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CHRONOLOGICAL ROLL

- 1876 Wilbur F. Corkran
- 1876 Edmund L. Hoffecker
- 1883 Vaughan S. Collins
- 1884 William A. Wise
- 1885 Ellenzie C. Sunfield
- 1886 George E. Wood
- 1886 William R. Mowbray
- 1887 James H. Wilson
- 1889 Vinal E. Hills
- 1890 Melvin D. Nutter
- 1890 Virgil E. Rorer
- 1891 Joseph H. Geoghegan
- 1891 George P. Jones
- 1892 Clarence W. Strickland
- 1893 John P. Outten
- 1894 Henry G. Budd
- 1895 Edward H. Collins
- 1895 Daniel J. Givan
- 1896 Luther E. Poole
- 1896 Leolan Jackson
- 1897 John W. Prettyman
- 1897 Thomas S. Holt
- 1897 William O. Bennett
- 1898 Omar E. Jones
- 1898 John W. Jones
- 1898 Frederick X. Moore
- 1898 Hugh B. Kelso
- 1899 John L. Johnson
- 1899 George W. Dawson
- 1900 Howard Davis
- 1900 Clarence N. Jones
- 1900 William C. Poole
- 1902 William E. Matthews
- 1902 James H. Gardner
- 1902 Oram T. Baynard
- 1902 James W. Colona
- 1903 Arthur W. Goodhand
- 1903 George S. Thomas
- 1903 Walter E. Gunby
- 1903 William E. Habbart
- 1904 Edward J. Bond
- 1904 Joseph A. Buckson
- 1904 John M. Kelso
- 1904 Edwin B. Taylor
- 1905 Lewis B. Morgan
- 1905 Daniel J. Ford
- 1905 Jesse C. McCoy
- 1905 Howard R. McDade
- 1905 William R. Woodell
- 1906 John L. Sparklin
- 1906 Benjamin M. Johns
- 1907 William H. Briggs
- 1907 Tilghman Smith
- 1907 Oden E. James
- 1907 John R. Bicking
- 1907 William H. Revelle
- 1907 Ransom P. Nichols
- 1908 John W. Sutton
- 1908 Leonard White
- 1908 James T. Price
- 1908 Jesse P. Landon
- 1908 Arthur L. Grey
- 1909 John J. Bunting
- 1909 Edgar C. Prettyman
- 1909 Frank Herson
- 1910 Melvin E. Wheatley
- 1910 Thomas J. Sard
- 1910 Ernest C. Hallman
- 1910 John C. B. Hopkins
- 1910 Dayton E. McClain
- 1910 Hamilton P. Fox
- 1911 Oren B. Rice
- 1911 David J. Moore
- 1911 Charles W. Spry
- 1912 Olie H. Connelly
- 1912 Charles M. Griffeth
- 1912 George E. Sterling
- 1912 Ivanhoe Willis
- 1913 Disston W. Jacobs
- 1914 Frank White
- 1914 Norman C. Benson
- 1914 Marion W. Marine

1914 William J. McKee	1928 Robert E. Green
1914 Essell P. Thomas	1928 Frederick C. Louhoff
	1928 James O'Neil
1915 Ralph C. Jones	1928 Alfred W. Strickland
1915 Alpha B. Frye	1928 Roy L. Tawes
1916 Roy T. Thawley	1929 Charles I. Carpenter
1916 Charles C. Harris	1929 Elwood B. Eckhart
1916 Otis B. Reed	1929 Grayson H. Wheatley
1916 Lester E. Windsor	
1917 Walter A. Hearn	1930 Henry T. Caldwell
1917 Charles H. Atkins	1930 William J. Ennis
1917 William S. Grant	1930 Frank D. Milbury
	1930 Roland H. Nelson
	1930 Lucian L. Powell
1918 Edmund W. Henvis	1931 Richard M. Green
1918 Robert S. Hodgson	1931 Jacob C. Hanby
1918 Willard V. Moore	1931 William H. Kohl
1918 John T. Rowleson	1931 James F. Langrall
1918 John W. Wootten	1931 Joseph B. Vaughn
1918 August F. Zimmerman	
1919 Earl M. Shockley	1932 Leon W. Ross
1919 Andrew T. McFarland	
1919 John H. Whedbee	1933 Joseph B. Dickerson
	1933 Raymond W. Hallman
	1933 Ray W. Kirwan
	1933 D'Arcy A. Littleton
1920 Ralph L. Minker	
1921 Milton S. Andrews	1934 John E. French
1921 Charles E. Davis	1934 Daniel T. Pritchard
1921 Sylvanus T. Hamblin	
1921 Frederick J. Pieplow	
1922 Charles H. Hudson	1935 Elmer L. Bennett
1922 Wingate D. Short	1935 Frank G. Buckley
1922 Johnson H. Wright	1935 James H. Clow, Jr.
	1935 Ewell E. Crockett
	1935 Louis R. Dennis
	1935 Waldo L. Dise
1923 Walter G. Barlow	1935 Walter A. Glass
1923 Lawrence E. Wimbrow	1935 John E. Jones
1924 Harry N. Bailey	1936 Walter L. Beckwith
1924 Oler A. Bartley	1936 Ira E. Crum
1924 Oliver J. Collins	1936 Vernon M. Goodhand
1924 John E. Parker	1936 Frederick H. Truitt
1924 Charles W. Robb	
1925 Henry M. Parks	1937 George H. Murphy
	1937 Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr.
1926 Frank A. Baker	1938 Charles E. Ennis
1926 Sidney B. Bradley	1938 Harold Fordham
1926 Charles W. Branford	1938 Edward S. Gault
1926 Harry V. Branford	1938 Robert W. Hastings
1926 Otis P. Jefferson	1938 Milton H. Keene
1926 Preston W. Spence	1938 Leroy V. Pratt
	1938 Paul E. McCoy
	1938 Brooks E. Reynolds
	1938 Charles H. Squires
	1938 Joseph Wigglesworth, Jr.
1927 John A. Clark	1939 David W. Baker
1927 John R. Diehl	1939 George W. Goodley, Jr.
1927 Willard Everett	1939 Lee S. Varner
1927 Conrad Hamer	
1927 Harvey O. Hufnal	
1927 Rufus W. Mills	
1927 Paul E. Reynolds	

ALPHABETICAL ROLL AND DIRECTORY

Note:—In column headed "Relation," the following abbreviations are used: "E" denotes Elder; "D," Deacon; "P," Probationer; "R," Retired; "Sy," Supernumerary.
The figures in the first column indicate the year of admission on trial; those in the last column, the year of appointment or relation.

	Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1921	Andrews, M. S.	E Ocean City, Md.	1
1917	Atkins, C. H.	E Zion Cir. (P.O. North East, Md.)	7
1924	Bailey, H. N.	E Perryville, Md.	2
1939	Baker, D. W.	P Stanton, Del.	1
1926	Baker, F. A.	E Dagsboro, Del.	5
1923	Barlow, W. G.	E Beckwith (P.O. Cambridge, Md.)	2
1924	Bartley, O. A.	E Newark, Del.	1
1902	Baynard, O. T.	E Fairlee (P. O. Chestertown, Md.)	2
1936	Beckwith, Walter L.	D Church Hill, Md.	6
1935	Bennett, E. L.	E Smith's Island (P. O. Ewell, Md.)	2
1897	Bennett, W. O.	R Hurlock, Md.	9
1914	Benson, N. C.	E Odessa, Del.	3
1907	Bicking, J. R.	E Immanuel (P. O. Crisfield, Md.)	4
1904	Bond, Edward J.	E McCabe (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1926	Bradley, S. B.	E Delmar, Del.	1
1926	Branford, C. W.	E Scott (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1926	Branford, H. V.	E Centreville, Md.	4
1907	Briggs, W. H.	R Elsmere, Del.	9
1935	Buckley, F. G.	D Concord, Md.	1
1904	Buckson, J. A.	R Rehoboth, Del.	8
1894	Budd, H. G.	R Dover, Del.	9
1909	Bunting, J. J.	E D. S., Salisbury, Md.	5
1930	Caldwell, H. T.	E Chesapeake City, Md.	4
1929	Carpenter, C. I.	E Chaplain U. S. Army	3
1927	Clark, J. A.	E Frankford, Del.	1
1935	Clow, J. H., Jr.	E Pittsville, Md.	1
1883	Collins, V. S.	R Wilmington, Del.	11
1895	Collins, E. H.	R Marshallton, Del.	6
1924	Collins, O. J.	E St. Pauls (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	7
1902	Colona, J. W.	E Smyrna, Del.	4
1912	Connelly, O. H.	E Berlin, Md.	4
1876	Corkran, W. F.	R Millsboro, Del., R.D. to Gumboro	10
1935	Crockett, Ewell E.	E Nanticoke, Md.	2
1936	Crum, Ira E.	E Houston, Del.	2
1900	Davis, Howard	R Lewes, Del.	2
1921	Davis, C. E.	E Still Pond, Md.	1
1899	Dawson, G. W.	R Middletown, Del.	1

