

emphasis was brought to bear on this world enterprise. Following the General Conference instruction was circulated about the Million Unit Fellowship Movement. An increase of not less than fifteen per cent over last year has been constantly urged. A few months back many feared that paragraph 953 of the 1936 Discipline might conflict with larger giving to our General Boards. Our misgivings were not well grounded. Unless all signs and forecasts fail, the retreat has been turned into a victory. The dismal day of decreases is at twilight; the sky is red. There is fair weather tomorrow.

No large building project rises on the district, but necessary improvements are up-to-date. As with pastoral support, and World Service this item is ahead of last year by thousands of dollars. Also money paid on indebtedness surpasses our last annual report. Four charges, Bishopville, Fruitland, Snow Hill and Smith's Island, report building improvements ranging from one to three thousand dollars each. Zion (Cambridge) paid \$2000 on debt; four other charges, Asbury and Immanuel (Crisfield), Deal's Island, and Pocomoke reduced financial obligations in amounts ranging from a thousand to fifteen hundred. The Ladies Aid last year passed everybody; this year they surpassed themselves. Reports aggregated \$22,343.

These amounts may not be accurate to the last digit, but as heretofore stated the trend is what vitally concerns us at this moment. Recovery, reform, regeneration are cardinal objectives with our church. Certainty is established about one of these; better support and material advantage have been repossessed.

Stengle Mission in Salisbury enjoyed a year of growth. It pays \$111 on ministerial support, and \$25 to world service.

Our pastors have stirred themselves and their people in revival efforts. For the most part the pastor was his own evangelist. Decision day, and classes for church membership are now generally observed. Conversions and accessions do not equal those of my former report, however when returns from last Sunday, Easter, are checked the year's ingathering will probably be larger than last.

For the first time in fifteen years the Conference has not employed a director of religious education. Organization and cultivation fell on the shoulders of district leaders and superintendents. Many of our men and women have spent liberally of time and labor, without charge, that this work fail not. Expert persons from our district served on the League Staff in the Institute conducted at Dover last July, and the Salisbury District led in the number of delegates registered. From what I have personally observed I declare that lasting good will result from that Institute.

The District League Convention was held at Pocomoke City November 21st, 1936. We have never seen it on that fashion, or scale. The attendance and spirit would have converted the most confirmed critic of modern youth. The Youth Conference broke its attendance record with nearly four hundred present. Fine! Young men and women of this one district packed the auditorium of our Pocomoke Church—surely four hundred were in attendance. Most of the program was carried on by the youth themselves. At the close of the communion service a host of them dedicated themselves to some phase of Christian service. Rev. J. W. Wootten,

always original in creation and unique in performance, outdid himself in shaping up the banquet. It was not a riotous affair with songs and words out of tune with Christian ideals, but a banquet over which the Master presided. Joyful and edifying. Nanticoke Charge led by J. H. Whedbee captured the District pennant. The Youth Conference was held on another district. Although I could not be present, my household was represented. Distance prevented our attendance equalling the other nearer districts. However nearly a hundred of ours were there, and the largest delegation from any other church was from Asbury in which we are now assembled. Although there was no director, and leadership has been voluntary, these few sentences prove to the Conference and the public that the youth have not been neglected, and that they still gladly hear the voice of Him who is the Savior of all ages.

On the Salisbury District are a large number of small country churches and circuits. Where one or two are connected with a strong town church the pastor can live and carry on, but where a circuit is composed of only small societies ministerial support is out of the question, and pastoral existence is an acute problem. Eighteen such charges pay \$1000 or less. Transportation by motor has aggravated this rural condition. In the horse and buggy days the salaries were only slightly less than now. Then the original outlay for horse and vehicle was hardly a third the cost of the modern low-priced car. The horse was an object of consideration, and most of its feed was willingly donated by the farmers. But farmers do not grow gasoline, and the pastor pays 100% for his transportation. In not a few communities his car is the public ambulance. Another perplexity is that most of these outlying churches ask for, even demand, morning worship. Wander-lust has infected our people. They inquire why they may not go visiting, resorting, sight-seeing as well as their urban brothers whose churches regularly conduct their services in the forenoon.

Again the car enters the picture. It has made it possible for the young people to cover long miles and surrender to the beguilements of the commercial amusements and vices of larger towns, and thus forsake their church and its social functions.

Generally speaking our church leaders, particularly the staff members of the Boards of Home Missions and of Education are not unmindful of these conditions, and future forebodings therein. Ways and means have been devised and applied, and in them all there is some virtue. However we feel that no approach will be effective unless the way is prepared and the method sustained by evangelism. The background of rural Methodism is the revival meeting; the Bible is the most read book; the families are larger and there is more of emotion and affection. Revivalism may not be the solution of the country church as it was fifty years ago, but it is the most constructive supplement to carefully devised methods of this day.

Abandonment of these churches implies losses painful to consider. Again Rachel would weep. Replenishment of membership in the more self-sufficient churches traces back to the countryside. Paganism will possess the youth of the soil if no longer they hear on the clear Sabbath morning the bell in the valley by the wildwood, and the spiritual morale of every age will droop and die.

Two years ago the officials at Gumboro felt compelled to close two of the smaller churches, and link the third up with a neighboring charge. Dr. W. F. Corkran, in the eighty third year of his youth, accepted the appointment with the resolution of keeping all the work alive. He has succeeded gloriously. Each church has met its obligations, improved property and equipment, and been blessed with revivals. At the Fourth Quarterly Conference the pastor remarked that in his sixty years in the ministry he regarded the people of that charge the best church of any section he had ever known. Then spake a member of the Conference, "The county officers at Georgetown say they have less troublesome cases from here than any hundred in the county." Also it was remembered that in the referendum on repeal Gumboro was the only district that stood for prohibition. So the country church serves a great purpose and must be preserved.

Siloam on Fruitland charge brings a big report to Conference. The church has been modernized architecturally. These people have raised \$3600 this year. The evangelistic emphasis with large results is still retained. New life and larger attendance flowed into the camp this year because of the introduction of a Week Day Bible School. Like methods properly adjusted to the varied needs of the community will solve the problem of the rural church.

During this session thought must be given to a plan of more equitable sustentation. Whatever modifications are made in the proposal under consideration, some good will result. At least the laymen of the stronger churches may get a clear view of the seriousness of pastoral support, and also the big opportunity for spiritual conservation.

The issue of our nation and every nation, of our age and all ages, is the use of and traffic in alcohol. It remains the devil's best friend and man's biggest problem. Warfare for its continuation, or annihilation continues with the American people. High license, local option, national prohibition have been our noble and ignoble experiments. Now we have repeal, and every vicious phase of this age-old curse.

Repealing the Eighteenth Amendment, many promises were made to the people of our nation. Recall a few of them: The saloon should not return; bootlegging would disappear; a billion dollars of revenue would pour into our public treasuries; taxes be reduced; unemployment be relieved; young people saved from drink; reverence for law and order restored.

What are the consequences? Whatever a wet politician is or may seek to be he is not a prophet. Not one of his predictions or promises is fulfilled. The saloon is back. With the possible exception of a mining town gambling den the modern roadhouse is the most degenerative institution that ever existed under the American flag. If we except the resort town, I believe I am correct in saying there are more places in this one county vending liquors than there were licensed bars on the entire Eastern Shore in the heyday of the old saloon system. Bootleggers remained. Some put on the livery of legality, but most of them prefer to do business at the old stand. Their vote buys them immunity. The treasury department at Washington informs the press that the Federal government has not made a dent on big scale bootlegging and moonshiners. The billion dollars

have not been paid, and taxes are more numerous and deceitful than ever, and are still going up, for the average legislator seems to have no other thought than to soak the American public with heavy taxes and fabulous debts. Labor reports 11,000,000 persons without regular and gainful occupation. What about the youth? The Literary Digest by picture and print reveals the terrible conditions in the American colleges. More destructive than the recent flood that deluged the Ohio Valley, drink has swamped the campus, the frat-house and student room of these schools. The night club and road house demand the daily toll of young life. More than dozens of these running ulcers traffic on the highway between Salisbury and Delmar. Law? Heaven save the mark! Neither the tigers and reptiles of India, nor the big berthas of the German war machine could kill outright as many persons whose lives are snuffed out on the American highway. Three times as many died in January this year in Maryland as did in the same month 1936. Half of these fatalities are the direct result of drink, many more indirect victims. The slime of liquor lobbyists pollutes the doorway of all legislative halls. Legislators bow before the Legrees and Al Capones of the underworld, while pastors who see their flocks scattered and slaughtered are denied so much as an interview. The press barter its soul, and shames its dry constituency for thirty pieces of silver.

But to tire you no longer. What is the outlook? Pessimism clouds the immediate future. The battle is theirs: the war is ours. Conditions will become worse, before the better day dawns. Church people must go into action. Indifference and defeatism do not lead to victory. Maybe a new generation must arise who never hesitated at Kadesh-Barnea. A determined church membership could have outlawed Sunday sales of liquor in the four Maryland counties of this district. Somerset and Dorchester have resisted the dispensary. Bishop Hughes found time to speak in Zion Church, Cambridge, in January, and as courageously as Horatio, stopped the enemy crossing the New Bridge. Senators Higgins, Phoebus and Lloyd, all Methodist officials, are entitled to a word of praise. They have been loyal and faithful to the standards of our church. More men like them as our lawmakers and the victory is sure, is won!

More than a score of years ago a brilliant old man told the writer that people were going to talk about somebody, and the preacher was the easiest person in the town to discuss. For that reason and no other he bears the most criticism. A social metamorphosis has taken place since that old man ceased to watch the populace. To what part of ministerial armour do fault-finders now aim their barbed arrows? Speaking generally, very little complaint is made of the pulpit work, for the average of preaching may be higher than ever, not a great deal of censure about visiting, or matters of finance, or other duties of the pastoral office. The complaint that is most repeated is that the preacher travels too much away from his charge, not home enough to study, make calls, develop his program! A superintendent cannot check sixty speedometers: his own requires a plenty of gasoline to keep it going round and round. Whether this is true in fact, or not, this writer cannot say: we simply allow you to know what we continually hear, not from every charge, but from every grade.

Why this urge to ride? Your diagnosis is as good as mine. All the parishoners are motoring; perhaps the contagion has caught the pastor. He may long to be delivered from the depressing detail of his job. So he takes to the long road. Even here there is some of consolation. It is this, though we cannot solve all the problems of a charge, men of normal will power and high consecration can correct this one. And how happy we shall be if correcting it, we set many other matters right. May we add this brotherly comment: Any man of normal ability called of God to preach who is on his field from eight to ten hours a day, six days a week, and has no fellowship with sit-down strikers, will succeed.

Another item. The church-going public of the domain that I travel likes good preaching. It is traditional; it is edifying. Paul says, "Preach the word." Regard it not as a lost art. It is the foundation of a successful pastorate. The church demands that her ministers be efficient, as well as effective. The discipline has a paragraph bearing on the question of efficiency. Presiding bishops have called our attention to the law, but I fear the admonition fell lightly on the fitful moment. Laymen have a more active hand and voice in appointment making than ever. Church executives can no longer take care of a man, unless he is a fruitful laborer. So far as I know, Jesus has not yet revoked his sentence on the fig tree.

However, the church is busy that she might help at this point; not with empty commiserations or pious platitudes, but with endowment of mind, and enrichment of soul. The Commission on the Courses of Study sets up graduate schools, provides correspondence courses. All at very small cost. No other denomination shows such interest in its preachers. Our church would take care of us by equipping us and strengthening our ministry that each and every man can care for himself. A few of our men advantage themselves by pursuing these courses. They are open to all.

The year closes. A good year! It is very meet and right that I ascribe praise to our Heavenly Father for He shared His strength that I might travel.

Gratitude to Bishop Hughes for his brotherly association, advice, and love! And thanks to the pastors and officials of the Salisbury District for their thoughtfulness and cooperation!

Dear Lord, I ask, where'er I go  
Not certain victory to know,

But that rich thrill which makes all sweet  
Of having fought against defeat.

Not freedom from the ills that grieve,  
But faith to brave them and BELIEVE.

"If thou canst believe, all things are possible."

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

W. E. GUNBY, Superintendent

Bishop Hughes, Dear Fathers and Brethren:—

Representing the Pastors of the Churches of the Wilmington District and the loyal devoted People, called Methodists, it again becomes my honored and happy privilege to present this incomplete and partial report, of their consecrated service and work of love, in the name of Him, Who is the living Head of the Church, and whose mercy is over all.

1. **The Past Year.** The past year has brought many progressive changes to Methodism. The General Conference made advances, rosy with promise for good, in forward-looking legislation. It heartily approved the plan of Unification of the three branches of Methodism into a united Church. The plan will be submitted for ratification this Session of our Conference and it is confidently expected that we shall approve the merger by an almost unanimous vote. In fact its passage is already assured so far as our Church is concerned, the constitutional requirement of votes, having already been received, the vote of other conferences yet to be tabulated. The General Conference also increased the efficiency and the permanency of the Lay Representative in the United Session, by extending his election to a term of four years, instead of a single year; making for fewer new representatives in any year, and moving toward a more experienced consideration of the problems confronting the Church. The relation of the Pastor to the local Church was further stabilized by the removal of the annual necessity for asking the embarrassing question, "Is there any other business"? the assumption, under the new legislation now being, that the Pastoral relation is to continue until the orderly disciplinary method by which the relation is to be broken, is invoked. In the early days Methodism needed to itinerate, but the frontier days are gone, and in these more settled days our Pastors should remain long enough to lay down their programs and to bring to completion a constructive and permanent piece of work. Our system is unique in that unlike other Churches we have no vacant Churches, and no unemployed ministers, and we shall do well to preserve it, and to have larger appreciation of it.

2. **District Losses.** During the year the District has felt keenly the going of two princely souls from the ranks of the Retired Ministry—Dr. Adam Stengle, alert administrator, and mighty preacher of the Word of Life, and the Rev. W. E. Greenfield, tireless Pastor, and good minister of Jesus Christ. Noblemen indeed, gone into a far country! Even as I write this report word comes of the passing of the Rev. Alfred White, Christian gentleman and faithful Supply Preacher among us for some years. From the Retired ranks also have gone Mrs. Elizabeth F. Neese, Mrs. Cornelia O'Brien, and Mrs. Ella E. Burr, each to rejoin her faithful husband—"loved long since and lost awhile". "Faithful and true were they each in life, and in death they are not divided". Out from the active ministry of the Church and into the beautiful beyond have passed Mrs. Ada Estelle White, beloved wife of the Rev. Frank White, of Rising Sun,

Maryland, and Mrs. Anna Springer White, beloved wife of the Rev. Leonard White, of Newark, Delaware. Kindly, mothering, ministering spirits were they, deeply endeared by all who knew them, and leaving behind them priceless legacies of precious memories and sorrows profound, to their Churches and respective Parsonage homes. After serving well their day and generation all these "died in the faith". Freed from the burdens of life, as if by celestial gravity they climbed the steep ascents of heaven, and there rejoicing in renewals of fellowships, they walk with the redeemed, in garments of spotless white, in the flower-strewn fields of the eternal summer-lands of God.

3. **The Million Unit Fellowship.** This movement, authorized by the General Conference, is designed to inspire and renew devotion to the person, the ideals, and the standards of Jesus Christ, and to make them effective in the life of this new day, has been kept in the forefront of the Churches of the District. It is a plan of action for the whole Church, in the light of the urgent and imperative needs of a confused and weary world. It is primarily a religious movement, based upon the imperial claims of Christ as expressed in the "Great Commission", calling the whole Church to a militant concern for the redemption of the world, and seeking to recover the missionary zeal and the evangelistic passion for souls in the lives of individual members. It stands for the redemptive power of Jesus Christ in personal life, as the basic principle of social righteousness. It seeks to enlist all those who believe that Christ alone has the answer to the appalling needs of to-day, and must be brought to a place of pre-eminent leadership in the life of the world. It calls for consecration and loyalty of each and of all. It is first and foremost a spiritual movement. Let us keep it such! If permitted to degenerate into a mere money-getting enterprise it will fail in its high and holy purpose. The Church must have more money to meet its enlarged opportunities, or Christian civilization stands in jeopardy. But let the giving of money be the concrete expression of consecrated heart-life!

This movement came to its District climax in the Stanley Jones' meeting held at Union Church, January 4th. To an audience that overflowed that spacious sanctuary this "modern Paul" with limitless vision and statesmanlike comprehension of the task before the Church, brought a thrilling, gripping, inspiring challenge of the present opportunity of the Church; a message still felt throughout the City and beyond. Some above 1500 Units have been underwritten and many more will follow as budgets are set up and canvasses are made for the new Conference Year. I know of no Pastor who has failed to sign the Covenant Card that undergirds the movement.

4. **The Saloon Menace.** Methodism from its beginning has uniformly been the uncompromising enemy of the liquor traffic, and will continue her relentless fight so long as one saloon remains. The saloon serves no useful purpose, and by its inherent nature cannot remain permanently in a world in which a God of love reigns. No nation can prosper half drunk and half sober. The Nation that thinks it can drink itself into prosperity and fills its treasuries with the revenues of wickedness, at the cost of its manhood, the purity of its womanhood, the welfare of its childhood, is deluding itself, and building on a false security. All the spacious

promises made just before Repeal of the 18th Amendment, to the effect that "the saloon must not return", and the protection of dry territory, have long been forgotten, and the resultant conditions are the worst, in the history of the Nation. And this despite the sickening surfeit of quack political nostrums offered as the political panacea! Saloons, Dance Halls, Road-Houses, Gambling Rooms, Immoralities have multiplied beyond all precedent. The opening of Race Tracks with legalized betting, the threat of Lotteries are but the symptoms of the moral breakdown going on in the character and manhood of this "Land of the free and home of the brave". Our fathers and mothers suffered and died to establish moral ideals, and we their children, sell our souls for revenue. The patronage of evil is made to appear to-day as a patriotic duty. The way in which the Saloons have multiplied one might suppose the Liquor Control Board had become the Liquor Promotion Board! Nor have the saloons improved in character; they are the same "avenues of hell" they have always been. A man possessed with a fair degree of the finer proprieties, traveling through our beautiful territory, is often at his wit's end to find places to purchase gasoline for his car, and food and accommodations for himself, without lending his patronage to the dispensers of alcoholics. The alcoholic consumption per capita of Delaware is already double the per capita consumption of the Nation, and is rapidly mounting each year. The social, moral and economic safety of this Nation demands the abolition of the liquor traffic, and the re-establishment of National Prohibition, as the determined and fixed governmental policy of this Nation, and its aggressive enforcement by Presidents and subordinate executives, who both practice its precepts, and are friendly to its provisions.

To this end Temperance Education should be strongly re-enforced in all Church, Community, and Educational agencies. The Press and the Radio should be brought under public condemnation for their responsibility for the harm done through the unethical liquor advertising and the Moving Pictures, for the over-emphasis on drinking scenes and the drinking habits of those portrayed on the screen. The Church must never become complacent with this monster evil and the slimy brood of concomitants, which attach themselves to it. This iniquitous thing merits no consideration. Against this arch-foe of all that is good, this sum of all villainies, the Church must declare a war of merciless extinction, and take the field and fight. God wills it! "To doubt would be disloyalty, to falter would be sin".

5. **Interdenominational Missionary Conference.** Viewed as a constructive enterprise, one of the most promising projects of the year, within the District, was the holding of an Interdenominational Missionary Conference. Six Secretaries from the Foreign Mission Boards of their respective Denominations comprised the team of workers for a full three-day period in Wilmington, February 7th, 8th and 9th. Representative Christian leaders among the students of our University and Colleges and Schools, groups of Professional and Business Men, Officers and workers of the Young Peoples' organizations of all the Churches, were brought under the influence of these special messengers in various ways. One entire day was given to the Ministers of all denominations at the St. John's Cathedral Church, another full day was given to the Women workers of the various

Missionary Societies of the several Churches, held at McCabe Church. Dinner meetings were held at the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., and at West Presbyterian Church. The impact of these workers, the representatives of their respective Churches, world-travelers, the authors of many books, and each an authority in his own field, discussing with the various groups, the place, and task, and opportunity of the Church in the present world-crisis, was both inspiring, and informational, and left a definite Christian urge upon all to make life count for its highest and best. In the face of the common task, all denominational barriers were removed, and those of different Church loyalties intermingled freely, and discussed problems with mutual understanding, respect and profit. The fine personnel, the unselfish motives, the world-wide scope of the discussions, the high Christian goal set before us, made a deep impression for good upon many hearts and lives.

6. **New Hymnal.** As a member of the General Conference of 1928 it was my happy privilege to vote for the setting-up of the Joint Commission of the three Methodisms to bring forth a new Hymnal for our common use. Last May at Columbus, eight years later, it was again my happy privilege to be a member of the body that received their report, and to accept formally the finished task, and also to be present at the great Sunday night service for the formal Dedication of the New Hymnal for use in our Churches. Many of our Churches have introduced the new book and are commending its use most heartily. Our People are singing Hymns, both new and old with increased appreciation, and services of ritual and of worship are being enriched through its use. It has added much to my joy to assist many times during the year in its introduction and in services of Dedication. Commendation is also expressed in that in many instances the discarded Hymnals have been donated to Churches which had only song-books, and their services have been dignified and enriched thereby.

7. **Christian Education.** Facing the new year without a Conference Director of Christian Education, the District was promptly organized to carry-on this important work. Early in the year a Co-operative Standard Training School was held in a Protestant Episcopal Church, with fair enrollment and with marked success. An Interdenominational Training School was held at North East in the fall, and was completed with high success, despite the fact that the closing of the main highway for repairs, made it necessary to hold most of the sessions at Rising Sun, several miles distant. Sponsored by the Cabinet of the District Epworth League, an Epworth League Training School was held at McCabe Church, running through six Monday nights in mid-winter. Four of the new courses were offered, presented by four of our finely-trained ministers. In each of the two Divisions of the District successful Epworth League Conventions were held. The Youth Conference was held at St. Paul's and reached new high levels in attendance, in quality of program, and in inspirational values. Daily Vacation Bible Schools were held in many Churches and many of them were of a high standard of excellence. Increased enrollments and higher averages of attendance attest the popularity and helpfulness of these agencies. The District sent its full share of Youth to attend the Summer Institute at Dover last July, and these returned inspired, refreshed and helped in spirit.

Our Youth Groups of the District are asking for the leadership of a full-time Conference Director of Christian Education, and as a District we are pledged to this principle, just as early as the financial condition of the Conference Board of Education will warrant such appointment.

8. **Speaking Generally.** A study of the Conference Minutes will disclose that this District had a creditable report last year. We have had another splendid year. There have been some successful revivals. This Conference has always been possessed with a pardonable pride in its evangelistic history and character. It is our conception that the unique task of the Church is to present to every man, Jesus Christ as the only and the all-sufficient and satisfying Savior of all, who will walk the way of life with him. So long as we hold to that conception, and fulfill its implications our altar places will be bathed with the penitential tears, of those who come to inquire the way of Eternal Life. Never has the Church more actively participated in the activities incidental to the Lenten Season, or striven more actively to capitalize the potentialities of Holy Week, in presenting the Saviorhood of Jesus Christ, than in this present year. Decision Days, Preparatory Classes, Personal Visitation, Study Classes, have come into rather general use. The ingatherings will compare favorably with recent previous years. The Preaching Mission conducted in November for five successive nights at St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, and led by Bishop Hughes, and participated in by all Churches, was far-reaching in its influence for good, and made a distinct contribution to the Christian life of the City. The Lenten Services held each noon-day under the sponsorship of the City Council of Churches, have been of a high order, and have given an added impetus to the ongoing Kingdom of God.

Many Old Debts have been reduced or paid in full. Some extensive improvements have been made and in most instances without remaining indebtedness. Two or more of our Churches are planning to enlarge their educational facilities the coming year. Our Benevolences and Conference askings have been faithfully presented and will show a creditable response. The support of Conference Claimants will reveal a marked advance. The World Service of last year showed a District advance over the previous year. The three Districts were set-up two years ago with equal total cash salary footings and with approximately equal membership totals. It is noticeable that in World Service giving and in some other items this District has contributed more than half of the total giving of the Conference.

Though it has been my manifest purpose to make this a District Report, and not the report of the constituent Charges, there are a few particular items which should have specific statement.

9. **Transfers.** Two changes in the Pastoral Lists have taken place during the year in the coming of the Rev. Dr. F. L. Hicks to McCabe Memorial, and of the Rev. Fred J. Pieplow to Claymont. Both have been cordially received, are already well-established, and have brought splendid reports to this body.

10. **Women's Organizations.** No word of mine could fitly express the merited commendation due the splendid women of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies, and our Woman's Home Missionary Societies,

who with their associate groups have completed another highly successful year. Also the Ladies' Aid Societies have again demonstrated the thrift, the sacrificial quality and efficiency of their leadership in carrying forward their programs to new levels of success and helpfulness. Thank God for all of our splendid women, through whose untiring devotion and ceaseless efforts, so many worthy while things are accomplished in the interests of the Kingdom of God, and of the Church, whose agent it is.

11. **City Missionary Society.** This work has been carried on with unchanged personnel, and with fine loyalty of the special workers. Asbury, Kingswood and Scott are greatly strengthened by the work of this organization, while the so-called Sixth Avenue Mission depends upon this Society as its sole outside support. The support of the Home Mission Board was reduced last year by \$200, and this year by a further decrease of \$90, throwing an additional burden upon the resources of the Society. The work of the Society, inadequate as it is, makes a helpful contribution to human betterment, to child instruction and training, and merits both the commendation and financial support of all of our Churches and people. Its meetings are held monthly. The District contributes about 70% of the total Conference support.

12. **Pastor's Salaries.** With the increased cost in living and the reduced salaries, many Pastors are having a difficult time. When salaries are reduced below the point of reason, both Pastor and Church are impoverished and a tragic crime is committed against the Kingdom of God. People who live in luxury, spending their summers in Canada and their winters in Florida, display a woeful lack of Christian heroism when they lend their influence and vote for reduced budgets. Many a struggling Church could enlarge its program and pay its Pastor a living support, and make the power of the Church an increased influence for good, if its leaders would manifest the same enthusiasm, wisdom and spirit in the conduct of the affairs of the Church, as they do in their own affairs. This is no time for retreat. The world never needed the Church quite so much as to-day. The Church never faced a more subtle or determined opposition from the world than to-day confronts her. The Church never needed to be so strong, so adequate, so daring, so mighty as now. A few of our Churches have caught this vision and are rising to meet the challenge. Advances have been made in Pastoral Support by sixteen Churches of just short of \$4,000. A few Churches take care of the Parsonage telephone, but I know of but one that makes any allowance for automobile expense used in pastoral travel.

13. **District Meetings.** One of the pleasant and helpful District agencies has been the monthly meeting of the Ministers and their Wives, the two Associations having separate business meetings, and combining for the special feature of the program. An alert committee has kept a fine array of visiting talent before us, and many topics of interest and of travel have enriched our lives and enlarged our horizons. Usually climaxing in a splendid dinner served by the entertaining Church, these gatherings have engendered a cordial atmosphere, and a helpful group spirit has been fostered. The men and women of the District are of sterling character, sincere in their religious devotion, faithful in their work, and sweetly possessed with an indomitable Christian purpose.

14. **Personal Word.** It would be an unpardonable remissness should I fail to express my sincere and heart-felt recognition of the abounding goodness of God, through whose merciful favors I have been enabled to carry on my tasks. I have not missed any engagement during the year. Almost without exception I have preached three times on Sundays and frequently during the weeks. I have responded to as many calls for special service as my crowded schedule would permit. I desire also to record my personal appreciation of the kindly, sympathetic helpfulness of all those, with whom I have labored; and whose uniform courtesies, tender ministries, and words of commendation have lightened my burdens and cheered my heart. I have not spared time, labor, travel or expense where such expenditure promised helpfulness to the work committed to my care. As the servant of the Church I have uniformly been received with courtesies, kindnesses, and social amenities unmerited in my own behalf. Mrs. Gunby, who has worked together with me, through this year, and through the years, joins me with expressions of appreciation toward all for kindnesses and courtesies extended within this great fellowship of the Christian ministry. The year has been rich in faith and good works, and the Lord of the Harvest has crowned with blessing our labors. To Him we pledge anew our loyal devotion. To Him be all glory!

"O use me, Lord, use even me, Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;  
Until Thy blessed face I see, Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share."

## (b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

### REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

Victor Hugo once wrote: "For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in prose and in verse; history, philosophy, drama, romance, tradition, satire, ode and song; I have tried them all. But I feel I have not said the thousandth part of what is in me" . . . The Methodist Episcopal Church for thrice fifty years has been trying to give expression to its abhorrence of the legalized traffic in alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes; to declare its profound and unshakeable conviction that the only possible attitude for a Methodist and a Christian in this matter is that of abstinence for the individual and Prohibition for the Nation; and to record its fixed and unalterable determination to carry on its holy warfare against this enemy of God and man to its complete and permanent overthrow.

