, Ephraim, George, Caspar, Anna Margareta, Judith and Francina. They grew up with and played an important part in the development of Cecil County. The thread of this story does not concern itself with any of the children excepting Ephraim George Hermen. Like his father he finds his bride in New Amsterdam. She was a meek, quiet, inoffensive little lady. On their honeymoon they meet Peter Sluyter and Jasper Danckers, two Labadie scouts sent out to hunt a new location for their overcrowded colony at Wieward, Denmark. Ephraim Hermen immediately invites them to visit Bohemia Manor. Having accepted this invitation they accompany him home. In their journal, which is brutally frank and fanatically egotistical, they speak of Bohemia Manor as "the grandest place in America". They quickly secured an option on some 3000 acres of land comprising four necks at the head waters of the Bohemia River which was a part of Augustine Hermen's holdings.

Jean de Labadie was a Jesuit priest. His mystical views and eccentricities finally made him objectionable to the Jesuits. He secured his release and became a secular priest. His mentality and eloquence created a sensation and brought him an unanimous invitation to come to Paris as a member of the Sorbonne. It was here he undertook to reform the Church of Rome. He did not hesitate to denounce the leaders and as a result he was sentenced to perpetual confinement. During his days of enforced idleness he read Calvin and renounced the Church of Rome. Labadie's conversion and release from prison was declared the greatest Protestant triumph since the days of Calvin. His conceit and zeal soon aroused the established order in the Protestant Church; hence he was forced to establish an independent church of his own. This brought persecution and with it an order

to "move on". His church in theology was an offshoot of the Reform Church. Its spirit was that of mysticism and its government was communal.

Communal Labadism was born at Amsterdam but attained its full measure of strength at Wieward, Denmark. They turned longing eyes toward America, where religious freedom was tolerated in the Province of Maryland. On the return of Sluyter and Danckers with glowing accounts of Bohemia Manor, they agreed to send a colony to establish a Labadie Communistic society there. In 1683, the colony landed in America and were compelled to sue Augustine Hermen to complete the land deal. Hermen had taken a violent dislike to Sluyter and Danckers and especially despised their doctrine. The deed, dated August 11, 1684, is executed to Peter Sluyter, Jasper Danckers, Petrus Bayard, John Moll and Arnold de la Grange in company. Soon afterwards Grange conveyed his interest in it to Sluyter and Danckers. A little later Danckers returns to the parent colony and relinquished his share to Sluyter. Bayard retained his interest until 1688, when in utter disgust, he left the Community. Bayard and Ephraim Hermen had completely embraced the fanatical faith even to the deserting of their wives. Both, seeing the selfish, grasping, mercenary spirit of its leaders, quit in disgust and returned to their families.

Upon the land purchased of Augustine Hermen the Labadies built dormitories, shops, barns, and having dammed a stream, erected a mill which went by the name of Sluyter's Mill. This mill played an important part in this story as will be seen later.

In 1702, the Community had nearly one hundred men, women and children in their dormitories. Beyond a question of doubt this was the first communistic society in America. The Lady of the Pines, the Ephrata Community, the Shakers, the New Harmony etc., were all much later. The Labadie Community continued to exist until the death of Sluyter in Chesapeake City in 1722. Five years later the organization had become a matter of history. Its members had merged into that larger organization called society and many of them later identified themselves with that first Methodist society organized within the boundary of the Wilmington Conference at Solomon Hersey's home.

The abundance of game and the fertility of the soil were not the only attractions to this section. Religious toleration and established trade routes from the head waters of the Elk, Bohemia and Sassafra Rivers to the Delaware River made their appeal to the freedom loving and thrifty elements. Settlers came and missionaries followed. Thus you will find here as strange a mixture of faiths as was to be found anywhere in the Colonies. Here Rev. John Yoe had established the Anglican faith in 1677; here at the head waters of a branch of Still Pond Creek, George Warner and seven others in the year 1698, had built a Quaker Church; here at Warwick in 1704, Father Mansell had established his famous school, and later organized the St. Xavier Catholic Mission; here MacKemies followers had built a Presbyterian Church at Pivot Bridge in 1723; here on Welsh Tract the Baptists in 1703 erected their third church in America; here

lived the Puritan, the Reform element, the Labadies, the Arcadians and the Moravians. There seemed to be one faith lacking, one voice yet to be heard, but he was on his way.

Among the original five who belonged to the Holy Club and were dubbed "Methodists" by their college chums, none surpassed George Whitefield in eloquence or fervor. He ranged further and blazed higher than any of them. His one failure of not organizing caused his fame to dim. After death, the echo of his greatness was as a flower that had bloomed but not seeded. This brilliant and eloquent Englishman first touched the Wilmington Conference territory on his second voyage to America, when stormy weather caused his vessel to harbor at Lewes, Delaware, in 1739. Late that year we find him visiting Bohemia Manor. So charmed was he with the place, and so enamored with the hospitality of its people, and so responsive were they to his message, it became, next to Georgia, his favorite stopping place in America. To this day they point with pride to Whitefield's room in a farm house on the Labadie Tract, now owned by John Metten. Here he spent many weeks preaching Methodism to thousands until many claimed "they were of Mr. Whitefield's faith."

After John Wesley's conversion in that Moravian meeting led by Spangenberg, his zeal to spread the glad tidings knew no bounds. Whitefield's success may have inspired him; the knowledge of his own failure as a missionary to America may have spurred him; the urgent letters he received to send Godly men to its shores may have hastened him; whatever the cause he soon began calling for volunteers for American service. Boardman and Pilmoore, Williams and King, Asbury and Wright are names that conjure visions of heroic service.

Francis Asbury and Richard Wright came over in Captain Hood's ship and landed in Philadelphia, October 27, 1771. Asbury's journal is brief and pungent as to the trials, hardships and oppositions he meets in New York a month later. He says under date of November 22, 1771, "I am in trouble, and more trouble is at hand. . . . I am determined that no man shall bias me with soft words and soft speeches". What a contrast to Richard Wright's reception on Bohemia Manor where he goes immediately on landing. Here the important men tried to persuade him to become their settled pastor. Like Whitefield, Wright falls in love with them and refuses to change with any preacher until there is a threat of a trial for insubordination in staying so long.

After the Labadies had impounded the waters of Mill Stream, one of the branches of the upper Bohemia, they erected a mill which went by the name of Sluyter's mill. In 1702, Mathias Van Bibber, whose father was one of the first settlers of Germantown, bought part of John Moll Jr.'s land, which was the easternmost of the four necks which comprised the Labadie Tract. In 1709, Isaac Van Bibber bought of his brother John, 130 acres of this neck and erected a mill on the same site as Sluyter's Mill which had gone to ruin. Like all early mills, it not only ground grist, but it was the clearing house of ideas and country views and gossip. On the breaking up of the Labadie Communistic Society and the scattering of its



members, some bought farms and settled in the neighborhood. A few built homes around Van Bibber's Mill. By 1771 the mill had again changed names and owners. This time it was owned by Solomon Hersey and called after his name. The miller was an important figure in any community; this particular miller became a historical character in making Richard Wright an honored guest and his house as the meeting place of the first organized society within the boundary of the Wilmington Conference.

When Wright began to preach in Hersey's home he found it unnecessary to create a Methodist atmosphere for Whitefield's preaching, thirty years before, was still bearing fruit. There were many who were still "of Mr. Whitefield's faith". Discovering this Wright proceeded either in December 1771 or January of 1772, to organize them into a Methodist society. Strawbridge had preached in Kent County several years earlier, Hinsons Chapel has the honor of being the first Methodist Church erected on the Peninsula, but the society meeting in Solomon Hersey's home, was the first society organized on the Peninsula. Among its charter members the Bayards, Bouchells and Sluyters came from the Labadies; the Hermens, Bassetts, Thompsons and Van Bibbers came as colonists to Bohemia Manor. These were among the prominent families and having espoused the cause of Methodism, gave it a standing and popularity it did not enjoy in many places. Therefore you did not find the persecution and heckling which Methodism endured in other places.

About six months later Wright organized the second society of the Conference at Back Creek (Pivot Bridge) just a few miles north of Hersey's Mill. Here Asbury holds the first class meeting on American soil; here also Chandler gave the first altar call ever given in any church in the world. These two churches became the parents of the old Cecil Circuit that blazed the way for the great revival of 1810.

The society organized at Solomon Hersey's has had three buildings; one a log chapel; the second occupied a site one half mile west of Augustine's Corner on the road leading to Town Point. It was called Bethesda. The third building is still standing but unoccupied. It is at Augustine's Corner.

The tides of humanity have ebbed and flowed on Bohemia Manor. The ebb tide of reaction had exposed the flats of desolation where once life and animation were the order. Augustine Hermen's mansion burned in 1819, the dormitories of the Labadies have crumbled into dust, all that remains of the mill is a section of the breast works of the dam, the homes around the mill have left no trace save the flowers that refused to surrender, but Methodism has increased and flourished until today she is like an oak, under whose shadow many find comfort and peace in "Him who was and is and shall ever be".

## XVI.

## GENERAL STATISTICS

OF

## WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

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J. J. BUNTING, Treasurer.

Assistants:

V. E. Hills.	J. E. Parker.	R. T. Thawley.	O. H. Connelly.
A. F. Zimmerman,	F. C. Louhoff,	W. H. Revelle,	
	L. L. Powell,		
R. H. Nelson,	W. J. Ennis,	W. H. Kohl.	

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J. W. WOOTTEN, Statistician.

L. E. WINDSOR, Acting Statistician.

Assistants:

R. W. Mills,	S. T. Hamblin,	P. E. Reynolds,	
H. N. Bailey.	W. L. McClintock,	J. C. Bolton,	O. J. Collins.
F. D. Milbury.	H. O. Hufnal,	Willard Everett,	T. O. M. Wills.
J. B. Vaughn,	R. S. Hodgson,	R. M. Green,	F. A. Baker.