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1935 Dennis, Louis R.	E At School	1
1927 Diehl, J. R.	E Parsonburg, Md.	4
1933 Dickerson, J. B.	E Rising Sun, Md.	1
1935 Dise, Waldo L.	E Fruitland, Md.	1
1929 Eckhart, Elwood B.	E Hebron, Md.	1
1938 Ennis, C. E.	P Marydel, Md.	2
1930 Ennis, W. J.	E Camden, Md.	3
1927 Everett, Willard	E Felton, Del.	1
1905 Ford, D. J.	R Camden, Del.	5
1936 Fordham, Harold	E Tilghman, Md.	2
1910 Fox, H. P.	E Salisbury, Md.	3
1934 French, J. E.	E Epworth (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	3
1915 Frye, A. B.	E Richardson Park, Del.	2
1902 Gardner, J. H.	E Stockton, Md.	2
1938 Gault, E. S.	P and D Frederica, Del.	1
1891 Geoghegan, J. H.	R Newport, Del.	6
1895 Givan, D. J.	E Girdletree, Md.	1
1935 Glass, W. A.	D Galena, Md.	2
1903 Goodhand, A. W.	E Hillcrest (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1936 Goodhand, Vernon M.	D Christiana, Del.	2
1939 Goodley, G. W.	P Charlestown, Md.	1
1917 Grant, W. S.	E Tangier, Va.	1
1928 Green, R. E.	E Harrington, Del.	2
1931 Green, R. M.	E Hockessin, Del.	2
1908 A. L. Grey	E Oxford, Md.	3
1912 Griffeth, Charles M.	E Ridgely, Md.	1
1903 Gunby, W. E.	E Wilmington, Del. (D. S.)	5
1903 Habbart, W. E.	E Chester Bethel (Wil.R.D. #2)	2
1910 Hallman, E. C.	E Laurel, Del.	1
1933 Hallman, R. W.	E Preston, Md.	1
1921 Hamblin, S. T.	E Hopewell (P.O. Port Deposit, Md.)	4
1927 Hamer, Conrad	E Rehoboth, Del.	4
1931 Hanby, J. C.	E Mt. Pleasant (P. O. Laurel, Del.)	6
1916 Harris, C. C.	E Eastlake (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	10
1938 Hastings, R. W.	P Church Hill, Md.	1
1917 Hearn, W. A.	E Dover, Del. (D. S.)	1
1918 Hervis, E. W.	E Millsboro, Del.	1
1909 Herson, Frank	E Milford, Del.	13
1889 Hills, V. E.	R Newark-Union	4
	(P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	
1918 Hodgson, R. S.	E North East, Md.	2
1876 Hoffecker, E. L.	R Easton, Md.	22
1897 Holt, T. S.	R Federalsburg, Md.	28
1910 Hopkins, J. C. B.	E Grace (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)	1
1922 Hudson, C. H.	E Trinity (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	10
1927 Hufnal, H. O.	E Greenwood, Del.	1
1896 Jackson, Leolan	E St. Michaels, Md.	6
1913 Jacobs, D. W.	E Snow Hill, Md.	5

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1907 James, O. E.	R Baltimore, Md.	16
1926 Jefferson, O. P.	E Lewes, Del.	2
1906 Johns, B. M.	E Grace (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)	17
1899 Johnson, J. L.	E Seaford, Del.	4
1891 Jones, G. P.	R Mystic, Conn.	11
1935 Jones, J. E.	E Roxana, Del.	2
1898 Jones, J. W.	E Port Deposit, Md.	3
1898 Jones, O. E.	E Georgetown, Del.	9
1900 Jones, C. N.	E New Castle, Del.	5
1915 Jones, R. C.	E Brandywine (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1938 Keene, M. S.	P Kingswood (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	1
1898 Kelso, H. B.	E East New Market, Md.	1
1904 Kelso, J. M.	E Marshallton, Del.	4
1933 Kirwan, Ray. W.	E Bishopville, Md.	3
1931 Kohl, W. H.	E Blades (P. O. Seaford, Del.)	2
1908 Landon, J. P.	E Bayside (P. O. Sherwood, Md.)	2
1931 Langrall, J. F.	E Kent Island	4
	(P. O. Stevensville, Md.)	
1933 Littleton, D'Arcy A.	E Townsend, Del.	3
1928 Louhoff, F. C.	E Rock Hall, Md.	4
1905 McCoy, J. C.	E Newport, Del.	6
1905 McDade, H. R.	E Chincoteague, Va.	1
1919 McFarland, A. T.	E Millington, Md.	2
1914 McKee, Wm. J.	Sy. Abroad	2
1910 McClain, D. E.	E Cambridge, Md.	3
1938 McCoy, P. E.	P Burrsville (P. O. Denton, Md.)	1
1914 Marine, M. W.	E Harrison St. (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	4
1902 Matthews, W. E.	R Smyrna, Del.	18
1930 Milbury, F. D.	E Federalsburg, Md.	4
1927 Mills, R. W.	Sy. Seaford, Del.	3
1920 Minker, R. L.	Sy. Wilmington, Del.	4
1898 Moore, F. X.	R New Freedom, Pa.	19
1911 Moore, D. J.	E Red Lion (P. O. Bear, Del.)	2
1918 Moore, W. V.	E Cape Charles, Va.	4
1905 Morgan, L. B.	E Middletown, Del.	4
1886 Mowbray, W. R.	R Lewes, Del.	14
1937 Murphy, G. H.	P Bethel (P. O. Ches. City, Md.)	2
1930 Nelson, R. H.	E Sharptown, Md.	4
1907 Nichols, R. P.	E Princess Anne, Md.	6
1890 Nutter, M. D.	R Newark, Del.	10
1928 O'Neil, James	E Quantico, Md.	3
1893 Outten, J. P.	R Laurel, Del.	7
1924 Parker, J. E.	E Ocean View, Del.	1
1925 Parks, H. M.	E Asbury (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	4
1921 Pieplow, F. J.	E Claymont, Del.	4
1896 Poole, L. E.	R Snow Hill, Md.	6
1900 Poole, W. C.	R Easton, Md.	4
1930 Powell, L. L.	E Mt. Vernon	3
	(P. O. Princess Anne, Md.)	

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
1938 Pratt, L. V.	E Ebenezer (P. O. Newark, Del.)	2
1897 Prettyman, J. W.	R North East, Md.	4
1909 Prettyman, E. C.	E Wilmington, Del.	25
1908 Price, J. T.	R East New Market, Md.	4
1934 Pritchard, D. T.	E Newark, Md.	4
1916 Reed, O. B.	E Wyoming, Del.	1
1907 Revelle, W. H.	E Sudlersville, Md.	2
1938 Reynolds, B. E.	P Hoopers Island (P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.)	2
1927 Reynolds, P. E.	E Chestertown, Md.	4
1911 Rice, Oren	E Ellendale, Del.	2
1924 Robb, Charles W.	E Vienna, Md.	2
1890 Rorer, V. E.	R Elkins Park, Pa.	7
1932 Ross, Leon W.	E Clayton, Del.	3
1918 Rowlenson, J. T.	E Asbury (P. O. Crisfield, Md.)	7
1910 Sard, T. J.	E Union (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	7
1919 Shockley, E. M.	E Dover, Del.	4
1922 Short, W. D.	E Madeley (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	2
1907 Smith, Tilghman	E Greensboro, Md.	3
1906 Sparklin, J. L.	E St. Georges, Del.	7
1926 Spence, P. W.	E Bridgeville, Del.	1
1911 Spry, C. W.	E Bethel, Del.	1
1938 Squires, C. H.	P and D Willards, Md.	1
1912 Sterling, G. E.	E Phoebus, Va.	7
1892 Strickland, C. W.	R Rehoboth, Del.	5
1928 Strickland, A. W.	E Hillsboro, Md.	2
1885 Sunfield, E. C.	R Barnegat, N. J.	18
1908 Sutton, J. W.	R Princess Anne, Md.	3
1928 Tawes, R. L.	E Hurlock, Md.	2
1904 Taylor, E. B.	R Springfield, S. C.	5
1916 Thawley, R. T.	E Selbyville, Del.	4
1903 Thomas, G. S.	R Wilmington, Del.	2
1914 Thomas, E. P.	E Easton, Md.	4
1936 Truitt, Frederick H.	D St. Johns (P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	2
1939 Varner, Lee S.	P Farmington, Del.	1
1931 Vaughn, J. B.	E Milton, Del.	2
1910 Wheatley, M. E.	E Elkton, Md.	4
1937 Wheatley, M. E., Jr.	P & D Lincoln City, Del.	1
1929 Wheatley, G. H.	E St. Peters (P. O. Oriole, Md.)	4
1919 Whedbee, J. H.	E Nassau, Del.	1
1908 White, Leonard	E Deals Island, Va.	1
1914 White, Frank	E Cecilton, Md.	1
1938 Wigglesworth, Jos. Jr.	P At School	2
1912 Wills, Ivanhoe	R Anti-Saloon League (P. O. Marshallton, Del.)	1
1887 Wilson, J. H.	R Elsmere, Del.	13

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1923 Wimbrow, L. E.	E Denton, Md.	1
1916 Windsor, L. E.	E Mt. Salem (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	4
1884 Wise, W. A.	R Wilmington, Del.	10
1886 Wood, G. E.	R Dover, Del.	8
1905 Woodell, W. R.	R Delmar, Del.	6
1918 Wootten, J. W.	E Pocomoke City, Md.	4
1922 Wright, J. H.	E Silverbrook (P. O. Wilm., Del.)	4
1918 Zimmerman, A. F.	E Seaford, Del.	2

STREET ADDRESSES OF WILMINGTON PASTORS.

Asbury, H. M. Parks	222 Walnut Street
Bellefonte, J. C. Steen	1103 Rosedale Ave., Bellefonte, Wil- mington
Brandywine, R. C. Jones	2206 Market Street
Eastlake, C. C. Harris	102 W. 30th St.
Epworth, John E. French	922 Lombard Street
Grace, B. M. Johns	9th and Washington Sts.
Harrison Street, M. W. Marine	7th and Harrison Sts.
Hillcrest, A. W. Goodhand	402 Hillcrest Ave., Hillcrest, Wil- mington
Kingswood, M. S. Keene	925 Pine St.
Madeley, W. D. Short	1218 "B" St.
McCabe, E. J. Bond	2202 Boulevard
Mt. Salem, L. E. Windsor	1701 Mt. Salem Lane
Scott, C. W. Branford	3613 Washington St.
Silverbrook, J. H. Wright	201 Woodlawn Ave.
St. Paul's, O. J. Collins	1014 West 10th St.
Trinity, C. H. Hudson	727 East 22d St.
Union, T. J. Sard	507 Washington St.