Little that is new can be said, but we welcome the opportunity of again registering our convictions in the Annual Conference Session on this matter so vital to the welfare of the Nation and to the Church of our love and devotion.

In selling out to the liquor business in the repeal of the 18th Amendment, the Nation entered into a League with Death and a Covenant with Hell, and both death and hell are demanding that the covenant be kept to the last pound of flesh though that be cut out from the very heart of the Nation.

Another Frenchman, a few years ago, had the whole world mouthing the silly formula—"Every day and in every way I am getting better and better." Quite truly can we say of the liquor business that every day and in every way it is getting worse and worse, more despicable, more corrupt, and more destructive of character, property, and life. Let us, in the words of a former Democratic candidate for the Presidency, who took a walk in the last election, who has always been openly and consistently a wet, but never a hypocrite on this issue—"Let us go to the record."

The subservient editor of a wet Wilmington newspaper owned by the arch-foe of the 18th Amendment, who made a fabulous fortune from the desolations of war and who devoted a considerable part of that fortune to the debauching of the American people through the overthrow of Prohibition, in an editorial entitled "Alabama Goes Wet" comments: "From more than one standpoint the Alabama vote is a serious set-back to the dry cause. It will undoubtedly stimulate the legalization movement in the remaining dry states. With wet Alabama Counties along their borders, Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee will all find dry laws more difficult than ever to enforce." The Democratic Platform of 1932 declared that the saloon should never be permitted to return and that states that chose to remain dry should and would be protected by the Federal Government from the liquor encroachment by their neighboring states. The candidate who accepted that platform 100% and straightaway forgot every plank but the Repeal Plank said: "The Democratic Platform expressly and unequivocally opposes the

return of the saloon, and with equal emphasis it demands that there be Federal control of the liquor traffic to protect dry states."

"The liquor industry has been close to the New Deal ever since repeal was brought about through Mr. Roosevelt's active advocacy" . . . I quote from David Lawrence. We search in vain for any evidence of any serious attempt on the part of the President and the Administration to restrain that liquor traffic which has been and is, on the testimony of that eminent authority, close to the New Deal, and to prevent its encroachment upon dry territory, and this wet Wilmington newspaper correctly interprets the spirit of this wet administration when, with very evident delight, it records its belief that Georgia, Mississippi, and Tennessee will soon permit the return of the liquor traffic to their territory because the Federal Government deliberately broke its solemn pledge to protect them against liquor encroachments from their wet neighboring states. There is no more glaring instance of political hypocrisy in American history.

The promise of repealists that they would foster a campaign of temperance instruction to counteract the intemperate drinking habits supposed to have developed during the Prohibition Era has not been kept. No one with a glimmer of intelligence believed that it would. Instead, a persistent, wide-spread, heavily-financed campaign to increase the consumption of liquors of every description has been carried on by the liquor interests, and, in the face of this comprehensive and openly proclaimed campaign to recruit the army of drinkers, the wet organizations disbanded and went out of business. Having destroyed Prohibition, they were no longer interested in what happened to America or to the American people. Let the churches and the temperance organizations teach the girls of America to drink like ladies and the boys to hold their liquor like men. The production of distilled spirits in 1933 was 123,405,000 gallons. In 1934 it was 241,610,000. In 1935 it was 349,772,000 gallons—a figure far in advance of consumption. The Government itself has encouraged this production for the sake of the revenue. But there must be an outlet for this great volume of production. Hence consumption must be increased. Men who drink must be induced to drink more. But that alone will not bring the answer. A trade journal declared that during Prohibition there had grown up a generation that knew not the taste of liquor and that generation must be educated to its use. So the trade deliberately set out to teach our boys to acquire the taste for liquor and to like it. But even that does not satisfy the insatiate appetite of a beast starved for twelve years, nor help much in securing a balanced budget. The American Tobacco Trust carried out a great campaign to put a cigarette into the mouth of every American girl. And they have almost succeeded. The American liquor interests have deliberately set out to put a cocktail glass in the hand of every female from the giddiest "deb" to the tottering grandmother, and they are progressing toward that goal at an alarming rate. Never has our American womanhood fallen so low as since repeal. The President of the National Federation of Women's Clubs said: "Repeal of Prohibition has posed a new problem for hotel men—how to handle increasing numbers of drunken women. Hotel men in Washington, New York, and Boston tell me their problem is not the drunken man but the drunken woman." The Secretary of the Keeley Institute whose

institutions are again crowded with patients, has this to say: "A race of feminine barflies, standing with one spiked heel on the rail and a wobbly elbow on the bar, has evolved from the free and easy operation of the saloons," and adds that 90% of the women in Keeley Institutes are married women. But it isn't the married women only. A short time ago 30 Detroit High School children, 14 to 17 years of age, were laid out dead drunk at a beer party where they were guests. That thing is going on throughout the country, and is not unknown within the borders of our Conference territory. The Secretary of the Chicago Juvenile Protective Association has this to say: "Little children are being pressed into service for the amusement of night-life crowds—as an example—a four year old child who performed in a saloon show at 1 A. M. and then had to ride 8 miles before being put to bed. . . . To their shame tavernkeepers have been indifferent as to the ages of hostesses in their places. Youth, beauty, and the girlish freshness are real boons to the trade. A 15 year old girl employed as a tavern entertainer is now pressing charges against her employer for rape" . . .

Let us get a few more statements for the record. A chief of police—"The oldtime saloon was a prayermeeting compared to many of the beer gardens"; a city judge—"Our beer gardens are front doors to hell"; the Governor of a great state—"The beer garden is a combination as vicious as any ever contrived for the lowering of public morals"; a wet newspaper—"The reports on conditions in some of the licensed drinking places in this city are appalling—they are little better than feeders for brothels. The testimony brought out in the courts in connection with recent trials for offenses against girls, indicates a state of things that would not have been tolerated in pre-Prohibition days." That's enough for the record, and a damning record it is.

It was contended by the Wets that the repeal of the 18th Amendment would do away with the bootlegger. Three years later the bootlegger is more of a problem than ever. Again we quote from authoritative sources. The Secretary of the Treasury declares: "Repeal has not even put a dent in the operation of large scale moonshiners and bootleggers." Mr. Choate, National Liquor Commissioner reports, "The situation, as far as big stills are concerned, is as bad as it ever was. The United States is living in a fool's paradise." While Raymond Moley, Mr. Roosevelt's original man Friday, adds his testimony: "Not in his busiest days under Prohibition did the bootlegger carry on so great and so wide a trade as he rejoices in today." The writer of this report, as a member of the Headquarters Committee of the Delaware Anti-Saloon League, was called upon to consider a letter from Captain W. H. Stayton, founder of the Association Against Prohibition Amendment, pleading for the cooperation of dry organizations with him and his associates in an effort to destroy bootlegging which was robbing the Government of large sums of money which it should have received from the legalized liquor traffic. A rather amazing admission from one in a position to know that the bootlegger is still with us and more potent than ever.

Automobile fatalities due to liquor are steadily mounting, a 50% increase being reported last year. The total deaths last year was 38,000, and the figures for this year show a 45% increase over the same period

last year; Delaware increase being 280%. Scarcely can you find an audience of any considerable size but you will find those who are mourning for loved ones—hurled into eternity through the instrumentality of an automobile where "wine rode as a mocker and strong drink was raging."

A sinister development in this whole nefarious business is the effort of the liquor interests to entrench itself in politics by taking into its service at huge salaries men in high places in the government or in the political parties. A recent instance is the case of W. Forbes Morgan, Treasurer of the National Democratic Committee, who becomes public relations counsel for the whiskey distillers at a salary of \$100,000 a year guaranteed for five years. Mr. Morgan does not know anything about the whiskey business but he does know the Democratic organization in every State, County, and Precinct, and it is because of that knowledge and that influence that he has been secured by these interests. The liquor business has always been in politics, but surreptitiously and under cover. It is in politics openly and aggressively today. Let me quote David Lawrence again: "An alliance between the whiskey interests and the politicians produced conditions that helped to bring on the 18th Amendment, and an alliance between bootleggers and the politicians produced conditions which forced adoption of the 21st Amendment." He might have added what we fervently believe that an alliance between the liquor interests and the present Administration has already created a situation which is producing a rising tide of indignation and protest which, when the American people have recovered their moral balance and their lost idealism, which they will, will sweep the whole iniquitous business and all associated with it and responsible for it from the American scene forever.

#### Recommendations:

1. We wish to commend the friends of the Temperance cause in all political parties within our territory. The situation in Delaware is particularly pleasing to date. The Governor R. C. McMullen, himself a Methodist, is with us as are many of the members of both branches of the Legislature and we pledge them our loyal support and cooperation. The Congressional Delegation from Delaware in both Senate and House have been consistent advocates and supporters of the Dry Cause during the whole of their political careers. This is also true of the Congressmen from the Eastern Shore of Maryland as well as many of the State Senators from the same section.

2. We pledge ourselves to the hearty and practical support of the W. C. T. U. and the Anti-Saloon League in the heroic fight both are making for the triumph of righteousness. We approve the long range campaign of education which both have launched and will assist the same at every point.

3. We welcome Dr. E. H. Cherrington to our area as successor to Dr. Clarence True Wilson as Executive Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition, and Public Morals. We believe in the program of the Board and pledge ourselves to do our best to help it succeed.

4. We call upon Pastors and Official Boards to open the Churches to the presentation of the cause by the organizations named above, and call upon our people to support them by their gifts.



5. The 18th Amendment was repealed because of the failure of the church members to go to the polls and vote. We call upon our people to avail themselves of every opportunity to make their votes count against the legalized liquor business and for the Prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors.

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#### THE ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Wilmington Conference was held in Salisbury, Md., on Wednesday afternoon, March 31st, 1937 in the Presbyterian Church with a large number of ladies attending.

Mrs. Annie Waller, 3rd Vice President, presided. Mrs. Disston Jacobs rendered a vocal solo. Mrs. F. J. Wharton, Corresponding Secretary, gave a brief report of the work throughout the Conference and of the work yet to be accomplished.

Mrs. Mildred A. Knight, National Young People's Secretary, was guest speaker, her subject being—What Next in Home Missions? She reviewed our work and accomplishments step by step. How over the fifty odd years we had built Homes, Schools, Colleges and Hospitals training girls and boys to take their useful place in life. Our work branching out into all parts of the United States and her possessions, and now we must look into the future and one of the most important questions facing our country to-day—that of the liquor problem and necessary steps to repel this evil vice.

Our meeting closed with a hymn and benediction.

LYDIA H. WHARTON,  
Corresponding Secretary.

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#### THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Our Church as a part of the Church of Christ faces a moment of supreme challenge. Fearless voices are being lifted on every side to speak an interpretation of Christ that will have appeal and power for the times. The season of experimentation with the great cardinal truths which undergird a firm faith in God; Christ, the Bible, and humanity as an important factor in realizing God's abundant purpose in the world, seems to be drawing to its twilight. The Church stands in a unique position. There is a yearning, loving God on one side and a groping humanity on the other. The Church's task is to be so crystal pure that God can come through it to man and to be so lovingly transparent that man can see through it to the heart of God.

The Church must live so close to Him that His slightest wish may be her command. Let her utter consecration to Him be such that "the still, small voice" will make clarion calls in her ears. She must also strive in

every way to make man conscious of God. Her task is to give man Christ, unveiled by any partisan taint, unshrouded by prejudice, or dehumanized by theological controversy. She must lift up Christ from the earth lest mankind perish, bitten by the serpent of sin. We are convinced that the cross is still the power of God unto salvation to them that believe.

We rejoice in the great strides taken in the Million Unit Fellowship. It has in it the reviving power which should grip the whole Church. The effect of this movement will depend upon where it places the accent, whether upon the "MILLION UNITS" or "FELLOWSHIP" with Christ. Let her hold to E. Stanley Jones' tried conviction about Fellowship with Christ that "IT WORKS".

We rejoice in the progress being made towards the union of the three branches of Methodism—Methodist Church, South, Methodist Protestant, and our own. It is with profound joy that we take note of the action of our own Conference in passing the plan of union by unanimous vote. But let our Church remember that the most unifying power in all the world is Christ Jesus our Lord. His must be the patience of Him who was content to walk with the people when He knew they should be running, and to wait when to Him there was no need of waiting. A great forward step is always accompanied with its reactionary tendencies. The Combined Church must at all costs have the mind of Jesus lest what has been won be lost and the second state be worse than the first.

It is our further hope that this prospective union in Methodism is a forerunner of that greater unity which is needed in a Protestantism, now facing a divided world. We therefore commend to the serious consideration of the church all plans of union and of cooperation such as that suggested by E. Stanley Jones in the scheme of a Federal Organization of Protestantism.

We approve the pronouncement of the General Conference of 1936 on World Peace. It reveals more of the prophetic spirit which sees clearly the implications of Christ's idealism, and speaks in accents unafraid.

The Church has long held to the truism that growth does not stop with one's reaching adulthood. Our education starts with the cradle and terminates only at the grave. The grace of God increases as we increase our capacities to receive it. An illumined mind impelled by a soul in which Christ is enthroned traces the imagery of God in human flesh.

The Church is to be praised on its positive note that now is filling the air. Questions are not as much in vogue as they once were. Her note is that of confidence and conviction. She ceases to speak long about the number of angels that can stand upon a pinhead, but, rather, tells that it is a certainty that an angel can dwell in the soul of man. She is more bold to speak on sin and its ravages upon human character and the cleansing blood of Jesus to make the heart pure and clean. This is her hour! If the church speaks after the manner of God's desire there is a new day dawning. Eternal Spirit, grant that it may be so!

**SOCIAL SERVICE COMMITTEE.**

The Methodist Church is a forward looking church. She is in the van of all good movements. The working class since the beginning of her history has attended her churches, believed her doctrines, experienced her faith, and followed her leadership. Back yonder in the early days of the Methodist movement, the social activities of John Wesley so stirred the conscience of England, and touched its finer feeling that men sought to abolish existing evils, and to promote social well being. He believed in individual endeavor. His life was one long crusade on behalf of the working classes, and he encouraged others to follow his example. In prison reform, in medicine, in benevolent societies, in relief agencies, and in his loan societies, he led the world of his day. It was to relieve poverty, however, and to bring to it compensations, that Wesley directed his most strenuous efforts. He could have become a rich man, but he died poor, giving all he had to charitable purposes. His followers on both sides of the ocean have carried on his social activities since his departure. The Methodist Church in England, in the United States, and elsewhere, has pioneered in attempting to better labor-employer relations, and working conditions in industry.

The General Conference of 1908 declared and took its stand, for equal rights and complete justice for all men in all stations of life. For the principle of conciliation and arbitration in industrial dissensions. For the protection of the worker from dangerous machinery, occupational diseases, injuries, and mortality. For the abolition of child labor. For such regulation of the conditions of labor for women as shall safeguard the physical and moral health of the community. For the suppression of the sweating system. For the gradual and reasonable reduction of the hours of labor to the lowest practical point, with work for all, and for that degree of leisure for all which is the condition of the highest human life. For release from employment one day in seven. For a living wage in every industry. For the highest wage that each industry can afford, and for the most equitable division of the products of industry that can ultimately be devised. For the recognition of the "golden rule," and the mind of Christ as the supreme law of society, and the sure remedy for all social ills.

Twenty years later the General Conference declared that in addition to the former creed they stood for a social order in which every child has the best opportunity for development; for a program of religious and secular education designed to christianize everyday life; for conservation of health; for free speech, freedom of the press and the right of peaceful assemblage. For Christian care of dependents; for a program of international education to promote "peace and good will and exposing the evils of war, intoxicants, illiteracy, and other social sins."

The Episcopal address before the General Conference of 1932, meeting in the midst of the greatest economic depression of recent times said in part, it cannot be denied that the industrial practices of past decades have given us the deplorable conditions of today. Industry has as a rule given labor a grudging insufficient wage, keeping it down by child exploitation, by suppressing legitimate organizations, and by other expedients, while at

the same time huge fortunes have been amassed for the favored owners of the resources of production. Today the burden is without conscience shifted to the worker, who after giving his labor for miserable financial results, is turned off to starve or beg. From the viewpoint of citizenship we of America know that the democracy for which our fathers died may be destroyed by the inhuman and un-christian monopoly of great wealth.

The General Conference of 1936 in part declared, "We are in the seventh year of the most devastating depression of modern times. The people called Methodists refuse to pass by on the other side while millions for whom Christ died are in misery. We will not be silent in the presence of hunger, injustice and exploitation."

We have been asking you this morning to take a backward look, only to show you how far we have advanced, and to strengthen and hearten ourselves for future accomplishments.

The recent action of large corporations in raising wages, and shortening hours of labor, are not to be wholly attributed to labor groups or political parties. We do not admit that any political party or labor group, has a mortgage on collective bargaining, Social Security, or any other good social ideas or ideals abroad in the world to-day. Back of all these reforms stand the Holy Bible and the Church of God. The Methodist Church was crusading for these betterments before John L. Lewis was born, or his sit-downers were ever heard of.

Thoughtful people everywhere realize that the present system which gives a few men uncontrolled possession of the processes by which society is clothed, housed, transported, warmed and fed, is morally wrong. Such a system must either be altered or supplanted by another, to save society from catastrophe. All men are not in agreement as to how this change shall come, or what form it shall take. In the meantime let us call the attention of all our people to the social and economic pronouncements of our church, and assure them that in the struggle for a fairer division of the good things of this life, they have our personal never-ending interest in the cause of peaceful, social and economic justice.

**The Supreme Court.**

If the people of the United States wish their central government to exercise greater powers than those countenanced in the past, there is no valid reason why that wish should not be gratified. Is our present Constitution elastic enough for that purpose? The President insists that it is, and that, under a liberal interpretation, the Constitution gives the Congress ample right to enact progressive legislation proposed by him, granting these greater powers. The Supreme Court has in a number of instances taken a different view condemning as unconstitutional some of the laws earnestly and sincerely advocated by the present regime. Many of our citizens of the same political faith as the President are firmly convinced, as are many of the opposite political faith, that the Constitution has been properly interpreted by the court and that no other result could have been reached under the framework of our government. The advocates of elasticity and liberal interpretation seem just as firmly and honestly convinced that a number of the justices now in the Supreme Court cling to

interpretations fitted only to the horse and buggy days. The honest opposition to the President's plan is based not on the wish to prevent laudable legislation, but rather on the belief that an indirect method is being proposed for amending the Constitution, which gives the people no right to express their choice. The Constitution itself provides a sound method for its amendment. If that method be followed, the people will have presented to them for determination this important change in our fundamental laws, and it may very well be that they would vote in its favor. There is one criticism that may fairly be made of the President's proposal, and that is, its transitory nature. It lacks permanency. It is a temporary expedient, and belittles a tribunal to which all law abiding citizens look for their ultimate protection. The Constitution is our fundamental law. It has been amended before, it may be amended again. The way to make progressive legislation proof against attack is to first amend and clarify the Constitution. To pack the Supreme Court against the Constitution, is to shatter democratic methods, and defraud the people whose liberties are at stake. This momentous problem with which this Nation is now faced does not concern personalities. No executive, whoever he might be, should be granted authority to exercise control over the Supreme Court. Autocracy, despotism, tyranny are inevitable sequels to the break down of democratic government, as the dictatorships of Europe have proved beyond question. Our Constitution and our Supreme Court should be protected from any despotic and destructive process.

#### The Child Labor Amendment.

Child labor takes its place with war and intoxicants as one of the great evils of our day. For thirteen years the Child Labor Amendment has been before the states. But certain employers of labor seem to have but one policy, anything for gain, and are so blinded by their eager desire for high profits, that the wrongs done to childhood, make no appeal to them. Other employers permit these wrongs to continue, because of their indifference or their criminal negligence, others feel forced to do so because of the competition with employers of low standards. There is no doubt about the evil consequences of employing children in industry. From whatever standpoint the problem is regarded, child labor in gainful occupations is injurious and undesirable, because of the effect upon the child, physically, mentally, and morally. Child labor means unemployment for men and women, the lowering of the wages of the adult worker. It means lower standards of living, lack of education, and ignorant citizenship. It is the road to accidents, disease, possible criminality, and spiritual loss. The child is the father of the man, and as our children are cared for, so will the future manhood and womanhood of the nation be. A certain great church is opposing the amendment, and is exerting its enormous influence against ratification. That should be a challenge to the rest of us to see this thing through.

The poll of the American Institute of Public Opinion shows 76 per cent of the nation, and majorities in all of the forty-eight states to be in favor of the amendment. The issue has been before the country for fifty years. For thirteen years the amendment has been before the states. It is time

the matter was settled. The amendment has been ratified by four additional states this year, and has been rejected by seven. Twenty-eight states have now endorsed the amendment, but thirty-six are necessary to place it in the Constitution. What an opportunity for the legislatures of Maryland and Delaware now in session to ratify this Amendment, and thus help remove this blight from the bodies, minds, and souls of our children for whom Christ died. Perhaps there has been some confusion as to what the Amendment would do and how far it would go. More light is being shed on the subject. An Associated Press despatch from Washington March 27 reads as follows "Senator Borah (Republican, Idaho) has offered an amendment to meet objections that the eighteen year age limit of the present proposal is too high. He would substitute a fourteen age limit."

An Associated Press despatch from Washington, March 29 reads, Senator Vandenburg, Republican, Michigan, proposed to Congress to-day, a modification of the pending child labor amendment to eliminate the objections raised against the proposal. His proposal would cut the age limit from 18 to 16, and provide plainly that Congress would have authority to legislate against child labor only where it was "labor for gain".

"The golf-links lie so near the mill  
That almost any day  
The laboring children can look out  
And see the men at play."

In the name of him who "took a little child and set him in the midst"  
let us strive to emancipate these children from the slavery of child labor.

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#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE WILMINGTON CONFERENCE FOR 1936-1937.

The Society has had a quiet year, but has kept busy. Facts have been gathered by research in old files of current daily and weekly papers, and filed in order. Also, all obituaries of persons who were mentioned as members of particular Methodist Episcopal Churches in our Conference territory have been indexed for quick reference.

The President of the Society has made several addresses, including the Fraternal Address at the Philadelphia Conference at its 150th Anniversary; and he furnished besides material for several histories.

The ministers are urged to collect historical facts of their respective charges, sending a copy of their findings to the Research Secretary. Much local church history yet awaits the search of the interested student.

Respectfully submitted,

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M. S. ANDREWS,

### DELMARVA EPWORTH LEAGUE INSTITUTE.

The Delmarva Epworth League Institute was held in the W. C. I. building at Dover during the seven days of July 11 to 18, 1936. The Registrations included 93 students and 14 leaders in the Institute circle.

We continued with the plan that had been adopted by the Board of Education of our Conference except in one or two instances where leaders were available who could offer valuable guidance in their fields. We are going to continue with it this year upon the same basis. We are looking forward to a greater Institute this year than last. We have already on our faculty Dr. Nathaniel Forsyth of our Chicago Board. We are awaiting final word from Professor C. M. McConnell of Boston University, and may be able to have Miss Stella Ward of the faculty of Union College, Barboursville, Kentucky. With these as a nucleus we expect to build our Faculty from the able material we have within our Conference. The dates for our 1937 Delmarva Epworth League Institute are July 5 to 12. Changing to open on Monday and close on Monday. This we feel will enable us to make Sunday the climax of the weeks work.

At the Seventh Annual Youth Conference held in St. Paul's Church, February 19, 20, 21, we had 363 delegates. Sixty-eight of the charges of our Conference felt the impetus of inspiration that the young people brought back with them.

Both of these organizations closed the year with a financial reserve that permits greater expansion and growth for the future.

### THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS, INC.

We present herewith the thirteenth annual report of the Strawbridge Home for Boys, Inc. It is of course impossible to convey in this brief report an adequate idea of the lights and shadows of a year at Strawbridge. You may, however, let your imagination have play as you try to visualize the great responsibility of training the boys and the magnitude of the task of raising funds to meet our financial obligations.

#### Our Boys.

We have at this time more boys over the age of twelve than ever before. It has given us the opportunity to organize a Boy Scout Troop with twenty-four boys eligible for membership. This has been done under a competent Scout Master.

The industrial training at Strawbridge is one of the most important parts of our program. Some boys who do not do well at school find themselves efficient in the Mechanical Arts Shop or doing some phase of the farm work.

We have a case of a boy nineteen years of age who was unable to pass his examinations although the school authorities and ourselves did all we could to help him. In the shop, however, or on the farm he was efficient to a remarkable degree, showing unusual talent and dependability. Several months ago we secured him a position in the engine room of a Standard Oil tanker, and we have word from the office concerning his excellent work.

The Mechanical Arts Shop and farm have made possible a complete change in the attitude of some of the boys to life's responsibilities. We teach them to be neither ashamed nor afraid of work and that toil is honorable.

Two boys will graduate from the Sykesville High School in June, one of whom is the last of the original group admitted the day the Home opened, December 16, 1924. Although the institution is only thirteen years old, we have had many fine reports from the boys who have left us. Occasionally they return for a brief visit and say they are glad to come home. One is preparing for the ministry and others are making good in other fields of endeavor.

Our Thrift Fund teaches the boys to save and how to spend wisely. Each has an account in his own name upon which he may draw for school entertainments, class dues, Scout dues, and other personal things for which he requires spending money.

#### The Finances.

Our Treasurer's report shows that we have an Endowment Fund to date of \$94,477.55, the interest only of which may be used for the maintenance of the Home. However, we have a comparatively small interest return, because of the conservative nature of our investments. Our securities are taken care of by the Fidelity Trust Company of Baltimore, agent for the investment of our monies.

There are no debts nor mortgages on any of our property, although we have made several thousand dollars worth of improvements in new buildings and equipment for the farm.

We have a deficit at this writing of \$2,933.52 for maintenance, and we are appealing to our pastors who have not taken our annual offering to please do so.

#### Administration Building.

Since our last report the widow of our former Treasurer, Edgar Snavely, has erected an Administration Building as a memorial to her late husband. It was handsomely furnished by John Charles Thomas, the noted barytone, and his mother, Mrs. Milson Thomas, in memory of the Reverend Milson Thomas of the Baltimore Conference.

The building was dedicated by Bishop Edwin H. Hughes on Methodist Day, October 3, 1936. John Charles Thomas was present and sang his father's favorite selection as only he could sing it.

This unique, well constructed building gives us ample room for our increasing administrative work. We call attention especially to a large, fire-proof, concrete vault in the basement in which we shall keep all historical records concerning the institution and Robert Strawbridge whose shrines are all about us. A history of the Home is being prepared from the mass of correspondence, documents, and important papers which have accumulated through the years. It will be placed in the vault when completed.

Our building needs now are a central dining room and a laundry, which we are hoping some of our friends will erect for us.

**Publicity.**

OUR BOYS, our quarterly magazine, now has a circulation of 15,500 copies. This and our moving pictures are our principal means of advertising. We also make every effort to contact those who are interested in this type of Christian ministry.

**The Farm.**

The farm of 345 acres, fronting a mile on the state road, is becoming an asset rather than a liability. With our new equipment, well-cultivated fields, and the fine appearance of the property our farm compares favorably with any farm in this community. Since our last report we have erected a fine silo, large chicken house, and installed an electric churn and separator in our dairy.

A number of Wilmington Conference pastors and people have visited our Home this year, and we extend a cordial invitation to all others to come and see our institution and in this way visualize more clearly the great work we are doing. The institution is growing and the opportunity for redeeming and saving the orphan boys of our church and community was never greater.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS S. LONG,  
Executive Secretary.

March 31, 1937.

We are asking this Conference to re-elect Dr. J. W. Colona, E. W. McDowell, and Mrs. Mary T. Gambrill as Trustees of the Strawbridge Home for Boys, Inc., representing this Conference.

**REPORT OF GOODWILL INDUSTRIES FOR YEAR OF 1936.**

We have passed another milestone in the history of the Goodwill Industries. 1936 shows an increase of about 9% over 1935; thus making it possible to give work to more people. \$17,772 was paid out in self-respecting wages to 487 different people.

During the year our trucks made 12,001 effective calls and deliveries netting 8,023 bags of clothing, 3,705 bundles of paper and 6,891 pieces of furniture.

The kindergarten is still in progress and is a twelve months program. Older children are invited to attend during the summer.

We will appreciate having the ministers encourage the members of his church to give us the discarded clothing and furniture in their homes. This will enable us to do a greater work than we are now doing. Here we wish to thank you who have helped us in the past year and trust we may continue to have your support.