STATISTICAL  
DOVER DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership							Church Property										
	Received During Year	Prep'y Mem.		Full Members				Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc.	Paid by Charge for Building and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest	Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Exp's	Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support		
		Now on Roll	Rec'd from P. M. or on Prof'n of Faith	Received by Transfer	Full Members on Roll	Not Incl. Nonres't-Inactive Members	Non-Resident-Inactive Members										Removed by Transfer	Deaths During Year
1 Beckwith and Spedden	19	9	21	208	20	2	6	2	\$13,500	1	\$2,500	\$125	\$109	\$348				
2 Bethel	22	22	22	232			6	2	8,000	1	4,500	\$1,000	200	\$2,000	200			
3 Blades and Epworth	15		15	244	5	4	2	3	15,000	1	4,000		325	120	450			
4 Bridgeville	29	12	43	410	60	3	4	1	6,000	1	4,500	1,000	350	300	1,500			
5 Cambridge			3	756			1	5	125,000	1	6,500	10,000	800	1,000	4,500			
6 Camden			3	350		12	5	1	14,000	1	4,000		200		500			
7 *Canterbury	1		1	111			2	2	5,000						210			
8 Church Creek			10	123			1	4	13,000	1	3,000		150		150			
9 Crapo				156			1	4	18,000	1	3,500		250	180	700			
10 Dover—St. Paul's			2	92	20		1	3	10,000	1	10,000		382		100			
11 Wesley			2	368	27	2	6	1	5,000	1	8,000		155	457	1,220			
12 East New Market	1	1		197	73		1	2	10,000	1	2,500	500			595			
13 Ellendale	7	7	3	243	37	1	2	4	20,000	1	4,000		482	200	750			
14 Elliott's Island	17	17	10	60			1	2	6,000	1	800				125			
15 *Farmington				148	18		4	1	13,800	1	1,600							
16 Federalsburg	3	5	3	247	32	3	6	1	13,800	1	1,600		150	650	4,850			
17 Felton		8		275	30		3	3	12,000	1	3,000		62		325			
18 Frederica				153	20	2	6	1	10,000	1	3,000				300			
19 Georgetown	34	7	57	483	25	19	8	1	35,000	1	15,000	12,000		5,500	1,200			
20 Georgetown Circuit	23	23	56	410		11	19	4	15,000	1	3,000		45		600			
21 Greenwood	3		3	245			4	4	10,000	1	1,600				300			
22 Harrington	11	12	10	330	11	5	4	1	30,000	1	5,000		107	1,170	2,385			
23 Hooper's Island				103			1	2	4,000	1	2,500	500	450		1,102			
24 Houston	14	3	60	310		1	2	3	6,500	1	3,000		150	35	275			
25 Hurlock	16	17		175	15		3	1	8,000	1	8,000		1075	650	2,000			
26 Laurel				708	58	2	10	1	5,500	1	5,000				5,700			
27 Leipsic				40			1	2	5,000	1	2,500		194		125			
28 Lewes	28	28		382	50	7	4	1	40,000	1	6,000		2,910		1,140			
29 Lincoln	29	29	2	350		6	5	4	17,000	1	3,000		375		1,000			
30 Little Creek				61			2	2	6,300	1	1,500		90					
31 Magnolia & Bar'ts Chl.	10	10	1	190			8	3	8,500	1	2,800				608			
32 Milford	11	11	4	510	50	7	5	1	45,000	1	7,500	8,000	1,000	600	3,600			
33 Milford Neck				86	5		1	2	2,000	1	300				50			
34 Millsboro	26	11	15	433	15		6	2	12,000	1	6,500	2,000	285	275	625			
35 Milton				189	22		9	1	14,000	1	4,000	2,442	1,056		1,801			
36 Mt. Pleasant	5	5	5	250	50	2	2	2	4,600	1	4,000		110	80	40			
37 Mt. Zion				93			1	1	7,500	1					130			
38 Nassau	10	2	9	415	25	4	1	4	18,500	1	1,400		350		200			
39 Rehoboth	1	20	6	167	16	2	2	1	12,500	1	2,500		159	97	68			
40 Reliance				146			4	1	5,000	1	2,000		100		100			
41 Seaford	64	26	43	513	61	1	11	1	25,000	1	5,000	4,000	1,200		100			
42 Seaford Circuit	49	49		379		2	4	6	14,000	1	6,000				280			
43 Secretary			8	175	1	1	2	2	7,000	2	4,000			1,363	500			
44 St. Thomas	15			250		4	5	4	15,000	1	4,000		600		500			
45 Vienna	47	47		119	30		1	4	10,800	1	1,200		3,800		250			
46 Williamsburg				79			2	3	5,000	1	2,000							
47 Wyoming	12	6	2	160	10	6	2	1	7,000	1	3,000		1,665		278			
48 Zoar Circuit	15	15	2	250		2	5	4	5,550	1			150		100			
Total	522	370	468	258	12,334	786	116	180	111	81	385	45	17,900	41,442	19,602	12,979	29,319	28,105

\*Report missing.

STATISTICAL  
DOVER DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS.	Ministerial Support											Baptisms	
		Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.	Support Bishop	Support Conf. C'l'mnts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Children Baptized	Adults Bptizead		
		Total Claim Includ- ing House Rent	Total Paid Includ- ing House Rent	Rental Value of Par- sonage			Claim	Paid					Claim	Paid
		Total Claim incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Total Paid incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Children Baptized	Adults Bptizead			
1 Beckwith & Sped'n	G. E. Wood	\$1,300	\$1,180	\$100	\$91	\$80	\$26	\$20	\$143	\$105	\$1,385	\$175	5	.....
2 Bethel	J. R. Jester	1,550	1,550	150	105	105	31	15	147	.....	1,670	163	7	2
3 Blades & Epworth	James O'Neil	1,600	1,465	100	112	70	32	15	208	50	1,600	352	11	.....
4 Bridgeville	J. P. Outten	2,200	2,200	200	154	154	44	44	308	308	2,706	.....	5	.....
5 Cambridge	W. G. Harris	3,400	3,400	400	238	238	68	68	480	480	4,186	.....	17	.....
6 Camden	D. J. Givan	2,000	2,000	200	140	140	40	20	250	100	2,260	170	8	.....
7 *Canterbury	E. E. Crockett				40	.....	8	.....	16	64	.....	.....	.....	.....
8 Church Creek	R. L. Kirby, Jr.	1,300	1,070	100	81	60	26	10	143	55	1,170	355	12	.....
9 Crapo Circuit	N. B. Lawrance	1,700	1,280	200	105	75	30	30	208	.....	1,385	658	9	.....
10 Dover—St. Paul's	A. L. White	1,300	1,050	300	84	40	24	.....	143	.....	1,090	461	9	1
11 Wesley	M. S. Andrews	2,800	2,800	300	196	196	56	56	420	420	3,472	.....	8	.....
12 E. N. Market	J. A. Clark	1,800	1,800	200	126	126	36	36	221	126	2,088	95	3	.....
13 Ellendale	R. G. Conner	1,100	1,231	100	87	87	22	22	114	110	1,450	.....	7	.....
14 Elliott's Island	E. D. Walraven	800	650	50	56	49	16	13	71	30	742	201	4	.....
15 *Farmington	L. W. Layfield				.....	.....	10	.....	50	60	.....	.....	.....	.....
16 Federalsburg	R. P. Nichols	2,600	2,600	200	182	182	52	52	308	308	3,142	.....	15	3
17 Felton	H. T. Caldwell	1,750	1,750	150	122	122	35	35	215	215	2,122	.....	12	1
18 Frederica	N. C. Benson	1,350	1,350	150	94	94	31	31	149	149	1,634	.....	15	.....
19 Georgetown	O. E. Jones	3,400	3,400	400	238	238	68	68	450	450	4,156	.....	24	2
20 Circuit	H. M. Ralph	1,300	1,257	100	91	91	26	5	169	155	1,508	78	3	1
21 Greenwood	J. H. Thornton	1,325	1,325	125	92	92	15	.....	146	125	1,542	36	24	.....
22 Harrington	E. H. Collins	1,900	1,900	200	133	133	38	38	247	247	2,318	.....	12	.....
23 Hooper's Isl.	Merle Watson	1,300	1,300	100	91	91	26	.....	120	.....	1,391	146	2	.....
24 Houston	J. C. Hanby	1,350	1,350	100	94	94	25	15	149	90	1,549	69	15	1
25 Hurlock	J. L. Sparklin	2,100	1,900	300	147	100	36	15	280	125	2,140	423	3	.....
26 Laurel	M. W. Marine	3,250	3,250	250	227	227	65	65	487	487	4,029	.....	9	.....
27 Leipsic	Harry Taylor				.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
28 Lewes	R. C. Jones	2,600	2,600	200	182	182	52	52	390	390	3,224	.....	.....	.....
29 Lincoln	J. F. Willis	1,230	1,230	100	84	84	24	24	132	83	1,421	49	9	.....
30 Little Creek	J. B. Chadwick	800	724	100	56	36	16	.....	50	.....	760	162	12	.....
31 Magnolia and Bar- ratts Chapel	R. W. Campbell	1,600	1,600	200	112	112	32	32	208	208	1,952	.....	23	4
32 Milford	Frank Herson	3,900	3,900	300	273	273	78	78	585	585	4,836	.....	10	2
33 Milford Neck	N. C. Benson	300	300	.....	21	21	6	6	30	30	357	.....	2	.....
34 Millsboro	D. J. Moore	2,100	2,10											