SUPPLIES.

E indicates Local Elder. D indicates Local Deacon.

Name	Relation and Appointment	Year
Adams, R. H.	E Brack-Ex (P. O. Elsmere, Del.)	20
Allen, Geo. S.	E Crapo, Md.	3
Anderson, John	Church Creek, Md.	1
Bailey, James T.	Gumboro, Del.	1
Buckson, W. C.	St. Pauls, Dover	2
Campbell, David T.	D Powellville (P. O. Pittsville, Md.)	8
Casson, Edw. F.	Galestown (P. O. Seaford, Del.)	1
Conner, Harry	Canterbury, Del.	1
Conner, R. G.	E Kenton, Del.	2
Cook, Jervis	Cordova, Md.	1
Cursey, Ellwood	Westover, Md.	1
Elliott, Milton	Williamsburg, Md.	2
Fosnocht, W. E.	E Mt. Lebanon, Del.	6
Graham, J. T.	E Bozman, Md.	1
Hackett, Wm. O.	Henderson, Md.	1
Hallman, Harold T.	Wye Mills, Md.	2
Holdway, H. G.	E Somerset (P. O. Chance, Md.)	1
Hopkins, Ralph W.	Crumpton, Md.	1
Hudson, A. T. P.	Mardela Springs, Md.	3
Kirby, R. L., Jr.	E Elk Neck (P. O. North East, Md.)	1
Knotts, L. L.	Annamessex (P. O. Marion, Md.)	3
Layton, J. E.	E Holly Oak, Del.	15
Lewis, B. L.	Elliotts, Md.	1
McClintock, W. L.	E Cheswold, Del.	1
McCorkle, F. K.	E Cherry Hill (P. O. Elkton, Md.)	4
Prettyman, D. B.	E Trappe, Md.	7
Steen, J. C.	E 1103 Rosedale Ave., Bellefonte, Del.	12
Thomas, A. G.	Whitesville, Del.	4
Thornton, J. H.	E Queenstown, Md.	1
Turkington, Albert A.	E Onancock, Va.	3
Travers, Alonzo	E Pomona (P. O. Chestertown, Md.)	2
Willis, J. F.	E Pocomoke Ct. (P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.)	1
Wilson, R. H.	St. Thomas (P. O. Bishop's Head, Md.)	4
Wood, David	E Fairmount, Md.	1
Wright, E. N.	Georgetown Circuit (P. O. Georgetown, Del.)	3

LOCAL PREACHER'S DIRECTORY.

Local Elders.

Adams, R. H., Elsmere, Del.	Layton, J. E., Holly Oak, Del.
Allen, George S., Crapo, Md.	McClintock, W. L., Bozman, Md.
Atkinson, W. F., White Haven, Md.	McCorkle, F. K., Cherry Hill, Md.
Barrett, T. S., Mardela Springs, Md.	McVey, Hiram, Greenwood, Del.
Covey, A. H., Chestertown, Md.	Prettyman, D. B., Trappe, Md.
Conner, R. G., Kenton, Del.	Sharpless, C. D., Seaford, Del.
Crooks, E. B., Newark, Del.	Steen, J. C., Bellefonte, Del.
Cross, E. L., Cambridge, Md.	Steininger, C. V., Delmar, Del.
Fosnocht, W. E., Mt. Lebanon, Del.	Travers, Alonzo, Chestertown, Md.
Godwin, W. F., Atlantic City, N. J.	Thornton, J. H., Cheswold, Del.
Graham, J. T., Bozman, Md.	Turkington, Albert A. Onancock, Va.
Hanby, S. L., Lincoln, Del.	Willis, J. F., Pocomoke City, Md.
Hudson, John A., Seaford, Del.	Wood, David, Fairmount, Md.
Kirby, R. L., North East, Md.	Wright, E. N., Georgetown, Del.

Local Deacons.

Campbell, David T., Pittsville, Md.	Walraven, E. D., Sudlersville, Md.
Hudson, A. T. P., Mardela Spgs., Md.	Wiley, J. H., Secretary, Md.
Knotts, L. L., Marion, Md.	

LICENTIATES.

Adams, W. H., Wilmington, Del.	Cook, C. W., Jr., Wilmington, Del.
Aiken, Edward, Greenwood, Del.	Cooper, James, Tilghman, Md.
Alfree, W. B., Hillcrest, Del.	Covington, Henry, Centreville, Md.
Allen, Jacob S., Jr., Wilmington, Del.	Crockett, Carey, Tangier, Va.
Andersen, John, Salisbury, Md.	Cursey, Ellwood, Westover, Md.
Atwell, J. H., Seaford, Del.	Curtis, A. C., Georgetown, Del.
Atwell, J. W., Middletown, Del.	Davis, Harold W., Newark, Del.
Bailey, Jas., Gumboro, Del.	Dix, Wm. J., Baltimore, Md.
Boulden, J. C., Elkton, Md.	Ely, T. B., Wilmington, Del.
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Discipline 282 and 1022.

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Ministerial—J. W. Jones.
Lay—R. O. Dulaney, Frank Gentieu.

Term Expires 1941:

Ministerial—L. E. Windsor, E. P. Thomas.
Lay—Jefferson Cooper.

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1940—W. S. Grant, T. J. Sard, J. T. Rowlenson.

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1942—R. C. Jones, C. C. Harris, J. H. Wright.

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COMMITTEE ON WORSHIP.

Discipline 285.

Dover District—Robert E. Green.

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Discipline 1023.

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Discipline 229 and 1084.

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Discipline 463-5.

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Wilmington District—C. C. Harris, O. A. Bartley, C. W. Branford.

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III**DAILY PROCEEDINGS****OFFICIAL JOURNAL****FIRST SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING**

OPENING:—The Wilmington Annual Conference convened for its Seventy-first session in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, on Wednesday, March 22, 1939 at 9 o'clock, with Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

THE LORD'S SUPPER:—The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the District Superintendents and the pastor of the Church.

SECOND SESSION—WEDNESDAY MORNING

OPENING:—Conference convened in business session at 10.35 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding.

ROLL CALL:—The Roll was called by the Secretary of the previous Conference. 139 members and probationers answered to their names. Then the Secretary called the names of members of Conference who had died during the year, Conference standing during the reading. A. T. McFarland who had been transferred from the Nebraska Conference was introduced.

ORGANIZATION:—On motion J. R. Bicking was reelected Secretary and he named the following assistants, and they were confirmed: O. A. Bartley, Raymond W. Hallman, W. J. Ennis was confirmed as Treasurer of the Minutes Publication Fund.

TREASURER:—W. H. Revelle was confirmed as Treasurer of Conference and he named the following assistants and they were confirmed: V. E. Hills, J. H. Clow, O. H. Connelly, H. T. Caldwell, C. H. Squires, W. H. Kohl, L. L. Powell, W. L. Beckwith, J. E. Layton, Milton Keene, R. G. Conner and L. V. Pratt.

STATISTICIAN:—J. W. Wootten was confirmed as Statistician and he named the following assistants: Sylvanus T. Hamblin, D'Arcy A. Littleton, Walter A. Glass, H. O. Hufnal, Ellwood Cursey, J. B. Vaughn, W. L. McClintock, P. E. Reynolds, F. G. Buckley, F. A. Baker, R. S. Hodgson.

AUDITOR:—H. B. Kelso was confirmed as Conference Auditor.

AREA OF CONFERENCE:—The Area of the Conference was made to include the first nine rows of pews.

CONFERENCE GREETINGS TO SICK:—On motion the Secretary was instructed to send greetings to the following who are sick: W. F. Corkran, W. J. McKee, J. P. Landon, J. W. Sutton, Joseph A. Buckson and wife, Mrs. E. B. Taylor, and H. B. Wright, President of the Lay Conference.

BISHOP HUGHES:—E. C. Hallman presented the following resolutions and they were adopted:

On the Eve of Unification, it seems most fitting and proper to express publicly our pride in the leadership of our beloved Bishop, not only in things local, but also in his world wide vision, and especially in the significant part he has taken in the uniting of the three Methodist Churches.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, We the Wilmington Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church, do hereby express our appreciation of the leadership of Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, and thus express publicly our pride in the high esteem he is enjoying throughout all of Methodism.

BE IT FURTHERMORE RESOLVED that we go on record as desiring him to continue as our presiding officer, under any new set up due to Unification, just as long as law and health permit.

INTRODUCTION:—J. M. M. Gray, Chancellor of the American University was introduced and addressed the Conference.

REV. AND MRS. FRANKLIN H. CLAPP:—On motion of O. E. Jones the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, Dr. Franklin H. Clapp, of the Michigan Conference, has been doing work in our Conference territory for the Board of Foreign Missions of our Church, which work has been a unique presentation of our Missionary enterprise from the standpoint of a pastor who has had the opportunity of viewing it personally, and

WHEREAS, this work has gained very great emphasis from the generous giving by Dr. Clapp of his time in this presentation without any compensation, and

WHEREAS, furthermore, this work has been ably seconded by Mrs. Clapp, especially in her delightful "Demonstration of Friendship among the Children of the World," in the use of the costumes of the children of some nineteen countries of the world,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, as a Conference, express our very deep appreciation of the work and the spirit of these two cultured and devoted lovers of the Kingdom, and

FURTHERMORE, that we commend very heartily the wisdom of our Board in giving this peculiarly effective presentation of our Kingdom work to the Church, and suggest that it be continued, if possible, because of its very great value to the Church.