H. E. BEAUCHAMP,  
Supervisor.

**LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.**

WHEREAS, The Worshipful Lord's Day is vital to the Church, the sanctity of the Home and the perpetuity of the State—

WHEREAS, Commercialization in various guises is seeking to wrench the Lord's Day from the Home and the Church and give it to the Ball Field, the Amusement Resort and other living making programs instead of conserving it for its Divine Purpose of Life making—therefore be it

RESOLVED, By the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church that we hail with joy the Lord's Day Memorial passed by our last General Conference and printed in our Discipline among the Special Advices to our people—be it further

RESOLVED, That we individually and collectively pledge our conference to do our utmost to carry out the recommendations of this Lord's Day Memorial—be it further

RESOLVED, That we endorse the Lord's Day Educational Program of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland and pledge our utmost endeavor to see that this is made a part of the Church Program of all our Churches.—be it further

RESOLVED, That we request the Bishop and Cabinet to name one Minister, and one Layman from each of our Districts and these Brethren so named, together with the District Superintendents, shall constitute the Wilmington Conference Lord's Day Alliance Committee—be it further

RESOLVED, That we recommend our Pastors, Members, Churches and Church Schools to take some one of the Memberships in the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland and Delaware in order that we may have a share in financing this most important work and at the same time by concerted cooperation strengthen the forces of righteousness in their endeavor to hold God's Day for its Divine Purpose.

Dr. W. W. Davis, in cooperation with Brother Ivanhoe Willis, has taken over the work of the Lord's Day Alliance in the State of Delaware.

**REPORT OF COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE SUSTENTATION,**

now known as

**BOARD OF SUSTENTATION.**

Complying with the request of the Conference in its 1936 session for a thorough study to be made looking toward the establishing of a minimum salary and providing for the supplementing of inadequate salaries of some of our brethren, the Commission begs to submit the following report:

**Section I.**

We recommend that the Commission be known as the Board of Sustentation, and that it be composed of three ministers and three laymen from each district and the District Superintendents, ex-officio.

**Section II.**

That the minimum cash salary be:

\$1200.00 and parsonage for married Members of the Conference employed as full time pastors.

\$1000.00 and parsonage for single men who are Members or Probationers of the Conference and employed as full time pastors.

\$1000.00 and parsonage for married men who are Accepted Supply pastors giving full time service.

\$800.00 for single men who are Accepted Supply pastors giving full time service.

Part time pastors may be considered as **special** cases on the basis of need.

**Section III.**

In order that this basis of minimum support may become operative and "reasonably anticipated" by the appointing powers, we recommend:

1. The ministerial apportionment be paid in full. (This includes pastors, district superintendents, and members of the Conference engaged in other work than the pastorate.)
2. Charges pay their apportionments in full.
3. The Cabinet (Bishop and District Superintendents) group, when and wherever possible, the circuits and stations so as to reach the minimum salary.
4. The raising of an adequate Sustentation Fund by accepting the following apportionments to be paid by ministers and charges:

**Apportionments.**

All charges be apportioned the same rate (2%) on cash salary; 50% of the apportionment be paid by charge and 50% by the minister; District Superintendents and other effective ministers not serving charges be apportioned 1% of cash salary. Apportionments forwarded to the charges by the District Superintendents with other annual apportionments.

**Section IV.**

The District Superintendents shall report to the Board of Sustentation within thirty (30) days after Conference adjourns each year the cash salaries estimated by the respective charges, together with the amounts which may be expected by each pastor from other sources as noted in Section V.

**Section V.**

The Board of Sustentation shall be the responsible agent for the distribution of sustentation funds.

In order that the Board may have full data by which it may determine the proper allowances to the claimants on this fund, each claimant is required to report to the Board the amounts of all monies received from the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension; City and District Missionary Societies; for automobile expenses, etc., which amounts shall be included in computing the total salary received.

No one shall be a claimant on this fund whose total income from the sources noted equals the minimum set as a goal by the Conference.

In case there is not sufficient money with which to meet all claims, the allowances made to the individual cases shall be on a pro rata basis.

**Section VI.**

In no case shall more than \$300.00 be appropriated to any one claimant who is a full Member of the Conference; nor more than \$200.00 to any Probationer; nor more than \$200.00 to any full time Accepted Supply; nor any amount to a student supply receiving \$600.00 or more; nor any amount to a Retired Member of the Conference acting as supply and also receiving his annuity from the Board of Stewards.

No amount shall be paid to any claimant who fails to make detailed report of all monies received as noted in Section V.

Any allowance to any "special" claimant shall be made only after consultation with the District Superintendents.

Any Member of the Conference or Accepted Supply who shall repeatedly be forced to move on account of inefficiency or unacceptability shall have no further claim on this fund.

There shall be submitted to the Conference each year before adjournment a report of the receipts for the year and other items of interest pertaining to this fund, and there shall be printed in the Conference Minutes annually a detailed report showing apportionment to each minister and charge and amount paid on same.

This fund shall supersede other funds now used to supplement pastors' salaries, such as the Domestic Mission Fund, etc., with the exception of the Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund which carries no apportionment to the charges and is used as an emergency fund.

On motion, the basis of apportionment recommended by the Commission was changed, and the following was substituted therefor:

Cash Salary	Per cent	Approx. amount this would raise	Basis of payment*
\$1200 to 1499	1¾	\$ 839	50-50
\$1500 to 1999	2¼	\$1157	50-50
\$2000 to 2499	2¾	\$1214	50-50
\$2500 and above	3½	\$1783	50-50
		\$4993	

District Superintendents and other effective ministers not serving charges would pay on basis of one-half of that noted.

\*50% of apportionment paid by charge and 50% paid by minister.

NOTE:—No charge nor minister is apportioned under \$1200. See Par. 942, Sec. 4, 1936 discipline.

**Other Plans of Apportionment.**

The following are suggested plans for apportionment presented for information.

**Plan No. 1.**

**Ministers.**

Ministers receiving from \$1200 to \$1299 cash salary, pay \$10.00.  
 Ministers receiving from \$1300 to \$1399 cash salary, pay \$11.00.  
 Ministers receiving from \$1400 to \$1499 cash salary, pay \$12.00.  
 Ministers receiving from \$1500 to \$1799 cash salary, pay \$14.00.  
 Ministers receiving from \$1800 to \$1999 cash salary, pay \$16.00.  
 Ministers receiving from \$2000 to \$2299 cash salary, pay \$18.00, plus  
 2% on all above \$2000.  
 Ministers receiving from \$2300 to \$2499 cash salary, pay \$25.00, plus  
 2% on all above \$2300.  
 Ministers receiving from \$2500 to \$2999 cash salary, pay \$30.00, plus  
 3% on all above \$2500.  
 Ministers receiving from \$3000 and above cash salary, pay \$35.00, plus  
 3% on all above \$3000.

This amounts to \$2066.00.

(Par. 942, Section 4, of 1936 Discipline rather infers that we should not apportion ministers receiving less than the minimum, hence no apportionment on ministers receiving less than \$1200).

**Charges.**

Charges paying \$1200 to \$1499 cash salary, pay 1%.  
 Charges paying \$1500 to \$1999 cash salary, pay 1½%.  
 Charges paying \$2000 to \$2499 cash salary, pay 2%.  
 Charges paying \$2500 and above cash salary, pay 2½%.

This amounts to .....\$3075.00\*

Par. 942, Section 3, infers we may apportion all charges.

If we request charges paying under \$1200 cash salary to pay ½  
 of 1%, we add ..... 308.00

\$3383.00

Amount needed would be approximately .....\$5500.00

Amount contributed by ministers would be .....\$2066.00

Amount contributed by charges would be ..... 3075.00\*

\$5141.00

Ministers contributing approximately two-fifths.  
 Charges contributing approximately three-fifths.

**Plan No. 2.**

All charges paying less than \$1200 cash salary be not apportioned.  
 All charges paying \$1200. and more be apportioned the same rate of  
 two and one-half (2½) per cent. on cash salary; 50% of the apportion-

ment to be paid by charge and 50% paid by the minister; District Superintendents and other effective ministers not serving charges be apportioned 1¼% on cash salary. This would raise a fund of approximately \$4800.

**THANKS.**

As we come to the close of the sixty-ninth session of the Wilmington Conference we desire to express our heartfelt thanks.

First: To our Heavenly Father for the good gifts of the year, and for that measure of success which through His help we have been able to achieve. And for the blessings that have filled each day of our presence here in this delightful and inspiring fellowship.

Second: To Bishop Hughes, our presiding officer, for his genial spirit and brotherliness in the chair. For his inspiring devotional addresses and great sermon yesterday which have lifted us out of ourselves and into high places where our souls have felt the touch of the Eternal.

Third: To our capable and genial host, the Rev. G. W. Humphreys for his thoughtfulness in planning for the comfort and convenience of the Conference. And to the members and officials of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church for their kindness in placing this spacious and beautiful Church at our disposal, and for the fine hospitality extended us in their homes. And to the ladies of the Church who through the sacrifice of their time in kitchen and dining hall have provided us with abundant and delicious meals.

Fourth: To the Salisbury National Bank who have placed their banking facilities at the disposal of the Conference for the use of the treasurer in the discharge of his task.

Fifth: To our guest speakers who have brought us much information relative to the work of our General Boards and Agencies, and for the inspiration and urge to do a better job in Kingdom Building.

Sixth: To our sister congregations—Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church South, Bethesda Methodist Protestant Church and Presbyterian Church, for the use of their beautiful buildings in facilitating the work and program of the Conference.

Seventh: And to the Press for the liberal space given us in reporting the activities of the Conference.

GEORGE E. STERLING,  
 C. N. JONES.  
 ROY TAWES.

REPORT OF

(d) CONFERENCE STATISTICIAN

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REPORT OF

(e) CONFERENCE TREASURER

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STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	NAMES OF PASTORS.	Ministerial Support										Bap-tisms		Epw'th League		
		Support of Pastor		Support District Supt.		Support Bishop		Support Conf. C'p'mts		Total Paid for Ministerial Support		Total Deficiency	Children Baptized	Adults Baptized	Senior and Young People	Intermediate and Juniors
		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	Total Paid for Ministerial Support					
1 Bayside	Walter Glass	\$1050	\$ 932	\$100	\$66	\$55	\$24	\$15	\$115	\$85	\$1087	\$168	1	10	25	22
2 Blades	O. T. Baynard	1300	1300	100	84	80	30	74	143	140	1544	13	10	17	3	40
3 Bozman & Neavitt	W. L. McClintock	1100	1100	100	70	70	25	25	121	121	1316	13	15	2	1	1
4 Bridgeville	J. C. B. Hopkins	2000	2000	200	126	126	45	45	280	280	2451	19	15	19	1	1
5 Burdsville	Ira E. Crum	770	690	120	45	40	16	14	77	68	812	95	19	1	1	20
6 Camden	J. W. Jones	1700	1700	200	105	105	37	37	221	221	2063	2	2	2	2	20
7 Canterbury and Viola	D. J. Ford	500	450	35	35	12	8	8	50	40	533	64	3	3	3	25
8 Centerville	H. V. Branford	2200	2200	400	126	126	45	45	308	308	2679	5	6	5	5	40
9 Chestertown	P. E. Reynolds	2400	2400	400	140	140	50	50	360	360	2950	10	22	22	40	21
10 Cheswold	J. E. Jones	1150	1150	150	59	59	21	21	110	110	1340	14	14	14	45	21
11 Church Hill	W. L. Beckwith	1150	1150	150	70	70	25	25	126	126	1671	14	14	14	45	21
12 Clayton	Tilghman Smith	1700	1700	300	98	98	35	35	221	221	2054	7	7	7	155	11
13 Concord	L. R. Dennis	1100	1100	100	70	70	25	25	121	121	1316	16	16	16	155	11
14 Cordova	J. E. French	775	750	75	49	49	17	17	77	77	893	25	5	4	37	10
15 Denton	M. S. Andrews	2300	2300	300	140	140	50	50	322	322	2812	10	10	10	40	20
16 Dover	E. M. Shockley	2800	2800	300	175	175	63	63	420	420	3458	5	5	5	18	25
17 Gaston	E. P. Thomas	2900	2900	400	175	175	63	63	435	435	3573	5	5	5	18	25
18 Ellendale	E. N. Wright	1100	1040	100	61	61	25	20	121	50	1171	195	21	2	2	40
19 Fairlee	O. B. Rice	1350	1350	150	84	84	30	30	148	148	1612	14	14	14	26	10
20 Farmington	R. W. Hastings	1100	1075	100	70	68	25	15	120	100	1258	57	8	1	17	20
21 Federalsburg	F. D. Milbury	2200	2200	200	140	140	50	50	308	308	2698	25	25	6	6	17
22 Felton	E. W. Henvis	1650	1650	150	105	105	37	37	214	214	2036	1	1	1	1	1
23 Frederica	H. B. Kelso	1150	1150	150	70	70	30	30	126	126	1376	10	5	5	10	36
24 Galesto'n-Reliance	C. D. Sharpless	750	750	100	45	45	16	16	75	65	876	10	16	10	10	36
25 Georgetown	O. E. Jones	2900	2900	400	175	175	63	63	435	435	3573	16	10	10	22	36
26 Circuit	J. H. Gardner	1400	1400	200	84	84	30	30	148	132	1646	16	19	19	29	10
27 Greensboro	C. W. Strickland	1700	1700	200	105	105	37	37	221	221	2063	5	5	5	21	35
28 Greenwood	J. H. Clow	1325	1325	125	84	84	30	30	146	146	1585	19	4	1	25	10
29 Harrington	J. E. Parker	1700	1700	200	105	105	37	37	221	221	2063	2	2	2	38	24
30 Henderson	A. H. Travers	1100	1100	100	70	70	25	15	121	35	1220	96	4	4	1	25
31 Hillsboro	C. W. Spry	1430	1400	200	84	84	30	30	154	154	1698	4	4	4	1	25
32 Houston	W. H. Kohl	1200	1200	100	77	77	27	27	132	132	1436	36	2	2	25	18
33 Kent Island	J. F. Langrall	1400	1400	200	84	84	30	30	154	154	1668	18	18	18	18	18
34 Kenton	James O'Neil	1350	1300	150	84	75	30	20	143	68	1463	144	18	10	1	35
35 Lewes	A. B. Frye	2000	2000	200	126	126	45	45	280	280	2451	15	15	15	26	26
36 Lincoln	S. L. Hanby	1200	1200	100	77	77	27	27	132	110	1414	22	15	15	26	26
37 Little Creek and St. Paul's	W. C. Buckson	900	900	100	56	47	17	14	80	25	986	67	3	12	7	80
38 Magnolia-Bar't Cp	R. E. Green	1600	1600	200	98	98	35	35	208	208	1941	12	26	26	96	20
39 Maryland	R. G. Conner	1100	1100	100	70	70	25	10	121	40	1220	96	8	2	18	20
40 Milford	Frank Herson	3650	3650	400	227	227	81	81	547	547	4505	14	14	1	1	1
41 Milford Neck	H. B. Relso	200	200	14	5	5	20	20	239	20	239	13	4	1	28	4
42 Mt. Zion	Howard Davis	1400	1400	200	84	84	30	30	154	154	1668	13	13	13	28	4
43 Nassau	J. L. Johnson	300	300	21	21	7	7	30	30	358	4	4	4	70	4	
44 Nassau	J. T. Graham	1300	1300	100	84	84	30	20	110	110	1086	6	6	6	25	20
45 Oxford	G. E. Wood	900	900	100	56	56	20	20	90	90	851	205	3	3	3	35
46 Pomona	P. W. Spence	500	829	100	56	22	20	20	90	294	2565	7	7	7	35	40
47 Preston	R. W. Kirwan	2100	2100	300	126	126	45	45	294	294	2565	13	13	13	40	40
48 Queenstown	Conrad Hamer	1450	1450	150	91	91	32	32	159	159	1732	14	14	1	40	40
49 Rehoboth	O. B. Reed	1400	1400	200	84	84	30	30	154	154	1668	5	5	5	25	25
50 Ridgely	F. C. Louhoff	1400	1400	200	84	84	30	30	154	154	1668	8	8	8	35	35
51 Rock Hall	R. L. Johnson	2400	2400	200	154	154	55	55	360	360	2969	14	14	14	50	50
52 Seaford	J. L. Johnson	1900	1900	200	119	119	42	42	247	200	2261	47	7	7	100	100
53 Seaford Circuit	R. L. Tawes	2700	2700	200	175	175	60	60	405	405	3340	9	9	9	50	50
54 Smyrna	J. W. Colona	1700	1700	200	105	105	37	37	221	221	2063	4	4	4	2	30
55 Sudlersville	Leolan Jackson	1800	1800	200	112	112	40	40	234	234	2196	10	10	10	40	40
56 Tighman's Is.	L. W. Ross	1450	1450	100	94	94	34	34	159	159	1737	10	10	10	40	40
57 Triggman's Is.	D. B. Prettyman	1200	1200	200	70	70	25	25	132	87	1208	45	3	3	2	18
58 Woodside	Waldo Dise	175	175	12	12	4	4	17	17	208	8	8	8	18	18	
59 Wy Mills	J. P. Kelley	1050	1050	150	63	63	22	22	115	85	1768	162	162	162	30	30
60 Wyoming	Waldo Dise	1475	1475	100	96	96	35	35	162	162	162	162	8	8	4	20
Total		90720	89771	10420	5579	5491	1983	1871	11289	10376	107509	2062	585	39	1356	300

Prep'y Mem	Church Membership										Church Property										Miscellan-eous													
	Received During Year	Now on Roll	Rec'd from P. M.	Full Members			Inactive Members	Removed by Trans-fer and Withdrawal	Deaths During Year	Churches	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings		Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc.		Paid by Charge for Build-ing and Improvements		Paid for Interest on Indebtedness		Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest		Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Exp'es		Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support		Local Preachers		Subscribers to the Advo-cates		Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society		No. Cong. or Prech'g P'ces.			
				Received on Confes-sion of Faith	Received by Transfer and Renewal	Received From Other Denominations					Full Members on Roll Including Inactive Members	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Estimated Value of Land and Buildings	Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc.	Paid by Charge for Build-ing and Improvements	Paid for Interest on Indebtedness	Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest	Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Exp'es	Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support	Local Preachers	Subscribers to the Advo-cates	Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society	No. Cong. or Prech'g P'ces.											
1	20	1	1	128	1	2	2	\$15000	1	\$2500	1	\$1323	15	\$ 75	\$145	\$217	1	3	\$215	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3			
2	2	1	1	254	30	6	3	15000	1	4000	1	200	1	92	7	97	302	1	4	348	1	4	348	1	4	348	1	4	348	1	4	348		
3	3	10	25	172	18	1	2	15000	1	2500	1	92	7	21	97	323	1	16	383	1	16	383	1	16	383	1	16	383	1	16	383	1	16	383
4	4	2	6	385	65	2	3	7000	1	4500	1	1150	1150	10	75	1700	2	8	174	1	2	174	1	2	174	1	2	174	1	2	174	1	2	174
5	6	2	6	63	8	1	2	5000	1	1200	1	400	225	10	75	80	1	1	275	1	1	275	1	1	275	1	1	275	1	1	275	1	1	275
6	18	18	1	236	23	2	2	12000	1	4000	1	1500	75	10	75	193	1	1	182	1	1	182	1	1	182	1	1	182						

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Church Schools (Enrollment, Church Membership, Finances), and Other Church Schools. Rows list various churches and their statistics.

TREASURER'S DOVER DISTRICT

Table with columns: List No., Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference, Annual Conference Benevolences (Educational, General Administration Fund, etc.), and Total Benevolences Ordered by Annual Conference. Rows list various benevolence categories and their amounts.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishops, Support Conf. s Cl'mnt), Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized), Epw'th League (Senior and Young People, Intermediate and Juniors). Rows list various churches and their respective statistics.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'ry Mem., Full Members), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Parsonages, etc.), Miscellaneous (Local Preachers, Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society, etc.). Rows list church statistics and property values.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT

TREASURER'S SALISBURY DISTRICT

Table with columns: List No., NAMES OF CHARGES, Sunday Church Schools (Enrollment, Attendance, Finances), Other Church Schools (Enrollment, Attendance, Finances). Rows list various churches and their statistics.

Table with columns: List No., Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference (World Service, Total World Service, etc.), Annual Conference Benevolences (Educational, General Administration Fund, etc.). Rows list various benevolent categories and their amounts.

STATISTICAL WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support of District Supt., Support of Bishops, Support of Conf. Cl'mnts), Epw'th League (Baptisms, Senior and Young People, Intermediate and Juniors), Total Claim, Total Paid, Total Deficiency.

STATISTICAL WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'y Memb., Full Members), Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Parsonages, etc.), Miscellaneous (Local Preachers, Amount Contributed by Ladies Aid Society, etc.).

STATISTICAL  
WILMINGTON DISTRICT

NAMES OF CHARGES	Sunday Church Schools													Other Church Schools				
	Number of Schools	Enrollment																
		No. of Classes Under 18 Years	No. of Classes Using Closely Graded Lessons	No. Organized Depts. Meeting Separately	Officers and Teachers	Pupils of all Grades			Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Church Membership		Finance					
						Nursery Roll	Home Department	Total Enrollment			Pupils incl. H's Dept. but not B.C. who are Ch. M. or Prep. M.	Accessions to Ch. from Membership of S. S.	Rally Day Offering		Paid by S. to World Service not including Rally Day Offering	Expenses for Lesson Materials, Supplies, Etc.		
1 Bethel & T. P.	2	5	14	72	86	40	191	16	145	431	77	16	5	145	431	77	16	5
2 Brack Ex	1	28	2	32	380	10	422	285	35	71	17	7	5	142	35	71	17	7
3 Cecilton	1	5	2	22	73	25	142	35	71	17	7	5	142	35	71	17	7	5
4 Charlestown	2	11	2	22	118	140	100	175	14	14	3	3	62	150	185	300	55	130
5 Cherry Hill	3	12	1	47	218	30	314	175	14	14	3	3	62	150	185	300	55	130
6 Chesapeake Cy	1	10	2	16	144	42	202	88	70	70	3	3	20	158	158	158	143	175
7 Chester-Bethel	1	8	2	24	180	21	235	108	65	65	20	20	391	158	158	158	143	175
8 Christiana	2	10	3	20	145	6	175	125	90	90	16	16	50	175	175	175	143	175
9 Claymont	1	18	3	36	571	61	701	286	292	292	9	9	98	498	498	498	52	391
10 Crumpton	3	7	16	100	116	60	116	60	25	25	50	50	25	50	50	50	41	90
11 Delaware City	1	8	13	65	94	38	94	38	8	8	15	15	75	50	50	50	32	90
12 Ebenezer	1	5	16	100	126	65	126	65	39	39	30	30	434	50	50	50	119	75
13 Elkton	1	18	8	2	35	574	40	23	7	7	7	7	43	135	135	135	119	434
14 Elk Neck	2	7	8	75	83	65	83	65	18	18	8	8	35	43	43	43	32	50
15 Galena	1	4	12	125	147	58	147	58	8	8	10	10	106	250	250	250	32	75
16 Hockessin Crs	2	16	30	210	252	120	252	120	5	5	10	10	106	250	250	250	32	75
17 Holly Oak	1	8	15	155	188	110	188	110	8	8	90	90	106	250	250	250	32	75
18 Hopewell	2	11	35	126	181	84	181	84	11	11	4	4	46	98	98	98	32	75
19 Marshallton	1	9	21	150	230	108	230	108	11	11	7	7	75	183	183	183	32	75
20 Middletown	1	10	18	187	245	125	245	125	15	15	60	60	65	125	125	125	32	75
21 Millington	2	8	3	18	216	168	216	168	3	3	4	4	191	65	65	65	32	75
22 Mt Lebanon	1	9	21	108	129	80	129	80	1	1	5	5	70	125	125	125	32	75
23 Newark	1	20	56	329	662	277	662	277	10	10	17	17	153	450	450	450	32	75
24 Newark-Union	1	8	27	98	125	80	125	80	3	3	45	45	200	200	200	200	32	75
25 New Castle	1	12	22	200	274	130	274	130	5	5	150	150	280	280	280	280	32	75
26 Newport	1	10	23	310	339	225	339	225	6	6	226	226	330	330	330	330	32	75
27 North East	2	3	52	329	442	269	442	269	5	5	120	120	165	165	165	165	32	75
28 Odessa	2	6	33	211	253	97	253	97	20	20	185	185	200	200	200	200	32	75
29 Perryville	1	14	34	170	232	125	232	125	12	12	185	185	200	200	200	200	32	75
30 Port Deposit	2	10	38	150	200	100	200	100	5	5	55	55	86	86	86	86	32	75
31 Red Lion	3	8	21	159	180	88	180	88	20	20	185	185	200	200	200	200	32	75
32 Richard'n Pa'k	1	24	62	687	869	310	869	310	16	16	100	100	12	100	100	100	48	200
33 Rising Sun	2	13	19	226	276	120	276	120	5	5	166	166	200	200	200	200	32	75
34 St. Geos-Sum't	1	19	33	164	232	121	232	121	5	5	166	166	200	200	200	200	32	75
35 St. Johns	1	5	22	125	147	70	147	70	13	13	40	40	200	200	200	200	32	75
36 St. Pauls	4	1	8	99	107	30	107	30	5	5	95	95	102	102	102	102	32	75
37 Stanton	1	5	16	104	120	60	120	60	7	7	117	117	151	151	151	151	32	75
38 Still Pond	2	10	26	106	153	85	153	85	68	68	125	125	200	200	200	200	32	75
39 Townsend	2	15	24	206	295	150	295	150	214	214	200	200	200	200	200	200	32	75
40 Zion Circuit	4	6	56	335	391	250	391	250	66	66	155	155	200	200	200	200	32	75
41 Wil'n-Asbury	1	7	25	210	262	126	262	126	10	10	66	66	100	100	100	100	32	75
42 Bellefonte	1	8	17	89	123	78	123	78	4	4	59	59	94	94	94	94	32	75
43 Brandywine	1	20	48	467	527	320	527	320	21	21	114	114	148	148	148	148	32	75
44 Eastlake	1	27	40	459	550	299	550	299	11	11	228	228	288	288	288	288	32	75
45 Epworth	1	18	44	196	249	115	249	115	15	15	105	105	137	137	137	137	32	75
46 Grace	1	21	63	630	730	307	730	307	12	12	1019	1019	1108	1108	1108	1108	32	75
47 Harrison St.	1	26	8	68	680	302	680	302	38	38	395	395	286	286	286	286	32	75
48 Hillcrest	1	12	3	15	248	150	248	150	12	12	129	129	250	250	250	250	32	75
49 Kingswood	1	12	22	188	256	89	256	89	5	5	222	222	250	250	250	250	32	75
50 Madeby	1	11	2	18	185	132	185	132	21	21	12	12	43	43	43	43	32	75
51 McCabe	1	23	8	55	625	325	625	325	20	20	35	35	375	375	375	375	32	75
52 Mt. Salem	1	14	4	41	257	124	257	124	131	131	10	10	15	160	160	160	32	75
53 Scott	1	18	35	240	280	165	280	165	22	22	116	116	276	276	276	276	32	75
54 Silverbrook	1	18	5	37	338	200	338	200	12	12	100	100	260	260	260	260	32	75
55 St. Pauls	1	10	35	346	416	205	416	205	7	7	10	10	296	296	296	296	32	75
56 Trinity	1	13	27	321	348	252	348	252	87	87	6	6	208	208	208	208	32	75
57 Union	1	13	4	45	369	32	486	186	16	16	600	600	200	200	200	200	32	75
Total	78	684	331	136	1698	13761	942	552	16953	8532	4709	473	540	7746	11687	253	1029	60

TREASURER'S  
WILMINGTON DISTRICT

List No.	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered By the General Conference										Annual Conference Benevolences										
	World Service					General Administration Fund					Educational					Other Items					
	Appointed for World Service	World Service On Apportionment	Additional Contributions to W. S.	Total World Service	Children's Day Fund (Board of Education)	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	General Administration Fund	W. C. I.	Conference Board of Education	Episcopal Residence	Domestic Missions	Hospitals & Homes, Edts Building Spec Gifts	Conference Budget	District Parsonage	Annual Conf. Investm'ts (Conf. Claimants)	City Missionary or Ch'h Extension Society	Minis'l Cont. Relief Fund	Other Items	Total Benevolences Ord'd by Annual Conference
1	111	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	96	32
2	210	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	118
3	164	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	105	40
4	130	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	23
5	182	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	77
6	175	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	23
7	300	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	210	132
8	196	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	192	99
9	765	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	731	114
10	83	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	222
11	82	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	77
12	142	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	29
13	656	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	102
14	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	183
15	178	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	70	50
16	171	98	12	110	12	12	122	10	14	12	10	4</									



CIRCUIT REPORT.

Dover District.