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MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership							Church Property									
	Prepry Mn'.		Full Members					Deaths	Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc.	Paid by Charge for Buildings and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest	Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Exp's	Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support
	Received During Year	Now on Roll	Rec'd from P. M. or on Prof'n of Faith	Received by Transfer	Full Members on Roll Not Incl. Nonres't. Inactive Members	Non Resident. Inactive Members	Removed by Transfer										
1 Barclay.....	8	1			39		2	1	\$10000							\$35	
2 Bayside.....	2	6	1		109	5	1	2	15000	1	\$2500		\$96	\$55	\$315	267	
3 Bozman and Neavitt.....	10	10			149	2	1	1	15000	1	2500		50			400	
4 Burrsville.....	3	1			54	10		6	6000	1	2200		50				
5 Cecilton.....	5	5			195	25	5	5	35000	1	3500		2500				
6 Centerville.....	13	3			318	20	1	2	40000	1	6000		1000		1150	1200	
7 Chestertown.....	22	5	38	5	359	65	3	3	100000	1	8000		380	3417	12100	1634	
8 Cheswold.....					200	50	4	1	7500	1	2300		260			175	
9 Church Hill.....					135	9	2	1	12000	1	2500		200			400	
10 Clayton.....	2	9			274		4	1	10000	1	4000		300			500	
11 Concord.....	20	20			268	10	1	6	13750	1	2100			220	500	250	
12 Cordova.....	14	22	5		91		4	2	8000	1	2000		70			100	
13 Crumpton.....	6	6	1		128	50	3	10	9000	1	2500	1000				360	
14 Denton.....	21	40	13		365	2	5	5	15000	1	10000	2000	5000		200	580	
15 Easton.....	5	14	3		415	57	2	6	50000	1	8000			3466	10300	1363	
16 Fairlee.....	7	9	1		140	11	1	3	18000	2	6000		350	65		500	
17 Galena.....	3	1	2		187	5	2	3	11000	1	5000		175	45	985	309	
18 Greensboro.....	27	15	13		248	25	4	5	4000	1	1200		100		100	500	
19 Henderson & Hartley.....	22	31	4		125	63		2	9500	1	2250					122	
20 Hillsboro.....	7	2	7		174	16		2	10000	1	5000	1000	100			380	
21 Kent Island.....					480	28	2	6	20000	1	4000					375	
22 Kenton.....	3	3	6		131	20	1	1	12000	1	2000		75		1800	215	
23 Marydel.....	14	6	16		130	60	2	1	5000	1	2250		50		60	150	
24 Middletown.....	35	1	35	4	319	84		4	30000	1	6000			600		1685	
25 Millington.....					157	84		2	10000	1	2000		431			300	
26 Odessa and Friendship.....	19	3	12	2	211		1	7	15000	1	2000		1100			413	
27 Oxford.....	3	2	8	4	127	10		1	4000	1	2100		100			71	
28 Pomona.....					128	1		2	6000	1	1500	950	194			430	
29 Preston.....	10	10	3	8	224	13	2	3	15000	1	3000		200		300	150	
30 Queenstown.....	17	4	13		113	30	1	2	12000	1	3000		700	400		250	
31 Ridgely.....	4	2	6		134		3	1	15500	1	2500					525	
32 Rock Hall.....	12	12	10	2	145	12	2	2	13000	1	6000	5000	200		3600	70	
33 Royal Oak.....					48	7		3	8000	1	3000		25			1823	
34 Smyrna.....	16	3	13	10	641	60	10	7	30000	1	3750	2000	360	100	3300	500	
35 Still Pond & Betterton.....	7	9	23	8	182	6		2	22000	1	3000		290			630	
36 St. Michaels.....					274	21	3	7	13000	1	3000	803			910	248	
37 Sudersville.....					236	28		1	10000	1	5000			226		403	
38 Tilghman Island.....	3	3	3		165	10		1	22000	1	4100		167			150	
39 Townsend.....	18	18	8	1	213		1	3	20000	1	5000		350			170	
40 Trappe.....					115	20		1	3000	1	3000		50			29	
41 Wye Mills and Starr.....	19	10	15		106	10	3	3	6000	1	2500	2800	80	107		140	
Total.....	354	159	391	100	8252	929	67	125	80	707250	41	146250	19053	11988	8761	35589	17603

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MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Bap-tisms				
		Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.		Support Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'mnts			Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized	
		Total Claim Includ-ing House Rent	Total Paid Includ-ing House Rent	Rental Value of Par-sonage	Total Claim incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Total Paid incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid						
1 Barclay.....	J. T. Richardson.....	\$300	\$300		\$24	\$24	\$4	\$4	\$30	\$30	\$358	\$358				
2 Bayside.....	H. M. Smith.....	1200	1200	\$100	88	88	22	8	121	60	1356	\$75				
3 Bozman & Neavitt.....	A. H. Travers.....	1350	1350	150	92	92	22	11	143	50	1503	104				
4 Burrsville.....	W. T. Littleton.....	1020	1020	120	72	72	12	12	80	30	1114	50				
5 Cecilton.....	R. T. Thawley.....	2000	2000	200	144	144	36	25	253	200	2369	64				
6 Centerville.....	G. W. Dawson.....	2600	2600	400	176	176	29	29	333	200	30.5	133				
7 Chestertown.....	J. H. Wright.....	2900	2900	400	200	200	50	50	435	435	3585					
8 Cheswold.....	R. W. Kirwan.....	1350	1350	150	96	96	24	24	149	140	1610					
9 Church Hill.....	W. G. Barlow.....	1350	1200	150	96	84	24	15	149	94	1243	226				
10 Clayton.....	C. W. Spry.....	1900	1900	300	128	128	32	23	247	240	2291	16				
11 Concord.....	S. L. Hanby.....	1300	1250	100	96	92	24	24	123	48	1150	149				
12 Cordova.....	L. W. Ross.....	1050	1050	150	72	72	12	12	80	44	1178	36				
13 Crumpton.....	H. O. Hufnal.....	1320	1220	120	96	61	24		180	5	1286	339				
14 Denton.....	E. C. Hallman.....	2700	2700	300	192	192	48	48	332	332	3272					
15 Easton.....	W. A. Hearn.....	3200	3200	400	224	224	56	56	435	435	3915					
16 Fairlee.....	E. N. Wright.....	1700	1700	200	120	120	30	30	195	157	2007	38				
17 Galena.....	W. L. Hess.....	1700	1700	200	120	120	25	5	143	78	1903	85				
18 Greensboro.....	A. B. Frye.....	2100	2100	300	144	144	36	20	180	131	2395	165				
19 Henderson and Hartley.....	J. G. Lynn.....	1300	1113	100	96	37	22		120		1150	388				
20 Hillsboro.....	Willard Everett.....	1630	1600	200	112	112	28	10	206	75	1797	149				
21 Kent Island.....	Leolan Jackson.....	2000	2000	200	144	144	36	20	280	76	2240	220				
22 Kenton.....	Conrad Hamer.....	1550	1496	150	112	90	28	16	149	30	1482	203				
23 Marydel.....	A. G. Thomas.....	1300	1200	100	96	84	10	5	100	15	1304	202				
24 Middletown.....	M. E. Wheatley.....	2700	2700	300	192	192	48	48	405	405	3345					
25 Millington.....	R. H. Nelson.....	1550	1550	150	112	96	26	12	149	75	1733	104				
26 Odessa & Friend'p.....	S. T. Hamblin.....	1650	1650	150	120	120	30	30	215	215	2015					
27 Oxford.....	E. B. Eckhart.....	1450	1450	200	96	96	24	24	138	60	1630	78				
28 Pomona.....	L. L. Powell.....	1000	982	100	72	58	18		81		1040	131				
29 Preston.....	T. R. Van Dyke.....	2300	2300	300	160	160	40	40	280	280	2780					
30 Queenstown.....	C. D. Sharpless.....	1300	940	100	96	72	24	10	60	40	1062	418				
31 Ridgely.....	R. L. Tawes.....	1700	1700	200	120	120	30	30	221	43	1893	178				
32 Rock Hall.....	W. S. Grant.....	2000	1700	200	144	120	36	30	200	150	2000	380				
33 Royal Oak.....	W. F. Atkinson.....	750	750	150	60	60	12	12	69	69	891					
34 Smyrna.....	E. P. Thomas.....	3250	3250	250	240	240	60	60	488	488	4038					
35 Still Pond & Btrn.....	J. C. B. Hopkins.....	1800	1800	200	128	128	32	32	234	234	2194					
36 St. Michaels.....	E. W. Henvis.....	1800	1800	200	128	128	32	20	221	154	2103	78				
37 Sudersville.....	C. W. Clark.....	1800	1800	200	128	128	32	32	234	134	2194	100				
38 Tilghman's Is.....	C. H. Atkins.....	1700	1700	100	128	128	32	32	221	57	1917	164				
39 Townsend.....	C. N. Jones.....	1800	1800	200	128	128	32	26	234	189	2143	51				
40 Trappe.....	J. H. Geoghegan.....	1350	1050	150	96	65	24	10	140	60	1185	525				
41 Wye Mills & Starr.....	W. L. McClintock.....	1150	1150	150	80	80	20	20	90	90	1340					
Total.....		69840	68221	7440	4968	4715	1186	915	8243	5649	79016	4862	359	21		

District Parsonage at Middletown, Del., estimated value \$10,000.

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MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

List No.	Sunday Schools										Supplemental Report			Epw'th League		
	Number of Schools	No. of Classes Under 18 Years	No. of Classes Using Closely Graded Lessons	Enrollment				Church Membe'ip Pupils incl. Ho'e Dept. not B.C. who are Ch. Mem. or Prep. Mem. Accessions to Church from Memb. of S. S.	Finances		Vacation Schools		Senior Members	Junior Members		
				Officers and Teachers	Pupils of all Grades	Cradle Roll	Home Department		Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Paid by S. S. to World Service not including Rally Day Offering	Expenses for Lesson Materials, Supplies, Etc.			Enrollment Leadership Training Classes	No. Vacation Schools
1	1	7	43	23	128	20	50	26	40	25	20	26	43			
2	2	7	252	23	252	20	171	90	81	6	90	30	43			
3	3	6	153	20	153	20	160	100	194	80	150	30	43			
4	4	5	140	25	140	16	160	100	194	80	150	30	43			
5	5	2	153	20	153	16	160	100	194	80	150	30	43			
6	6	12	200	12	200	12	258	110	125	5	200	30	43			
7	7	15	38	19	38	19	50	411	175	200	354	349	22			
8	8	10	25	15	132	15	187	125	100	166	110	116	22			
9	9	8	28	28	206	10	206	110	84	7	110	116	22			
10	10	5	25	25	220	18	280	160	274	7	200	140	50			
11	11	4	24	24	260	15	260	150	18	58	150	150	50			
12	12	2	21	100	121	60	121	60	22	29	46	75	60			
13	13	11	10	36	221	102	221	102	2	45	75	75	60			
14	14	13	25	284	20	45	374	163	166	23	166	224	46			
15	15	18	28	281	321	149	321	149	161	6	308	364	4			
16	16	11	46	218	160	288	160	75	165	5	165	165	86			
17	17	10	20	92	123	63	123	63	70	155	64	64	20			
18	18	15	3	28	272	26	348	145	22	205	200	13	36			
19	19	11	35	129	164	105	164	105	52	90	2	48	40			
20	20	14	7	21	111	30	162	108	7	111	112	220	70			
21	21	3	45	355	400	235	400	235	85	85	220	220	70			
22	22	7	5	20	82	102	102	53	8	45	90	10	2			
23	23	10	17	17	200	10	227	127	8	45	90	10	2			
24	24	1	8	18	249	26	315	123	35	100	120	1	56			
25	25	2	11	22	160	24	256	85	80	80	150	1	56			
26	26	8	21	104	136	60	136	60	70	164	164	8	25			
27	27	4	5	8	103	17	111	38	3	18	40	8	25			
28	28	4	16	95	132	60	132	60	88	3	37	33	54			
29	29	15	30	200	238	133	238	133	140	7	105	105	15			
30	30	10	21	170	191	75	191	75	35	4	20	50	15			
31	31	10	5	16	135	18	169	85	120	2	100	125	3			
32	32	1	12	10	30	275	20	334	175	10	200	210	40			
33	33	1	4	11	32	43	30	43	30	25	20	20	40			
34	34	1	14	9	25	235	25	315	168	125	13	214	13			
35	35	2	10	11	31	155	25	227	130	93	141	200	110			
36	36	1	14	11	37	210	25	280	94	92	14	103	144			
37	37	1	13	13	25	136	14	16	203	118	100	225	78			
38	38	2	12	6	33	370	8	403	188	10	122	153	43			
39	39	2	15	12	30	178	36	14	258	140	50	100	40			
40	40	1	7	5	25	75	8	12	120	55	45	50	40			
41	41	2	10	2	29	151	180	105	103	19	50	80	40			
	76	409	228	1036	7292	561	379	9263	4458	2187	282	4384	5824			
													162			
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													1034			
													361			

TREASURER'S

MIDDLETOWN DISTRICT.