JOHN J. BUNTING
W. E. GUNBY
E. C. HALLMAN
OMAR E. JONES

HALLMAN HISTORICAL ADDRESS:—On motion of O. E. Jones the historical address delivered by E. C. Hallman at the 150th Anniversary Program for Asbury Church, held Tuesday evening, March 21 was ordered printed in the Minutes.

PASTOR'S REPORTS:—Pastor's reports were collected.

COMMUNION OFFERING:—R. C. Jones announced the communion offering to be \$32.

QUESTION 34:—The Thirty-fourth Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher Examined" was taken up. W. E. Gunby, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, was called, his character passed, and he read a report of his District.

QUESTION 38:—The Thirty-eighth Question, "Who Have Died" was taken up.

W. A. Wise was requested to preside at the Memorial Service.

A hymn was sung and J. J. Bunting led in prayer.

The memoir of W. L. Hess was read by J. W. Jones, that of Luther M. Broadway by C. C. Harris; that of Charles G. Cannon, Accepted Supply Pastor by W. E. Habbart.

The memoir of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Mowbray was read by W. A. Wise; that of Mrs. Stephen M. Morgan by D. W. Jacobs; that of Mrs. Evelyn J. Nelson prepared by L. E. Poole and read by W. J. Ennis; that of Mrs. Samuel L. Hanby by W. E. Habbart.

On motion of J. R. Bicking the memoir of Mrs. Mary E. Chandler prepared by David Wood was ordered printed in the Minutes without reading.

On motion of W. E. Habbart the memoirs were adopted as read and ordered printed in the Minutes.

CHAIR:—Bishop Hughes resumed the Chair.

CLARENCE TRUE WILSON:—On motion of J. J. Bunting the Secretary was instructed to send the greetings and sympathy of the Conference to Mrs. Clarence True Wilson in regard to the death of Dr. Clarence True Wilson.

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

OFFICIAL JOURNAL:—On motion Conference voted that the printed minutes be made the Official Journal of the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT:—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, W. E. Matthews pronouncing the benediction.

THIRD SESSION—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING:—Conference convened at 2.30 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions, several men making sentence prayers.

INTRODUCTION:—J. Millard Tawes, Comptroller of the Treasury of the State of Maryland was introduced.

Dr. Fred P. Corson, President of Dickinson College was introduced and addressed the Conference.

QUESTION 34:—The Thirty-fourth Question "Was the Character of Each Preacher Examined?" was resumed. J. J. Bunting, Superintendent of the Salisbury District; E. C. Hallman, Superintendent of the Dover District, were called, their characters passed, and they read reports of the work of their respective Districts.

On behalf of the ministers of the Dover District, Harry V. Branford presented a gift to E. C. Hallman, retiring District Superintendent.

C. I. Carpenter, E. C. Prettyman, Ivanhoe Willis, in detached service, were called, and their characters passed.

The Effective Elders of the Wilmington, Salisbury and Dover Districts were called, and their characters passed.

SABBATH DESECRATION BILLS, ETC.:—On motion of J. L. Sparklin, the Secretary was instructed to send letters of protest to the Delaware Legislature against the Sunday moving picture, Sunday bowling, licensing pin-ball machines, liberalizing liquor laws and against any other bills which might seek to commercialize the Sabbath.

On motion of H. P. Fox similar resolutions were ordered sent to the Maryland Legislature.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES:—W. E. Gunby read the report of the Good Will Industries and it was received.

SALE OF CHURCH PROPERTY:—On motion of E. C. Hallman the following resolutions relating to the sale of church property were adopted:

Moved that the Conference Trustees be authorized to sell the Willow Grove Church and grounds and that the proceeds be given to the general funds of the Conference Trustees.

Moved that the Conference Trustees after consulting the wishes of the local trustees as to their desires in the matter, be authorized to sell the contents, building and grounds of the Roseville Church and that the proceeds, or such part of the sale money as may be needed, be presented to the Church Hill Parsonage for the purpose of installing a bath room, whenever it can be done in a legal and proper manner.

INTRODUCTION:—Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, of Foundry Church, Washington, D. C., present to address the Fellowship Hour during Conference, was introduced.

ADJOURNMENT:—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Howard Davis pronouncing the benediction.

FOURTH SESSION—THURSDAY MORNING

OPENING:—Conference convened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions. E. J. Bond led in prayer.

JOURNAL:—The Journal for Wednesday's sessions was read and approved.

EXCUSES:—J. J. Bunting announced the reason for the delay in arrival at the seat of the Conference of G. E. Sterling.

On motion of J. J. Bunting, L. L. Powell and Brooks Reynolds were excused from attendance upon Conference.

On motion of W. E. Gunby, Conference voted to excuse all students attending schools and all other ministers necessarily absent from the sessions of Conference.

BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND STANDING COMMITTEES:—W. E. Gunby, for the cabinet, presented the list of names for the Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees, and it was ordered printed without reading.

METHODIST YEAR BOOK:—On motion of O. E. Jones, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that we, as a Conference, request our Book Concern to publish another edition of the Year Book in order to give us the final statistics of the Methodist Episcopal Church before unification.

COMMITTEE ON ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS:—The following were approved as members of the Committee on Accepted Supply Pastors: From Board of Ministerial Training, L. E. Wimbrow, O. E. Jones, O. A. Bartley, E. M. Shockley, M. W. Marine; from Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, J. W. Colona, L. E. Windsor, Leolan Jackson, R. C. Jones, and Tilghman Smith.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL TRAINING:—Bishop Hughes appointed H. P. Fox a member of the Board of Ministerial Training.

DELAWARE CONFERENCE:—On motion of Leonard White, Conference instructed the Secretary to send a telegram of greeting to the Delaware Conference now in session in Philadelphia; and to Bishop Ernest G. Richardson presiding over that Conference.

SENATOR WM. P. JACKSON:—On motion of H. P. Fox, the Secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Catherine Jackson and family, widow and family of Senator Wm. P. Jackson, deceased prominent layman of this Conference.

QUESTIONS 20, 22:—The Twentieth and Twenty-second Questions were called with the answer in each case of "None".

QUESTION 21:—The Twenty-first Question, "Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?" was taken up. The Bishop announced the transfer of A. T. McFarland from the Nebraska Conference.

QUESTION 24:—The Twenty-fourth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. Having been properly recommended, David William Baker was Received on Trial and placed in Studies of First Year.

TEMPERANCE REPORT—ORDER OF THE DAY:—On motion of Ivanhoe Willis the report of the Temperance Committee was made the order of the day for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

INTRODUCTIONS:—W. H. Best and Allen Gillis of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church, South, E. C. Graham of the Maryland Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, F. Reid Isaac, Sr., William Warner, E. F. Fielding, G. C. Cromwell all of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church; R. P. Riddick, J. C. Robertson, W. R. Reed, W. Albert Wright of the Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, South; J. Edward Downes of the Philadelphia Conference; L. L. Blackman and C. N. Nelson of the New Jersey Conference; Harold C. Jones of the New York East Conference, were introduced.

STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS:—F. Reid Isaac, Jr., Superintendent of the Strawbridge Home for Boys, Inc., read his report and on motion of G. W. Dawson it was adopted, and the following were reelected Trustees, the Secretary casting the ballot: John G. Townsend, Jr., William L. Todd, and Rev. Essell P. Thomas.

BUREAU OF BUDGET:—On motion of R. P. Nichols an apportionment of 1¼ per cent. of cash salary was authorized for the Bureau of Budget for the ensuing year.

On motion of R. P. Nichols the sum of \$550 was authorized for the use of the Summer School of Ministerial Training.

On motion of R. P. Nichols, O. J. Collins, E. M. Shockley, J. Everett Walls and Roland Messick were reelected to the Bureau of Budget for a term of three years.

METHODIST HOSPITAL:—Geo. W. Henson, Corresponding Secretary of the Methodist Hospital of Philadelphia was introduced and addressed the Conference.

BOARD OF PENSIONS AND RELIEF:—Charles L. Calkins representing the Board of Pensions and Relief was introduced and addressed the Conference.

J. R. Bicking read a communication from the Board of Pensions and Relief.

CHARTERED FUND:—Charles L. Calkins presented a draft on the Chartered Fund for \$60 and it was ordered paid in favor of the Board of Stewards.

AFTERNOON SESSION:—On motion of G. W. Dawson the afternoon session scheduled for to-day was cancelled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:—On motion of Leonard White an Executive Session of Conference was set for Friday morning after the reading of the Journal.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS:—A hymn was sung as a memorial to the late Clarence True Wilson and Bishop Hughes delivered a devotional address.

JOHN W. LANGDALE:—John W. Langdale, Book Editor, representing the Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

CORPORATE SESSION:—Conference convened in Corporate Session for the purpose of electing Ministerial Trustees of Wesley Collegiate Institute, W. E. Gunby, president, presiding. The following were elected for a term of three years: J. L. Johnson, W. F. Corkran, G. W. Dawson, L. B. Morgan, and E. M. Shockley.

The Corporate Session then adjourned.

CHAIR:—Bishop Hughes resumed the Chair.

ADJOURNMENT:—Conference then adjourned, V. S. Collins pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH SESSION—FRIDAY MORNING.

OPENING:—Conference convened at nine o'clock. Bishop Hughes presiding. Bishop Jashwant Chitambar led in prayer.

JOURNAL:—The Journal for Thursday's session was read and approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:—Conference then convened in Executive Session.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—On motion of O. E. Jones, the report of the Conference Board of Education was made the order of the day immediately following the reading of the Temperance Report on Saturday morning.

DOORKEEPERS:—E. H. Collins, A. L. Grey, Preston W. Spence were appointed doorkeepers for the Executive Session.