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
<b>Bayside:</b>				
Sherwood . . . . .	60	51	\$500	\$90
Wittman . . . . .	103	77	332	22
Blades . . . . .	200		600	40
Epworth . . . . .	70		300	16
Asbury . . . . .	130		300	25
Bozman . . . . .	106	80	500	50
Neavitt . . . . .	100	92	500	30
<b>Burrsville:</b>				
Wesley . . . . .	60	33	400	42
Thawley's . . . . .	40	26	170	23
Church Hill . . . . .			470	70
Price . . . . .			380	57
Roesville . . . . .			150	23
Cordova . . . . .	60	56	325	25
Matthews . . . . .	59	64	375	25
Farmington . . . . .	50	49	365	48
Epworth . . . . .	50	49	199	30
Prospect . . . . .	65	57	175	23
Todds . . . . .	90	52	235	31
Felton . . . . .	187	206	1000	166
Manship . . . . .	39	45	325	17
Masten . . . . .	52	44	175	17
Galestown . . . . .		35	250	30
Cokesbury . . . . .		30	200	10
Woodland . . . . .		25	200	10
Henderson . . . . .	50	30	350	11
Barclay . . . . .	40	33	400	16
Bridgetown . . . . .	45	30	250	10
Hillsboro . . . . .	100	122	850	120
Ebenezer . . . . .	32	42	350	18
Houston . . . . .			650	65
Millwood . . . . .			300	20
Williamsville . . . . .			150	15
Marydel . . . . .	58	49	350	9
Templeville . . . . .	85	72	350	4
Thomas Chapel . . . . .	47	21	200	
Busic . . . . .	48	32	100	
<b>Kent Island:</b>				
Stevensville . . . . .	126	131	685	131
Kingsley . . . . .	137	101	343	65
Dominion . . . . .	66	73	172	32

*Carrollton  
Crown  
Eden  
Hills  
Hampden  
Pleasant*

*Reuben  
Sullivan  
Little Creek  
Meyers  
Nash  
Supt on  
Stephen*

Preston . . . . .	75	148	1520	110
Bethlehem . . . . .	85	53	280	25
<b>Pomona:</b>				
Bond Chapel . . . . .			441	13
Mowbray . . . . .			288	0
Queenstown . . . . .	58	26	433	10
Grasonville . . . . .	100	50	333	10
Perry's Cor. . . . .	25	34	264	5
Wye Mills . . . . .	80	71	600	51
Starr . . . . .	70	61	300	69

Salisbury District.

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
<b>Annessex:</b>				
Quindocqua . . . . .	75	80	450	14
St. Peters . . . . .	60	85	450	21
Grace (Marion) . . . . .		25		
Beckwith . . . . .	125	88	600	75
Spedden . . . . .	175	104	600	75
Church Creek . . . . .	100	90	550	47
Taylor's Is. . . . .	15	15	150	
St. Johns . . . . .	35	30	150	
Trinity . . . . .	35	25	150	
Dagsboro . . . . .	278	187	950	100
St. Georges . . . . .	354	360	950	110
E. New Market—Trinity	168	163	1200	61
Cabin Creek . . . . .	15	15	257	
<b>Fairmount:</b>				
Christ . . . . .	110	130	900	10
Union . . . . .	20	45	150	
Epworth . . . . .	40	55	150	
Fruitland—St. Johns . . .	300	289	1200	300
Siloam . . . . .	159	160	600	100
<b>Hooper's Island:</b>				
Hoopers Memorial . . . . .	55	109	600	15
Mt. Zion . . . . .	23	24		3
<b>Mardela Springs:</b>				
St. Pauls . . . . .	11	19	200	
Spring Grove . . . . .	20	34	275	5
Mills Chapel . . . . .	35	28	205	5
<b>Marion:</b>				
St. Peters . . . . .	60	85	450	20
Quindocqua . . . . .	61	85	480	15
Grace . . . . .		25		
<b>Millsboro:</b>				
Grace . . . . .	353	260	1440	240
Carey's . . . . .	169	135	360	60



Nanticoke . . . . .	119	113	500	50
Tyaskin . . . . .	41	67	400	18
White Haven . . . . .	65	47	300	25
Newark Bowen . . . . .	68		758	48
Wesley . . . . .	40		200	8
Derrickson . . . . .	40		200	8
Ocean City (Atlantic) . .	119	124	900	16
Sinexpent (Bethany) . .	53	46	250	
Ocean View & Millville:				
Bethel . . . . .				150
Millville . . . . .				100
Onancock:				
Cokesbury . . . . .			500	
Leatherbury . . . . .			500	
Riverview . . . . .			156	
Pittsville—Ayers . . . . .	102	109	500	64
Wango . . . . .	70	70	500	75
Melsons . . . . .	207	221	200	46
Pocomoke Circuit:				
Cokesbury . . . . .	50	55	300	26
Emmanuel . . . . .	40	44	200	60
Williams . . . . .	25	24	126	5
Quantico . . . . .	65	51	350	70
Rockawalkin . . . . .	100	116	850	90
Wetipquin . . . . .	25	13	200	
St. Peters . . . . .	175	219	1200	5
St. Stephens . . . . .	40	36	400	
Smith's Island:				
Ewell . . . . .	300	295	660	
Tylerton . . . . .	150	155	502	
Rhodes Point . . . . .	75	145	337	
St. Thomas . . . . .		60	500	45
Zion . . . . .		75	475	40
Bethany . . . . .		30	163	7
Wingates . . . . .		35	162	8
Stockton:				
Wesley . . . . .	40	77	550	40
Remsen . . . . .	96	123	400	40
Grace . . . . .	220	55	250	40
Powellville:				
St. Johns . . . . .	100	29	334	23
Mt. Pleasant . . . . .	100	65	208	22
Friendship . . . . .	100	65	208	18
Westover:				
Mt. Olive . . . . .	50	34	139	14
Rehobeth . . . . .	25	20	191	
St. Pauls . . . . .	71	54	211	31
Zoar . . . . .	77	48	242	12
Unity . . . . .	63	53	225	34
St. Thomas . . . . .		25	150	6

Wilmington District.

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
Bethel . . . . .	50	47	550	82
Town Point . . . . .	36	42	300	14
Charlestown . . . . .	60	58	480	80
Principio . . . . .	60	30	420	20
Cherry Hill . . . . .			600	135
Big Elk . . . . .			250	
Elk Mills . . . . .			250	
Christiana . . . . .	120	150	640	97
Salem . . . . .	55	95	400	100
Crumpton . . . . .	60	76	375	12
Union . . . . .	25	50	375	10
Double Creek . . . . .	15	34	250	3
Harts . . . . .	50	50	200	27
Wesley . . . . .	33	7	100	16
Galena . . . . .			900	70
Locust Grove . . . . .			175	
Hopewell . . . . .	124	156	800	133
Asbury . . . . .	57	51	400	8
Millington:				
Delaneys . . . . .	40	31	200	
Asbury . . . . .		174	1200	195
Red Lion . . . . .	100	73	800	121
Glasgow . . . . .	55	31	400	20
Kirkwood . . . . .	25	21	200	
Still Pond & Betterton:				
Still Pond . . . . .	108	126	700	107
Betterton . . . . .	45	109	700	17
St. Georges . . . . .	115	138	850	157
Summit . . . . .	71	22	350	25
Townsend . . . . .	255	234	1200	65
Blackbird . . . . .	40	77	225	3

(f) OTHER TREASURERS

BARRATTS CHAPEL FUND.

Treasurer's Report, March 23, 1937.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank, March 23, 1936	\$ 96.06
Earnings on Investments	60.00
Interest on Deposits	2.26
Total Receipts	\$ 158.32

DISBURSEMENTS.

Balance in Bank, March 23, 1937	\$ 158.32
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WALTER ASBURY HEARN, Treasurer.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Treasurer's Report, March 23, 1937.

SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank, Mar. 23, 1936	\$1481.00
Earnings on Investments	395.00
July 14, 1936, from T. S. Holt Co.	450.00
Sept. 28, from Sale, Sylmar Church, W. E. Gunby	300.00
Sept. 30, from Surrender of Bond	300.00
Interest on Deposits	39.70
Total Receipts	\$2965.70

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mar. 4, 1937, to Check Account from Savings Acct.	\$ 500.00	500.00
Balance to Savings Account, Mar. 23, 1937	\$2465.70	

CHECK ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Bank, Mar. 23, 1936	\$1146.78
Mar. 4, 1937, T. S. Holt Co.	450.00
Mar. 4, 1937, from Savings Account	500.00
Mar. 16, 1937, from M. S. Andrews, Rogers Mort.	60.00
Total Receipts	\$2156.78

DISBURSEMENTS.

Apr. 2, 1936, Beckwith, from Thomas Fund	\$ 115.00
Apr. 2, 1936, Goshen, from Carey Fund	115.00
Apr. 2, 1936, Clayton, from Clifton Fund	25.00
Apr. 2, 1936, Chesapeake City, from Lindsay Fund	60.00
Apr. 2, 1936, Parsonsburg, from Wimbrow Fund	45.00
Apr. 2, 1936, O. A. Bartley, Treas. Historical So.	60.00
Apr. 2, 1936, Sussex Trust Co., Box Rent	2.20
May 21, 1936, For Treasurer's Bond	12.50
Sept. 28, 1936, W. E. Gunby for Rising Sun, Sylmar	275.00
Sept. 28, 1936, W. E. Gunby, Recording Sylmar Deed	3.00
Oct. 30, 1936, L. C. Wilson, Treas., Insurance, Sylmar	4.50
Mar. 9, 1937, Jefferson Cooper, Treas. from Holt Fund	900.00
Mar. 9, 1937, W. A. Hearn, Expenses, Postage, etc.	6.25

Total Disbursements	\$1623.45
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Balance to Check Account, Mar. 23, 1937	\$ 533.33
Balance to Savings Account, Mar. 23, 1937	\$2465.70

Total Balance to Conf. Trustees, Mar. 23, 1937	\$2999.03
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WALTER ASBURY HEARN, Treasurer.

WASHINGTON FOSTER ESTATE.

Treasurer's Report, March 23, 1937.

Sixth account of Walter Asbury Hearn, Treasurer of the Washington Foster Estate, debtor to the Washington Foster Estate, March 23, 1937	\$12804.43
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CORPUS, MARCH 23, 1937.

Mortgage No. 1, Elkton, 6%	\$1200.00
Mortgage No. 2, Elkton, 6%	3700.00
Mortgage No. 3, Elkton, 6%	2000.00
Mortgage No. 4, Rising Sun, 6% (\$2300)	2204.43
Mortgage No. 5, Elkton, 5%	3700.00

Total Corpus, March 23, 1937	\$12804.43
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SAVINGS ACCOUNT, RECEIPTS.

Balance to Savings Account, Mar. 23, 1937	\$ 992.99
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Total Receipts	\$ 992.99
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

May 6, 1936, to Check Account .....	\$ 992.99	
Total Disbursements .....		\$ 992.99
Balance to Savings Account, Mar. 23, 1937 .....		

## CHECK ACCOUNT, RECEIPTS.

Mar. 23, 1936, Balance to Check Account .....	\$2792.28	
May 6, 1936, from Savings Account .....	992.99	
Earnings on Investments .....	756.85	
Total Receipts .....		\$4542.12

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Pastor, Elk Neck Charge, 1936-1937 .....	\$ 600.00	
May 7, 1936, Joshua Clayton, Attorney, Investment ..	3700.00	
May 20, 1936, Cecil Whig Publishing Co. Ad. ....	.46	
Sept. 18, 1936, L. C. Wilson, Treas., Insurance .....	3.00	
Jan. 4, 1937, Renewal of Treasurer's Bond .....	13.33	
Mar. 9, 1937, W. A. Hearn, Expenses, Postage, etc. .	3.03	
Jan. 12, 1937, Service Charge by Bank .....	.25	
Total Disbursements .....		\$4320.07
Balance to Check Account, Mar. 23, 1937 .....		\$ 222.05
Balance to Savings Account, Mar. 23, 1937 .....		
Total Balance, March 23, 1937 .....		\$ 222.05

WALTER ASBURY HEARN, Treasurer.

## REPORT OF THE AUDITOR.

Your Auditor has examined with care the accounts of the following Treasurers and has found each to be correct. Bank books, bank statements, cancelled checks, receipts, disbursements, and balances have been compared and all are proven to be accurate.

## Rev. E. C. Hallman, Treasurer Domestic Missions.

Balance March 25, 1936 .....	\$ 187.19	
Receipts .....	388.00	
Total Receipts .....		\$ 575.19
Disbursements .....		470.00
Balance March 31, 1937 .....		\$ 105.19

## Rev. E. C. Hallman, Treasurer Dover District Maintenance.

Balance March 25, 1936 .....	\$ 37.50	
Receipts .....	466.25	
Total Receipts .....		\$ 503.75
Disbursements .....		387.50
Balance March 31, 1937 .....		\$ 116.25

## Rev. J. J. Bunting, Treasurer Domestic Missions.

Balance March 18, 1936 .....	\$ 242.00	
Receipts .....	401.00	
Total Receipts .....		\$ 643.00
Disbursements .....		500.00
Balance March 31, 1937 .....		\$ 143.00

## Rev. J. J. Bunting, Treasurer Salisbury District Maintenance.

Balance March 25, 1936 .....	\$ 23.13	
Receipts .....	473.75	
Total Receipts .....		\$ 496.88
Disbursements .....		475.00
Balance March 31, 1937 .....		\$ 21.88

## Rev. W. E. Gunby, Treasurer Domestic Missions.

Balance March 25, 1936 .....	\$ 208.54	
Receipts .....	462.00	
Total Receipts .....		\$ 670.54
Disbursements .....		505.00
Balance March 27, 1937 .....		\$ 165.54

## Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer Washington Foster Estate.

Balance in Savings Acct., Mar. 23, 1936 .....	\$ 992.99	
Disbursements .....	992.99	
Balance in Check Acct., Mar. 23, 1936 .....	\$2792.28	
Receipts .....	1749.84	
Total Receipts .....		\$4542.12
Disbursements .....		4320.07
Balance March 23, 1937 .....		\$ 222.05

**Rev. W. A. Hearn, Treasurer Barratt's Chapel Fund.**

Balance March 23, 1936 .....	\$ 96.06
Receipts .....	62.26
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 158.32</b>
Balance March 23, 1937 .....	158.32

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

Balance in Savings Acct., Mar. 23, 1936 .....	\$1481.00
Receipts .....	1484.70
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$2965.70</b>
Disbursements .....	500.00
Balance in Savings Acct., Mar. 23, 1937 .....	\$2465.70
Balance in Check Acct., Mar. 23, 1936 .....	\$1146.78
Receipts .....	1010.00

<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$2156.78</b>
Disbursements .....	1623.45

Balance in Check Acct., Mar. 23, 1937 .....	\$ 533.33
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**Rev. O. A. Bartley, Treasurer Conference Historical Society.**

Balance March 25, 1936 .....	\$ 63.44
Receipts .....	60.00
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 123.44</b>
Disbursements .....	10.00

Balance March 24, 1937 .....	\$ 113.44
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**Rev. E. W. McDowell, Treasurer Conference Board of Ministerial Training.**

Balance March 17, 1936 .....	\$ 118.25
Receipts .....	560.00

<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 678.25</b>
Disbursements .....	592.12

Balance March 24, 1937 .....	\$ 86.13
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**Rev. R. C. Jones, Treasurer Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.**

Balance March 6, 1936 .....	\$ 252.38
Receipts .....	204.84

<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 457.22</b>
Disbursements .....	135.00

Balance March 22, 1937 .....	\$ 322.22
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**Rev. W. J. Ennis, Treasurer Minutes Publication Fund.**

Balance March 28, 1936 .....	\$ 43.65
Receipts .....	685.53

<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 729.18</b>
Disbursements .....	673.19

Balance March 31, 1937 .....	\$ 55.99
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**Rev. W. H. Revelle, Conference Treasurer.**

Received from Rev. J. J. Bunting, former Treasurer .....	\$ 39.16
Receipts during the year .....	55763.37

<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>55802.53</b>
Disbursements .....	55710.00

Balance June 5, 1936 .....	\$ 92.53
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**Mr. W. L. Overdeer, Treas. Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.**

<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$ 940.00</b>
Disbursements .....	940.00

**Mr. J. E. Walls, Treasurer Conference Budget.**

Balance March 28, 1936 .....	\$ 155.49
Receipts .....	3472.00

<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$3627.49</b>
Disbursements .....	3343.50

Balance March 23, 1937 .....	\$ 283.99
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**Mr. J. E. Walls, Treasurer Conference Educational Society.**

Balance March 23, 1936 .....	\$ 154.95
Receipts .....	2934.80

<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$3089.75</b>
Disbursements .....	3089.75

**Mr. Jefferson Cooper, Treasurer Board of Stewards.**

Balance March 5, 1936 .....	\$13635.13
Receipts .....	47194.46

<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$60829.59</b>
Disbursements .....	46016.99

Balance April 3, 1937 .....	\$14812.60
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HUGH B. KELSO, Conference Auditor.

ANTI SALOON LEAGUE OF DELAWARE.

IVANHOE WILLIS, Superintendent.

During the Conference year, I have visited forty-four (44) M. E. Churches for Sunday services, have carried on a continued program of education and legislation, and have travelled by automobile 23,000 miles. Contributions have been received from members of the following churches during this Conference year. \* indicates churches visited this Conference year.

*Brandywine M. E., Wilmington	\$ 20.50
*Epworth M. E., Wilmington	15.05
Eastlake M. E., Wilmington	2.00
Grace M. E., Wilmington	34.00
*Harrison St. M. E., Wilmington	101.67
*Kingswood M. E., Wilmington	7.68
*Madeley M. E., Wilmington	61.50
McCabe M. E., Wilmington	25.48
*Silverbrook M. E., Wilmington	21.00
St. Paul's M. E., Wilmington	20.00
Trinity M. E., Wilmington	25.00
Union M. E., Wilmington	12.00
Newark M. E.	8.25
Brack Ex M. E.	32.35
*Christiana & Salem M. E.	22.81
*Newport M. E.	6.00
Richardson Park M. E.	35.81
*Claymont M. E.	10.70
*Red Lion and Glasgow M. E.	7.48
*Hillcrest M. E.	22.00
Odessa M. E.	17.95
Chester-Bethel M. E.	7.00
Holly Oak M. E.	2.82
*Bellefonte M. E.	23.47
*Middletown M. E.	51.40
*St. Georges and Summit M. E.	74.50
*Marshallton M. E.	9.52
*New Castle M. E.	10.70
*Stanton M. E.	19.60
*Harrington M. E.	75.00
Milford M. E.	7.01
*Magnolia M. E.	3.00
Smyrna M. E.	40.20
*Dover—Wesley M. E.	115.15
*Clayton M. E.	44.88
*Kenton M. E.	15.85
*Felton M. E.	6.00
Cheswold M. E.	16.00
Camden M. E.	15.51
*Houston and Plainsville M. E.	

*Frederica M. E. and Milford Neck	6.85
Delmar M. E.	9.00
*Bridgeville M. E.	35.16
Lewes	9.00
*Seaford and Mt. Zion M. E.	56.42
*Seaford Circuit M. E.	12.96
Georgetown M. E.	10.09
*Ocean View M. E.	22.25
*Lincoln—Cedar Neck-Slaughter Neck	11.81
Milton	10.00
Greenwood M. E.	3.00
*Selbyville M. E.	47.00
*Nassau—Whites and Zion	8.60
Dagsboro M. E.	7.65
*Blades and Asbury M. E.	9.00

REPORT OF BOARD OF STEWARDS.

We are very glad to be able to report to you the splendid increase of \$3,958. in our income from the churches this year. The Treasurer's report will show also a considerable increase in the earnings from our investments. These gains together with the fact that we have a slight reduction in years of service make it possible for us to place the Annuity rate at \$18. per year this year.

We have received from the charges, \$31,962. From the Chartered fund \$60.00. From investments \$12,669. making a total of \$44,631. available for distribution this year. This is an increase of \$4742. over last year.

While we have had a splendid increase in contributions from our churches, it still remains that some of the churches have absolutely ignored the disciplinary requirements for the payment of Conference Claimants and have left the responsibility of carrying the burden with the pastor. A great many of the pastors have prorated this year. Some have been so placed that they could not, but practically all of these have brought increases over last year.

We have invested in 112 first mortgages a total of \$200,197. and in properties owned by the Board through foreclosure of mortgage \$10895. making a total of \$211,092.

The amount from the Joshua Thomas Kinder estate brings our total of invested funds to approximately \$221,565. Our income from invested funds has been just slightly under 6% net.

We have distributed (thanks to our attorney, Elwood F. Melson) a list of our investments together with the amount of insurance covering the properties and the assessed value, which was taken from the tax books in Wilmington.

We are able to continue with some increases our contributions to the retired supply pastors, thanks to the generosity of brother T. S. Holt.

We pray that the day will soon arrive when these honored brethren will be given the same assurance of security in the sunset years of their lives that the retired members of the conference have.

Brethren let us not be content until we shall have reached the annuity rate set by the discipline, and every last one of our aged brethren shall have been assured of security against the day when age or disability makes retirement a necessity.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. WINDSOR, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER TO THE BOARD OF STEWARDS OF THE WILMINGTON M. E. CONFERENCE.

##### RECEIPTS.

Balance from 1936:	
Savings Accounts . . . . .	\$11838.70
Checking Accounts . . . . .	1796.43
Conference Treasurer . . . . .	27171.00
Chartered Fund . . . . .	65.00
Preacher's Wives Association, Contribution . . . . .	25.00
Interest on Investments . . . . .	12224.43
Interest on Bank Savings Accounts . . . . .	435.02
Interest on Investment of Thomas Irons Legacy . . . . .	120.00
Dividends from T. S. Holt Oil Co., Stock . . . . .	900.00
Payments on Mortgages . . . . .	4789.01
From Charges on account of Conference Claimants	
Apportionments . . . . .	965.00
Total . . . . .	\$60329.59
Also—As a Memorial Fund—From the Son and Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. A. H. O'Brien . . . . .	500.00
Grand Total . . . . .	\$60829.59

##### EXPENDITURES.

To Annuitants . . . . .	\$40120.43
Expenses . . . . .	202.32
Property Taxes, Repairs and Supervision . . . . .	194.24
Invested in Mortgages . . . . .	5500.00
Balance in Banks . . . . .	14812.60
Total . . . . .	60829.59
There is now invested in 112 First Mortgages a total of . . . . .	\$200,197.00
In Real Estate . . . . .	10,895.00
A Total of . . . . .	\$211,092.00

JEFFERSON COOPER, Treasurer.

#### REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE, Board of Stewards.

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

Dear Brethren:

Having been appointed the Auditing Committee to examine the accounts and financial transactions of your Board we respectfully submit our report.

The investments of the Board for Claimants of the Wilmington Conference are in the form of first mortgages on real estate in the city of Wilmington or adjacent territory.

The securities covering the investments of the Board were inspected on March 9th, 1937 and found to be correct in all details.

You possess 112 mortgages and the amount invested therein is \$200,197.00. Each property is protected by sufficient insurance, the total amounting to \$326,300.00, the policies for which are in the custody of our Treasurer. In addition to the mortgages above mentioned, seven properties have been deeded to the Board, having an investment value of \$10,736.00, and covered by insurance to the extent of \$13,000.00, or a total investment of \$210,933.00 with insurance in the amount of \$339,300.00.

The accounts of the Treasurer have been audited and found to be correct. We have \$178.51 in the checking account and \$1,018.80 in the savings account with the Farmers Bank in Dover, Delaware. There is \$857.70 in the checking account and \$4,757.55 in the savings account together with a certificate of deposit of \$8,000.00 with the Fruit Growers National Bank and Trust Company of Smyrna, Delaware, or a total balance of \$14,812.60.

It will be noticed that there is a slight lack of agreement between the report of your auditing committee and that of investments as submitted by Mr. Elwood Melson. This is due to a difference in the dates of the two reports as the status of receipts and investments are constantly changing.

FRANK P. GENTIEU,  
ESSELL P. THOMAS,  
Auditing Committee.

**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
To J. Thomas Kinder Memorial Fund . . . . .	\$20,000.00
To Dr. T. A. H. O'Brien and M. Cornelia O'Brien, his wife. By children Dr. Theo. W. O'Brien and Miss Annie R. O'Brien . . . . .	\$ 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 1937. They were approved by the Conference.

Date of Claim	Years of Service	Distribution of Conference Funds				Total
		CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.				
		Annuity Claims	Annuity Allowed	Special Fund		
<b>MINISTERS</b>						
1931	34	W. O. Bennett, Hurlock, Md. . . . .	\$816	\$612	\$	\$612
1931	24	W. H. Briggs, 11 N. Clinton Ave., Elsmere, Del. . . . .	576	432	108	540
1932	28	J. A. Buckson, Rehoboth, Del. . . . .	678	504		504
1931	16	L. M. Broadway, 323 W. 30th St., Wilm., Del. . . . .	384	288	192	480
1931	37	H. G. Budd, Dover, Del. . . . .	882	666		666
1934	39	E. H. Collins, Marshallton, Del. . . . .	936	702		702
1929	46	V. S. Collins, 2422 West St., Wilm., Del. . . . .	1104	828		828
1930	53	W. F. Corkran, Seaford, Del. . . . .	1272	954		954
1935	30	D. J. Ford, Camden, Del. . . . .	720	540		540
1934	43	J. H. Geoghegan, "Silview," Newport, Del. . . . .	1032	774		774
1936	47	V. E. Hills, Weldin Road, Wilm., Del. . . . .	1128	846		846
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	G. P. Jones, P. O. Box #3, Mystic, Conn. . . . .	912	684		684
1924	53	L. W. Layfield, Greenwood, Del. . . . .	1272	954		954
1922	20	W. E. Matthews, Smyrna, Del. . . . .	480	360	90	450
1921	23	F. X. Moore, New Freedom, Penn. . . . .	552	414		414
1926	40	W. R. Mowbray, Lewes, Del. . . . .	960	720		720
1930	40	M. D. Nutter, 15 Kells Ave., Newark, Del. . . . .	960	720		720
1933	40	J. P. Outten, Secretary, Md. . . . .	960	720		720
1936	28	J. T. Price, East New Market, Md. . . . .	672	504	96	600
1936	36	W. C. Poole, Easton, Md. . . . .	864	648		648
1934	38	L. E. Poole, Snow Hill, Md. . . . .	912	684		684
1936	39	J. W. Prettyman, Lewisville, Penn. . . . .	936	702		702
1929	36	J. T. Richardson, Middletown, Del. . . . .	864	648		648
1933	3	V. E. Rorer, 318 Sterling Road, Elkins Park, Penn. . . . .	72	54		54
1936	28	J. W. Sutton, Princess Anne, Md. . . . .	672	504	96	600
1935	43	C. W. Strickland, Rehoboth, Del. . . . .	1032	774		774
1922	37	E. C. Sunfield, Barnegat, New Jersey . . . . .	888	666		666
1935	31	E. B. Taylor, Springfield, S. C. . . . .	744	558		558
1904	31	C. H. Williams, Snow Hill, Md. . . . .	744	558		558
1927	39	J. H. Wilson, 9 Spruce Ave., Elsmere, Del. . . . .	936	702		702
1930	46	W. A. Wise, 317 W. 19th St., Wilm., Del. . . . .	1104	828		828
1932	43	G. E. Wood, Dover, Del. . . . .	1032	774		774
1934	29	W. R. Woodell, Seaford, Del. . . . .	696	522		522
<b>CHILDREN</b>						
1930	8	Charles Law McCabe, Bishopville, Md. . . . .	\$ 48	\$ 36	\$	\$ 36
1923	10	Hugh Williams, Buxton, N. C. . . . .	60	45		45
<b>SPECIAL CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS</b>						
<b>RETIRED SUPPLY MINISTERS AND WIDOWS</b>						
1931		T. S. Barrett, Mardela Springs, Md. . . . .	\$360			\$360
1936		W. F. Atkinson, White Haven, Md. . . . .	360			360
		W. C. Buckson, Little Creek, Del. . . . .	50			50
1933		Ella Horner, Laurel, Del. . . . .	250			250