NAME OF CHARGE	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference					Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference							Other Cash Items		Miscellaneous				
	World Service	On Apportionment	Specials, Annul-ties, Legacies, etc.	Children's Day Fund	Woman's Foreign Mis-sionary Society	Hospitals and Homes	City Missionary or Chu'h Extension Society	Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund	Domestic Missions	Conference Budget	Conference Board of Education	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	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society	
																			Woman's Home Mis-sionary Society
1 Barclay.....	25	25	25	25	25	2	5	5	5	3	7	27	2	2	1	1	122		
2 Bayside.....	200	200	200	200	200	5	10	15	14	25	79	12	1	1	1	1	321		
3 Bozman.....	150	150	150	150	150	10	18	18	18	5	33	12	1	1	1	1	300		
4 Burrsville.....	60	60	60	60	60	4	10	14	10	4	28	4	1	1	1	1	200		
5 Cecilton.....	200	200	200	200	200	42	10	20	20	78	170	6	6	6	6	6	600		
6 Centerville.....	300	300	300	300	300	24	36	18	7	10	20	15	26	96	7	8	400		
7 Chesertown.....	1068	1068	1068	1068	1068	386	193	1651	235	20	32	62	417	12	1	12	271		
8 Chestwood.....	125	125	125	125	125	10	10	135	8	10	21	12	26	77	8	1	196		
9 Church Hill.....	110	110	110	110	110	18	10	110	10	10	20	10	2	100	7	1	392		
10 Clayton.....	240	240	240	240	240	12	12	252	19	12	5	15	28	21	2	2	332		
11 Concord.....	185	185	185	185	185	5	5	190	5	10	10	20	21	8	84	14	3	341	
12 Cordova.....	65	65	65	65	65	2	2	67	17	8	14	10	21	6	55	6	2	160	
13 Crompton.....	55	55	55	55	55	4	4	59	22	8	14	10	6	22	22	6	1	456	
14 Denton.....	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	17	17	1017	25	10	20	35	31	63	184	8	13	632	
15 Easton.....	700	700	700	700	700	371	267	1348	12	22	10	25	46	32	58	195	9	10	659
16 Fairlee.....	175	175	175	175	175	10	10	185	10	10	10	20	14	7	61	10	1	4	892
17 Galena.....	200	200	200	200	200	6	6	200	6	12	20	10	48	14	2	2	2	465	
18 Greensboro.....	402	402	402	402	402	112	112	514	10	15	23	24	25	97	8	3	3	325	
19 Henderson & Hartley.....	53	53	53	53	53	3	3	53	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	243	
20 Hillsboro.....	125	125	125	125	125	6	43	174	19	8	8	22	6	63	2	2	450		
21 Kent Is.....	125	125	125	125	125	5	5	130	26	5	30	30	56	18	18	18	325		
22 Kenton.....	50	50	50	50	50	2	28	78	5	5	10	4	19	2	3	3	243		
23 Marydel.....	55	55	55	55	55	2	2	57	6	6	5	5	22	2	2	2	500		
24 Middleto'n.....	633	633	633	633	633	106	466	1215	10	5	25	33	32	110	18	8	188		
25 Millington.....	250	250	250	250	250	3	90	493	5	5	10	10	14	44	6	3	150		
26 Odessa.....	150	150	150	150	150	8	12	202	8	4	6	15	10	68	111	33	4	382	
27 Oxford.....	60	60	60	60	60	2	2	62	5	5	10	2	3	20	2	2	375		
28 Pomona.....	50	50	50	50	50	2	2	50	5	5	10	2	3	20	2	2	450		
29 Preston.....	293	293	293	293	293	32	32	325	37	25	6	10	35	25	5	143	5	2	650
30 Queensto'n.....	45	45	45	45	45	3	3	45	5	5	12	12	29	1	1	1	700		
31 Ridgely.....	150	150	150	150	150	91	91	241	20	10	15	26	10	81	28	1	2	400	
32 Rock Hall.....	200	200	200	200	200	5	5	200	5	10	25	15	9	64	30	28	1	5	150
33 Royal Oak.....	50	50	50	50	50	3	3	57	5	5	9	12	34	5	1	4	85		
34 Smyrna.....	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	227	232	1959	10	15	15	45	35	120	38	1	18	390	
35 Still Pond.....	181	181	181	181	181	3	217	401	69	9	12	16	24	8	138	5	3	500	
36 St. Michal's.....	243	243	243	243	243	17	78	338	12	10	5	15	26	22	16	106	21	2	416
37 Sudersv'le.....	185	185	185	185	185	7	7	185	10	10	26	26	8	70	5	5	236		
38 Tilghm'n Is.....	157	157	157	157	157	5	5	157	13	15	10	38	38	1	1	1	500		
39 Townsend.....	142	142	142	142	142	2	2	142	23	7	30	8	5	22	6	6	254		
40 Trappe.....	70	70	70	70	70	5	5	72	5	12	12	27	67	2	2	2	375		
41 Wye.....	65	65	65	65	65	4	11	80	3	10	15	12	27	67	2	2	375		
Total.....	10092	3	169	1641	1544	13449	583	286	58	370	773	507	631	3223	63	291	13	180	15026

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SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership								Church Property								
	Received During Year	Now on Roll	Rec'd from P. M. or on Prof'n of Faith	Full Members				Deaths During Year	Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties Endowments, Bonds, etc	Paid by Charge for Buildings and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest	Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Exp'ses	Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support
				Received by Transfer	Full Members on Roll Not Incl. Nonres./Inactive Members	Non Resident-Inactive Members	Removed by Transfer										
1 Berlin.....	28	28	6	327	10	1	6	1	\$25000	1	\$5000	.....	\$ 250	.....	.....	\$580	
2 Bishopville.....	15	15	15	360	.....	.....	10	4	10000	1	1200	.....	400	.....	.....	500	
3 Cape Charles.....	3	8	12	270	22	3	.....	1	24000	1	7000	.....	400	\$1200	\$4800	1200	
4 Chicoteague.....	.....	.....	6	194	.....	.....	1	1	32000	1	2000	\$1600	205	160	680	900	
5 Crisfield-Asbury.....	9	3	54	643	.....	.....	7	1	200000	1	5000	.....	220	.....	18000	3000	
6 Immanuel.....	.....	.....	1	5	300	2	7	1	4000	1	8000	.....	.....	.....	1800	2261	
7 Dagsboro & St Georges	43	40	30	525	16	3	1	2	20000	1	5000	.....	1382	.....	.....	529	
8 Deal's Island.....	100	.....	94	340	20	20	20	2	30000	1	2500	.....	300	.....	.....	1400	
9 Delmar.....	6	.....	12	648	.....	.....	5	2	15000	1	10000	.....	200	300	.....	400	
10 Fairmount.....	6	.....	6	149	6	.....	5	2	12500	1	3500	.....	250	200	800	300	
11 Frankfort.....	40	5	25	275	.....	.....	15	2	10000	1	2000	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	
12 Fruitland and Siloam	1	.....	1	307	11	2	1	2	15000	1	6000	.....	750	.....	.....	500	
13 Girdletree.....	.....	.....	4	96	4	.....	.....	1	10000	1	3000	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	
14 Gumboro.....	97	27	77	3	218	.....	2	.....	15000	1	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	
15 Hebron.....	2	9	2	75	9	.....	.....	1	15000	1	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	
16 Madela Springs.....	2	.....	2	190	40	.....	3	.....	6000	1	4500	.....	75	.....	.....	200	
17 Marion.....	3	.....	2	172	35	2	2	.....	5000	1	2000	.....	100	.....	.....	297	
18 Mt. Vernon.....	.....	.....	.....	138	38	.....	.....	1	13000	1	4500	.....	50	.....	900	250	
19 Nanticoke.....	.....	.....	5	186	30	.....	.....	.....	9500	1	5000	.....	200	800	.....	.....	
20 Newark.....	11	13	.....	215	40	3	6	.....	15000	1	3600	6000	1082	.....	1000	250	
21 Ocean City.....	34	34	2	4	200	20	1	.....	30000	1	7000	.....	.....	508	6592	265	
22 Ocean View & Millville	3	6	3	3	200	20	9	.....	15000	1	2500	.....	641	81	.....	.....	
23 Onancock.....	9	6	5	4	247	24	2	8	20000	1	10000	.....	.....	.....	.....	495	
24 Parsonburg.....	15	30	15	1	379	20	5	3	8000	1	4500	.....	.....	469	2531	200	
25 Phoebus.....	.....	10	15	7	195	15	3	1	59000	1	7500	375	.....	.....	.....	.....	
26 Pittsville.....	15	30	56	11	339	78	3	3	16000	1	3500	.....	.....	.....	.....	225	
27 Pocomoke City.....	.....	.....	11	8	383	32	7	6	30000	1	15000	.....	81	520	7243	660	
28 Pocomoke Circuit.....	3	.....	3	1	136	26	3	.....	5000	1	1100	.....	112	.....	.....	200	
29 Powellville.....	35	6	39	.....	136	25	.....	3	4000	1	1270	800	78	.....	.....	200	
30 Princess Anne.....	2	.....	2	6	250	40	2	1	30000	1	6000	20000	.....	.....	.....	500	
31 Quantico.....	.....	.....	5	1	147	11	.....	2	7000	1	2000	.....	500	.....	.....	200	
32 Roxana.....	10	.....	10	.....	310	10	4	1	7000	1	3500	.....	1570	.....	.....	315	
33 St. Peter's.....	6	19	9	1	237	.....	6	.....	15000	1	3000	1000	1105	.....	2775	425	
34 Salisbury-Asbury.....	10	12	28	12	991	85	4	5	200000	1	9000	7500	1000	500	25000	6100	
35 " Grace.....	13	.....	16	8	199	32	2	3	16000	1	3500	.....	250	75	250	490	
36 Selbyville.....	41	.....	41	7	421	46	3	4	30000	1	4000	.....	.....	.....	.....	1800	
37 Sharptown.....	3	.....	3	2	168	82	.....	2	23000	1	4000	.....	157	.....	2373	348	
38 Smith's Island.....	99	.....	133	2	461	.....	9	3	41000	1	1500	.....	.....	300	5000	500	
39 Snow Hill.....	6	9	5	3	346	65	1	5	30000	1	17000	3000	.....	175	200	1025	
40 Somerset.....	15	15	.....	3	145	73	.....	8	16000	1	8900	5000	100	.....	1400	595	
41 Stockton.....	6	.....	6	.....	383	.....	2	3	25000	1	1500	.....	295	.....	.....	405	
42 Tangier.....	29	54	54	.....	626	.....	4	5	30000	1	9000	.....	527	150	332	975	
43 Westover.....	.....	.....	2	1	103	.....	1	3	9000	1	2000	500	74	.....	.....	64	
44 White Haven.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	1	2	2000	1	2000	.....	121	.....	.....	.....	
45 Whitesville.....	14	14	.....	1	265	.....	4	3	13000	1	1500	.....	150	100	.....	200	
46 Willards.....	2	16	2	.....	53	.....	.....	1	5000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	149	
Total.....	730	396	813	136	13312	1305	174	185	92	1202000	45	214600	45775	12660	5538	83476	29967