QUESTION 24:—The Twenty-fourth Question, "Who have been Received on Trial?" was resumed. Having been properly recommended Lee Scott Varner and George Walter Goodley, Jr. were Received on Trial and placed in Studies of First Year.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS:—On motion of Howard Davis, for the Committee on Conference Relations, the credentials of Merle M. Watson as a Local Deacon and Local Elder were revoked.

On motion of Howard Davis, the relation of Oren B. Rice was changed from Retired to Effective; that of George White Dawson and Ivanhoe Willis from Effective to Retired.

On motion of Howard Davis, W. J. McKee, Ralph L. Minker, and Rufus W. Mills were continued in the Supernumerary Relation.

On motion of Howard Davis, J. M. Kelso, J. L. Sparklin, J. W. Jones, and C. C. Harris were elected members of the Committee on Conference Relations for a term of three years.

On motion of Howard Davis, George S. Allen was granted the privilege of exercising the rights of a Local Elder under the privileges of his Credentials now restored.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS:—On motion of Tilghman Smith, M. W. Marine, L. E. Windsor, F. D. Milbury, and O. J. Collins were elected members of the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications for a term of three years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED:—The Executive Session then adjourned.

REGULAR SESSION:—Conference then convened in regular session.

W. W. DAVIS:—W. W. Davis, representing the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland was introduced and addressed the Conference.

HARRY W. MCPHERSON:—Harry W. McPherson, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

CONFERENCE PHOTOGRAPH:—On motion of E. C. Hallman, Conference, in view of the historical significance of this session of Conference, authorized the taking of a photograph of the Conference immediately after adjournment Saturday. R. C. Jones was designated to arrange all details.

QUESTION 25:—The Twenty-fifth Question, "Who have been Continued on Trial?" was taken up. Brooks Edward Reynolds, Milton Henry Keene, Paul Ewing McCoy, Joseph Wigglesworth, Jr., were called, their Characters passed, and they were Continued on Trial in Studies of First Year.

Robert Whittington Hastings, Charles Elwyn Ennis, and George Homer Murphy were called, their Characters passed and they were Continued on Trial and Advanced to Studies of Second Year.

Charles Harvey Squires and Edward Sidney Gault were called, their Characters passed, and they were Continued on Trial exempt from the Course of Study.

QUESTION 28:—The Twenty-eighth Question, "What Members are in Studies of Third Year?" was taken up. Walter Adelbert Glass was called, his Character passed, and he was Continued in Studies of Third Year.

QUESTION 29:—The Twenty-ninth Question, "What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?" was taken up.

Frank G. Buckley, Jr., Leroy Virgil Pratt, Frederick Howard Truitt, Harold Fordham, and Vernon Myers Goodhand were called, their characters passed, and they were Advanced to Studies of Fourth Year, the latter two with conditions.

Walter Lee Beckwith was called, his character passed and he was Continued in Studies of Fourth Year.

QUESTION 30:—The Thirtieth Question, "What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up.

Having been properly recommended, Elmer Larry Bennett, Ewell Emerson Crockett, and James Herman Clow, Jr. were called, their characters passed; they were graduated from the Conference Course of Study, and Elected to Elder's Orders.

QUESTION 31:—The Thirty-first Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up. Laurence Lawrence Knotts was called, his character passed, and he was elected to Deacon's orders under the Local Rule.

QUESTION 32:—The Thirty-second Question, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up. Walter Emmett Fosnocht, Robert Lee Kirby, Jr., and John Franklin Willis were called, their characters passed, and they were elected to Elder's Orders under the Local Rule.

QUESTION 36:—The Thirty-sixth Question, "What Accepted Supply Pastors now in Charge are taking the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up.

I. The Conference Course of Study

1. In the First Year

John H. Anderson

2. In the Second Year

Ellwood Webster Cursey

Ralph W. Hopkins

Benjamin L. Lewis, with conditions

Robert H. Wilson

3. In the Third Year

Laurence Lawrence Knotts

4. In the Fourth Year

Arthur T. P. Hudson

II. "What Local Preachers have completed satisfactorily the Studies prescribed?"

1. For Deacon's Orders

Laurence Lawrence Knotts

2. For Elder's Orders

Robert Lee Kirby

Walter Emmett Fosnocht

John Franklin Willis

QUESTION 25:—The Twenty-fifth Question, "Who have been Continued on trial?" was resumed.

Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr., was called, his character passed and he was continued on Trial, Advanced to Studies of 3rd year, and elected to Deacon's Orders under the Seminary Rule.

UNITED SESSION.

The members of the Lay Conference arrived at 11 o'clock and Conference convened in United Session. Major Clarence A. Short, President, C. W. Cook, Secretary, and O. M. Shockley, Treasurer were introduced.

At the request of Bishop Hughes, Bishop Chitambar announced a hymn, after the singing of which, Bishop Chitambar led the United Session in prayer.

Bishop Hughes then gave a devotional address on the subject "The Peril of Emptiness."

ADJOURNMENT:—Conference then adjourned, Bishop Chitambar pronouncing the benediction.

SIXTH SESSION—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

UNITED SESSION.

OPENING:—The United Session convened at 2.30 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions. Harold Paul Sloan led in prayer.

DELAWARE CONFERENCE:—Bishop Hughes read a reply from the Delaware Conference in response to the greetings of this Conference.

QUESTION 2:—The Second Question, "Is the Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirements of the Discipline?" was taken up.

Answer: It is. Corporate Title: Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

QUESTION 3:—The Third Question, "What Officers and Persons holding Monies, Funds, etc., are bonded, and in what Amounts according to the Requirement of the Discipline?" was taken up.

Answer: Wm. H. Revelle, Conference Treasurer, \$25,000 during the period of handling funds received at Conference and for \$1000 during the remainder of the year; W. A. Hearn, Treasurer of Conference Trustees, \$10,000; and Jefferson Cooper, Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, \$30,000.

QUESTION 5:—The Fifth Question, "What are the Items and Aggregates of General Conference Benevolences apportioned to this Conference?" was taken up. Answer:

World Service, 6560 units.

Episcopal Fund, 2 ½ per cent pastor's cash salary.

General Administration Fund, Balance for Quadrennium to be apportioned to charges.

b. What Amounts are Fixed by the Conference as the Minimum Goals for General Conference Benevolences for the Ensuing Year?

Answer: World Service, 4000 units or \$48,000.

QUESTIONS 6, 7:—Questions 6 and 7 were taken up with the answer in both cases being "See Report".

QUESTION 8:—The Eighth Question, "What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?" was taken up.

Answer: No report.

QUESTION 13:—The Thirteenth Question, "What Approved Financial Campaigns are to be carried on in this Conference during the ensuing year and for What Amounts?" was taken up.

Answer: Approved the continuation of the campaign to raise \$1000 for Atlantic Church, Ocean City, Md. as long as permissible under the present organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Wilmington City Missionary Society, \$3500.

On motion of G. W. Dawson, Conference voted to continue the Campaign to establish the Bishop McDowell Memorial Chair of Religion at the American University.

QUESTION 14:—The Fourteenth Question, "What is the Schedule of Minimum Support?" was taken up. Answer: Not yet fixed.

QUESTION 15:—The Fifteenth Question, "What are the Approved Claims for the Support of the District Superintendents, Bishops, and Conference Claimants for the ensuing Year?" was taken up.

Answer: District Superintendents, referred to District Stewards. Bishops, 2 ½ per cent of pastor's cash salary. Conference Claimants, see plan in Minutes.

QUESTION 17:—The Seventeenth Question, "What Standing Committees shall be appointed by this body?" was taken up. Answer: See list.

QUESTION 19:—The Nineteenth Question, "Where shall the next Session of the Conference be held?" was taken up. Answer: Referred to Commission on Conference Entertainment.

TIME OF CONFERENCE SESSION:—On motion of H. P. Fox, Conference ordered a committee of twelve, four from each district, for the purpose of considering the advisability of changing the date for the Annual Sessions of Conference, report of the committee to be made at the Saturday morning session. The following were named to the committee: For the Dover District, J. W. Colona, E. M. Shockley, F. D. Milbury, J. L. Johnson; For the Salisbury District, H. P. Fox, R. L. Tawes, J. T. Rowlenon, J. W. Wootten; For the Wilmington District, J. H. Wright, M. W. Marine, M. E. Wheatley, O. J. Collins.

HARRY B. WRIGHT:—On motion, the Secretary was instructed to send the greetings of the United Session to Harry B. Wright past President of the Lay Conference who is now ill.

INTRODUCTION:—Harold Paul Sloan, Editor of The Christian Advocate, New York Edition, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT:—Announcements were made, and Conference adjourned, with prayer by Ivanhoe Willis, and benediction by George White Dawson.

SEVENTH SESSION—SATURDAY MORNING.

OPENING:—Conference convened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions. J. Harry Wright led in prayer.

JOURNAL:—The Journal of Friday's sessions was read and approved.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION:—On motion of G. W. Dawson the following resolution was adopted:

We wish to put on record an expression of our high appreciation of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension for the instructive and inspirational pageant rendered on Thursday evening of our Conference session, picturing and explaining the constructive work of this Board, and we hereby promise our hearty support of this uplift work.

GEORGE WHITE DAWSON.

BISHOP CHITAMBAR:—On motion of G. W. Dawson the following resolution was adopted:

We, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference, ministers and laymen, hereby express to Bishop Jashwant R. Chitambar our everliving thanks for his presence and illuminating messages during his visit with us. We also feel that India is a part of our world Parish and must be included when the Kingdoms of the world shall become the spiritual Kingdom of God.

GEORGE WHITE DAWSON.

ALLAN MACROSSIE:—Bishop Hughes announced the receipt of a letter from Dr. Allan MacRossie in regard to the work of the Commission on Courses of Study.

CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY:—On motion of L. E. Wimbrow, the following were elected members of the Conference Education Society for a term of three years: D. W. Jacobs, M. S. Andrews, M. E. Wheatley, A. C. Humphreys, J. M. Tawes, and Paul E. Collins.

QUESTION 44:—The Forty-Fourth Question, "Who are the Triers of Appeals?" was taken up. Answer:

HISTORICAL SOCIETY:—On motion of E. C. Hallman, the following were named officers of the Conference Historical Society: E. C. Hallman, J. M. Kelso, Ivanhoe Willis, M. S. Andrews, R. T. Thawley, O. A. Bartley, O. E. Jones.

UNITED SESSION.

COMMITTEE ON DATE OF CONFERENCE:—J. Harry Wright presented the report of the special committee raised for the purpose of discovering the advisability of changing the date of the annual sessions of Conference. On motion of D. W. Jacobs, an amendment to the report of the committee, which amendment called for the date of the next session of Conference to be left in the hands of the bishops, was adopted by a vote of 71 for the amendment and 57 against the amendment.

FINAL ADJOURNMENT OF CONFERENCE:—On motion of W. E. Gunby, Conference approved the final adjournment of Conference for this session on Sunday evening, the service to begin at ten o'clock.

TEMPERANCE REPORT:—J. L. Johnson presented the report of the Temperance Committee and it was adopted.

On motion telegrams were ordered sent to Maryland State Senators Wilmer Fell Davis and Earl S. Bennett urging them to use their influence to prevent increasing the hours for sale of alcoholic beverages in the State of Maryland. A similar telegram was ordered sent to Governor Herbert R. O'Connor of that state.

During the discussion of the Temperance Report, Geo. W. Crabbe, Superintendent of the Maryland Anti-Saloon League, Dr. Stewart Patterson, of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, and Ivanhoe Willis, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Delaware, were introduced and each addressed the Conference.

CLARENCE TRUE WILSON:—Leonard White presented a memorial to the life and work of Dr. Clarence True Wilson and on his motion Conference ordered it placed in the Minutes in the section on Memoirs.

IVANHOE WILLIS:—On motion of W. E. Gunby, Conference requested the Bishop to approve the appointment of Ivanhoe Willis as Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Delaware.

LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE:—O. H. Connelly presented the report of the Lord's Day Alliance Committee and it was adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION:—On motion of G. W. Dawson Conference ordered a session this afternoon at 1.30 o'clock.

ORDER OF THE DAY:—On motion of S. B. Bradley, the report of the Conference Board of Education was made the order of the day this morning immediately following the Bishop's devotional address.

MRS. RICHARD SYLVESTER:—Mrs. Richard Sylvester, a close personal friend of Bishop Hughes, was introduced to the Conference.

BISHOP'S ADDRESS:—A hymn was sung and Bishop Hughes addressed the Conference on the subject "John Wesley and His Journal."

BOARD OF EDUCATION:—J. B. Dickerson presented the report of the Conference Board of Education, and F. D. Milbury presented the report of the Dean of the Summer Institute for Youth.

On motion of O. E. Jones the reports were adopted with the recommendations contained therein.

BISHOP JOHN M. MOORE:—At the request of Bishop Hughes, Bishop John M. Moore of the Methodist Episcopal Church South assumed the Chair, and briefly addressed the Conference.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT CONTINUED:—On motion of O. E. Jones Conference voted to continue the Counselor Plan and elected J. B. Dickerson Conference Counselor of Christian Education with the privilege

of naming the District Counselors, the names of said Counselors to be printed in the Minutes.

On motion of O. E. Jones, F. D. Milbury was reelected Dean of the Summer Institute for Youth.

ADJOURNMENT:—Conference then adjourned, Bishop Moore pronouncing the benediction.

EIGHTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING:—Conference convened at 1.30 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

QUESTION 36 (b):—The Thirty-sixth question, section b, "Was the Character of each Supply Pastor Examined?" Answer "Yes."

(c) 1. "Are the District Committees on Qualifications of Local Preachers nominated by the District Superintendents Approved?" Answer: "Yes."

QUESTION 37:—The Thirty-seventh Question, "Who have been Transferred and to What Conferences?" was taken up. Answer: W. M. Parker to the Nebraska Conference.

QUESTION 39:—The Thirty-Ninth Question, "Who have had their Conference Membership terminated?" was taken up. Answer: All sections except (e) (1) answer "None."

Section (e) (1) "to join the ministry of another Church". Answer: T. O. M. Wills to join the ministry of the Presbyterian Church.

QUESTION 40:—The Fortieth Question, "What other Personal Notations should be made?" was taken up.

Section 2:—G. S. Allen, credentials restored as a Local Elder.

QUESTION 42:—The Forty-second Question, "Who are the Retired Ministers?" was taken up. The Retired Ministers were called, their characters passed, and they were Continued in this Relation.

QUESTION 43:—The Forty-third Question, "Who have been granted Leave of Absence?" was taken up. Answer: None.

QUESTION 45:—The Forty-fifth Question relating to approved institutions was called with the answer, None.

QUESTION 33:—The Thirty-third Question, "Who have been left without Appointment to attend one of our Schools?" was taken up. Answer: Joseph Wigglesworth, Jr., Louis R. Dennis.

QUESTION 35:—The Thirty-fifth Question, "Who are accepted as Supply Pastors?" was taken up. See list.

UNITED SESSION.

BOARD OF STEWARDS:—L. E. Windsor presented the report of the Board of Stewards, with figures to be entered under questions 9, 10, 11. On motion of L. E. Windsor the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Brother Jefferson Cooper has given many years service to the Board of Stewards both as a member of the Board and as Treasurer of the funds of the Board, and,

WHEREAS, because of failing health Brother Cooper has been compelled to resign from the office of Treasurer.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we hereby express our very great appreciation for his untiring service to the Board of Stewards and to the Conference. And that we assure Brother Cooper of our kindest affection, and our earnest prayers for a speedy recovery to health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be printed in the Journal and a copy of the resolution be sent to Brother Cooper.

L. E. WINDSOR.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES:—W. A. Hearn, Treasurer of the Conference Board of Trustees, read the Treasurer's report of the Board; also the reports of the Barratt's Chapel Fund, and the Washington Foster Estate, and on his motion they were adopted.

On motion of M. S. Andrews, the following were elected Conference Trustees for a term of three years: R. S. Hodgson, J. M. Kelso, M. E. Wheatley.

On motion of Tilghman Smith, L. E. Windsor was designated to solicit funds and bequests in favor of the Board of Stewards.

INTRODUCTIONS:—James H. Straughn and E. A. Sexsmith of the Methodist Protestant Church were introduced.

STATISTICIAN:—J. W. Wootten, Conference Statistician, read his report and it was adopted.

On motion of J. J. Bunting, J. W. Wootten was reelected Statistician.

SECOND SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION:—On motion of G. W. Dawson Conference ordered a second session for Saturday afternoon at 4.15 o'clock.

ADJOURNMENT:—Conference then adjourned, E. A. Sexsmith pronouncing the benediction.

NINTH SESSION—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

UNITED SESSION.

OPENING:—Conference convened at 4.15 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding.

NECESSITOUS CASES:—On motion of L. E. Windsor, Conference ordered the Board of Stewards to set aside the sum of \$3,000 for Necessitous Cases.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE CHURCH:—J. Harry Wright read the report of the Committee on State of the Church, and on motion it was received to be edited at the discretion of the Secretary.

CONFERENCE TREASURER:—W. H. Revelle, Conference Treasurer, read his report and it was adopted.

THE CHAIR:—At the request of Bishop Hughes, James H. Straughn assumed the Chair and briefly addressed the Conference.

CONFERENCE TREASURER:—On motion of O. A. Bartley, W. H. Revelle was reelected Conference Treasurer.

AUDITOR:—On motion of H. B. Kelso, the report of the Conference Auditor was ordered printed without reading.

LOUIS R. DENNIS AND WIFE:—Louis R. Dennis, a member of this Conference, and his wife, now planning to become missionaries in China, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Conference then sang "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

THE CHAIR:—Bishop Hughes then resumed the Chair.

VISITORS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:—On motion of W. A. Hearn, the cabinet was requested to name visitors to educational institutions.

INTRODUCTION:—E. A. Sexsmith of the Methodist Protestant Church was introduced and addressed the Conference.

ADJOURNMENT:—Conference then adjourned, E. A. Sexsmith pronouncing the benediction.

TENTH SESSION—SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

ORDINATION SERVICE.

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

DEACONS:—The Secretary of the Conference called the names and presented those elected to Deacon's Orders, and Lawrence Lawrenceson Knotts and Melvin Ernest Wheatley, Jr., were ordained, the first named being under the local rule.

ELDERS:—Those elected to Elder's orders were called and presented and the Bishop assisted by the District Superintendents and other Elders ordained Elmer Larry Bennett, Ewell Emerson Crockett, James Herman Clow, Jr., Walter Emmett Fosnocht, Robert Lee Kirby, Jr., and John Franklin Willis as Elders, the last three named being under the local rule.

DIPLOMAS:—L. E. Wimbrow on behalf of the Committee on Conference Course of Study and the Conference Board of Ministerial Training, presented Diplomas to those who had completed the Conference Course of Study: Elmer Larry Bennett, Ewell Emerson Crockett, James Herman Clow, Jr., Walter Emmett Fosnocht, Robert Lee Kirby, Jr., and John Franklin Willis.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that on the 26th day of March, Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Nine, I ordained as Deacons:

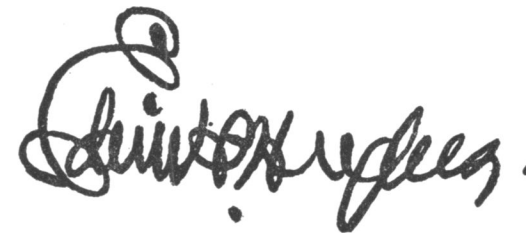
Lawrence Lawrenceson Knotts
Melvin Ernest Wheatley, Jr.