Date of Claim	Years of Service	Distribution of Conference Funds	Annuity Claims	Annuity Allowed	Special Fund	Total
CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES.						
WIDOWS						
1915	43	Mary R. Adams, Rehoboth, Del.	\$774	\$581	\$ 19	\$600
1930	37	A. McC. Alderson, 1001 Madison St., Wilm., Del.	666	500		500
1903	21	L. M. Avery, 1242 Francisco St., San Francisco, Cal.	378	284	56	340
1936	42	B. D. Beauchamp, 810 W. 20th St., Wilm., Del.	556	567		567
1926	18	Ida V. Brewington, Hebron, Md.	224	243	117	360
1934	42	Minnie F. Bounds, Bradywine Summit, Penn.	556	567		567
1925	33	Annie V. Carpenter, Seaford, Del.	594	446		446
1909	31	Mary E. Chandler, Crumpton, Md.	558	419		419
1920	23	Sarah W. Chairs, Bozman, Md.	414	311	27	338
1922	5	Nora B. Cochran, 517 Bellevue Ave., Hammonton, N. J.	90	68		68
1922	6	Blanche E. Compton, 741 N. 64th St., Phila., Pa.	108	81	69	150
1905	25	Mary E. Collins, 1607 W. 13th St., Wilm., Del.	450	338		338
1936	37	Bertha C. Cooke, 231 N. Rodney St., Wilm., Del.	666	500		500
1931	26	Ethelyn S. Corkran, Sudlersville, Md.	468	351		351
1931	13	Mabel V. Cummings, Tilghman, Md.	234	176	124	300
1929	13	Emma M. Dawson, 347 Ilchester Ave., Balto., Md.	234	176	24	200
1931	32	Martie B. Dashiell, 230 E. 48th St., N. Y. City	576	432		432
1932	31	Addie T. Derrickson, Odessa, Del.	558	419		419
1931	41	Ella G. Dulaney, Fruitland, Md.	738	554	46	600
1931	23	Cora W. Faulkner, Delmar, Del.	414	311		311
1936	31	Ella K. Greenfield, Perryville, Md.	558	419		419
1928	34	Elizabeth W. Guthrie, Kenton, Del.	612	459		459
1934	26	Martha L. Hastings, Seaford, Del.	468	351		351
1936	31	Myrtle T. Harris, 1620 Franklin St., Wilm., Del.	558	419		419
1932	29	Grace E. L. Jones, 3458 90th St., Jackson Heights, Long Island, New York	522	392		392
1919	17	Mary J. Kenney, 5625 Spruce St., Phila., Penn.	306	230		230
1917	9	H. Bertrude Lewis, Laurel, Del.	162	122		122
1931	18	Elizabeth S. Marshall, 612 Tenn. St., Salem, Va.	324	243		243
1917	23	Sallie W. Martindale, Salisbury, Md.	414	311		311
1920	31	Jennie S. Mitchell, Elkton, Md.	558	419		419
1930	25	Gertrude B. Moore, 160 S. Hobart Blvd., Los Angeles, California	450	338		338
1917	24	Minnie S. Morgan, 1400 W. 7th St., Wilm., Del.	432	324		324
1916	10	Pauline N. Murray, 320 S. 34th St., Phila., Pa.	180	135		135
1930	49	Tryphena MacSorley, 2209 Baynard Blvd., Wilm., Del.	882	662		662
1930	8	Ada L. McCabe, Bishopville, Md.	144	108		108
1909	35	Evelyn J. Nelson, 558 Newton Ave., Camden, N. J.	630	473		473
1924	28	Lelia M. Northrup, 913 Park Place, Wilm., Del.	504	378		378
1882	8	Emma Prettyman, 805 Poplar Hill Ave., Salisbury, Md.	144	108	132	240
1934	35	Ida A. Prettyman, Galena, Md.	630	473		473
1932	26	Georgia M. Prouse, Jarretstown, Penn.	468	351	9	360
1928	18	Emma J. Reed, 646 E. Madison St., Lancaster, Pa.	324	243	37	280
1937	11	Ella M. Reese, Frederica, Del.	198	149	139	288
1919	29	Mary B. Roberts, 6103 Cedar Ave., Merchantville, N. J.	522	392		392
1929	35	Janie M. Smith, 201 Franklin St., Denton, Md.	630	473		473
1905	12	Sarah D. Sidell, 220 Grove St., Montclair, N. J.	216	162	158	320
1936	40	Mary G. Stengle, 407 W. 21st St., Wilm., Del.	720	540		540
1922	8	Carrie W. Stallings, Lovettsville, Va.	144	108	222	330
1935	37	Ada T. Stephenson, 300 W. 19th St., Wilm., Del.	666	500		500
1936	33	Mabel H. Short, Milford, Del.	594	446		446
1933	32	Della D. Taylor, Dover, Del.	576	432		432
1934	28	Jennie G. Taylor, 2916 Westwood Ave., Balto., Md.	504	378		378
1934	38	Sarah B. VanDyke, 1606 W. 10th St., Wilm., Del.	634	513		513
1926	16	M. Louise VanBlunk, 902 Howard St., Camden, N. J.	238	216	144	360
1929	14	Sarah E. Walton, Route #1, New Castle, Del.	252	189		189
1927	39	Martha S. Watt, 17 Homer St., Worcester, Mass.	702	527		527
1918	21	Lulu V. G. Westerfield, Port Deposit, Md.	378	284		284
1923	19	Kate Williams, Georgetown, Del.	324	257		257
1929	9	Carrie E. Wilson, Aberdeen, Md.	162	122	146	268
1923	10	Laura M. Williams, Buxton, North Carolina	180	135	320	455

## VII

## MEMOIRS

## REV. ADAM STENGLE.

The Rev. Adam Stengle was born on a farm near Jarrettsville, Maryland, August 5th, 1844, son of Marcus and Mary A. Stengle. His first wife was Elizabeth P. Mason, of Onancock, Virginia. She died on February 15th, 1880, at Crisfield, Maryland. Of this union seven children were born, only two of them now living—George E. M., on the staff of the Every Evening and Journal of Wilmington, where he resides, and Col. Charles I., former Congressman, and living in Washington, D. C. On May 5th, 1881, he married Mary G. Clark, of Still Pond, Maryland, who survives. To them was born a daughter who now is the wife of the Rev. James W. Colona of this Conference.

The grandparents of Adam Stengle were Alsations. His father was born the year that Napoleon started to invade Russia with an army of six hundred thousand men—1812. They lived within the lines of march of this army and fled from their home as it approached, and found refuge in a cow barn, where maternity overtook the young wife. To them a son was born whom they named Marcus. Later he came to this country and settled on a farm in Harford County, Maryland, and married, and his son is the subject of this memoir.

Marcus Stengle was drafted when the call was made by the Government for troops to defend the Union when secession imperilled its life. He claimed exemption because of age; the call was for men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years. His claim was valid. Adam, seventeen years old, walked twenty-five miles to Baltimore and volunteered to serve during war, which he did for more than four years, as a unit in a cavalry regiment. And after the war was over he was sent to Virginia to assist Captain Strong, Provost Marshall for the Government, at Onancock. An incident took place there which shows that early in life he revealed his mettle to discriminating observers. He was sent to the Islands to make collections of revenue for the Government. He returned with many hundreds of dollars and placed them on the desk in Captain Strong's office. One of the men standing around said to the captain, "Would you trust that boy with all that money?" to which he replied, "Yes, I would trust THAT BOY with my life," which was a high tribute to his worth and dependability even when young.

In August, 1869, he was converted at a camp meeting held by Rev. Edward G. Irwin, of blessed memory. The conversion was clear and sound, and he was satisfied in his soul that there was reality in the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ. The pastor took deep interest in him. We owe a debt of gratitude to that humble pastor for his interest in this new convert, who in after years rendered the church such valuable services. Young Stengle, after much prayer and heart searching, was con-



vinced that the Holy Spirit had called him to preach the Gospel. Brother Irwin brought his case before Quarterly Conference, and he was given license to exhort, and a later session of that body granted him license to preach, and recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. Young Stengle also fell into sympathetic hands when he met the Presiding Elder, the Rev. Vaughn Smith, widely known on this Peninsula as a preacher and patriot, seventy years ago. At the second session of this body held in Port Deposit, Maryland, in March, 1870, the name of Adam Stengle appears in the record as one admitted on trial, and with honor it has remained through all the years since then.

He had two questions to solve after he felt called to preach.—First, he did not feel that he was good enough; and, second, he did not think that he knew enough. The place we take in life is fixed by the choice we make, and the choice we make depends upon freedom of action. No force is admissible if we are to be held responsible. Strict accountability can only be required morally when we are free to choose. Our poets are the best guides in interpreting the life and actions of men. A few lines from them may help us to understand some of our problems.

**From Percy's Reliques of Ancient English Poetry**  
**"To Althea from Prison."**

Stone walls do not a prison make  
 Nor iron bars a cage,  
 Minds quiet and innocent  
 Take that for a hermitage.  
 If I have freedom in my love  
 And in my soul am free  
 Angels alone that soar above  
 Enjoy such liberty.

—Richard Lovelace.

**From Pope's "Universal Prayer."**

Thou Great First Cause, least understood,  
 Who all my sense confined  
 To know but this that Thou art good  
 And I myself am blind.  
  
 Yet gave me in this dark estate  
 To see the good from ill  
 Binding nature fast in fate  
 Left free the human will.

—Alexander Pope.

**From Henley's "Invictus."**

It matters not how strait the gate  
 How charged with punishment the scroll  
 I am the master of my fate  
 I am the captain of my soul.

—William Henley.

When young Stengle decided to be a preacher, what was his duty in the premises? That choice being freely made it was to fit himself for his life's work. With characteristic courage and tenacity of purpose that knows no defeat, he began to educate himself for the ministry. Other men had done it, he could too. His early schooling was very limited and defective in many ways, yet he passed without difficulty the Conference Course of Study. He kept on reading and studying good books. The habit once formed made it easy to pursue through the years. He became a master of good English and could express himself with force and clearness. Education means only that one knows how to do the thing taken in hand. No man knows everything that is to be known, or can know everything. Education is relative and not perfect or absolute. Education can not cover the whole field of knowledge. One is an educated man who knows how to do his work well, and does it, whether he is a preacher or plowman or a post hole digger. Education is only meant to teach one how to use his tools.

This man grew in knowledge and grace and made a record that any of us might be proud of one like it. Withal he learned how to preach. He became one of our best preachers.

His first appointment was Chincoteague Island, Virginia, as junior preacher on Onancock Circuit. The church was small with but few members, and they were scattered as sheep without a shepherd. The Presiding Elder, Rev. Vaughn Smith, asked him if he would take that work and he replied, "Yes, I will go anywhere you say." He had learned obedience in the army. He had a wife and three small children. There was no parsonage and no promise of a salary, but there was no whining or repining on his part, and like the hero that he was, he went. He found an empty house which he rented for three dollars a month, and got together enough furniture to meet their simple needs and went to housekeeping. There was a large lot which belonged to the house and he planted a garden.

He kept plenty of hay in the rack and the hungry sheep all came back to the fold. The outlook would have been gloomy for some men but not for him with his splendid character and caliber. He was paid one hundred and twenty dollars salary for the year and the people loved him and his dear wife and asked him to stay with them for another year, which he did. They saw that they had a rare man for pastor. The people were generous and gave them oysters and fish and shared with them in many things. We have never heard of a prophet who starved to death in the pursuit of his ministry. We read of one who met with short rations and God's ravens brought him bread.

The church on the Island prospered under him and from this time onward he was in demand, and his ministry was progressively influential. He served some of the largest churches in the Conference, whose pulpits commanded the best talent to be found. He held his own with the ablest and best men in the conference and was in no sense inferior.

His ministry culminated when he was appointed Presiding Elder of Salisbury District in 1903 by Bishop Cranston. He made a good district officer. His quiet suggestions in the cabinet often solved difficult problems for the good of the church. He was twice elected to the General Conference by his brethren to represent them in that body. In every

position he gave the church the best service he could without stint. He was faithful and did his duty as pastor and as an officer in the church of God without pretense.

The writer made his acquaintance in 1874 and from that year until he departed this life knew him. In later years our lives contacted officially, and for ten years we were together, not only officially, but socially and intimately. And during all these years we never heard from layman or minister any criticism of the life and character of this good man. He adorned the doctrines of the Gospel of God and was an epistle known and read by men. He was the soul of honor, honesty, and truth. He was a godly man, but had too much sense to claim any peculiar sanctity. His purity of intentions and uprightness in life before all men, justify this meed of praise by the writer of this memoir.

His blameless life spoke louder than words could have done. He loved the church which had done so much for him. When the honor and character of ministers were questioned, he was deeply pained. He was an Israelite without guile, one of the salt of the earth. The record of his life and work are the rich heritage of the church and of his loved ones. His self-control was complete, and served him well in the emergencies he met with in his career. His shapely head and sensitive countenance were indications of the natural poise he possessed, and inspired confidence in those who knew him as a man you could trust with safety and as one you could lean on without fear that something might give way.

Our last meeting was when he was nearing the ninety-first milestone on the highway of life. We made the trip from our home to see him. It was the most thrilling episode in a long life time.

When we entered his home he was sitting in his large chair by the window. We inquired, "How are you?" His answer was characteristic and full of that gracious humor of which he had much. "Well," he replied, "I can't see, I can't hear, and I can't walk, but I guess I am all right," and we both smiled, for I understood perfectly what he meant. So we chatted for an hour and when the time came to go, I gave him my hand. He held on to it and said, "If we meet no more on earth, I hope we will meet in the better land." I replied, "I'm heading that way and hope to arrive in due time when the journey ends." "So am I," he said.

Brothers and friends, we promised to meet each other in the better land, and I shall keep that tryst with him if promises made on earth can be kept in heaven. The hope set before us in the Gospel which each of us had preached in his congregations for more than sixty years will be realized. We will meet again and our souls thrilled with sacred emotion as we thought of it. In that atmosphere I left his home and saw him no more, but the fragrance of that meeting abides with us till this day.

He reached the journey's end on Good Friday, April 10th, 1936, having lived on earth ninety-one years, nine months and five days. He was the Patriarch of our Conference, a man with a pure heart and an understanding mind, by grace "the gentlest and most modest of men."

Listen to the narrative of his going away by his loving wife, who ministered to him in those last days with tireless devotion. It is full of pathos. It says, "About the twentieth of March he was taken of grippe. The doctor put him to bed, where he remained three weeks. Although

every organ seemed to fail, his mind was strong and clear until the last. He quietly 'slipped away' and was not for God had taken him. As I fixed him for the night, I whispered, 'I hope you have a good night.' He replied, 'I hope so,' and I said, 'we remember' the eternal God is our refuge and underneath are everlasting arms.' He said, 'Yes,' and 'fell on sleep.'" I add, "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his."

On Easter Monday appropriate services were held in McCabe Church in charge of Rev. W. E. Gunby, District Superintendent, assisted by the pastor, Rev. A. C. Goddard, Rev. B. M. Johns and Rev. W. A. Wise, and he sleeps in Riverview Cemetery, Wilmington, Delaware, awaiting the resurrection of the just.

#### The Departure of a Human Soul.

Sometime at even when the tide is low  
I shall slip my moorings and sail away,  
With no response to the friendly hail  
Of kindred craft in the busy bay.  
In the quiet hush of the twilight pale  
When the night stoops down to embrace the day  
And voices call in the water's flow,  
Sometime at even when the tide is low  
I shall slip my moorings and sail away.

Through purple shadows that darkly trail  
O'er the ebbing tide of the unknown seas,  
I shall fare me away with the dip of a sail  
And a ripple of water to tell the tale  
Of a lonely voyager sailing away  
To mystic isles where at anchor lay  
The crafts of those who have sailed before,  
O'er the unknown seas to the unknown shore.

A few who have watched me sail away  
Will miss my craft from the busy bay;  
Some friendly barks that have anchored near  
In silent sorrow will drop a tear.  
But I shall have peacefully furled my sail  
In moorings sheltered from storm and gale,  
And greeted the friends who have sailed before,  
O'er the unknown seas to the unknown shore.

ANON.

#### Over the River.

For none return from those spirit shores,  
Who cross with the boatman cold and pale;  
We hear the dip of the golden oars,  
And catch a gleam of the snowy sail;  
And lo! they have passed from our yearning hearts,  
They cross the stream and are gone for aye;  
We may not sunder the veil apart  
That hides from our visions the gates of day.  
We only know that their barks no more  
May sail with us o'er life's stormy sea;  
Yet somewhere, I know, on the unseen shore  
They watch, and beckon, and wait for me.

I sit and think when the sunset's gold  
 Is flushing the river and hill and shore,  
 I shall one day stand by the water cold,  
 And list for the sound of the boatman's oar;  
 And when perchance the well known hail  
 Again shall echo along the strand.  
 I shall pass from sight, with boatman pale,  
 To the better shore of the spirit land.  
 I shall know the loved who have gone before,  
 And joyfully sweet will the meeting be,  
 When over the river, the peaceful river,  
 The angel of death shall carry me.

NANCY A. W. PRIEST.  
 Amen—So mote it be.

E. L. HOFFECKER.

#### WILLIAM ERNEST GREENFIELD.

William Ernest Greenfield, son of William Lyle and Mary Grace Greenfield, was born in New London, Chester County, Pennsylvania, July 4, 1865, and, on Friday June 26, 1936, peacefully passing from his home in Perryville, Cecil County Maryland, went to share that "inheritance undefiled and eternal" reserved for "the General Assembly and Church of the firstborn which was written in heaven."

Such was the environment of his early childhood and youth, that, across the years of his subsequent life, he was wont to stress the immeasurable blessings accruing to him from the wholesome example and hallowed influence of a godly parentage and their consequent christian home, to both of which, he had not only rendered favorable reaction, but, again and again, in public and private, paid grateful and glowing tribute couched in terms that rang quite true to the strong consolations expressed by William Cowper when saying:

"My boast is not that I derive my birth  
 From lines of kings or rulers of the earth,  
 But higher far my proud pretensions rise,  
 The son of parents passed into the skies."

Some time prior to his teen age, certain tokens, quite indicative of marked religious impressions, were evinced by him, such as, later on, definitely resolved themselves into the prophecy and ear-marks of a rightly directed and preeminently well-spent life. Hence, during the pastorate of the Rev. Thomas H. Haynes at Newark, Delaware, he publicly sought and confessed saving faith in Jesus Christ, and at once united with the church of that charge. Subsequently, his membership was transferred to the church at Avondale, Pennsylvania, where the pastor, Rev. John G. Wilson, observing sufficient evidence of "gifts, grace and usefulness" in the young man, very wisely made him an exhorter, and, later on, negotiated a recommendation for license to preach. Pursuant thereto, after formal and satisfactory examination before the Avondale Quarterly Conference, credentials were issued him that bear the signature of Thomas B. Neely,

presiding elder of the South Philadelphia District, Philadelphia Conference, later General Superintendent of the Church. The wisdom of this action was promptly attested when, forthwith, the newly licensed Local repaired to the near-by village of Toughkenamon, organized a Sunday School, established a preaching place, and "carried on" with much the same success as characterizes his entire ministry.

At the age of 23, brother Greenfield sought and found a most congenial and efficient companion in the person of Miss Ella Kimble of Avondale, to whom, on April 26, 1888, he was happily married by the Rev. Samuel Pancoast, pastor of the local church. To the sagacity, devotion and helpfulness of this "hand-maid of the Lord," should be credited much of the high esteem everywhere accorded him, today she is graciously remembered, respected and beloved by a host of people wherever they have been privileged to minister. One son, J. Wilson Greenfield of Wilmington, and an only sister of the deceased, Mrs. Elmer Miller of Avondale, survive, sharing with the widow the inevitable sorrow such separations entail.

From our Official Journals the following items of his ministerial and Conference relations are taken:

- 1894-98, Supply at Colora, Maryland.
- 1899, Supply at Elk Neck.
- 1900, Received on Trial.
- 1901, Elected and Ordained Local Deacon.
- 1902, Admitted into Full Membership.
- 1904, Completed Course of study, Elected and Ordained Elder.
- 1931, Granted Retired Relation at his own request.

It is quite worthy of note that the 37 years of his Supply and Membership services were confined to but six different appointments. Colora, 5; Elk Neck, 2; Perryville, 5; Berlin, 7; Silverbrook, 8; Brandywine, 10.

From these concise notations it is perfectly safe to assume that the annual adjustments of this man's appointments never attained the nature of a cabinet problem. On the contrary, both the man and his type of work were always in demand. A record that, in itself, is well worth attaining.

The space allotted memoirs in our printed Journal quite prohibits extended analysis of those splendid characteristics and accomplishments so oft possessed by those who pass from our midst. While to so condense or epitomize their excellent traits and do justice to their memory, proves no ordinary task for any who thus attempt. However we venture this brief summary of his character and ministrations.

Wherever his high-calling sent or summoned, brother Greenfield obediently and unhesitatingly went, turning the deaf ear to every siren voice that fain would have persuaded him otherwise, and, throughout the nearly four decades of his ministerial contracts, his character, deportment, and work, remain unchallenged and free of all alloy, marred by not even the faintest trace of shadow or stain needing to be dissipated or wiped out by any fortunate enough to follow where he has ever been. And, how could it have been otherwise with him?

Devout and reverent from earliest childhood to latest manhood. Chaste in thought and word and deed. Dominated and actuated by a purity and beauty of spirit that renders one wholly incapable of things small or mean. By his "upright walk and chaste conversation," with an unswerving type of integrity, and a pleasing and compelling personality, he very readily made and left for himself a stainless imprint such as won and retained the unqualified and lasting confidence of all who ever knew or came in contact with him. Verily there are no dark corners to be veiled or skeleton closets to be kept closed lest those of us who survive should discover aught that was unseemly in him.

As a man, resultant from that deep-settled and sturdy piety that characterized and safe-guarded him in all his public and private contacts with others, he was enabled always to show himself a perfect gentleman. Kind-hearted, gentle and agreeable. Cordial and courteous. Never coarse or unrefined. Constantly considerate and solicitous of the rights and feelings of those around him. Yet, when occasion required that he go on record, whatever the matter involved, as to the right or wrong thereof, he was found of no uncertain, faint-hearted, or compromising type, but frank and open, safe and sensible, yea, just all that any might reasonably expect a real man should be.

As a preacher, having first comprehended and personally experienced somewhat of "the deep things of God," he vigorously affirmed the possibility of positive and complete salvation from the guilt and power of sin. Because he believed well, he was enabled to show himself to be no half-hearted herald of the certainties and confidences of the gospel. He repeatedly put his ministry to the vital test, and, as "he went about doing good," coveted, expected, and rejoiced in the satisfaction of winning many to the kingdom of God.

As a pastor, He was the peer of any, and therein, excelled many. Much of his strength and influence centered and functioned most effectively here. With rare vision and appreciation of the privileges, advantages, and confidences reposed in this department of the ministerial office, it appeared to be his chief ambition and delight to get and keep in closest possible touch with the people he served, and, to this end, he studiously endeavored to become one of, and one with them, believing as he did, that, in so doing, he would make no mistake. Consequently, with an intense loyalty to his Ordination vows, he was "resolved to devote all his time to the office and work of the ministry". To "visit from house to house." To seek out and "diligently instruct the children." For these and other similar reasons the people where he served have been heard to say of him, "Our preacher is a prince of a pastor." Or, "He is a physician, good for both body and soul." Or, "Had it not been for his daily visits and prayers, in the time of our trouble, we could not have gone on."

Thus in the faithful performance of his loved calling, he proved himself tireless, trustworthy and steadfast to the end, with tears for the sorrowing, counsel for the perplexed, comfort for brokenhearted, encouragement for the wavering, and warning for the erring, as day by day he moved among the "weary and heavy laden" of his charge, seeking to show them the way and source of solace, salvation and certain rest.

For the greater part of his life he was blessed with exceptional health and therefore lost but little time from his appointed task. Not until mid summer of 1930 had he any physical premonition of a subtle or alarming sort. It was then that he, and those nearest him, became aware of the presence and progress of the ailment that eventually bore him hence. For a brief period he stood apart from his loved work, with the hope of staying the inroads of that which threatened, and, if possible, regain something of his former physical stamina. However, the passing of a few weeks sufficed to prove the futility of this, and advised complete release from all further responsibility. At the Conference of 1931, he requested and was granted the Retired Relation. He went to live in Perryville where for about three years, he spent his time reading, resting and writing sermons, with the cherished hope of relief and restoration. But, for him, such was not to be. The certain tokens of his closing days came apace. And, after weeks of steadily increasing weakness and wasting, on Friday June the 26, last, he bid good-bye to those standing near, and, presently, without so much as a struggle or sigh, he "fell on sleep, and was not, for God took him."

Monday afternoon June 29, services were held at his late home in Perryville, in charge of Rev. Otis P. Jefferson, assisted by the Rev. Samuel McWilliams of the Philadelphia Conference and other ministers. After which the body was conveyed to Silverbrook Cemetery in Wilmington where the final rites were directed by Dr. W. E. Gunby and other members of this Conference, then, in the presence of a large concourse of people, the mortal remains were placed at rest within the family plot.

In closing this rather formal tribute to his memory, knowing him quite intimately, as many of us did. Missing his smiling face and cordial greeting today, as many of us do. And, though greatly saddened by the separation his translation has occasioned, nevertheless, "we sorrow not as those who have no hope," since here and now, appropriating the comforting assurances voiced by James Russell Lowell, we may gratefully and confidently exclaim of him:

"Into the eternal shadows that gird our life around  
 Into the infinite silence wherewith death's shore is bound,  
 Thou hast gone forth beloved, and we were mean to weep,  
 That thou hast left life's shallows and dost possess the deep."

W. A. WISE.

#### THEODORE FRANCIS BEAUCHAMP.

Theodore Francis Beauchamp was born May 9, 1869, at Fairmount, Maryland, and entered into the life immortal from the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, on July 6, 1936. He was the son of the late John H. and Mary Jane Ford Beauchamp, and the name chosen by them for their newborn boy was Theodore Francis. Theodore the meaning of which is the gift of God, and Francis meaning free. Brother Beauchamp was in all reality the gift of God to his family, to the churches he served, and to the young ministerial students whose lives he touched during the course of studies and through the after years.

He early in life gave himself to the Master of us all, and heard and heeded the call to preach the gospel. In preparation for this work he attended the Fairmount Academy, had four years of private instruction under the direction of Professor Merrill of the same place, and was graduated from the Wilmington Conference Academy at Dover, of which school he was afterward a trustee for many years.

His worth to this Conference is seen in the committees, commissions, and boards to which he was either appointed or elected, and on every one of them he worked faithfully and served well. His brethren elected him one of the delegates to the General Conference in Springfield in 1924, and for years he was the chairman of the Board of Ministerial Training.

He began his ministry in this Conference forty four years ago and served with fidelity the following charges, Selbyville, Smiths Island, Mount Vernon, Williston, Still Pond, Federalsburg, Berlin, Wesley in Wilmington, Chestertown, Epworth Wilmington, Selbyville, for the second time, Georgetown, Snow Hill and Greensboro. He was secretary of the Wilmington City Missionary Society for a term of two years.

As a preacher he was both instructive and impressive. He was never dull. He could not be. He never dealt in platitudes. The glorious old truths having passed through the reasonings of his own independent mind, and the fires of his own too caloric nature, came forth pulsating with a new life. To simplify rather than embellish a subject was his great aim, hence the rejection of mere flowers, and the employment only of expository images. His mind was of too masculine a cast, and too solemnly pledged to usefulness in all pulpit work, to admit of his dallying with the mere ornaments of oratory.

He was a diligent pastor. His kindly influence was felt in the homes of his people. He made the interests of his flock his own deep personal concern. He had a kindly paternal nature that endeared him to those with whom he came into contact, and in the time of their sorrow and loss he was able to stay the tears which gush from the fountains of broken hearts, by affirming the reasonableness of the mercies of God.

He was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Dwain Todd, of Princess Anne, Maryland, on September 9, 1890. For forty six years she travelled with him from parsonage to parsonage, giving to him in those years of unbroken love, that confidence which brings forth the best qualities of a man's heart, and elicits the noblest efforts of his life. The children of this union of love, now grown to strong manhood and beautiful womanhood mourn his passing and rise to call him blessed. Mrs. Charles Richardson, Berlin, Maryland. Mrs. Wilson Searles, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Richard Henderson, Norfolk, Va. Theodore M. Beauchamp, Wilmington, Del. John Hurst Beauchamp, Pittsburg, Penna. and R. Todd Beauchamp, Wilmington, Del. These with two sisters, one brother, and five grandchildren sorrow because of his departure.

Forty and four years of service to the church of Christ records the span of the active life of this servant of God. He had planned to retire at this conference session. But in the Methodist House of Mercy that summer day he was already weary and worn. When he said I want my heavenly Father. I want to go to heaven. God the father came down with a troop

of shining angels, gathered this sick tired servant of his in his loving arms, and carried him to the city where the earthly itinerancy is over, and the permanency of heaven begins. I do not know through which one of the twelve gates of heaven he entered that July day, but if any one of the gates is more beautiful than the others, it must have been through that one.

A service of commemoration was held in the church at Greensboro, attended by a host of his brother ministers, and a large assembly of parishioners from his former churches. The Rev. E. C. Hallman, the superintendent of the Dover District, Rev. John J. Bunting, D.D., superintendent of the Salisbury District, Rev. M. S. Andrews and the writer taking part in the service. At the conclusion of this tender service of memory the body was taken to the Evergreen cemetery at Berlin, Maryland, where after appropriate services it was laid to rest to await the resurrection of the just.

I cannot 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 faring on, as dear  
In the love of There as the love of Here;  
Think of him still as the same, I say;  
He is not dead,—he is just away!

FRANK HERSON.

#### Resolution—T. F. Beauchamp.

Theodore F. Beauchamp served on the Board of Ministerial Training for a continuous period of thirty five years, and was its Chairman for twenty years.

Prompted by the admiration and love which they feel, the members of the Board of Ministerial Training of the Wilmington Conference, desire to pay tribute to the life of their fallen leader, Theodore F. Beauchamp.

The qualities of his fine personality and his devotion to highest ideals, bore their fruit in the lives of many students in the course of study of the Conference through long years. Few of the students during these years failed to catch his spirit and imbibe his teaching. Under his influence, often, they were changed from nominal students to diligent and eager seekers after truth.

Brother Beauchamp wrought faithfully and well during his long and active life. In the strength of his mind, in the ripeness of his scholarship, in the sturdiness of his character, in the courtliness of his unflinching kindness, he was unusual. These, together with rich qualities of heart and utter devotion to Christ, secured for him a solid success in his ministry, and the "well-done" of the Master.