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SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Bap-tisms		
		Support of Pastor			Support of District Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'mnts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized
		Total Claim Including House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Parsonage	Total Claim incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Total Paid incl. H. R. & Adm. Ex.	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid				
1 Berlin.....	J. R. Bicking.....	2500	2500	250	160	160	\$50	\$50	\$375	\$375	\$3085	.....	2	.....
2 Bishopville.....	R. H. Wilson.....	1650	1650	150	108	108	33	33	215	215	2006	.....	25	.....
3 Cape Charles.....	L. E. Poole.....	2750	2750	250	160	160	55	55	412	200	3165	212	3	.....
4 Chicoteague.....	O. P. Jefferson.....	2380	2380	180	154	154	50	50	375	375	2959	.....	2	.....
5 Crisfield-Asbury.....	T. J. Sard.....	3250	3250	250	220	220	65	65	487	487	4022	.....	9	.....
6 Immanuel.....	J. J. Bunting.....	3900	3900	300	216	216	78	78	585	400	4566	213	13	.....
7 Dagsboro and St. Georges	O. H. Connelly.....	2200	2200	200	140	140	44	44	308	308	2692	.....	24	7
8 Deal's Island.....	J. C. Bolton.....	2400	2400	200	156	156	48	48	360	150	2754	210	20	5
9 Delmar.....	G. W. Bounds.....	2750	2750	250	170	170	56	56	425	425	3301	.....	14	.....
10 Fairmount.....	J. W. Sutton.....	1700	1200	200	119	70	34	.....	221	.....	1270	804	9	.....
11 Frankfort.....	J. H. Gardner.....	1750	1750	150	105	105	37	25	215	.....	1880	227	18	.....
12 Fruitland & Silm	J. T. Price.....	2100	1668	300	125	96	42	20	294	155	1934	622	6	.....
13 Girdletree.....	J. P. Landon.....	1650	1250	150	100	75	33	5	216	95	1425	574	6	.....
14 Gumboro.....	J. P. Kelley.....	1000	1000	100	66	66	22	15	100	60	1141	47	11	8
15 Hebron.....	D. J. Ford.....	1600	1350	200	88	80	24	5	195	75	1510	397	2	.....
16 Madela Springs.....	L. T. McLain.....	1000	1000	100	58	58	20	.....	90	18	1076	90	2	.....
17 Marion.....	J. T. Graham.....	1750	1612	150	120	108	35	30	200	75	1825	280	4	.....
18 Mt. Vernon.....	O. T. Baynard.....	1700	1453	200	120	80	36	.....	234	55	1588	502	8	.....
19 Nanticoke.....	H. V. Branford.....	1700	1700	200	100	100	34	20	221	75	1895	160	2	.....
20 Newark.....	F. A. Baker.....	1800	1596	200	100	75	36	5	234	25	1626	469	13	.....
21 Ocean City.....	A. F. Zimmerman.....	2300	2300	400	100	100	44	25	236	50	2475	205	10	3
22 Ocean View and Millville	C. W. Branford.....	1900	1900	150	114	114	38	38	250	250	2302	.....	6	1
23 Onancock.....	G. H. Wheatley.....	2000	2000	300	134	134	30	15	259	100	2239	174	14	1
24 Parsonburg.....	O. B. Rice.....	1900	1900	300	120	120	32	15	252	125	2060	144	27	7
25 Phoebus.....	J. T. Rowlenson.....	3000	3000	500	170	170	60	60	360	190	3420	170	12	.....
26 Pittsville.....	W. H. Kohl.....	1800	1800	200	112	112	36	36	252	102	2050	150	27	10
27 Pocomoke City.....	L. E. Wimbrow.....	2760	2760	360	167	167	55	44	414	358	3329	67	5	.....
28 Pocomoke Circuit.....	E. C. Justis.....	1100	754	100	73	60	22	.....	147	.....	814	528	.....	3
29 Powellville.....	C. V. Smith.....	1025	1025	125	60	60	26	5	118	.....	1090	139	8	20
30 Princess Anne.....	J. E. Parker.....	2100	2100	300	156	156	42	42	294	294	2592	.....	2	.....
31 Quantico.....	W. J. Ennis.....	1550	1550	150	80	80	27	15	175	175	1820	12	2	.....
32 Roxana.....	F. K. McCorkle.....	1750	1750	150	110	110	35	35	228	183	2075	45	34	.....
33 St. Peter's.....	R. W. Mills.....	2250	2250	250	140	140	40	25	300	100	2515	215	2	.....
34 Salisbury-Asbury	S. H. McWilliams.....	5320	5320	720	380	380	106	106	798	798	6604	.....	15	9
35 " Grace.....	J. S. Eldridge.....	1900	1900	400	100	100	38	8	247	.....	2008	277	19	3
36 Selbyville.....	W. V. Moore.....	2800	2800	300	170	170	56	56	420	420	3446	.....	3	.....
37 Sharptown.....	A. W. Goodhand.....	2300	2300	300	140	140	46	46	322	.....	2486	322	4	.....
38 Smith's Island.....	M. T. Romans.....	1850	1850	150	132	132	37	37	241	.....	1995	265	8	.....
39 Snow Hill.....	T. F. Beauchamp.....	2750	2750	250	170	170	35	35	390	390	3345	.....	5	.....
40 Somerset.....	P. B. Burleigh.....	1800	1700	200	114	105	36	5	221	25	1835	336	5	.....
41 Stockton.....	D. B. Prettyman.....	1800	1675	200	100	85	36	33	234	196	2189	181	5	.....
42 Tangier Island.....	H. B. Kelso.....	2750	2750	250										



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List No.	Sunday Schools											Supplemental Report			Epw'th League			
	Number of Schools	No. of Classes Under 18 Years	No. of Classes Using Closely Graded Lessons	Enrollment					Church Membe'ip	Finances			Vacation Schools		Senior Members	Junior Members		
				Officers and Teachers	Pupils of all Grades	Cradle Roll	Home Department	Total Enrollment		Average Attendance	Paid by S. S. to World Service not including Rally Day Offering	Expenses for Lesson Materials, Supplies, Etc.	Enrollment Leadership Training Classes	No. Vacation Schools			Pupils Enrollment	Average Attendance
1	1	10	5	24	312	25	12	373	133	230	25	800	214	16	.....	20	45	
2	1	35	.....	35	555	10	.....	600	410	360	15	.....	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	
3	7	27	304	21	12	364	160	.....	.....	150	260	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	
4	13	22	250	35	.....	307	180	150	.....	253	350	9	1	.....	40	27	.....	
5	.....	35	550	35	.....	620	176	.....	.....	5	285	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	
6	22	36	875	85	.....	996	360	460	1	500	549	.....	.....	.....	200	150	.....	
7	16	51	566	57	.....	674	251	413	35	320	876	31	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	
8	2	30	340	.....	.....	370	210	200	100	160	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
9	22	40	400	25	25	690	235	500	.....	800	411	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
10	1	26	150	.....	.....	176	75	60	4	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	
11	2	30	370	.....	.....	400	150	.....	.....	100	110	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
12	11	58	362	30	15	465	250	155	40	.....	400	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	
13	1	12	118	.....	.....	130	55	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
14	3	40	216	6	.....	262	144	98	49	40	223	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
15	1	18	122	.....	.....	140	65	.....	.....	.....	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
16	3	9	55	.....	.....	64	40	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
17	3	17	130	.....	.....	147	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
18	2	36	250	21	.....	307	152	165	.....	150	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
19	3	26	195	8	.....	229	140	178	.....	75	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
20	3	27	190	6	5	228	165	147	16	50	200	6	.....	.....	22	31	.....	
21	2	28	212	13	.....	253	135	84	34	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	
22	2	30	200	15	.....	245	130	.....	.....	260	150	.....	.....	.....	38	48	.....	
23	3	21	12	26	36	30	3	365	255	4	150	140	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
24	3	28	196	15	4	243	208	152	8	85	200	.....	1	102	85	.....	.....	
25	1	32	112	25	.....	190	151	15	15	15	346	.....	1	50	50	25	.....	
26	3	27	345	22	.....	394	180	.....	50	82	200	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	
27	1	32	242	21	.....	295	160	200	10	204	225	8	.....	.....	22	20	.....	
28	3	31	130	.....	.....	161	80	136	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
29	3	20	220	20	.....	260	140	.....	30	84	150	1	30	20	.....	.....	.....	
30	1	20	364	22	.....	406	167	.....	2	425	185	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
31	2	22	178	.....	.....	200	125	.....	.....	135	125	.....	.....	.....	10	15	.....	
32	2	37	438	15	.....	490	309	.....	.....	212	309	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
33	2	35	245	.....	.....	280	175	205	5	50	79	.....	.....	.....	24	35	.....	
34	1	51	655	33	.....	739	378	380	24	.....	325	33	1	46	35	.....	.....	
35	1	29	335	55	35	454	180	170	16	120	385	.....	1	60	58	.....	.....	
36	2	28	303	36	30	397	189	.....	.....	300	375	40	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	
37	1	26	207	23	.....	256	143	.....	3	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	48	42	.....	
38	3	50	825	.....	.....	875	325	.....	100	.....	100	1	100	96	200	.....	.....	
39	1	28	215	17	.....	260	122	193	5	.....	180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
40	2	26	191	.....	.....	217	.....	170	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
41	3	37	367	47	.....	451	.....	128	6	150	100	12	.....	.....	300	20	.....	
42	1	25	605	.....	.....	630	330	460	54	390	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
43	3	24	170	9	.....	203	103	.....	.....	136	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
44	1	8	35	.....	.....	25	.....	39	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
45	3	60	170	43	.....	273	141	165	6	100	200	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	
46	1	13	.....	.....	.....	135	75	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
91	415	229	1372	13776	825	141	16239	7243	5559	666	6196	9676	187	7	388	344	1251	463