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

Elmer Larry Bennett
Ewell Emerson Crockett
James Herman Clow, Jr.
Walter Emmett Fosnocht
Robert Lee Kirby, Jr.
John Franklin Willis

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

Lawrence L. Knotts, Walter E. Fosnocht, Robert L. Kirby, Jr., and John F. Willis were ordained under the Local Rule.



Wilmington, Del.

Bishop.

ELEVENTH SESSION—SUNDAY EVENING.

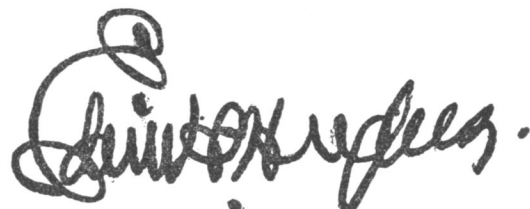
OPENING:—Conference convened at 10 P. M. with Bishop Hughes presiding.

THANKS:—A. F. Zimmerman read the report of the Committee on Thanks and it was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

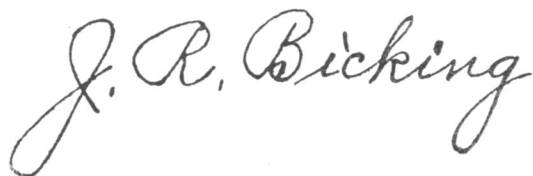
JOURNAL:—The Journal of Saturdays Sessions was ordered adopted and printed after careful perusal by the Secretary and the Assistant Secretaries.

ADJOURNMENT:—On motion of G. W. Dawson it was ordered that after the reading of the minutes that Conference stand adjourned, subject to the call of the Board of Bishops or to the call of the Resident Bishop for an adjourned session.

APPOINTMENTS:—After suitable remarks, the Bishop read the appointments and Conference Adjourned with the Benediction.



Bishop.



Secretary.

Adjourned Session of the Wilmington Conference Held at Dover, Delaware, June 15, 1938

In pursuance to the call sent out by Bishop Hughes through the Conference Secretary and the Secretary of the Lay Conference, an adjourned session of the Wilmington Annual Conference was held in Wesley Church, Dover, Delaware, Thursday, June 15, 1938 for the purpose of electing ministerial and lay delegates to the Uniting Conference and to transact any other business that might properly come before the conference.

OPENING:—Conference convened in joint session on Thursday morning June 15, at 9.30 o'clock with Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions. His address was based on the 40th chapter of Isaiah.

MINISTERIAL SESSION:—The laymen then retired for their own session and conference convened in Ministerial Session.

ROLL CALL:—The secretary called the roll, 150 members and probationers responding to their names.

AREA OF CONFERENCE:—On motion of O. A. Bartley the area of the Conference was made to include the first ten rows of pews.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO THE UNITING CONFERENCE:—On motion of L. E. Wimbrow it was voted to proceed with the election of ministerial delegates to the Uniting Conference.

RULES GOVERNING ELECTION OF DELEGATES:—The following rules governing the election of delegates to the Uniting Conference were presented and read by O. A. Bartley and on his motion they were adopted.

Rules Governing Election of Delegates to the Uniting Conference.

1. That 3 tellers from each district, nominated by the district superintendents together with one of the secretaries shall receive the ballots and count same.
2. That two delegates be elected to attend the Uniting Conference.
3. Every member entitled to vote shall be ordered within the area of the Conference, and those not within the area of the Conference shall not be entitled to vote.
4. That the persons receiving the highest number of votes, provided the same be a majority of the votes cast, shall be chosen as delegates.
5. That any ballot containing more or less than the number of names to be voted for be rejected, and therefore, not counted.
6. That where there are two or more members of the Conference of the same name, only such names as contain the Christian name or initials of the person for whom the ballot is cast shall be counted, but such omission of the Christian name or initials shall not affect the other names upon the said ballot.
7. That the Conference elect two reserve delegates in accordance with these rules.

8. That no member of the election board shall give out any information whatever concerning any ballot before the same is announced officially by the presiding officer.

TELLERS:—Tellers were appointed as follows: Wilmington Dist., M. W. Marine, O. J. Collins, T. J. Sard; Dover Dist., O. E. Jones, H. B. Kelso, E. W. Hervis; Salisbury Dist., S. B. Bradley, E. L. Bennett, J. E. Jones. Secretary, O. A. Bartley.

FIRST BALLOT:—The first ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

MRS. HUGHES:—On motion of H. P. Fox, the secretary was instructed to send a message of goodwill and cheer to Mrs. Hughes accompanied by a bouquet of flowers.

E. H. COLLINS:—On motion of T. J. Sard, the secretary was instructed to send the greetings of the Conference to E. H. Collins who has undergone an operation at the Homeopathic Hospital in Wilmington.

EXCUSED:—O. T. Baynard was excused.

SALE OF CHURCH PROPERTY:—On motion of E. C. Hallman, the trustees of either the New Market Church or the Ellendale Church were authorized to sell such furniture and other possessions of the New Market Church as they deem wise and the proceeds to be given to the Ellendale Church.

PLACE OF MEETING:—Uniting Conference.

On motion of J. R. Bicking the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized at the Christmas Conference, begun December 24, 1784, in the city of Baltimore; and

WHEREAS, The city of Baltimore is one of the centers where the three great branches meet and cooperate; and

WHEREAS, At the Sesqui-Centennial celebration held in the City of Baltimore in 1934 the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the President of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, led by our own Bishop Hughes, as a unit gave enthusiastic approval of the proposed united church; Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we earnestly request the Joint Commission on Entertainment to select the City of Baltimore as the place of the Uniting Conference.

W. R. MOWBRAY:—On motion of E. C. Hallman the secretary was instructed to send a message of sympathy to W. R. Mowbray on the death of his wife.

FIRST BALLOT RETURNED:—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the First Ballot as follows:—Total number of ballots cast, 119; Defective ballots 1; number needed to elect, 60. J. J. Bunting 50, D. W. Jacobs 30, W. E. Gunby 29, E. C. Hallman 28, Leonard White 26, T. J. Sard 10, O. E. Jones 9, Frank Herson, J. R. Bicking and

J. W. Colona 7 each, E. P. Thomas 5, H. P. Fox and B. M. Johns 4 each, J. L. Sparklin 3, O. J. Collins and D. E. McClain 2 each, G. W. Dawson, J. T. Rowlenon, W. E. Habbart, J. M. Kelso, M. E. Wheatley, F. D. Milbury, R. P. Nichols, H. B. Kelso, L. E. Windsor, Frank White, L. E. Wimbrow, V. E. Hills and W. A. Hearn one each. No one having received a majority vote there was no election.

SECOND BALLOT:—The second ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANT FUNDS:—On motion of G. W. Dawson amended by H. P. Fox, a committee was appointed to study all matters pertaining to the funds for Conference Claimants in view of the coming United Church, two from the Conference Claimant Commission and one from the Board of Stewards. The naming of the members of the committee was left in the hands of the District Superintendents.

CONFERENCE 1939:—On motion of L. E. Wimbrow, conference moved to request the board of Bishops to set the date for the convening of the next session of Conference for March 22, 1939.

SECOND BALLOT RETURNED:—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the second ballot as follows:—Total number of ballots cast 143, defective 0, necessary to elect 72. J. J. Bunting having received 78 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows: D. W. Jacobs 46, E. C. Hallman 37, W. E. Gunby 37, Leonard White 25, Frank Herson 13, T. J. Sard 9, O. E. Jones 8, H. P. Fox 7, J. W. Colona 6, E. P. Thomas 5, J. R. Bicking 4, B. M. Johns, J. L. Sparklin and W. A. Hearn 2 each, O. J. Collins, D. E. McClain, L. E. Wimbrow, G. W. Dawson and J. T. Rowlenon 1 each.

THIRD BALLOT:—The third ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

MINUTES OF ADJOURNED SESSION:—The secretary was instructed to print the minutes of the adjourned session in the 1939 edition of the Minutes.

THIRD BALLOT RETURNED:—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the Third Ballot as follows:—Total number of votes cast 141, defective 3, Necessary to elect 70. D. W. Jacobs 50, E. C. Hallman 31, W. E. Gunby 30, Leonard White 12, Frank Herson 5, H. P. Fox 4, J. W. Colona 2, O. E. Jones, T. J. Sard, G. W. Dawson and B. M. Johns 1 each. No one having received a majority vote there was no election.

FOURTH BALLOT:—The fourth ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

FOURTH BALLOT RETURNED:—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the Fourth Ballot as follows:—Total number of ballots cast 138, defective 1, necessary to elect 69. D. W. Jacobs 61, W. E. Gunby 32, E. C. Hallman 28, Leonard White 7, B. M. Johns, J. W. Colona and H. P. Fox 2 each, Frank Herson, E. P. Thomas and O. E. Jones 1 each. No one having received a majority vote there was no election.

FIFTH BALLOT:—The Fifth Ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

ADJOURNMENT:—On motion of H. P. Fox conference adjourned to meet at 1.30 P. M. W. F. Corkran pronounced the benediction.

SECOND SESSION—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

OPENING:—Conference convened at 1.30 o'clock, Bishop Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

FIFTH BALLOT RETURNED:—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the Fifth Ballot as follows:—Total number of Ballots cast 134, defective 0, necessary to elect 68. D. W. Jacobs having received 76 votes was declared elected. The remainder of the ballot was as follows:—W. E. Gunby 27, E. C. Hallman 26, B. M. Johns 2, J. W. Colona, H. P. Fox and Leonard White 1 each.