**WILLIAM GARFIELD HARRIS.**

William Garfield Harris, son of David and Sarah J. Harris, was born in Minersville, Somerset Co. Pennsylvania, April 22nd, 1881. His parents were pious Welsh people, and the religious atmosphere of the home created a fertile soil for the development of Christian character. Brother Harris was converted in the Methodist Church when a boy, and immediately became active in the Sunday School, and Epworth League where he developed his gifts and graces, and soon felt a distinct and positive call into the Christian Ministry, and began to prepare himself for that sacred duty.

He was educated in the public schools of Lancaster County, Pa. and the Wesley Collegiate Institute, Dover, Delaware.

In Wilmington, Delaware, Dec. 27th, 1905 he was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Templeton, daughter of Clayton and Sarah K. Templeton of Cecilton, Md. For 31 years she was with him in sunshine and shadow, keeping step with his development, and sharing his labors. Of this union, three splendid daughters were born to gladden their hearts and brighten their home. Sarah K., Elizabeth T. and Pauline C.

Brother Harris joined the Wilmington Conference at Pocomoke City, Md. in 1906, and served with great efficiency the following charges: Christiana, Marion, Bishopville, Frankford, Sharptown, Cookman, Elkton, Georgetown and Cambridge.

Brother Harris enjoyed a rich christian experience. Doubts and equivocations had no place in his thought or theology. He was a careful student of the Word of God, and an ardent exponent of its priceless treasures.

He was a faithful shepherd and pastor. No road was too long or night too dark or stormy, when the call of sorrow or distress came for him to respond immediately, and with his cheerful and sympathetic personality, brought sunshine out of shadow, and faith out of despair.

His rare leadership and understanding of young people made it possible for him to enlist their cooperation in any religious program that he proposed, and I am convinced that one of the outstanding accomplishments of his noble career, was his leadership as Dean of the Epworth League Institute in Dover for ten years, during which time, scores of young people from all over our conference territory caught a new vision of life service, and rededicated themselves to God.

With untiring devotion he looked after every detail of the Church program, and as a consequence, each charge to which he was sent, was larger and more responsible until, at last he stood at the very summit of his life's work, and from that pinnacle, God took him from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant.

Brother Harris was pastor of the leading Church in Dorchester Co. Md. and the following is a tribute of appreciation and respect from The Ministerial Association of that County.

"Rev. W. G. Harris is gone to us, it is true; but in the light we cannot see, he lives the life that never dies.

Seldom is it that we mourn the loss of one so useful in his labors, so gentle and so kind; seldom one with a record so spotless, a character so pure, an experience so ripe, one so generally known, respected and beloved.

We knew him only to discern that the life of such a man made life worth living, and that the world was better of his having lived. He was embalmed in the innermost shrines of the hearts of those who knew him best, and the honors crowned on him were purchased only with merit. His position was ever dignified by his good deeds and graced by the fruit of his virtues. As we saw him, and as we knew him, his life reflected the tints of Heaven's own light, being clothed in the pure and white garments of truth which shed light on the path he pursued.

His great heart was like an exhaustless urn, pouring forth a never-ending love, flooding his long and useful days as they rolled nearer and nearer to shine in the beyond.

Silent in his own praise, he gave freely to others just merit and took none from them that was their own.

Wise in counsel, modest in manner, constant in principle, impartial in method, he was just in judgment. He governed his lips as palace doors, and pure and polished were the words that passed their portals."

After several weeks of patient and heroic suffering he went to sleep in the Lord October 16th, 1936.

The funeral in charge of Dr. J. J. Bunting, assisted by Rev. G. W. Dawson, M. E. Wheatley and the writer, was held in Zion Church, Cambridge, Md., Sunday afternoon October 18th, and his body was laid to rest in Bethel Cemetery near Chesapeake City, Md.

W. E. HABBART.

**JAMES DAVIS REESE.**

James Davis Reese was born April 5, 1850, at Greenwood, Baltimore County, Maryland.

His parental ancestors were Methodist. His grandfather, John Reese, was a Local Preacher for many years, and an uncle, R. B. Reese, was a traveling preacher in the Baltimore Methodist Episcopal Conference for forty years.

His maternal ancestors were Hicksite Quakers, his grandmother having married out of the Society, lost her membership in same. She joined the old Eutaw Street Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore, Maryland; was a consistent member for many years and died in the triumph of faith.

His mother also joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was a godly woman and our beloved Brother Reese bore testimony "That all he was and all he had achieved in life he owed to her influence and teachings."

Brother Reese, at the age of thirteen years, sought the Lord and rejoiced in a conscious Salvation and at the age of eighteen years reconsecrated himself to Life Service for his Lord and Master. Then he said: "I felt the call to preach the Gospel."

He was licensed as a Local Preacher by the Quarterly Conference of Long Green Circuit, October 7, 1871, in the East Baltimore District signed by Dr. John S. Deale, Presiding Elder.

He was offered and accepted work as a traveling preacher in the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South in 1873. He served for three years and then transferred to the Illinois Conference of the same denomination, remaining for four years and then came back home.

Two years later he took work in the Wilmington Conference, and, after serving one year under the Presiding Elder, joined the Conference in 1885.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop David T. Doggett at Litchfield, Illinois, September 26, 1875 and ordained an Elder by Bishop Hubbard H. Kavanaugh at Rana, Illinois, on September 15, 1877, Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

Brother Reese served as pastor of the following churches: Chincoteague Island, Bayside, Pomona, Royal Oak, Appoquinimink, Girdletree, Crapo, Williston, Nassau, Mt. Vernon, Houston, Beckwith, Tilghman Island, Colora, Chester-Bethel, Cherry Hill, Wye, Hockessin, Hebron, Trappe and Oxford. \* \* \*

Brother Reese was twice married. His first wife was Emma Catherine Pippin, daughter of the late Trustin Pippin of Caroline County, Maryland, with whom he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony on June 28, 1875, who for nearly thirty four years stood faithfully by his side thru all the ever varying experiences of sunshine and shadow that come to the Methodist itinerant. During the closing years of her life she was a great sufferer. On the 17th day of March, 1909, the opening day of our Conference in Milford, Delaware, Bishop D. H. Moore presiding, she quietly slipped away.

To Brother and Sister Reese there were born six children: Norman S. of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Marvin H. of Kennett Square, Pa.; James Percy of Riverton, New Jersey; Mrs. Iola Reese Jackson, of Wilmington, Delaware; Ralph W., Akron, Ohio; Marion F., Belleville, New Jersey, and the six grandchildren.

He was married the second time to Mrs. Ella S. Moore. Mrs. Reese proved herself a true and worthy helpmate, a devoted wife and an active helper in the parish activities.

Besides the bereaved wife, children and grand-children, a sister, Miss Mollie E. Reese, Baltimore, Maryland, is left to mourn their loss.

In the words of Rev. Harvey Winfield Ewing, a very sacred memory to this conference, written in the memoir of Rev. Frank Calhoun McSorley also of sacred memory, knowing Brother Reese as I did I believe it can be truthfully said of him:—

That Brother Reese preached the doctrines of the Bible as they are understood by the Arminian methodist. That he preached them with confidence and with energy and unction. Those who were fortunate enough to sit under his ministry heard the doctrines of the Bible clearly and forcibly presented. Whatever he may have known about science, philosophy and the higher criticism and the like, he was not so foolish to parade this knowledge in the pulpit for the sake of gaining a little passing fame but held himself steadily to the fundamentals of the revealed word of God, and rejoiced as he made them clear to his people. He preached Christ and Him Crucified—like Paul—he could say "This one thing I do."

The need of the world today is preachers, and we must have them or the Church will slump into formalism. The advice of Paul to the young man Timothy was this:—"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." In our more modern speech Paul would say "Study to be Preachers." Learn how to preach—Preach sermons and not sermonettes, nor essays, political harangues, scientific lectures, but learn to preach the Word of God.

Rev. Hugh B. Kelso, pastor of the Frederica Methodist Episcopal Church of which Brother and Sister Reese were members, says:

"Brother Reese attended the services of the church whenever possible taking such part as the pastor requested. His presence and prayers were an inspiration to all the worshippers. To be present in the sanctuary he sometimes went beyond his strength.

All his fellow citizens respected him when he appeared on the street. Occasionally his weakness was so evident that kind friends took him in an automobile the short distance to his home. He loved everybody."

He enjoyed visiting his pastor to talk over the progress of the church and to inquire of the welfare of his brethren of the conference, upon taking his departure, he would pray for a revival in the local church and in all the churches.

His mental vigor continued to the end. He was a constant reader of the Bible and of good literature.

He was tenderly cared for by his faithful wife, and their devotion the one to the other was beautiful to behold. His oft-repeated prayer that he might be the first to be called away was duly granted.

The writer of this memoir has greater reason to mourn the going of this "good Man" than anyone else outside of his family.

At the conference of 1894 held in Salisbury, Maryland, March 21, Bishop J. H. Vincent, presiding, the Bishop read at the close of the conference this appointment—Rev. J. D. Reese, Senior preacher, Crapo, Rev. Edward H. Collins, Junior preacher. Lakesville circuit had been united with Crapo—making eight churches.

The plan of union was to strengthen the Lakesville circuit by having an ordained minister to preach and administer the sacraments and direct the work.

The young men of today may not like such a plan but the writer feels it was providential to him for that first year. Brother Reese could not have been more patient, loving and forbearing, had I been his own son in the flesh. Indeed Mrs. Reese adopted me as her eldest son, as she only had six children and my coming into the family made the lucky seven and for three months Brother and Sister Reese shared their home with me. We preached at each church once a month. I remember it so well—in seven months revival one hundred and seventy seven precious souls were saved in the old fashioned way—Going to the mourners bench and staying there until they got thru. \* \* \*

Praise God for ever and ever—The Junior preacher received \$180.00 for that first year's work. As I listen to our young men today preach and speak over the radio, and remember the kind of preaching those dear people received back in 1894, I can't help but feel I was overpaid.

My only salvation was having a great Senior preacher, yet I praise God there were some who were helped by my feeble effort aided by the blessed Holy Spirit and surrendered their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to the encouragement of our young men let me say from that first appointment as Junior Preacher under my dear Brother Reese in 1894 to my present appointment as supply pastor of Stanton Methodist Episcopal church in 1937—43 years ago I have always found somebody to help me, and in a little way at least to be helped by my ministry in every appointment that I have ever been sent by this conference thru our good Bishops.

I think I can say with all my heart, as the dear Lord said of His friend Lazarus, "My friend Lazarus sleepeth."

I can say "My friend Rev. James Davis Reese sleepeth."

Dear Sister Reese and the precious children and grandchildren and the sister, Miss Mollie Reese, all the other relatives and the great host of friends, "May the blessings of our Kind Heavenly Father abide with you all forever and ever" is the earnest wish of the writer.

Deeply afflicted as you are I know you would not call him back to trail his shining robes across the earthly threshold—rather let us follow him as he followed Christ singing with the poet in anticipation of that glorious reunion.

"We hope to meet thee again when we too pass  
To where thou hast gone the host of God to swell,  
We hope to meet again "by the sea of glass"  
With the redeemed of earth in peace to dwell.  
"Till then, farewell, farewell."

The funeral services were held in Frederica Methodist Episcopal Church, where our sainted brother and his dear wife held their membership, on Monday afternoon, February 8, 1937 at 2:00 o'clock.

The services were in charge of his pastor, Rev. Hugh B. Kelso.

The following brethren took part in the services: Revs. W. A. Wise, Leonard White, T. J. Sard, Frank Herson, J. H. Whedbee, R. E. Green and the writer.

His mortal remains were laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Barratt's Chapel:—Thus passed from earth to heaven—one who was a "good minister of Jesus Christ." A man who like Paul—"was not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for he believed it was the power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth."

Of Brother Reese—truly it may be said:

"Servant of God well done,  
Rest from thy loved employ,  
The battle fought, the victory won,  
Enter the Master's joy.

The voice at midnight came;  
He started up to hear  
A mortal arrow pierced his frame  
He fell, but left no fear,

The pains of death are past  
Labor and sorrow cease  
And life's long warfare closed at last  
His soul is found in peace.

Soldier of Christ well done,  
Praise be thy new employ,  
And while eternal ages run  
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

EDWARD H. COLLINS.

#### ALFRED LINCOLN WHITE.

Alfred Lincoln White was born at Duncannon, Pa. His parents, John and Naomi White had twelve children, six sons and six daughters. Alfred L. was the fifth son and the last of the twelve children to "fall on sleep." He was born on Nov. 7th, 1860, the day following the election of Abraham Lincoln as President of the United States. Intensely patriotic and strongly Pro-Union the happy parents gave the name of Lincoln to the eleventh of their children. In early manhood he came to the City of Wilmington whither several older brothers, notably John and William L. had preceded him. For several years he was an iron-worker in the employ of the Seidel & Hastings Co. Later he was appointed to the Police Force and served a number of years under several Republican Administrations in that capacity. He was then appointed to the letter carrying force and continued to give faithful and efficient service in that position until several years past the retiring age, having one of the longest records in continuous service in the history of the Wilmington Post Office.

Always interested in the work of the Church he did not become conspicuously active in church work until he became a member of Harrison St. Church. Here his unusual talents were soon recognized and he was elected to the Superintendency of this great Sunday School. His fine gifts as a public speaker backed up by a blameless Christian life soon led to the conferring upon him of a Local Preachers License. By accepting this honor and privilege he followed in the footsteps of the two brothers named above, one of whom, William L. at the age of 39 had entered the Wilmington Conference and soon taken high rank in that body and the other, the oldest of the boys after many years as Superintendent of the Sunday School and Local Preacher at Epworth Church had become a Supply Pastor in the same Conference. Alfred L. was soon asked to supply the little church at Edge Moor and did such fine work there that he was given charge of the promising work at Hill Crest. Here the dual burden of his work at the Post Office and the care and responsibility of the little but growing church on the crest of the hill proved too much and he suffered a nervous breakdown which lasted for several years and threatened to put an end to his ministerial career, if not indeed to his life. His recovery from that illness was so remarkable and sudden that he ever after thought of it in terms of miracle performed in answer to prayer. Standing in the little vestibule of the church at Edge Moor, fighting desperately against a wild inclination to



flee from the church he literally "out of the depths" cried unto God. Instantly came steadiness of nerve, serenity of mind, peace of spirit. He was a new man and never had a recurrence of his illness. From this time forth he felt that God's hand was upon him, that he was bought with a price, and that he should spend the rest of his days in the service of Christ and His Church. He applied for and received retirement with pension from the carrier force and at the Session of the Wilmington Conference held in Salisbury in 1927 offered himself for service anywhere as a Supply Pastor and was assigned to the little St. Paul's Church, Dover, Del.

In his stimulating book "The Art of Living" Norman Vincent Peale has this to say—"The greatest day in any individual's life is when he begins for the first time to realize himself. For some this fortunately happens early in life and it bestows upon them a decided advantage. For some it happens late, and the monotony of the unresponsive years is made to shine in the reflected glory of the late afternoon sunburst." For Alfred L. White it was a late afternoon sunburst. He was soon a familiar figure on the streets of Dover. He was an interesting conversationalist, at home in most fields of interest common to men, and expressing his views in an original and striking way. Thus men in all walks of life, high and low, were glad to have him stop in his friendly way and chat with them. He was soon recognized as a preacher of unusual gifts and was welcome in any of the evangelical pulpits of the State Capital. His congregation was too small, their resources too meagre to afford him an adequate support or even to measurably approach their estimate. Therefore, he drew cheerfully upon his pension not simply for support but to keep the benevolences of the Charge at a respectable level.

While serving this Charge he was elected Chaplain of the House of Representatives and his prayers were a real intellectual and spiritual treat.

He was anxious to measure up to the requirements of the ministry in every respect so that when the Course of Study was prescribed for Supply Pastors he did not seek to evade it as so many have done, but at once secured the necessary books and settled down to harder study even than he had been pursuing. Seventy-five years of age he went to the Summer School and was the life of the campus, the young men especially delighting in him. At the Conference Session of 1936 he was ordained Deacon, the oldest man that our Resident Bishop had ever Ordained. And it was his hope that he would secure Elders Orders in due time. After eight years at Dover he went to Hebron, Md. which Charge for a year and three months felt his dynamic leadership and was responding in a gratifying way, when after his return from Ursinus College he was stricken with that dread malady, cancer, was taken to the Wilmington General Hospital where he remained a patient until his death on Good Friday, March 25th, 1937.

A pure-hearted, clean minded man, a devoted, consecrated Christian, a gifted preacher, always interesting, at times brilliant; in the home a perfect gentleman, a loyal husband, a loving father—such was Alfred Lincoln White.

On September 9th, 1886 he was married to Margaret Evans, daughter of John and Catherine Evans of Salisbury, Md. His bride was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church and the ceremony was performed in historic Old Swedes Church in the city of Wilmington. Elaborate plans

had been made by the good people of Hebron to celebrate the golden wedding on Sept. 9th, 1936. It was observed in the Wilmington General Hospital. Four children were born of this union, three of whom survive—Paul C., Margaret White Allen, and Gladys Lynam. The other son, Ralph died in March 1931.

The funeral services were held from the Yeatman Funeral Home in charge of District Superintendent Walter E. Gunby, assisted by the Rev. Frank White, a nephew, and the writer. Interment was in the family plot at Lombardy Cemetery.

To live as gently as I can;  
To be no matter where, a man;  
To take what comes of good or ill,  
And cling to faith and honor still;  
To do my best and let that stand  
The record of my brain and hand;  
And then should failure come to me  
Still work and hope for victory.

To have no secret place wherein  
I stoop unseen to shame and sin;  
To be the same when I'm alone  
As when my every deed is known;  
To live undaunted, unafraid  
Of any step that I have made;  
To be without pretense or sham  
Exactly what men think I am.

That was Alfred L. White. To such

There is no death! The stars go down  
To rise upon some other shore.  
And bright in heaven's jewelled crown  
They shine forevermore.

And ever near us though unseen  
The dear immortal spirits tread  
For all the boundless universe  
Is life—there are no dead".

LEONARD WHITE.

#### JOSEPHINE FLEMING CORKRAN.

On the ninth day of December, 1852, God called at the home of Silas and Elizabeth Fleming, Big Creek Mills, Dorchester County, Maryland, and presented to the world another of His choice children. On the third day of November, 1880, Josephine Fleming married a Methodist preacher, Wilbur F. Corkran, and there was Divine sanction of the union. On the twenty-ninth day of March, 1936, "God's finger touched her, and she slept."

These three chapters of a great and good life, recording a period of more than fourscore years, encourage thought.

The country has proved the birthplace of compelling character. The hereditary gifts of homespun folk and the environment of their homes—personal example and careful instruction within, and nature with her

school of wonder and experience without—have influenced the growth of life, giving wings to faith and kindling hope. The country was the cradle of this child of God.

The self-sacrifice and loyalty of woman have been finely expressed in her sharing of the itinerant ministry. There is genuine need for consecrated wifehood and motherhood in the parsonage. It is gloriously true that this need has been met in those who have loved preachers and lived their sermons; helping their husbands through successful pastorates that strengthen the church and save precious souls; sending their children forth to inscribe their names on rolls of honor, and in service to time. This wife was a powerful personality among the people that knew her husband as pastor. This mother is survived by two children who revere her memory. Her daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Robertson, is the wife of an attorney at Scranton, Pa. Her son, Lieut. Col. W. Sherman Corkran, carried the family name to the front in France, and is at present serving his state with distinction.

When loved ones are gone and they leave behind them the realization of deep loss and abiding impressions of friendly souls, it is to have won the final and mighty triumph of this earth. A great death is worth living for! This woman died greatly!

Josephine Fleming Corkran, flower of the countryside, queen of the home, accession to Heaven's company of the redeemed, had in her possession

"That golden key  
That opes the palace of eternity."

She was my other Mother. The heritage blessed and guarded my youth, and was an unfailing influence that invited to the high calling of the pulpit. She went out from her own fireside to find the dreams of young people. She brought the dreams back home and whispered of them to her Lord; pledging the labors of her love to make the dreams come true. She loved all the community youngsters. I have never known a minister's wife to be so loved by them. We did not know that she was growing old, for her spirit stayed young with ours. Her sympathy and understanding and counsel bridged many deeps and mended many hearts. Without shame I confess my tears at her passing, and I feel yet the strong pull of her apronstrings. I know now that they were heartstrings. Mark Guy Pearse was right when he said: "I can trust the power that made a mother." Mother Corkran was God's workmanship! To have had fellowship with her is to have walked in life's garden, the day in the full bud and bloom of roses; the night filled with countless stars, and moonlight falling where roses grow.

This woman loved the children. She caught their laughter and their song for the music of her own living. She could not keep from asking in any home "Do you have any children?" Hers was not the questioning of meddlesome curiosity, but the overflow of a heart that was brimmed with love for childhood. She knew how to rejoice with happy parents in the presence of their baby. She knew the sorrow of home where the cradle had been put aside for a little white casket. For her own infant son had been taken to the Father's House.

This woman loved the church. Asbury, Crisfield, holds her in grateful remembrance. She was truly the assistant pastor, the grand old lady of the Ladies Aid, the willing worker of the Willing Workers. She marched at the head of a wonderful army of women volunteers that fought down sin, and did more than her part in the erection, from the ruins of a wayside shrine, of that wall of salvation and cathedral of Methodism—the new Asbury. And she rejoiced as chimes rang out hymns of praise to the Great Redeemer, and suggestion came from stone and window of the beauty of One Altogether Lovely, the Fairest Among Ten Thousand. She was a devout worshipper. From prelude to processional, she saw the glory of the Son of Man amid the candlesticks; the Lord high and lifted up on a Throne. Her husband had none in the congregation more attentive than was she. Yet deafness closed her ears to most of the message. She knew the value of the sermon, and had that "sense of a world redeemed" which "wakes a million sunrises on the morning hills of the heart."

It seemed most appropriate that we said farewell at the coming of Spring. This great soul went to that fairer country where winters never come, and this good life left us completely confident in the resurrection. The funeral service was conducted at the home in West Seaford by J. J. Bunting, assisted by E. C. Hallman, C. W. Strickland, and the writer.

"It seemeth such a little way to me  
To that strange, unseen country,  
The Beyond.  
But it has grown to be  
The home of those of whom I am  
So fond.  
And so to me there is no death;  
It is but crossing with abated breath  
A narrow strip of sea.  
To find out loved ones on the other shore  
More beautiful, more precious than before."

ROY L. TAWES.

#### ADA ESTELLE WHITE.

Ada Estelle White was born in Philadelphia, Pa., August 29th, 1878. Her parents were Allen B. and Mary Jamison Dance.

She moved to Wilmington while still a child and became a member of Union Methodist Episcopal Church. Later her membership was transferred to Epworth. Here she served many years particularly in the choir and as teacher in the Sunday School.

She was married in March, 1901, to Frank White. In 1912 her husband was appointed to a charge in the Wilmington Conference and for nearly 25 years her splendid talents were given with utter consecration and devotion to the churches and communities where it has been their privilege to minister. She was greatly interested in the Missionary Societies and in the Young People's groups, in particular, where her talent displayed itself in pageantry and other dramatic presentations. She had special interest also in the W. C. T. U. and, at least, three Unions in our Conference territory trace their organization or rebirth to her influence and zeal.

These activities did not lessen her efficiency in the home, where her labors of love never slackened, and where her winsome hospitality won the hearts of the people of her church and often gave refreshment and cheer in the way to the brethren representing the special interests of the church. She made a lovely home whose peace and quiet beauty had their source in a heart that knew the secret place of our Lord.

Mrs. White had not been well for some months before the last Conference session but her condition was not such as to alarm the family until after moving to the new appointment at Rising Sun, Maryland. After spending two weeks at the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia for observation, she returned home, the verdict of the physicians giving no hope for her recovery. She passed on peacefully July 3, 1936. Her last words were: "The Lord makes everything all right."

Services were held in the church at Rising Sun in charge of the District Superintendent, assisted by Brothers McDowell, Wheatley, Windsor, and the writer who brought a message of comfort based on her favorite text of Scripture: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

She is survived by her husband, four daughters, one grandchild, and two brothers. That is the way we put it but she herself survives and will survive for she is among that shining number of whom we can say:

"I tell you they have not died,  
They live and breathe with you.  
They walk now—here at your side,  
They tell you things are true.  
Why dream of poppied sod  
When you can feel their breath,  
When flower and soul and God  
Know, There is no death?"

"I tell you they have not died,  
Their hands clasp yours and mine.  
They are now but glorified,  
They have become divine;  
They live, they know, they see,  
They shout with every breath—  
All is Eternal Life,  
There is no death."

OMAR E. JONES.

#### ANNA SPRINGER WHITE.

The old year was nearly gone. Sweet-toned chimes were pealing forth the Christmas carols, inseparably linking our thoughts with God's most precious gift to man; consecrated voices were singing the Te Deum of thankful souls for the mercy and love of the Father Who had kept them through another year; thoughtful souls in spirit were walking with the Magi, following the star that led to the cradle in Bethlehem; when a messenger with a promise of eternal life with the risen Christ pushed the gates of the eternal city ajar, sped to earth and called Anna Springer White to join the company of the redeemed, and as quickly and silently she laid

aside the mortal and went to meet her Savior face to face and spend Christmas in the home of her Heavenly Father and with that vast host whose faith in the Babe of Bethlehem had triumphed over sin and the grave.

The absence of her physical presence in her parsonage home at Newark at that festive season of the year brought indescribable sadness to her loved ones, but the assurance of immortality in a place He had gone to prepare for all those who loved Him, and the knowledge that all things work together for good to them that love and serve the Lord, together with the firm belief that her absence here made certain her presence with the Lord served to mitigate their sorrow and enabled them to see through their tears the material tokens of love and friendship and meet around their festive board sincerely believing in the goodness of God.

Anna Springer, daughter of William and Annie Cole, was born in Wilmington, Del., June 24, 1881.

Early in life she was taught the fundamental tenets of the Christian faith, and as is usual when children have the love of Jesus explained to them by parents and the church, she accepted Him and publicly expressed her desire to follow Him by joining St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church.

It was after her marriage to a rather serious minded young man, a member of the well-known Christian family of Whites, that she united with Epworth Methodist Episcopal Church of Wilmington, Delaware.

This transition from the more stately ritualistic service of St. John's to the orderly evangelical service of Epworth was not as difficult as it might have been had she not in her early girlhood also attended the Sunday School of Brandywine Methodist Episcopal Church, and, doubtless, imbibed not a little of the Methodist spirit and became acquainted with the zeal and methods of the Methodists.

She little knew in those early years of her church affiliations how important that religious training was to be to her nor what service and sacrifices God was preparing her to render His Kingdom on earth.

Indeed, the Father's secret for her life had not been revealed to her on that great day of her young womanhood, June 12, 1901, when she gave her hand and heart in holy marriage to Leonard White, for she did not then know she was to be the wife of a Methodist minister and as such would be expected to exemplify the Christian graces as the companion of a man called of God to preach the gospel of our Lord.

Under these conditions it was a sign of sterling Christian faith when she yielded her life to her companion's holy urge to preach, knowing it would mean no settled home in which to live, severe thrift and economy with meagre salary and not a few privations at least during the beginning years when most likely the heavenly bundles would be arriving. Nothing less than true love for her companion and faith in her God will enable a woman to make such a choice and follow it through with Christian love and fortitude. So during the fifth year of her married life she voluntarily accepts the experiences of the wife of an itinerant Methodist minister, packs up her earthly possessions, bids her many loved ones and friends in the city of Wilmington a fond farewell, and unpacks those possessions in the rural parsonage home at Bayside, and with Christian consecration be-

gins an unknown journey but with confidence in a Saviour she had learned to love.

For thirty years she walked in that faith sharing with her companion the joys and sorrows, bearing with him the burdens and anxieties, suffering with him the hardships and disappointments incident to the Methodist ministry and the lives of the people they served.

Her faithful comradeship and wise counsel during the years of his superintendency of the district is one of his choice memories. By her frequent visits, at times traveling long distances, she endeared herself to the wives of the parsonage homes and sympathetically shared with them their sorrows and their joys.

She possessed the fine art of knowing how to bridle the tongue, and is lovingly remembered for the things she did not say when occasions would have provoked less considerate persons to have said much.

While always deeply interested in the welfare of God's people and willing to render any service within her power to the organizational life of the church, it was in the home and among her family where her Christian graces were most conspicuously exemplified. Self-sacrificing, modest, untiring, considerate, gentle, were the evidences of her life. A most gracious hostess was she to all who crossed the threshold of her home.

In the front of a diary secretly kept by her were written these words: "The little things that make up the life of one who hoped to be of help to others." These words reveal more eloquently than any I might write the soul-life of this one who lived that she might "be of help to others."

To such

"There is no death! The stars go down  
To rise upon some fairer shore,  
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown  
They shine forevermore.

The granite rocks disorganize  
To feed the hungry moss they bear;  
The forest leaves drink daily life  
From out the viewless air.

And ever near us, though unseen,  
The dear immortal spirits tread;  
For all the boundless universe,  
Is life—There are no dead."