TREASURER'S  
SALISBURY DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference				Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference							Other Cash Items		Miscellaneous				
	World Service	Children' Day Fund	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	Hospitals and Homes	City Missionary or Ch'ch Extension Society	Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund	Domestic Missions	Conference Budget	Conference Board of Education	Other Items	Total Benevolences Or'd by Annual Conference	Annual Conf. Investm'ts for Conf. Claimants	General Conference Expenses	Local Preachers	Subscribers to Advo-cates	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society
1 Berlin.....	800	.....	270	.....	1070	20	19	.....	36	38	24	10	147	.....	12	.....	3	830
2 Bishopville.....	260	.....	.....	.....	260	10	14	.....	31	16	19	21	111	.....	1	.....	1	500
3 Cape Charles.....	450	.....	4	.....	454	15	10	.....	32	30	10	.....	97	.....	10	1	8	800
4 Chincoteague... Crisfield	420	.....	.....	.....	420	102	25	.....	32	36	18	110	323	.....	32	.....	1	317
5 Asbury.....	806	.....	.....	.....	806	.....	20	.....	35	50	15	71	191	.....	24	1	1	32
6 Immanuel.....	700	100	.....	.....	800	.....	10	.....	20	50	.....	89	169	.....	50	1	4	697
7 Dagsboro and st. Georges	350	.....	.....	.....	350	.....	14	.....	25	35	20	36	130	.....	15	.....	3	1631
8 Deals Island.....	187	.....	.....	.....	187	.....	.....	.....	35	36	21	10	102	.....	3	1	1	600
9 Delmar.....	1205	.....	41	88	1334	.....	20	.....	36	42	20	118	.....	26	1	16	400	
10 Fairmount.....	52	.....	.....	.....	52	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12	.....	1	.....	.....	108	
11 Frankford.....	100	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	5	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	
12 Fruitland.....	357	.....	.....	149	506	.....	.....	5	25	15	31	76	42	10	.....	.....	.....	
13 Girdle tree.....	45	10	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	1	300
14 Gumboro.....	100	5	.....	.....	105	.....	8	5	10	15	10	10	58	.....	7	.....	.....	
15 Hebron.....	100	6	.....	.....	106	.....	.....	.....	22	9	9	22	67	.....	4	.....	2	185
16 Mardela Spgs.....	18	5	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	5	10	5	5	25	.....	1	.....	.....	330
17 Marion.....	120	.....	.....	.....	120	.....	.....	.....	20	15	15	11	61	.....	.....	.....	300	
18 Mt. Vernon.....	203	.....	.....	.....	203	.....	5	.....	12	10	8	4	39	.....	4	1	1	354
19 Nanticoke.....	170	.....	.....	.....	170	.....	10	.....	25	.....	10	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	1000	
20 Newark.....	50	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	22	5	7	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	1082	
21 Ocean City.....	50	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	13	10	.....	5	28	.....	5	.....	2	870
22 Ocean View & Millville	280	.....	.....	.....	280	.....	10	.....	25	20	15	7	77	.....	6	1	3	500
23 Onancock.....	175	.....	.....	56	231	.....	5	.....	20	20	5	.....	50	.....	5	1	2	235
24 Parsonburg.....	233	15	20	.....	268	.....	14	3	10	13	8	21	69	.....	9	.....	1	419
25 Potobus.....	50	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	15	.....	20	25	.....	10	70	.....	25	.....	2	597
26 Pittsville.....	170	.....	.....	.....	170	.....	.....	.....	25	27	.....	26	92	.....	30	1	6	375
27 Pocomoke City	563	.....	10	148	721	.....	14	.....	28	32	24	5	89	.....	33	.....	10	810
28 Pocomoke Ct.....	65	.....	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29 Powellville.....	89	5	.....	.....	94	.....	4	.....	2	10	.....	6	22	.....	5	.....	.....	518
30 Princess Anne	450	10	.....	.....	460	45	10	10	25	30	22	.....	142	.....	.....	.....	.....	100
31 Quantico.....	250	.....	.....	.....	250	.....	.....	.....	20	20	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	6	475
32 Roxana.....	212	.....	.....	.....	212	160	14	.....	30	27	20	.....	251	.....	.....	.....	.....	437
33 St. Peters..... Salisbury	100	5	.....	.....	105	.....	.....	.....	15	30	.....	.....	45	.....	5	.....	2	345
34 Asbury.....	3175	70	40	509	598	4392	58	40	150	75	54	180	557	.....	.....	.....	26	.....
35 Grace.....	175	.....	.....	18	88	281	.....	.....	15	18	8	41	.....	.....	2	1	.....	98
36 Selbyville.....	1180	.....	25	69	127	1401	.....	.....	15	25	25	.....	65	.....	27	1	15	100
37 Sharptown.....	113	.....	.....	.....	113	.....	.....	.....	15	33	20	8	76	.....	20	.....	.....	178
38 Smith's Island	95	.....	.....	.....	95	.....	15	.....	30	29	.....	8	82	.....	.....	1	2	725
39 Snow Hill.....	451	6	.....	64	521	.....												

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WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

NAMES OF CHARGES	Church Membership							Church Property							
	Received During Year	Full Members					Deaths During Year Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc.	Paid by Charge for Building and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest	Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Exp'ses	Current Expenses not Incl. Ministerial Support
		Now on Roll	Rec'd from P. M. or on Prof'n of Faith	Received by Transfer	Full Members on Roll Not Incl. Nonres't Inactive Members	Non Resident-Inac-tive Members									
1 Bethel and Town Point	1	1	82	14	1	2	\$11000	1	\$2600		\$200			\$200	
2 Brack Ex	5	5	11	180	7	4	20000	1	7800		450		\$7000	1285	
3 Charlestown	5	7	2	100	9	1	1400	1	3500					324	
4 Cherry Hill	22	4	21	1	239	18	1	10500	1	2000	\$1000	400		650	
5 Chesapeake City		11		150	14	2	12000	1	2000		200			300	
6 Chester-Bethel	2	8		106	24	1	15000	1	5000		275			300	
7 Christiana	26	14	79	4	187	3	10000	1	1500		400			300	
8 Claymont	46	27	40	20	376	13	50000	1	10300		150	\$1050	9450	2133	
9 Delaware City	4	2					14000	1	10000				300	225	
10 Ebenezer	4	4	2	126	24	5	15000	1	5000		400	30	270	350	
11 Edge Moor	6	6	3	57		2	6000				50			150	
12 Elk Neck	7	7	7	44		3	4500	1	2500	13500	80			50	
13 Elkton		3	2	451		2	50000	1	7500	16000	500	1500	1500	1000	
14 Hockessin and Cedar	29	45	15	3	150	12	11000	1	5000		150			380	
15 Holly Oak	5	3	9	15	75	15	10000	1			200	300	200	500	
16 Hopewell		4		225	10	1	10000	1	2000	2000				250	
17 Marshallton	16	4	22	9	194		20000	1	4000		250	300		500	
18 Mt Lebanon							10030	1	8500					300	
19 Newark	46	6	46	7	527		22000	1	5000	24000	450			2000	
20 New Castle	36	11	25	11	481	40	45000	1	4700		650	100	1240	1053	
21 Newport	16	6	10	6	164	4	14000	1	5000	600	300	325		450	
22 North East	1	1	4		322	28	40000	1	5000	4700				800	
23 Perryville	6	6	9	271	63	3	35000	1	5000	10000	100			1000	
24 Port Deposit & Colora	5	6	17	258	52		68000	2	4500	46000	390	337	1663	1520	
25 Red Lion	14	19	19	3	119	13	23000	1	5000	700	1425	105	207	440	
26 Richardson Park	20	40	15	1	327	34	60000	1	8000	4000	100	100	52500	1200	
27 Rising Sun	4	9	7	1	307	35	60000	1	3000		842			1200	
28 St. Georges & Summit	37	32	5		190	14	15000	1	5000	7700				340	
29 St. John's	12	4	17	7	74	11	12000	1	2000		80			225	
30 Stanton	21	4	17	7	74	11	13500							550	
31 Zion Circuit	54	35	29	30	302		30900	1	5000	1500	550			425	
32 Wilmington-Asbury	1	10	3		182		50000	1	3090			500		1686	
33 Bellefonte	8	16	3	1	42	12	7800						1500	650	
34 Brandywine	18	2	18	25	575	58	40000	1	7000		620			1639	
35 Cookman	6	12	2	3	155	40	32000	1	5000		300	200	4560	1400	
36 Eastlake	21	2	19	8	454	13	28000	1	5000		525	1100	1895	1500	
37 Epworth	23	45		1	210	88	40000	1	5000		100			1500	
38 Grace	12	13	23	23	1230	188	215000	1	15000		2000			15000	
39 Harrison Street	29	9	41	20	650	153	125000	1	10000		237		10500	6420	
40 Hillcrest	5	6	10	17	155	16	15000	1	5000		800	300	3800	500	
41 Kingswood	8	5	3		103	20	15000	1	3000		65	350		424	
42 Madeyle					103	200	20000	1	3500		300	100	1450	500	
43 McCabe	5	31	20	16	760	31	150000	1	12000		169	6900	54300	9000	
44 Mt. Salem	24	24		4	328		55000	1	6000		940		1700	2270	
45 Scott		15	6	3	379	40	55000	1	7000	20000	1200			2164	
46 Silverbrook	14		8	5	615	101	100000	1	5000			250		750	
47 St. Paul's	19	49	17	15	1165	137	150000	1	6500		181		8650	6680	
48 Trinity	8		19	1	182	8	23000	1	9000			175		670	
49 Union	4	14	10	8	454	69	65000	1	15000	550	1815		9650	5289	
Total	651	551	634	296	14069	1652	1903700	47	281500	152250	17826	14022	173085	77682	

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NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS	Ministerial Support										Bap-tisms			
		Support of Pastor			Support District Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support Conf. Cl'mnts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support	Total Deficiency	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized	
		Total Claim Includ-ing House Rent	Total Paid Including House Rent	Rental Value of Par-sonage	Total Claim incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Total Paid incl. H. R. & Ad. Ex.	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid					
1 Bethel & Town Pt.	J. B. Vaughn	1225	1225	\$125	55	55	25	25	135	135	1440				
2 Brack-Ex	R. H. Adams	2100	2100	400	102	102	42	42	294	114	2358	\$180	28		
3 Charlestown	C. T. Jones	1350	1350	150	72	72	13	13	149	100	1535	63	5	1	
4 Cherry Hill	J. R. Diehl	1700	1700	150	93	93	34	34	221	200	2027	21	31	1	
5 Chesape'ke Cy.	W. C. Poole	1600	1600	200	84	84	32	25	208	155	1864	60	7		
6 Chester-Bethel	J. A. Buckson	1700	1700	300	84	84	34	34	221	221	2039		6		
7 Christiana	R. M. Green	1240	1240	200	52	52	25	25	136	136	1453		23	3	
8 Claymont	E. W. McDowell	2500	2500	200	138	138	50	50	375	375	3063		47	10	
9 Delaware City	P. W. Spence	1700	1700	300	84	84	34		221	45	1829	210	4		
10 Ebenezer	S. B. Bradley	1500	1500	150	81	81	30	30	195	150	1761	45	1	4	
11 Edge Moor	W. E. Fosnocht	300	300		12	12	6	6	30	30	348		9		
12 Elk Neck	F. C. Louhoff, Jr.	700	700	200	20	20	14	14	70	70	804		18		
13 Elkton	L. B. Morgan, Jr.	3100	3100	300	168	168	62	62	465	465	3795		24	3	
14 Hockessin & Ced's	C. E. Davis	2040	2010	240	108	108	40	40	286	170	2328	146	10	5	
15 Holly Oak	J. E. Layton	1000	1000	150	34	34	21	21	116	116	1171		20		
16 Hopewell	J. H. Whedbee	1700	1673	200	90	60	34	11	221	74	1818	227	3	3	
17 Marshallton	O. J. Collins	2100	2100	300	108	108	42	42	294	294	2544		36	1	
18 Mt. Lebanon	T. O. M. Wills	1300	1300	200	55	55	26	26	143	143	1524		3		
19 Newark	W. E. Gunby	3550	3550	400	189	189	71	71	510	510	4320		33	4	
20 New Castle	O. A. Bartley	2500	2500	300	132	132	50	50	375	375	3057		21		
21 Newport	H. R. McDade	2000	2000	200	108	108	40	40	280	280	2428		14	2	
22 North East	W. H. Revelle	2250	2250	250	120	120	45	45	315	315	2630	100	10	1	
23 Perryville	Howard Davis	2500	2500	300	132	132	50	50	375	375	3057		11		
24 Port Deposit and Colora	Tilghman Smith	2100	2100	300	108	108	42	37	294	282	2527	17	8	6	
25 Red Lion	A. W. Strickland	1750	1750	250	90	90	35	35	228	228	2103		10	1	
26 Richardson Park	Frank White	2550	2550	300	135	135	51	51	383	383	3119		10		
27 Rising Sun	J. C. McCoy	2000	2000	200	108	108	40	40	280	280	2428		11		
28 St. Georges & Sur	G. S. Thomas	1900	1900	300	96	96	38	30	247	200	2226	55	4		
29 St. Johns	H. M. Parks	1500	1500	150	81	81	30	30	195	195	1806		13	3	
30 Stanton	J. C. Galloway	700	700		28	28	14	14	70	70	812		16	1	
31 Zion Circuit—Wilmington	J. W. Prettyman	1700	1700	200	90	90	25	25	221	160	1975	61	21	7	
32 Asbury	W. A. Wise	920	920	70	34	34	27	27	149	149	1130		6		
33 Bellefonte	J. C. Steen	500	500		20	20	10		50	20	540	40	7		
34 Brandywine	E. M. Shockey	2700	2700	300	144	144	54	54	405	405	3303		14	3	
35 Cookman	G. E. Sterling	2500	2500	300	132	132	50	50	375	375	2787	270	5		
36 East Lake	C. C. Harris	2500	2500	300	132	132	50	50	375	375	3057		16		
37 Epworth	C. W. Strickland	2400	2400	300	126	126	50	50	375	375	2951		15		
38 Grace	B. M. Johns	7200	7200	200	360	360	144	144	1080	1080	8784		21		
39 Harrison St.	J. W. Colona	3500	3500	500	180	180	70	70	525	525	4275		24	5	
40 Hillcrest	P. E. Reynolds	1600	1600	400	72	72	32	32	208	208	1912		9	3	
41 Kingswood	Ivanhoe Willis	1500	1500	300	60	60	28	28	195	195	1783		11		
42 Madeyle	W. E. Hills	1850	1750	350	90	60	37	5	241	35	1850	368	22		
43 McCabe	W. E. Harrison	5100	5100	600	270	270	102	102	765	765	6237		15		
44 Mt. Salem	J. W. Jones	2500	2500	300	132	132	54	54	405	405	3091		5	5	
45 Scott	J. W. Wooten	2680	2680	480	132	132	54	54	402	402	3268		8		
46 Silverbrook	R. L. Minker	3000	3000	300	162	162	60	60	400	400	3622		10	2	
47 St. Pauls	V. E. Rorer	5480	5480	480	300	300	110	110							



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List No.	Sunday Schools										Supplemental Report			Epw'th League			
	Number of Schools	No. of Classes Under 18 Years	No. of Classes Using Closely Graded Lessons	Enrollment				Church Membe'ip Pupils incl. H'e Dept. but not B. C. who are Ch. M. or Prep. M.	Finances Paid by S. S. to World Service not including expenses for Lesson Materials, Supplies, Etc.	Vacation Schools			Senior and Young People	Intermediate and Juniors			
				Officers and Teachers	Pupils of all Grades	Cradle Roll	Home Department			Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Enrollment Leadership Training Classes			No. Vacation Schools	Pupil Enrollment	Average Attendance
1	2	10	2	18	120	...	138	45	45	1	90	85	...	...	...		
2	1	12	5	25	361	20	406	260	75	1	77	65	34	...	...		
3	1	13	5	34	181	10	225	139	154	2	75	140	45	...	...		
4	1	10	8	39	265	45	363	200	...	...	25	169	192	182	30		
5	1	8	4	14	129	...	143	90	...	...	...	99	80	40	...		
6	1	5	3	24	185	15	214	95	...	...	...	140	140	40	63		
7	1	10	13	20	150	25	203	125	70	...	...	86	145	...	...		
8	1	16	12	32	636	77	745	320	261	41	448	756	...	...	...		
9	1	5	...	11	74	11	96	35	...	...	...	40	100	...	...		
10	1	5	10	25	137	10	200	70	60	...	105	120	...	...	...		
11	1	11	2	16	109	15	140	100	...	...	35	55	...	...	...		
12	2	...	...	11	89	14	114	80	7	...	90	32	...	...	...		
13	1	...	...	45	...	65	675	275	...	...	700	425	1	105	95		
14	2	14	...	27	219	8	254	150	98	18	145	180	2	123	102		
15	1	9	...	18	148	10	180	120	48	6	100	150	...	...	15		
16	2	9	5	30	220	8	272	110	125	...	274	130	...	...	45		
17	1	9	3	20	130	24	189	110	140	16	100	135	1	65	45		
18	1	5	6	12	118	...	130	50	30	...	90	...	...	...	15		
19	1	35	...	50	600	53	733	320	450	40	160	650	18	...	35		
20	1	11	2	25	288	33	396	168	250	36	105	86	8	...	25		
21	1	12	6	33	300	15	348	208	50	16	300	203	...	...	...		
22	1	1	...	42	280	37	377	250	100	4	510	500	...	...	25		
23	1	1	...	30	248	15	315	127	110	4	265	142	...	...	42		
24	2	16	11	30	167	15	222	115	85	17	310	140	1	68	61		
25	3	12	14	30	212	...	212	119	35	8	67	130	10	114	76		
26	1	14	...	65	415	100	680	350	...	15	150	525	...	...	30		
27	2	13	14	35	319	20	396	160	200	4	125	300	1	75	68		
28	2	10	...	26	192	16	246	125	145	5	150	160	...	...	53		
29	1	7	11	20	140	10	170	125	30	7	60	125	...	...	60		
30	1	7	...	12	68	...	80	60	30	9	100	125	...	...	37		
31	4	22	...	50	325	27	402	...	35	47	200	175	...	...	37		
32	1	7	2	22	120	12	164	95	60	3	77	270	...	...	37		
33	1	7	4	18	140	14	190	82	90	12	96	128	2	1	50		
34	1	23	10	47	553	25	625	390	165	16	180	306	...	...	30		
35	2	18	8	40	250	...	296	175	130	6	106	400	12	1	15		
36	1	23	...	48	526	60	669	367	...	17	427	900	...	...	46		
37	1	20	15	36	269	25	330	200	180	21	400	380	...	...	25		
38	1	24	...	50	635	28	686	385	242	24	1106	1169	3	...	15		
39	1	28	11	76	528	44	672	304	436	43	579	867	...	...	60		
40	1	10	1	26	180	17	217	135	21	4	163	200	...	...	70		
41	1	10	4	24	183	18	244	90	102	8	46	208	...	...	83		
42	1	10	...	28	250	...	278	140	65	...	...	90	...	...	20		
43	1	25	15	50	565	54	704	397	470	14	411	918	2	...	25		
44	1	14	14	36	219	10	282	136	...	...	304	452	...	...	65		
45	1	16	10	35	305	20	360	245	220	...	725	725	1	80	65		
46	1	34	34	55	610	...	665	...	350	5	260	775	10	100	65		
47	1	17	15	27	400	26	530	232	...	...	700	613	22	...	25		
48	1	13	...	57	293	28	348	220	60	10	315	275	...	...	35		
49	1	17	12	55	428	29	556	225	200	14	608	479	...	...	25		
66	627	278	1593	13279	1083	690	17110	15349	5349	509	11837	15232	87	15	1293		
															1034		
															1267		
															1076		