She is survived by her husband, Rev. Leonard White, and five children: John Harvey, William Herbert, Ruth Edna, Mildred Hope and Anne Elizabeth.

An appropriate service of love and memory was conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. E. H. Collins, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Newark, Del., on December 22, 1936, and her mortal body was laid to rest in the beautiful Mt. Salem Cemetery in Wilmington, Delaware.

DISSTON W. JACOBS.

### MARY CORNELIA SMITH O'BRIEN.

How few of us ever consider the immense amount of good that has been accomplished by the faithful, devoted service of Methodist Ministers' wives. We note the sweep and power of these mighty men of God. We see, and feel, the divine *urge* that enables them to sway vast audiences, or kneel at the bedside of a stricken child, and with the gentle tenderness of a mother comfort the little sufferer. We marvel at the versatility of the great man, and the well-nigh supernatural powers he displays; but seldom do we stop to consider that this man's greatness and goodness are both largely the result of the loving devotion of the quiet little woman in the parsonage. Whatever may have gone wrong at the Official Board meeting, or however wearing on mind and heart and nerve the round of afternoon calls may have been, or however discouraging and disappointing the outlook on life and his work appears, he *knows* that when he reaches the parsonage all will be well. There he will be welcomed with a smile and a kiss. There he will find love and sympathy, understanding and helpful counsel; and after a few hours association with this dear, sensible woman, who to him is "more than life," he finds himself merrily singing

"Lord, if I may,  
I'll serve another day."

No wonder the Wise Man of the Holy Bible says of such a wife, "She will do him good, and not evil, all the days of her life."

Proverbs XXXI, 12.

About the middle of the last century down in the mountains of eastern Tennessee, God was training a son of his for leadership in the Methodist Episcopal Church. To this boy He gave the physique of a pugilist, the faith of a John, and the courage of a Paul. About the same time, hundreds of miles to the north, HE was training a little girl to become the life-partner of that sturdy boy, neither child even dreaming of the existence of the other.

#### Birth and Childhood.

At Chincoteague Island, Virginia, on January 29th, 1865, there was born a baby girl unto Charles H. and Mary Margaretta Smith, which they named "Mary Cornelia." Besides the blessed heritage of a Christian home, the child was further blest by having Grace Church Sunday School to assist in her childhood's training; and at a very early age she gave her heart to God and her name to Grace Church as a "full member." Here she grew up. Educated in the Public Schools of Wilmington, followed by a course at the Wesleyan Female College, also of Wilmington, (that fine Methodist College that did so much for the women of its day,) she was well trained, mentally and spiritually, to fill the high station in life which soon opened up before her.

It was about 1880 that the romantic girl of fifteen years, visiting her Grandmother and Aunt at Chincoteague Island, was introduced to the stalwart young Pastor from Tennessee. That meeting changed two lives. Out of it grew a friendship that ripened into a love that culminated in a

marriage April first, 1884, the ceremony being performed by the Reverend Doctor S. M. Vernon, in Philadelphia.

Then began an almost idyllic wedded life. Two children came to bless their home, a daughter and a son; and both as mother and as "the Preacher's wife" Sister O'Brien was ever the heroic soul, unselfishly giving her best of mind, and heart, and body to her children, and to her faithful husband. No wonder her children "arise up and call her blessed," and her husband almost worshipped her. To hear him pronounce his pet name for her "Neely," would set ones heart abeating, so packed was the very word with love, and trust, and affection. Eleven different parsonage homes they shared together; and after more than thirty-two years of wedded life she volunteered this remarkable bit of testimony to the writer of her husband's memoir: "I lived with him thirty-two years, and he never said a cross word to me."

This picture of wedded bliss in the parsonage had a blessed effect on the Churches and communities to which brother O'Brien was appointed. Active in all work of the Church, she was ever ready to do her full part to aid her husband to develop to the best advantage the charge committed to his care. If a teacher was needed in the Sunday School she taught, whether it was the "Bible Class," or later on, a class of boys about the age of her own son. If the Ladies' Aid Society, or one of the women's missionary societies, needed a President, Sister O'Brien filled in until a new leader could be developed. She had the divine grace of being able to lead without stirring up either strife or jealousy. Surely she had learned the art of Christian leadership from the Master himself, who said, "Whosoever would be great among you let him become your servant; and whosoever would be chief among you let him become your bond-servant," Mat. XX, 27.

But all earthly bliss has an ending. After an attack of angina pectoris Bro. O'Brien passed suddenly into "the-beyond" October 21st, 1916. Thus bereft, Sister O'Brien secured a position in the Wilmington Conference Academy, where her daughter, Miss Annie Reese O'Brien, had been teaching for several years. Her position as "House-mother for the girls" gave her a large field of usefulness as her culture, refinement, and high ideals of life, together with her large experience in so many communities, peculiarly fitted her to aid in the spiritual, mental and social development of the girls of the Academy.

When the daughter, Miss Annie, decided to retire from teaching and to take up library work the mother wisely decided to resign her position also, and to make a home for the daughter while she prepared for the new task. So during 1924-26 she lived in Albany, N. Y., and 1926-28 at Delaware, Ohio.

After these four years of preparation Miss O'Brien secured a position in the "Reference Department" of the Wilmington Institute Free Library. Mother and daughter now returned to Wilmington, Del., and both deposited their certificates of church membership with Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, which was the Church home of Sister O'Brien's childhood. But the forty-four years that had passed since Sister O'Brien left the Church to enter the itinerant ministry with her stalwart young husband had greatly changed the membership. Many of the "Fathers and mothers" of Grace had passed on to their eternal reward, while "the girls and boys" of her

own age were now the "fathers and mothers" of the Church. However, the lovely Christian spirit that has characterised Grace Church since its foundation was still there, so a warm welcome greeted Sister O'Brien on her return home. She at once became active in all the women's organizations, especially the missionary societies.

About five years ago Sister O'Brien purchased a home at 2709 Jefferson Street, Wilmington. As it was a new building it contained many of the most modern improvements for a comfortable home. Yet more charming than automatic oil heat, electric refrigeration, or radio was the spirit of love that ever ruled that home, and the Christian hospitality that ever pervaded it. Within easy walking distance of the home of the writer we often exchanged visits; and one of the joys of our retired ministry was to drive around by 2709 Jefferson Street on our way to Church, and to take Mrs. O'Brien and Miss Annie with us. Both were fine conversationalists, and both greatly interested in affairs of Church and State; so it was indeed a high privilege to share their friendship and their hospitality.

In 1934 began what proved to be her final illness. Stricken with paralysis in July of that year there followed a series of strokes, and each followed by increased helplessness. During the next two years there followed an exhibition of the influence of a Christian mother such as is seldom seen. For years for me the test for a successful mother has been the kind of children she produces and trains. Judged by this supreme test of motherhood Sister O'Brien ranked high. For more than two years the filial devotion of daughter and son was beautiful beyond words. The daughter, besides carrying a heavy schedule at the Library, was at her mother's call at all hours of the day or night. The son, a Major in the Medical Corps of the United States Army, knew what was needed to render his mother most comfortable, and was prompt to see the need was supplied. Between the watchful, intelligent care of daughter and son during the months of increasing feebleness and helplessness Sister O'Brien lacked nothing. Hospitals, X Rays, Medicines, nurses, as needed, were promptly hers. As one who knew them all truly said, "If Mrs. O'Brien had been a multi-millionaire during her illness she could not have been more comfortable. Her two children saw to it that she lacked nothing that could possibly add to her comfort."

After months of increasing weakness, she passed into a coma which lasted for two months or more, with only brief intervals of consciousness; and finally on August tenth, 1936, the weary spirit returned to God who gave it. The funeral services were held in the home on Jefferson Street, August the 14th, conducted by the Rev. Ralph L. Minker, assisted by Rev. Vaughan S. Collins, for many years an intimate friend of the family. Interment in the Wilmington and Brandywine cemetery beside her husband.

Sister O'Brien is survived by the two children named above, viz: Miss Annie Reese O'Brien, of the "Reference Department" of the Wilmington Institute Free Library, Wilmington, and Major Theo. W. O'Brien, Surgeon in the Medical Corps of the United States Army; and two sisters, viz: Mrs. William L. Todd, of Wilmington, Del., and Mrs. George W. T. Miller, of West Chester, Pa.

VAUGHAN S. COLLINS.

**ELIZABETH FRANCES NEESE.**

Elizabeth Frances Neese was the daughter of John Wesley and Eliza Donnelly McMillion. She came into this life on June 19, 1860, at Love-rige, Greenbrier County, West Virginia. She departed this life on August 26, 1936, at Wilmington, Delaware. She was married to the Rev. Gordon R. Neese on February 20, 1881.

To those who knew the subject of this memoir, there is but one statement that need be made, that would fully describe her life, namely: "She was a Good Woman." And if it were not that some might misunderstand, I would desire to say no more. But there are things that can be said and should be said, lest some one should miss the significance of this truly great life.

As it can be said of some ministers, that they were good Ministers of Jesus Christ, it could be said that this woman was a Good Minister of Jesus Christ. She was called into the Ministry and remained true until the end.

Her Church was always first. She loved "The Word," was a careful student of its contents and took great delight teaching its contents to others. She was always interested in the evangelistic work of their Churches, accompanying her husband on many long nightly journeys to distant Churches, when the family cares would have caused others to have remained at home. She believed in prayer and practiced her belief. She was very effective in public prayer, especially during evangelistic meetings. I dare say, that there were people in every Church that they served that could say "She pointed out the Way to the Lamb of God for me."

Her daily life was a living example of a Christian. She was ever ready with money or service to answer the call of all needy causes. She loved her God, and thought only of following, very closely, her Lord and Master.

Her children and the many that knew her may well use the words of the Wise Man of other days:

Her children arise up,  
And call her blessed:  
Her husband also,  
And he praiseth her.  
Many daughters have done virtuously,  
But thou excellest them all.  
Favor is deceitful,  
And beauty is vain:  
But a woman that feareth the Lord,  
She shall be praised.  
Give her the fruits of her own hands;  
And let her own works praise her in the gates.

RALPH C. JONES.

**ELLA ELIZABETH BURR.**

Ella Elizabeth Burr, widow of the Reverend Warren Burr, was born in New York City, December 31, 1853. She was the daughter of Michael and Margaret Burton Callahan. Mrs. Burr and Brother Burr were united in marriage May 2, 1872. Three children were born to bless their home: Eva E. Rowley, of Hempstead, New York; Harry Burr, who died in 1896; and Louie W. Burr, of Norfolk, Virginia. She had two grandchildren, Ella C. Gilbert and Mollie C. Rowley, and two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Burr was devoted to her family; always transforming the parsonage into a home where the family delighted to mingle and where visitors were cordially welcomed. The writer was among those privileged to share the hospitality of that home.

She loved the Church and the Lord's work, and shared with her good minister-husband the burdens and joys of the work of the Kingdom.

After a lingering illness of eight months, Mrs. Burr died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rowley, in Hempstead, January 6, 1937, at the age of 83 years, having suffered a stroke of paralysis on Mother's Day.

Services were held January 8, 1937, in Hempstead, New York, conducted by her Pastor, the Reverend Norman W. Twiddy, assisted by the District Superintendent, the Reverend William H. Alderson. The following day, January 9, 1937, services were conducted in the Methodist Episcopal Church, North East, Maryland, by the Pastor, the Reverend R. W. Campbell, and her body was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the beautiful Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, North East, Maryland.

Jesus, thou Prince of life,  
Thy chosen cannot die.  
Like thee they conquer in the strife  
To reign with thee on high.

E. M. SHOCKLEY.

**BESSIE B. FOSNOCHT.**

Bessie Burke was born in Baltimore, Md., July 2, 1856. Her father, George Burke, died when she was a very small child, and Mrs. Burke kept a home for her two daughters and her brother and sister. They had strong Southern sympathies, and during the Civil War, not being able to hoist a Confederate flag in Baltimore, they nevertheless kept one in the home concealed under the carpet. The mother later married a Mr. Price and after his death she made her home with the Fosnochts, and was affectionately known among their parishioners as "Mother Price."

Bessie was converted when she was but a small child, and grew up in active Christian work. The Rev. Isaac G. Fosnocht, impressed by a picture he saw of her, made her acquaintance and married her when she was not yet eighteen, taking her to Crisfield, where she began her part of the itineracy in January, 1874. For nearly forty years, and on seventeen different charges she served, and made herself greatly beloved.

She had a charming personality, she was a gracious hostess, and a vivacious conversationalist. She was wise and tactful, a perfect pastor's wife. She often remarked that the church door was never open but that she was there. She could sing in the choir, play the organ, or lead a devotional service. To her the Bible was the inspired word of God, containing solace, inspiration, and fulfilment. Of its solace, particularly, she had great need. Her first child, Amelia, died at Quantico, where her son, Eddy, was born. Another child, a son, died in infancy. In 1913 Brother Fosnocht went to his reward. She went to live with her son Eddy, a teacher in Yale University.

Here she made herself an honored member of the community, the church, and leader of a King's Daughters Circle, and here she gathered about herself a host of friends.

On August 11, 1917, Eddy Fosnocht married Miss Bertha Coster, of Brecksville, Ohio. On May 31, 1928 he died, leaving no children. Thus Mrs. Fosnocht was bereft of her husband and all her own children.

"Come ye disconsolate, where're ye languish,  
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel;  
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish,  
Earth hath no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal."

Even in the depths of her sorrow she found that God was good. The younger Mrs. Fosnocht is a teacher in a New Haven High School, and like Naomi and Ruth the two dwelt together until May 14, 1936, when Mrs. Bessie Fosnocht went to rejoin her family within the Heavenly circle. Her body was laid to rest in Greenmount Cemetery, in Baltimore, Maryland, and her lovable soul has gone to her reward.

TILGHMAN SMITH.

#### BELLE V. WHITE.

To the memory of Belle V. White we gather to pay her our loving tribute. To us—

"You are not dead—Life has but set you free!  
Your years of life were like a lovely song,  
The last sweet poignant notes of which, held long,  
Passed into silence while we listened, we  
Who loved you listened still expectantly!  
And we about you whom you moved among  
Would feel that grief for you were surely wrong—  
You have but passed beyond where we can see.

"For us who knew you, dread of age is past!  
You took life, tiptoe, to the very last;  
It never lost for you its lovely look;  
You kept your interest in its thrilling book;  
To you Death came no conqueror; in the end—  
You merely smiled to greet another friend!"

The life of Belle V. White was transferred from this present world to the invisible world of the immortals. The call came for her in the early morning of December 20, 1936. Christmas was transformed into Easter, for while she had been preparing for the celebration of the Savior's Birth, in reality, Easter morning dawned to welcome her forever in the Savior's presence.

Belle V. White was the widow of the late Rev. Walter W. White, who was a member of the Wilmington Conference for twenty-one years. She was one of two daughters of the late Rev. and Mrs. George W. Weilles, her father a minister of the Lutheran Church.

Belle V. White was born in the year 1848. She was reared in the Christian environment from which she never desired to depart. Having been trained under Christian discipline and in Christian culture she grew into a talented young woman. She was educated in the public schools of the communities where her father served as minister. After finishing the public schools she continued her formal education at Burkittsville Female Seminary, specializing in music and art. She graduated in March, 1879, an accomplished musician. She became a teacher of music and continued in the field of service until a few years ago. She has left many true friends who were blessed by her life and musical talent.

Thus gifted and qualified for a useful life for Christian Service, Belle V. Weilles, in 1880, was married to the Rev. Walter W. White, a minister in the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. There was one son born to this home, Wilmer W. White, who now lives at Easton, Maryland. For twenty-two years Rev. and Mrs. White successfully served in the ministry of the Maryland Conference. In 1902 they transferred to the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They served various charges of the Wilmington Conference until 1919, at which time they retired from the active ministry. They chose Salisbury as their home. In 1923 this happy union came to its close when the clarion of immortality summoned Brother White for immortal service. Mrs. White continued to make her home in Salisbury until early morning of December 20th, last, with her son by her side she slipped away while he held her hand.

On December 22, 1936, her body was placed by the side of her husband in Parsons Cemetery, Salisbury. The funeral was conducted by Dr. George W. Humphreys.

The one son, Wilmer W. White, survives his mother, in whose home she spent many happy moments of her last years of life. It is very fitting to close this memoir with his lines of tribute:

"Mother dear, Father kind,  
Gone and left me alone, behind.  
For all mankind they did their best  
Until God granted eternal rest."

SIDNEY B. BRADLEY.

## VIII

## ROLL OF HONORED DEAD.

## (a) MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE

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

Entered Ministry	Name	Time of Death	Place of Death	Years Eff- Age fective
1859	John E. Elliott	Nov. 8, 1868	Snow Hill, Md.	30 10
1836	Thos. J. Quigley	Oct. 19, 1870	Laurel, Del.	65 44
1850	Daniel Titlow	Feb. 7, 1871	Philadelphia, Pa.	48 4
1867	Amos A. Ewing	Jan. 19, 1872	Cecil County, Md.	30 4
1848	Alfred Cookman	Nov. 13, 1872	Newark, N. J.	43 23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey	July 9, 1871	Royal Oak, Md.	64 38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct. 3, 1872	Frankford, Del.	34 13
1825	T. J. Thomson	Nov. 29, 1874	Wilmington, Del.	71 49
1828	Robert E. Kemp	Mar. 6, 1875	Greensboro, Md.	73 32
1832	Wesley Kenney	June 24, 1875	Smyrna, Del.	70 42
1835	Henry Sutton	Mar. 23, 1876	Philadelphia, Pa.	68 23
1871	George A. Campbell	Sept. 7, 1876	Frankford, Del.	30 4
1862	John W. Weston	Apr. 23, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	38 15
1837	John D. Curtis	July 25, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	61 40
1845	David R. Thomas	Feb. 13, 1878	Wilmington, Del.	58 30
1870	Andrew J. Crozier	Jan. 21, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	41 7
1829	Joshua Humphriss	Jan. 23, 1879	Salisbury, Md.	78 41
1868	Francis M. Chatham	May 29, 1878	Berlin, Md.	41 8
1857	Edward G. Irwin	Mar. 12, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	50 21
1848	John Hough	Mar. 27, 1879	Near Trenton, N. J.	53 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	Isalah D. Johnson	Mar. 4, 1887	Bridgeville, Del.	33 6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neill	Mar. 9, 1887	Church Hill, Md.	55 28
1854	Joseph Dare	Oct. 22, 1887	Newark, Del.	56 32
1886	Frank M. Morgan	Feb. 11, 1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	34 3
1849	William Merrill	Oct. 23, 1889	Upper Fairm't., Md.	75 28
1873	Isaac N. Foreman	June 12, 1890	Lincoln, Del.	47 17
1841	John Allen	Dec. 13, 1890	Brooklyn, N. Y.	72 33
1855	Samuel T. Gardner	Jan. 3, 1891	Pivot Bridge, Md.	60 33
1889	Samuel J. Baker	Sept. 22, 1891	Laurel, Del.	33 2
1870	Thos. O. Ayres	Oct. 4, 1891	Delaware City, Del.	53 21
1873	Thos. R. Creamer	Jan. 10, 1892	Milton, Del.	45 19
1840	Vaughan Smith	Nov. 21, 1891	Wilmington, Del.	79 43
1845	Charles Hill	June 22, 1892	Salisbury, Md.	70 47
1833	James L. Houston	Sept. 18, 1892	Trappe, Md.	82 32
1865	Alfred T. Melvin	Oct. 17, 1892	Bel Air, Md.	52 24
1859	Alfred A. Fisher	Dec. 12, 1893	Bridgeville, Del.	62 17
1857	Wm. B. Gregg	Jan. 24, 1893	Wyoming, Del.	68 36
1847	Joseph Robinson	Feb. 18, 1893	Perrymans, Md.	68 45
1835	George Barton	Mar. 19, 1893	Church Hill, Md.	84 11
1843	James A. Brindle	Apr. 6, 1894	Greensboro, Md.	73 48
1860	Nicholas M. Browne	Feb. 4, 1895	Middletown, Del.	58 35
1850	James Hubbard	Apr. 4, 1895	Philadelphia, Pa.	76 4
1857	James E. Bryan	Oct. 17, 1895	Baltimore, Md.	64 39
1892	John D. Lecates	Nov. 11, 1895	Wilmington, Del.	41 5

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1859	Thomas E. Bell	Mar. 21, 1895	Easton, Md.	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 1, 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. 26, 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. Sidel	May 14, 1904	Philadelphia, Pa.	43 14
1853	J. B. Merritt	July 8, 1904	Fairlee, Md.	78 32
1872	G. W. Wilcox	Dec. 15, 1904	Salisbury, Md.	62 20
1889	James E. Graham	July 13, 1905	Seaford, Del.	52 16
1853	Robert W. Todd	Jan. 18, 1906	Baltimore, Md.	75 52
1858	S. T. Morris	Apr. 13, 1906	Roselle Park, N. J.	73 45
1879	C. A. Grise	Apr. 12, 1907	Berlin, Md.	51 28
1868	W. R. MacFarlane	Feb. 18, 1908	Hockessin, Del.	71 40
1898	F. E. Bloxton	Mar. 5, 1908	Nanticoke, Md.	40 10
1869	W. R. Gwinn	Mar. 13, 1908	Baltimore, Md.	67 34
1876	Albert Chandler	June 22, 1908	Bethel, Del.	58 32
1870	E. H. Nelson	Oct. 27, 1908	Delaware City, Del.	62 39
1860	H. W. Bolton	Jan. 8, 1909	Camden, Del.	69
1859	J. T. VanBurkalow	Feb. 3, 1909	Dover, Del.	81 42
1869	E. H. Miller	Jan. 22, 1911	Sharptown, Md.	66 43
1876	W. L. P. Bowen	Mar. 11, 1911	Newark, Md.	77 17
1866	E. E. White	Dec. 26, 1912	Oxford, Md.	69 46
1853	W. M. Warner	Apr. 16, 1913	Millington, Md.	83 41
1897	J. W. Talley	Aug. 9, 1913	Near Wilm., Del.	42 9
1868	I. G. Fosnocht	Dec. 3, 1913	Smyrna, Del.	65 45
1858	H. S. Thompson	Apr. 1, 1914	Smyrna, Del.	79 52
1865	G. W. Burke	Apr. 30, 1914	Smyrna, Del.	78 42
1872	R. H. Adams	Sept. 11, 1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	71 42
1869	T. B. Hunter	Nov. 12, 1914	Monrovia, Cal.	77 42
1876	E. C. MacNichol	Oct. 18, 1914	Philadelphia, Pa.	60 38
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	Philip H. Rawlins	Nov. 11, 1921	Seaford, Del.	87 39
1887	Zach H. Webster	Dec. 10, 1921	Denton, Md.	63 33
1862	George S. Conaway	Feb. 25, 1922	Smyrna, Del.	86 44
1889	James W. Fogle	Feb. 26, 1922	Seaford, Del.	61 29
1888	William P. Compton	Mar. 11, 1922	Lansdowne, Pa.	63 20
1876	Louis E. Barrett	Mar. 25, 1922	Chestertown, Md.	78 43
1912	George W. Williams	Oct. 6, 1922	Mt. Vernon, Md.	50 10
1892	Wm. S. H. Williams	Mar. 3, 1923	Georgetown, Del.	71 25
1903	Walter W. White	June 21, 1923	Salisbury, Md.	72 16
1902	Benjamin F. Jester	July 13, 1923	Wilmington, Del.	66 11
1892	Van P. Northrup	Sept. 27, 1923	Baltimore, Md.	54 31
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	Nov. 29, 1925	Salisbury, Md.	57 15
1885	Robert Watt	Dec. 20, 1926	Worcester, Mass.	70 38
1876	John M. Collins	Mar. 28, 1927	Wilmington, Del.	81 27
1881	Sewall N. Pilchard	June 9, 1927	Salisbury, Md.	68 40
1888	Wesley W. Chaires	Sept. 13, 1927	Bozman, Md.	70 23
1910	Harry E. Reed	Dec. 8, 1927	Philadelphia, Pa.	51 17
1888	George W. Stallings	Feb. 3, 1928	Lovettsville, Va.	71 33
1883	William B. Guthrie	Mar. 30, 1928	Kenton, Del.	78 37
1879	Olin S. Walton	April 3, 1928	Red Lion, Del.	73 27
1889	Truston C. Smoot	April 23, 1928	Jacksonville, Fla.	68 35
1873	William M. Greene	June 23, 1928	Milton, Del.	81 22
1868	C. W. Prettyman	June 28, 1928	Carlisle, Pa.	84 48
1871	Frans O. B. Wallin	July 4, 1928	Ahlefors, Sweden	90 30
1879	Alfred Smith	July 18, 1928	Camden, Del.	76 38
1883	George L. Hardesty	Sept. 15, 1928	Wilmington, Del.	75 31
1916	Joseph P. Wilson	Nov. 17, 1928	Baltimore, Md.	53 11
1884	William F. Dawson	Nov. 26, 1928	Hurlock, Md.	71 45
1920	Joshua B. McCabe	May 29, 1929	Wilmington, Del.	38 9
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, 1932	Wilmington, Del.	73 34
1887	Harvey W. Ewing	Apr. 5, 1932	Newark, Del.	73 37
1903	Charles T. Jones	Aug. 28, 1932	Principio, Md.	60 29
1884	Edmund H. Derricksen	Oct. 18, 1932	Odessa, Del.	78 37
1886	James T. Prouse	Dec. 31, 1932	Gordon Hts, Del.	81 26
1897	Harry Taylor	Feb. 8, 1933	Dover, Del.	59 32
1885	Daniel H. Willis	July 31, 1933	Washington, D. C.	87 28
1886	William P. Taylor	Dec. 10, 1933	Cleveland, Ohio	69 45
1882	Allison P. Prettyman	Feb. 18, 1934	Galena, Md.	81 35
1900	G. W. Hastings	Feb. 28, 1934	Blades, Del.	73 26
1872	John P. Otis	Mar. 4, 1934	Wilmington, Del.	87 47
1890	George W. Bounds	Mar. 6, 1934	Delmar, Del.	71 42
1895	Thomas R. VanDyke	July 4, 1934	Philadelphia, Pa.	63 39
1884	Thomas N. Given	July 19, 1934	Philadelphia, Pa.	80 34
1879	Joshua M. Lindale	Oct. 16, 1934	Wilmington, Del.	82 40
1878	Robert K. Stephenson	Jan. 25, 1935	Wilmington, Del.	81 51

Entered Ministry	Name	Time of Death	Place of Death	Years Ef- Age fective
1906	Daniel Wilson	Nov. 13, 1935	Baltimore, Md.	76 19
1885	James W. Easley	Nov. 23, 1935	Philadelphia, Pa.	82 34
1885	George W. Bowman	Dec. 9, 1935	Laurel, Del.	89 17
1900	Oscar L. Martin	Jan. 19, 1936	Baltimore, Md.	79 16
1891	George A. Cooke	Jan. 19, 1936	Wilmington, Del.	70 37
1892	Francis B. Short	Feb. 4, 1936	Milford, Del.	67 42
1870	Adam Stengle	Apr. 10, 1936	Wilmington, Del.	91 40
1900	William F. Greenfield	June 26, 1936	Perryville, Md.	71 31
1892	Theo. F. Beauchamp	July 6, 1936	Philadelphia, Pa.	67 40
1906	William G. Harris	Oct. 16, 1936	Cambridge, Md.	55 30
1885	James D. Reese	Jan. 29, 1937	Frederica, Del.	86 34
1888	Joshua W. Gray	Mar. 29, 1937	Willards, Md.	82 45

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## HISTORICAL

## (c) 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	" 13, '12	Wilm'ton—St. Pauls	L. B. Wilson	W. A. Wise
45	" 26, '13	Crisfield	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
46	April 1, '14	Berlin	Earl Cranston	W. A. Wise
47	March 24, '15	Laurel	R. J. Cook	W. A. Wise
48	" 29, '16	Wilm'ton—Union	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
49	" 23, '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. Bickling
63	April 8, '31	Crisfield—Asbury	H. Lester Smith	J. R. Bickling
64	March 29, '32	Salisbury—Asbury	W. F. McDowell	J. R. Bickling
65	March 29, '33	Rehoboth Beach	A. W. Leonard	J. R. Bickling
66	April 4, '34	Newark, Del.	E. H. Hughes	J. R. Bickling
67	March 27, '35	Seaford, Del.	E. H. Hughes	J. R. Bickling
68	March 25, '36	Delmar, Del.	E. H. Hughes	J. R. Bickling
69	March 31, '37	Salisbury—Asbury	E. H. Hughes	J. R. Bickling

## (d) GENERAL

## 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.
1936. E. C. Hallman, J. J. Bunting, W. E. Gunby. Reserves—A. C. Goddard, D. W. Jacobs.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

**(a) PLAN OF CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS**

**RULES.**

1. For General Rules governing Examinations and Courses of Study, see Discipline, 1936, Paragraphs 541-547.

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 Register as follows: For all required written work, on subjects taught at Summer School, by July 10th; for all written work received, 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 and accepted supply pastors 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 Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., July 12-22. Board and lodging will be paid by the Conference.