**TREASURER'S**  
**WILMINGTON DISTRICT.**

NAMES OF CHARGES	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference					Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference							Other Cash Items		Miscellaneous				
	On Apportionment	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	Hospitals and Homes	City Missionary or Ch'h Extension Society	Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund	Domestic Missions	Conference Budget	Conference Board of Education	District Parsonage	Other items	Total Benevolences Or'd by Annual Conference	Annual Conf. Investm'ts for Conf. Claimants	General Conference Ex-penses	Local Preachers Subscribers to the Advo-cates	Amount Contributed by Ladies Aid Society
1 Bethel & T. P...	150	...	...	...	...	150	...	10	5	18	10	11	...	54	...	6	2	...	518
2 Brack-Ex	200	...	52	...	...	252	...	5	28	10	17	...	...	65	...	...	...	...	485
3 Charlestown	200	...	2	...	...	202	...	10	5	15	12	...	...	57	...	1	2	...	152
4 Cherry Hill	260	...	12	...	...	272	12	40	10	25	25	16	...	128	...	28	2	3	128
5 Chesapeake Cy	329	...	3	...	...	332	5	10	2	13	23	14	...	7	5	...	...	...	...
6 Chester-Bethel	300	...	...	...	...	300	22	20	10	23	15	14	...	104	...	8	...	...	100
7 Christiana	200	...	...	...	...	200	...	20	5	17	13	11	17	83	...	8	...	...	450
8 Claymont	1175	...	21	...	87	1283	...	90	5	20	38	20	23	309	...	3	13	...	570
9 Delaware City	90	...	5	...	...	95	...	10	...	12	12	...	...	22	...	...	...	...	...
10 Ebenezer	250	...	...	...	...	250	...	20	...	15	3	14	...	52	...	...	...	...	...
11 Edge Moor	40	...	...	...	...	40	...	5	...	5	5	3	...	18	...	7	...	...	330
12 Elk Neck	90	...	5	...	...	95	...	5	...	5	5	5	...	43	...	...	...	...	100
13 Elkton	1500	...	319	381	...	2200	209	25	15	47	20	28	...	344	...	15	...	12	154
14 Hockessin-C'rs	305	...	...	...	...	305	...	15	10	18	12	12	8	75	...	...	...	...	400
15 Holly Oak	185	...	5	10	...	200	23	15	...	5	6	9	15	73	...	5	1	3	551
16 Hopewell	274	...	10	...	...	284	37	10	5	10	...	...	...	104	...	80	...	...	350
17 Marshallton	375	...	43	...	...	418	...	15	10	30	21	16	46	138	...	13	1	6	400
18 Mt Lebanon	100	...	...	...	...	100	...	10	3	5	18	15	11	62	...	6	...	...	250
19 Newark	1176	...	19	49	332	1576	...	5	25	5	30	31	96	269	50	17	1	12	869
20 New Castle	600	...	25	48	106	779	...	50	...	37	30	22	6	145	75	45	5	...	1002
21 Newport	300	...	...	...	...	300	...	10	15	10	30	18	9	110	...	9	...	...	850
22 North East	510	...	103	...	...	613	19	20	8	10	33	25	20	150	...	4	4	...	543
23 Perryville	725	...	122	...	...	847	10	50	...	15	37	21	22	130	...	15	...	...	180
24 Port Deposit and Colora	474	17	...	140	...	631	32	25	...	8	30	18	18	131	...	1	6	...	568
25 Red Lion	195	...	...	...	...	195	...	8	...	5	25	11	15	64	...	6	2	2	850
26 Richard'n Pa'k	342	...	...	...	...	342	...	...	...	40	25	23	...	88	...	32	1	1	...
27 Rising Sun	780	15	21	231	...	1047	45	20	11	15	30	16	18	155	...	11	...	23	365
28 St. Geos-Sum't	240	...	89	...	...	329	...	20	...	5	24	10	16	40	...	115	...	...	500
29 St. Johns	115	...	...	...	...	115	...	10	...	5	20	...	14	49	...	15	...	...	422
30 Stanton	175	...	...	...	...	175	...	25	...	5	12	6	7	55	...	3	...	...	525
31 Zion Circuit-Wilmington	480	...	2	...	...	482	24	5	...	25	...	15	36	105	...	5	1	4	600
32 Asbury	270	...	26	109	...	405	...	...	...	14	...	9	...	23	...	7	2	...	225
33 Bellefonte	100	...	12	24	...	136	...	5	...	...	5	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	196
34 Brandywine	1232	...	5	465	263	1965	5	25	...	15	40	21	24	182	...	13	...	7	351
35 Cookman	200	...	...	...	...	252	...	10	...	10	35	20	7	30	...	...	...	...	500
36 Eastlake	747	...	5	456	...	1208	...	30	...	37	15	22	35	139	...	36	2	3	365
37 Epworth	800	...	35	...	...	835	...	...	...	20	35	28	20	103	100	10	2	3	300
38 Grace	5620	10	91	3423	2069	11213	...	300	...	50	100	110	60	620	...	37	1	12	144
39 Harrison St.	1610	...	...	694</															



STATISTICIAN'S REPORT—Recapitulation by Districts.

NAME OF DISTRICT	Ministerial Support										Sunday Schools			Epw'rth League			
	Support of Pastor		Support of District Supt.		Support of Bishops		Support of Conference Claimants		Total Paid for Ministerial Support		Total Deficiency	Officers and Teachers	Departments		Total Enrollments in all		
	Total Claim Includ- ing House Rent.	Total Paid Includ- ing House Rent.	Rental Value of Parsonage	Total House Rent & Adm. Exp.	Total Paid Includ- ing House Rent.	Total House Rent & Adm. Exp.	Claim	Paid	Claim	Paid	Total	Sunday Schools	Departments	Total Enrollments in all			
Dover.....	76940	74977	7425	5337	51001	49412	9335	7379	88719	4590	951422	13002	8603	13600	415		
Middletown.....	69840	68221	7440	4968	47151	1186	915	8243	5649	79016	4862	761034	9218	5824	1034	361	
Salisbury.....	94805	91479	10405	5897	55671	1843	1332	12831	7914	106402	9023	16118	9599	1251	463		
Wilmington.....	106985	106828	13995	5461	5401	2155	2022	15158	13645	127899	1863	651593	17054	16000	1267	1076	
Conference total.....	348570	341505	39465	21663	20783	6678	5524	45567	34587	402036	20308	3275421	55392	40086	4912	2315	
Last year.....	359023	356021	41068	22105	21821	6824	6127	50125	38907	422876	11963	3765317	57288	40119	4899	2483	
Increase.....	10453	14515	1603	442	1038	146	603	4558	4320	19940	8375	1104	1896	33	13	168	
Decrease.....																	

  

NAME OF DISTRICT	Church Membership				Church Property				Miscellaneous														
	Bap- tisms	Prepr'y Mem.	Full Membership	Deaths During Year	Church Buildings	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Parsonages	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties, etc.	Paid by Charge for Build- ing and Improvements	Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest	Present Indebtedness In- cluding Debt on Current Expenses	Current Expenses not Including Ministerial Support	Local Preachers	Subscribers to the Advo- cates	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society							
Dover.....	474	32	522	370	468	258	116	180	813850	45179000	41442	19602	12979	29319	28105	24	185	16134					
Middletown.....	359	21	354	159	391	100	125	125	807250	41146250	19653	11988	8761	35889	17603	13	180	15026					
Salisbury.....	468	8	730	396	813	136	13312	1305	174	185	92	1202000	45214600	45775	12660	5538	83476	29967					
Wilmington.....	692	76	651	551	634	296	14069	1652	220	160	67	1903700	47281500	152250	17844	14022	173083	77699					
Conference total.....	1993	209	2257	1476	2306	790	47667	4772	577	650	340	4626800	178819350	258520	62094	41300	321469	143374	97	716	69969		
Last year.....	2208	264	2370	1953	2203	814	47290	4581	553	665	345	4668400	180810800	233900	101339	63101	330789	167209	103	781	81717		
Increase.....	215	55	113	477	103	777	191	24	15	5	41600	2	8550	24620	39245	21801	9320	23835	6	65	11748		
Decrease.....																							

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference										Benevolences as Ordered by the Annual Conference					Other Cash Items					
	World Service	On Apportion- ment	Specials, Annuiti- es, Lectures, etc	Children's Day Fund	Woman's Foreign Mis- sionary Society	Woman's Home Mis- sionary Society	Total Disciplinary Be- nevolences	Edu. Ends, Bldgs, Spec. Gifts use within Conf.	Hospitals and Homes	City Missionary or Chu'h Extension Society	Ministerial Contingent Fund	Domestic Missions	Conference Budget	Conference Board of Education	Total Benevolences Or- dered by the Annual Conference	Support of District Super- intendents	Support of Bishops (Episcopal Fund)	Support of Conference Claimants	Annual Conf. Investments for Conf. Claimants	General Conference Expenses	Grand Total
Dover.....	14516	91	233	1251	1597	17748	8	187	332	109	359	942	598	966	3501	5100	1255	7379	24	347	35354
Middletown.....	10092	3	169	1641	1544	13549	15	583	286	58	370	773	507	631	3223	4567	615	5649	63	291	28157
Salisbury.....	15349	191	175	1125	1198	18038	432	344	33	960	1069	476	782	4093	5617	1342	7914	242	431	37820	
Wilmington.....	32475	50	427	8288	6852	48092	24	620	1576	70	486	1446	885	2622	7729	5401	2022	13645	508	557	78466
Total.....	72432	335	1004	12305	11191	97329	47	1822	2538	270	2175	4230	2466	5001	18549	20685	5534	35287	834	1606	179797
Totals for 1930-1931	84755	5030	1170	12667	10747	114389	28	1889	3749	283	2460	4444	2844	8215	23910	21821	6127	38907	5280	1147	213366
Increase.....							19							5361	1136	593		459			
Decrease.....	12323	4695	166	362	444	17062		67	1211	13	285	214	378	3214				4320			

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