5. No candidate will 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 selected 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 student. Failure to get work into the hands of the Examiner when due, will mean a deduction of ten points from grade of paper, and no work WILL BE RECEIVED by the Examiner after it has been due more than fifteen days. 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 Board, will 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. Par. 345, Sec. 2. Members in full connections please read discipline, Par. 199, Sec. 5.

13. Beginning with the Conference Year 1935 the following table will illustrate the change in grading from numerals to letters.

93-100	.....	A	.....	Excellent
86-92	.....	B	.....	Good
78-85	.....	C	.....	Fair
70-77	.....	D	.....	Passed
69-or below	.....	E	.....	Failure

**CONFERENCE STUDIES.**

**MID-YEAR EXAMINATIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATES AT SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY.**

**First Year—**  
The Abingdon Bible Commentary ..... Leonard White  
The Work of Preaching ..... O. A. Bartley  
Psychology of Religious Experience ..... Frank Herson

**Second Year—**  
The Abingdon Bible Commentary ..... R. S. Hodgson  
The Church in History ..... J. M. Kelso  
Religious Education ..... R. P. Nichols  
a. Teaching for Christian Living.  
b. Pastor and Religious Education.  
c. Teaching Religion To-day.

**Third Year—**  
Pastoral Office ..... Tilghman Smith  
Paul and His Epistles ..... E. M. Shockley  
Introduction in Philosophy ..... L. E. Windsor

Fourth Year—

- Systematic Theology ..... M. S. Andrews
  - a. The Doctrine of God.
  - b. God and Ourselves.
  - c. A Faith for To-day.
- Social Salvation ..... R. S. Hodgson
- The Christian Mission in the Modern World ..... Leonard White

All written work on above books should be in the hands of the appropriate examiner on or before June 20, 1937.

EXAMINATIONS FOR UNDERGRADUATES AT SEAT OF CONFERENCE.

Tuesday 10:00 A. M.

- First Year—The Teachings of Jesus ..... O. E. Jones
- Third Year—The Religions of Mankind ..... E. W. Henson

Tuesday, 1:00 P. M.

- Third Year—The Church and Society ..... Frank Herson

EXAMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL AT SEAT OF CONFERENCE.

Tuesday, 9:00 A. M.

- Life of John Wesley ..... M. W. Marine

Tuesday, 10:30 A. M.

- Methodism in American History ..... M. Kelso

Tuesday, 1:00 P. M.

- Doctrines and Discipline ..... M. S. Andrews
- A Bible Biography ..... L. E. Wimbrow

Written work on Life of Wesley and Methodism in American History should be in the hands of the appropriate Examiner by March 1, 1938.

Candidates will please send written Sermon to O. P. Jefferson, by March 1, 1938.

All papers submitted by the candidate will 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, 1937.

- First Year—Biblical Readings (See D. & H.) ..... O. A. Bartley
- The Technique of Public Worship ..... R. P. Nichols
- Second Year—Biblical Readings, etc. .... M. W. Marine
- Beacon Lights ..... L. E. Windsor
- Third Year—Biblical Readings, etc. .... Tilghman Smith
- The Art of Preaching ..... E. M. Shockley
- Fourth Year—Biblical Readings, etc. .... O. P. Jefferson
- Christ's Alternative ..... R. P. Nichols
- Phillips Brooks ..... L. E. Wimbrow

December 15, 1937.

- First Year—Jesus of History ..... E. W. Henson
- Are You an Evangelist ..... O. E. Jones
- Second Year—Psychology and Life ..... Frank Herson
- Creative Men ..... E. M. Shockley
- The Christian Enterprise Among Rural People ..... O. P. Jefferson
- Third Year—Martin Luther ..... O. A. Bartley
- Christianity Tested ..... L. E. Wimbrow
- Fourth Year—Improving Religious Education Through Supervision ..... Tilghman Smith
- The Preacher as a Man of Letters ..... E. W. Henson

February 20, 1938.

- First Year—The Story of Methodism ..... J. M. Kelso
- Homiletical Work (See D. & H.) ..... L. E. Windsor
- Second Year—John Wesley: Sermons, etc. .... O. E. Jones
- Homiletical Work (See D. & H.) ..... L. E. Wimbrow
- Third Year—Religion In Life ..... M. W. Marine
- Homiletical Work (See D. & H.) ..... R. S. Hodgson
- Fourth Year—Religion In Life ..... M. W. Marine
- Homiletical Work (See D. & H.) ..... M. S. Andrews

Dec. 15, 1937.

ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS

- First Year—The Life of Wesley ..... M. W. Marine
- Second Year—Are You an Evangelist ..... O. E. Jones
- Accepted Supply Pastors are now required to take the Conference Course of Study Year by Year. Read Paragraph, 544—1936 Discipline.
- Third Year—Beacon Lights ..... L. E. Windsor
- The Art of Preaching ..... E. M. Shockley
- Fourth Year—Christ's Alternative ..... R. P. Nichols
- Christianity Tested ..... L. E. Wimbrow

COURSE OF STUDY FOR LOCAL PREACHERS.

Mid-Year Examinations for Local Preachers at the Summer School of Theology.

First Year—Discipline, 1936 . . . . . M. S. Andrews
The Abingdon Commentary (See D. & H.) . . . . . Leonard White
The Work of Preaching . . . . . O. A. Bartley

Second Year—The Abingdon Commentary (See D. & H.) . . . . . R. S. Hodgson
The Church in History . . . . . M. Kelso

Third Year—Paul and His Epistles . . . . . E. M. Shockley
Teaching of Christian Living . . . . . R. P. Nichols
The Pastoral Office . . . . . Tilghman Smith

Fourth Year—A Faith for To-day . . . . . M. S. Andrews
The Christian Mission in the Modern World . . . . . Leonard White
The Psychology of Religious Experience . . . . . Frank Herson

Examinations for Local Preachers at Conference.

Tuesday, 1:00 P. M.

First Year—The Art of Writing English . . . . . O. P. Jefferson

Second Year—The Teachings of Jesus . . . . . O. E. Jones

Schedule of Collateral Reading.

October 15, 1937.

First Year—Biblical Readings and Study . . . . . O. A. Bartley

Second Year—Biblical Readings and Study . . . . . M. W. Marine

Third Year—Biblical Readings and Study . . . . . Tilghman Smith

Fourth Year—Biblical Readings and Study . . . . . O. P. Jefferson

Dec. 15, 1937.

First Year—The Life of John Wesley . . . . . M. W. Marine

Second Year—Are You an Evangelist . . . . . O. E. Jones
The Story of Methodism . . . . . M. Kelso

Third Year—Beacon Lights . . . . . L. E. Windsor
The Art of Preaching . . . . . E. M. Shockley

Fourth Year—Christ's Alternative . . . . . R. P. Nichols
Christianity Tested . . . . . L. E. Wimbrow

Feb. 20, 1938.

First Year—The Jesus of History . . . . . E. W. Hervis
Second Year—Creative Men . . . . . E. M. Shockley
Third Year—The Christian Enterprise Among Rural
People . . . . . O. P. Jefferson
Fourth Year—The Church and Society . . . . . Frank Herson

Local Preachers' Orders.

Local Preachers who have taken the Local Preachers' Course and 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.

Accepted Supply Pastors who shall have completed satisfactorily the Conference Course of Study will be eligible to Deacons' and Elders' orders under conditions indicated in Par. 523, Sec. 2, and Par. 533, Sec. 2—1936 Discipline.

E. W. McDOWELL, Registrar,
Richardson Park, Del.

O. E. JONES, Chairman,
Georgetown, Del.

## (b) CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER

### I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. The President shall call the Conference to order, punctually, at all times determined upon for the opening of its sessions, have each opened by appropriate devotional exercises, and see that all the business pertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and transacted in a proper and orderly manner, according to the provisions of the Discipline and the Rules of the Conference.

2. He shall preserve order in all the proceedings, holding speakers strictly to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, violate the Rules of Order, or use any improper language.

3. He shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference by any two members.

4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

5. When two or more members claim the floor at the same time, he shall decide who is entitled thereto.

### II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

1. The Secretary shall keep a fair and correct record of all the proceedings of the Conference, to be read at the opening of each session, subject to correction by Conference.

2. He shall carefully preserve the journal and papers of the Conference placed in his custody, and shall not allow any person but a member to examine the same, but shall, ad interim, upon the unanimous request of the District Superintendents, furnish a copy of any paper or document in his possession to be used for the best interest of our work; he shall produce the journals and papers at each annual session, and see that the same be forwarded to the General Conference.

3. In an appendix prepared for that purpose, he shall record all reports and documents ordered upon record by the Conference, and all documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal.

### III. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

1. Each member of the Conference will be expected and required to be present at the opening of each session to participate in the devotional exercises, unless unavoidably detained; and no member may absent himself, without leave, from the seat of the Conference.

2. When a member would speak on any question, he shall arise in his place and respectfully address the President; refrain from all personalities and discourteous language. And no member shall speak more than once on the same question until every member who chooses to speak shall have spoken; nor shall any member speak more than twice on the same question, nor more than ten minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference. Provided, however, that a committee making a report through its chairman or one of its members selected by the committee or by its chairman, shall be entitled to ten minutes to close the debate, either to oppose the motion to lay the report on the table or this permission not having been used, to close the debate on the motion to adopt.

3. In the United Session, during debate, the floor shall not be granted to two members of the same order in succession, except in cases where no one of the other order desires to speak.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

### (c) SUPPLIES AND LOCAL PREACHERS

#### PASTORAL RECORD OF ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS.

Note. This is only a partial list. All that have been sent to the Secretary are printed.

- Adams, R. High—1903-7, Edge Moor; '08-9, Marshallton; '10-11, Richardson Park; '12-19, Trinity, Wilmington; '20- , Brack Ex.
- Cannon, Charles G.—1928, Church Creek; '29-30, Hooper's Island; '31-32, Vienna; '33- , Hooper's Island.
- Connór, Rob't. G.—1916, Edgemoor; 1931-33, Ellendale, '34- , Marydel.
- Graham, J. T.—1912-15, Claremont; '16-17, Mardela; '18-20, Roxana; '21-23, Parsonburg; '24, Stockton; '25-26, Girdletree; '27-29, Gumboro; '30-34, Marion; '35, Houston; '36, Nassau.
- Hanby, Samuel L.—1919-21, Royal Oak; '22-24, Henderson; '25-27, Fairlee; '28-33, Concord; '34- , Lincoln.
- Layton, Joshua E.—1923-24, Edge Moor; '25-26, Edge Moor & Holly Oak; '27- , Holly Oak.
- McCorkle, Frank K.—1900-1, Evangelistic Work; '02-07, Salvation Army; '08-13, Home Missionary, Michigan Congregational Church; '14-26, Maryland Conf. M. P. Church; '27-29, Bozman; '30-33, Roxana; '34, Blades; '36- , Cherry Hill.
- McClintock, William L.—1923-25, Pomona; '26, Henderson; '27-34, Dye Mills & Starr; '35- , Bozman.
- Pratt, Leroy V.—1930-32; Kansas Conf. United Brethren in Christ; '33, Delaware City; '34, Girdletree; '35, Pomona; '36- , Bethel Town Point.
- Prettyman, D. B.—1910-16, Taylor's Island; '20-25, Girdletree, '26-32, Stockton; '33- , Trappe.
- Thomas, A. G.—New Jersey Conf., 1924-25, Vienna; '26-27, Houston; '28-30, Queenstown; '31-33, Marydel; '34-35, Crapo; '36- , Whitesville.
- Thornton, J. H.—1906-7, Trinity (Wilm.); '08, Hockessin; '09, Christiana; '12, Port Penn; '13, Elsmere; '14-15, Elk Neck; '16-17, Town Point; '18, Red Lion; '19-21, Reliance; '22-23, Bethel; '24-26, Lincoln; '27-29, Beckwith & Spedden's; '30, Mardela Springs; '31-32, Greenwood; '33-36, Charlestown; '37- , Henderson.
- Travers, Alonzo—1909-11, Holland Island; '12, Riverside; '14-16, Piney Neck; '17-18, Salem; '19-21, St. Paul's, Dover; '22-24, Ellendale; '25-27, Williamsburg; '28-29, Cordova; '30-33, Bozman & Neavitt; '34-36, Henderson; '37- , Queenstown.
- Wilson, R. H.—1912-13, Baltimore Conf.; '15-16, Lakesville; '17-19, Little Creek; '20-24, Annamessex; '25-27, Marion; '28-32, Bishopville; '34-35, Fairmount; '36- , St. Thomas.
- Wright, Ernest N.—1922-3, Little Creek; '24-27, Burrsville; '28-29, Henderson; '30-33, Fairlee; '34-36, Ellendale; '37- , Georgetown Ct.

### (d) LAY CONFERENCE

The following is the list of delegates which responded to the roll call at the Lay Conference held at the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Salisbury, Md., on April 2nd and 3rd, 1937.

#### Dover District.

Name of Charge.	Delegate.	Name of Charge.	Delegate.
Bayside . . . . .	Robt. S. Harrison	Hillsboro . . . . .	Roy Skinner
Blades . . . . .	Albert H. Riggin	Houston . . . . .	Howard Moore
Bozman & Neavitt . . . . .	Mrs. Katie Jones	Kent Island . . . . .	W. L. Price
Bridgeville . . . . .	T. S. Smith	Kenton . . . . .	Edgar R. Remley
Burrsville . . . . .	Norman Outten	Lincoln . . . . .	Hubbard Macklin
Camden . . . . .	J. M. Lynch	Magnolia . . . . .	Marshall Hart
Canterbury . . . . .	Wilber Kersey	Marydel . . . . .	U. Lee Harmon
Centreville . . . . .	Norman Walters	Milford . . . . .	M. Haswell Pierce
Chestertown . . . . .	Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter	Milford Neck . . . . .	Harvey A. Thompson
Cheswold . . . . .	G. G. Anderson	Milton . . . . .	Geo. H. Waples
Church Hill . . . . .	Miss Laura Smith	Oxford . . . . .	Mrs. Lulu Mills
Clayton . . . . .	W. T. Dayett	Preston . . . . .	Harry B. Wright
Concord . . . . .	C. W. Adams	Queenstown . . . . .	A. J. Roe
Denton . . . . .	H. Earl Smith	Rehoboth . . . . .	J. Fred Hudson
Dover—		Ridgely . . . . .	W. M. Bennington
Wesley . . . . .	W. H. Warrington	Rock Hall . . . . .	W. Stanley Grant
St. Paul's . . . . .	Mrs. Maude Vivien	Seaford . . . . .	E. J. Winder
Easton . . . . .	C. N. Jefferson	Seaford Circuit . . . . .	H. W. Hitchens
Ellendale . . . . .	C. A. Timmons	Smyrna . . . . .	L. M. Price
Fairlee . . . . .	B. F. Rash	St. Michael's . . . . .	Elmer H. Warner
Farmington . . . . .	Geo. W. Langford	Sudlersville . . . . .	Spencer Walls
Federalburg . . . . .	T. Sewell Noble	Tilghman . . . . .	James Cooper
Felton . . . . .	Mrs. Evelyn Killen	Trappe . . . . .	H. L. Slaughter
Frederica . . . . .	Mrs. Edith Melvin	Woodside . . . . .	Mrs. Arlington Slaughter
Galestown . . . . .	Samuel G. Smith	Wye Mills . . . . .	A. B. Covington
Georgetown Ct. . . . .	W. B. Owens	Wyoming . . . . .	Mrs. Bertha Coursey
Greenwood . . . . .	C. H. Kinder		
Harrington . . . . .	H. J. Ramsdell	Total . . . . .	54
Henderson . . . . .	J. L. Wallace		

#### Salisbury District.

Name of Charge.	Delegate.	Name of Charge.	Delegate.
Annamesssex . . . . .	Mrs. Manie L. Somers	Crisfield—	
Beckwith & Spedden . . . . .	Roland Dail	Asbury . . . . .	Norman Lawson
Bethel . . . . .	W. P. Phillips	Immanuel . . . . .	Dr. C. E. Collins
Bishopville . . . . .	O. M. Shockley	Dagsboro & St. Georges—	
Cambridge . . . . .	Granville Hooper		Major C. A. Short
Cape Charles . . . . .	S. C. Churn	Deal's Island . . . . .	J. Herbie Twigg
Chincoteague . . . . .	John T. Mears	Delmar . . . . .	W. S. Melson
Church Creek . . . . .	H. H. Delaha	East New Market . . . . .	Thomas Hackett
Crapo . . . . .	F. O. Langrall	Elliott . . . . .	Shelton E. Gray

Name of Charge.	Delegate.	Name of Charge.	Delegate.
Fairmount .....	J. W. Ford	Quantico .....	C. E. Robertson
Frankford .....	C. H. Lockwood	Roxana .....	Raymond Savage
Fruitland .....	J. V. McGrath	Salisbury—	
Girdletree .....	Mrs. W. S. Townsend	Asbury .....	E. Virgil Hearn
Gumboro .....	C. H. Baker	Grace .....	J. W. Smith
Hebron .....	Vernon Killiam	Secretary .....	A. M. Sard
Hurlock .....	Harvey N. Harper	Selbyville .....	W. A. Law
Laurel .....	Robert S. Brock	Sharptown .....	Chas. L. Windsor
Mardela Springs .....	C. C. Jones	Smith Island .....	Edw. F. Marsh
Millsboro .....	J. P. King	Snow Hill .....	A. C. Humphreys
Mt. Pleasant .....	O. J. Workman	Somerset .....	Dr. W. P. Simpson
Mt. Vernon .....	L. W. Ross	Stockton .....	C. C. Pilchard
Nanticoke .....	Miss Lula M. Dolby	St. Peters .....	G. W. Bozman
Ocean City .....	G. P. Cropper	St. Thomas .....	B. O. Murphy
Ocean View & Millville, T. H. Hudson		Tangier .....	Carey Crockett
Onancock .....	Geo. U. Lewis	Vienna .....	Roland Wheatley
Parsonsborg .....	W. B. Hollway	Westover .....	C. H. Layfield
Pittsville .....	J. Edward Smith	Whitesville .....	W. C. Truitt
Pocomoke City .....	S. A. Evans	Williamsburg .....	Roland Poole
Pocomoke Ct. ....	O. T. Payne	Zoar Ct. ....	Frank W. Lawson
Powellville .....	Fred Kelley		
Princess Anne ....	Frank D. Layfield	Total .....	57

Wilmington District.

Name of Charge.	Delegate.	Name of Charge.	Delegate.
Bethel & Town Point..	Ernest Davis	Port Deposit .....	E. L. Gibson
Brack Ex .....	Leonard Barnes	Townsend .....	John W. Guessford
Cecilton .....	M. Earl Davis	Richardson Park....	Charles Bowers
Charlestown .....	A. M. Graham	Rising Sun.....	W. W. Pogue
Cherry Hill .....	John Peterson	St. George's .....	H. L. Gray
Chesapeake City...	Herbert Wilfong	Zion Circuit .....	Earl Best
Chester-Bethel. Mrs. Rebecca Barlow		WILMINGTON:	
Christiana... Mrs. Frank Hawthorne		Asbury .....	J. Carlisle Simmons
Claymont..... Joseph Wyatt		Brandywine ....	G. L. Bilderback
Crumpton..... Mrs. Poe Bartley		Eastlake ....	Luther H. Broadway
Ebenezer..... Geo. Knotts		Epworth .....	Willis L. Overdeer
Elkton..... Lynn B. Gillespie		Harrison St. ....	Geo. B. Crossan
Galena .....	James D. Davis	Hillcrest .....	Frank Coulbourne
Holly Oak .....	J. Russell Allison	Kingswood.. Mrs. Lillian DeCourse	
Hopewell .....	Geo. McCullough	Madeley .....	Wilmer E. Abbott
Marshallton .....	W. H. Wingate	McCabe .....	F. J. Wharton
Middletown ....	Colonel C. Hopkins	Mt. Salem .....	J. Elmer Betty
Millington .....	N. A. Wallen	Scott .....	C. P. Harvey
Mt. Lebanon ....	Francis G. Savage	Silverbrook ..	Fred E. Warrington
Newark .....	W. F. Lindell	St. Paul's .....	H. P. Edenfield
New Castle .....	Wm. Deakyne	Trinity .....	Charles W. Cook, Jr.
Newport .....	A. M. Craig	Union .....	A. R. Ross
North East.....	A. C. Cameron		
Odessa .....	Mrs. E. H. Derrickson	Total .....	46
Perryville .....	Wm. H. Cole		

The Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held its Twenty-first Annual Session in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, South, on Friday and Saturday, April 2nd and 3rd, 1937. This was also the Fifth Annual United Session.

We Convened at 9:10 A. M. with President, Harry B. Wright, presiding.

Devotions were led by Willis L. Overdeer of Epworth Church, Wilmington with reading of the scripture and prayer.

Rev. G. W. Humphreys, Conference host, was introduced, and gave us a kind hearty welcome and said he wanted our laymen to feel free as they enjoyed the hospitality of the people of the southern part of this peninsula.

Dr. Shacklock, Missionary from Japan, was introduced and spoke briefly of the good work being done by our church in Japan.

E. J. Winder, Seaford, presented a resolution referring to House Bill No. 267 in the Delaware legislature relative to the legalizing of Sunday moving pictures in Delaware. By motion it was referred to the Resolution Committee.

The Secretary called the roll of delegates to which 157 responded.

The President, Harry B. Wright, then appointed the following committees:

CREDENTIALS—E. Virgil Hearn, Salisbury; E. Haswell Pierce, Milford; L. B. Gillespie, Elkton; Norman Lawson, Crisfield; Norman Jefferson, Easton.

RESOLUTIONS—F. E. Warrington, Silverbrook, Wilmington; A. C. Humphreys, Snow Hill; L. M. Price, Smyrna; Norman Walters, Centreville; J. Elmer Betty, Mt. Salem, Wilmington.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—W. H. Wingate, Marshallton; W. L. Overdeer, Epworth, Wilmington; W. H. Warrington, Dover; Robert Harrison, Bayside; T. M. Hudson, Ocean View.

TELLERS—Granville Hooper, Cambridge; H. Earl Smith, Denton; Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter, Chestertown; W. A. Laws, Selbyville; Spencer Walls, Sudlersville.

The Credentials Committee reported that roll call as checked by the secretary be accepted as the roster of the delegates of this Lay Conference, the secretary to add to the roster the names of those who answer subsequent roll calls as officially elected delegates.

Ivanhoe Willis, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Delaware, was introduced and spoke of the resolution to the General Assembly of Delaware against the liberalizing of the alcoholic liquor laws of the State of Delaware and the bill to legalize moving pictures on Sunday in the State. He emphasized the importance of temperance education among the young people. Also gave an encouraging report of the situation in our State legislature, saying, the Church had a great responsibility and opportunity to set a moral and righteous stand for the onward march of the Kingdom of God.

In view of this being the first session that the laymen were elected for the term of four years, the question was raised about electing the officers for like term. Bro. Willis Overdeer read from the discipline that Laymen were to organize and elect officers annually.



We then took up the election of officers and the following were properly nominated and seconded:

President—Harry B. Wright, Preston, Md.

Secretary—Chas. W. Cook, Jr., Trinity, Wilmington.

Treasurer—O. M. Shockley, Bishopville, Md.

In view of only one nominee for each office, the secretary was instructed to cast ballots.

At this time the proposition of the Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Methodist Protestant Church was brought up and discussed and after some stirring remarks by such veterans of the Cross as E. J. Winder of Seaford, Dr. C. E. Collins, Crisfield, L. M. Price, Smyrna, and others, the vote was taken and when not a dissenting vote was registered, it was greeted with vigorous applause and hearty singing of the hymn, "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds."

J. Everett Walls, Treasurer of the Bureau of Conference Budget, announced they were ready for business and all the laymen had to do was to make their wants known.

We then adjourned our separate session to go in joint session with the Ministerial Conference at 11 A. M.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Laymen convened at 4.30 o'clock in Trinity M. E. Church, South, immediately following the adjournment of joint session. We were led in prayer by E. J. Winder of Seaford.

F. J. Wharton of McCabe, Wilmington, introduced a resolution relative to boycotting public places where alcoholic liquors are sold. By motion, it was referred to the Resolution Committee.

Rev. Dr. Robert S. Young, member of the Newark Conference, was introduced and addressed us briefly on good literature.

The Treasurer, O. M. Shockley, reported that the offering of the day amounted to \$25.24.

By motion the Treasurer was authorized to pay to the Secretary of Annual Conference the amount of \$15.00 to cover the printing of the Laymen's Sessions in the Annual minutes.

The Resolution Committee made the following report and recommendations on the resolutions before them:

#### Resolution No. 1.

To The Members of the House of Representatives,  
Dover, Delaware.

We, the members of the Lay Conference of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, assembled in Salisbury, Maryland, representing a membership of 58,761, of which number 28,206 are residents of the State of Delaware, do hereby petition your honorable Body not to pass any legislation for the purpose of liberalizing the alcoholic liquor traffic in the State of Delaware.

We also most earnestly petition you not to pass House Bill # 267 to

legalize moving pictures and sound pictures on Sunday in the State of Delaware for commercial purposes."

Committee reported favorably and Conference sustained same requesting same be forwarded to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

HARRY B. WRIGHT,  
President

#### Resolution No. 2.

WHEREAS, the liquor interests are endeavoring to increase the liquor sales by means of licenses to Drug and Grocery Stores, Dance Halls, Restaurants, Hotels and other public places, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we request the membership of our churches to not patronize those places where liquor is dispensed in any form, when it can be avoided, be it further,

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to each pastor in the Wilmington Conference with the request that it be read publicly in his worship service.

Committee recommended the approval of this resolution and same was unanimously adopted.

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to each pastor in the Wilmington Conference with the request that it be read publicly in his worship service.

#### Resolution No. 3.

WHEREAS, In view of the wise and considerate administration of the affairs of our great Church, by our beloved Bishop Hughes, whose most stirring messages have inspired and thrilled us from time to time, we hereby unanimously go on record that he be retained as our Resident Bishop of the Washington Area and recommend that the Wilmington Conference endorse same.

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to each pastor in the Wilmington Conference with the request that it be read publicly in his worship service.

#### Resolution No. 4.

WHEREAS, Your committee deeply appreciates the hospitality shown us by the people of this city and the splendid and courteous entertainment afforded by this Church, and we therefore recommend that this Laymen's Conference express its thanks to the pastor, Bro. G. W. Humphreys, and his splendid corps of assistants, and to the people of Salisbury for their many courtesies.

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to each pastor in the Wilmington Conference with the request that it be read publicly in his worship service.

#### Resolution No. 5.

WHEREAS, Our Public Press has given us generously of its valuable space to convey to the public the activities of this great conference the work of which is of such vital interest to the people of this peninsula, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we express our earnest appreciation and sincere thanks to the Press, to our beloved Bishop for his wonderful leadership and to all others who have in any way contributed to the success of these sessions.

Resolutions No. 3, 4 and 5 were unanimously adopted by the Conference.

A motion of W. M. Pogue, Rising Sun and seconded by T. H. Hudson, Ocean View, "That this Lay Conference go on record as opposing the elec-

tion of any person for the governorship, senator or representative to the state legislature, who in any way has been favorable to legalize liquor traffic or gambling in any form," was unanimously adopted with applause.

The Laymen's Conference then adjourned to go into United Session with the Ministerial Conference on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

HARRY B. WRIGHT, President.

CHARLES W. COOK, JR., Secretary, 820 Vandever Ave., Wilmington, Delaware.

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; Secy's, 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., O. M. Shockley; Secretaries, C. A. Short, C. W. Cook.

OFFICERS OF LAY CONFERENCE

- 1933—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secy., C. W. Cook; Treas., Granville Hooper.
1934—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secy., C. W. Cook; Treas., F. D. Layfield.
1935—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secy., C. W. Cook; Treas., O. M. Shockley.
1936—Pres., Harry B. Wright; Secy., C. W. Cook; Treas., O. M. Shockley.
1937—Pres., Harry B. Wright; Secy., C. W. Cook; Treas., O. M. Shockley.

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. Sausbury, Joseph W. Coley. Alternates, Mrs. Jeannie M. Field, A. W. Sisk, Wm. T. Records.
1916—Delegates, E. J. Winder, Thos. H. Bock, Melville Gambrell, Martin B. Burris. Alternates, I. M. Lenderman, W. O. Hoffecker, L. E. P. Dennis.
1920—Delegates, E. C. Hardesty, H. C. Conrad, L. Atwood, Bennett, J. W. Wheatley. Reserves, Joseph Mallalieu, R. F. Powell, J. S. Mullin, Jr.
1924—Delegates, I. Elmer Perry, W. Harry Jones, Orlando Harrison, T. N. Rawlins. Reserves, W. O. Hoffecker, E. P. Wyatt, H. C. Conrad.
1928—Delegates, W. Newton Jackson, H. H. Nuttle, W. G. Abbott, E. F. Melson. Reserves, W. B. Smith, Jr., W. T. Brasure, C. M. Phillips.
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