RESERVE DELEGATES:—FIRST BALLOT TAKEN:—The First Ballot for reserve delegates was taken and the tellers retired.

FIRST BALLOT RETURNED:—The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the result of the First Ballot for Reserve Delegates as follows:—Total number of votes cast 112, defective 2 entirely, 4 in part, necessary to elect 55. E. C. Hallman and W. E. Gunby having each received 58 votes were declared elected. On motion of W. E. Gunby, E. C. Hallman was made first reserve delegate. The remainder of the Ballot was as follows:—Leonard White 27, Frank Herson 11, O. E. Jones 9, H. P. Fox 9, E. P. Thomas 8, T. J. Sard 7, J. R. Bicking 6, B. M. Johns 4, J. W. Colona 5, L. E. Windsor and J. T. Rowlenon 2 each, M. W. Marine, O. J. Collins, Paul E. Reynolds, H. B. Kelso, J. L. Sparklin, V. E. Hills, W. A. Wise, R. T. Thawley, L. E. Wimbrow and E. J. Bond 1 each.

ADJOURNMENT:—A hymn was sung and the adjourned session adjourned, W. E. Matthews pronouncing the benediction.

LAY CONFERENCE.

The following delegates answered the roll call at the adjourned session of the Lay Conference held at Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church at Dover, Delaware, on June 15th, 1938:

Dover District.

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| Bozman & Neavitts, Mrs. Grace
McQuay | Chestertown, Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter |
| Bridgeville, Elmer Wiley | Cheswold, Wm. S. Cantwell |
| Burrsville, Norman Outten | Clayton, W. T. Dayett |
| Camden, J. M. Lynch | Concord, C. W. Adams |
| Canterbury, Wilber Kersey | Cordova, Mrs. Pierson Roe |
| Centreville, Norman Walters | Denton, Gilbert Rue |
| | Dover—Wesley, A. A. Hearn |

- Easton, C. N. Jefferson
- Ellendale, C. A. Timmons
- Fairlee, B. F. Rash
- Farmington, Mackinton Johnson
- Federalburg, T. Sewell Noble
- Frederica, F. A. Morris
- Galestown, Samuel G. Smith
- Georgetown, Harry E. Hudson
- Georgetown Ct., W. B. Owens
- Greenwood, C. H. Kinder
- Henderson, J. N. Godwin
- Houston, Howard Moore
- Kent Island, W. L. Price
- Kenton, Edgar R. Remley
- Lewes, Thos. P. Scott
- Lincoln, Hubbard Macklin
- Little Creek & St. Paul's, Mrs. Maude Vivien
- Magnolia, Marshall Hart
- Hillsboro, Roy Skinner

- Marydel, U. Lee Harmon
- Milford, M. Haswell Pierce
- Milton, Geo. H. Waples
- Nassau, Arthur B. Campbell
- Pomona, Howard I. Reed
- Preston, Harry B. Wright
- Queenstown, A. J. Roe
- Rehoboth, J. Fred Hudson
- Ridgely, Walter M. Bennington
- Rock Hall, W. Stanley Grant
- Seaford, E. J. Winder
- Smyrna, L. M. Price
- St. Michael's, J. B. Hunt
- Sudlersville, Spencer Walls
- Tilghman, James Cooper
- Trappe, Harvey L. Slaughter
- Woodside, Mrs. Arlington Slaughter
- Wye Mills, D. B. F. Wolcott
- Wyoming, Mrs. Bertha Coursey
- Total 50

Salisbury District.

- Annessex, Mrs. Manie L. Somers
- Beckwith & Spedden, Roland Dail
- Berlin, R. B. Powell
- Bishopville, O. M. Shockley
- Cambridge, Granville Hooper
- Chincoteague, John T. Mears
- Crisfield—Immanuel, W. E. Maddrix
- Dagsboro & St. Georges, Major C. A. Short
- Deal's Island, Fred T. Webster
- Delmar, W. S. Melson
- East New Market, Geo. B. Isenberg
- Elliott, Shelton E. Gray
- Fairmount, Isaac T. Ford
- Bethel, W. P. Phillips
- Frankford, C. H. Lockwood
- Fruitland, Ralph O. Dulaney
- Gumboro, C. H. Baker
- Hebron, Vernon Killiam
- Hurlock, H. N. Harper
- Laurel, Robert S. Brock
- Mardela Springs, C. C. Jones
- Millsboro, J. P. King
- Nanticoke, Miss Lulu M. Dolby
- Ocean View & Millville, T. H. Hudson
- Pittsville, Raymond Burton
- Pocomoke City, S. A. Evans
- Pocomoke Ct., O. T. Payne
- Powellville, Fred Kelley
- Roxana, George W. Derrickson
- Salisbury—
- Asbury, E. Virgil Hearn
- Grace, J. W. Smith
- Secretary, T. A. Coulbourn
- Selbyville, W. A. Law
- Sharptown, Charles L. Windsor
- Snow Hill, A. C. Humphreys
- Stockton, C. C. Pilchard
- St. Peters, G. W. Bozman
- St. Thomas, B. O. Murphy
- Westover, C. H. Layfield
- Whitesville, W. C. Truitt
- Willards, Miss Helen Schockley
- Williamsburg, Roland Poole
- Zoar, Frank W. Lawson
- Total 43

Wilmington District.

Bethel & Town Point, Ernest M Davis
 Brack Ex, Leonard E. Barnes
 Cherry Hill, John Peterson
 Chesapeake City, Leroy Allen
 Chester-Bethel, Mrs. Rebecca Barlow
 Christiana, Mrs. Frank Hawthorne
 Claymont, Joseph Seibert
 Crumpton, Mrs. Eleen Hartley
 Ebenezer, J. B. Patterson
 Elkton, Lynn B. Gillespie
 Galena, Robert Bramble
 Hockessin, James H. Polk
 Holly Oak, J. Russell Allison
 Hopewell, George McCullough
 Marshallton, W. H. Wingate
 Millington, N. A. Wallen
 Mt. Lebanon, Francis G. Savage
 Newark, E. F. Dawson
 Newark Union, Mrs. Elizabeth Barlow
 New Castle, William Deakyne
 Newport, A. M. Craig
 North East, A. C. Cameron

Perryville, Wm. J. Bartlett
 Port Deposit, Walter Todd
 Red Lion, Mrs. Bessie Conner
 Richardson Park, Charles Bowers
 Rising Sun, W. M. Pogue
 St. George's, H. L. Gray
 Stanton, E. Ellwood Othoson
 Townsend, John W. Guessford
 Wilmington—
 Asbury, J. Carlyle Simmons
 Bellefonte, H. A. Hurst
 Brandywine, G. L. Bilderback
 Eastlake, Luther H. Broadway
 Epworth, Willis L. Overdeer
 Grace, Arthur A. Wilmot
 Harrison St., I. Elmer Perry
 Hillcrest, Miss Edith Richmond
 Kingswood, Mrs. Lillian DeCourse
 Madeley, Mrs. Anne Faulkner
 McCabe, F. J. Wharton
 Mt. Salem, J. Elmer Betty
 Scott, C. P. Harvey
 St. Paul's, H. P. Edenfield
 Total 44

The adjourned meeting of the Lay Conference was called to order by President H. B. Wright at 9.30 A. M., June 15th, 1938.

In the absence of the Secretary, Bro. Charles W. Cook, Jr., Bro. Clarence A. Short was elected Secretary Pro Tem.

President Wright nominated the following committees:

CREDENTIALS:—I. Elmer Perry, Wilmington; Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter, Chestertown; Charles L. Windsor, Sharptown; W. M. Bennington, Ridgely; C. P. Harvey, Wilmington.

TELLERS:—H. P. Edenfield, Wilmington; Gilbert Rue, Denton; E. J. Winder, Seaford; W. S. Melson, Delmar; J. M. Lynch, Camden.

The roll call by Secretary Pro Tem developed the following number of delegates present: Dover District, 51; Salisbury District, 43; Wilmington District, 44—Total 138.

We then proceeded to elect delegates to the Uniting Conference of the Methodist Episcopal South, Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal Churches to be held at Kansas City in April 1939. The following were nominated:—Harry B. Wright by C. N. Jefferson of Easton and Walter Todd of Port Deposit. Willis L. Overdeer by Charles Bowers of Richardson Park and J. Russell Allison, of Holly Oak. O. M. Shockley by A. C. Humphreys of Snow Hill and W. A. Law of Selbyville. Granville Hooper by I. Elmer Perry of Wilmington and E. Virgil Hearn of Salisbury.

The Tellers reported the result of ballot taken as follows:—Willis L. Overdeer, Wilmington, 73 votes; Granville Hooper, Cambridge, 72 votes; O. M. Shockley, Bishopville, 64 votes; Harry B. Wright, Preston, 60 votes.

In view of Willis L. Overdeer and Granville Hooper receiving the largest number of votes the Conference decided that they were elected as the regular delegates to the Uniting Conference. In view of O. M. Shockley receiving the next largest number of votes, the Conference decided that he would be first Alternate and Harry B. Wright the second Alternate.

At this time Dr. Haddaway, pastor of Dover Methodist Protestant church, was introduced, and gave us some inspirational remarks regarding the unification of Methodism and he was given hearty applause.

We then adjourned with prayer.

HARRY B. WRIGHT,
President.

CLARENCE A. SHORT,
Secretary Pro Tem.

IV DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

A. UNITED SESSION.

1. **Who are the members of the Lay Conference present, and who are its officers?**
(See Secretaries' record for names of members.) President, C. A. Short, Dagsboro, Del.; Secretary, C. W. Cook, Jr., Wilmington, Del.; Treasurer, O. M. Shockley, Showell, Md.
2. **Is the Annual Conference Incorporated According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**
It is. Corporate Title, "Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."
3. **What Officers and Persons holding Moneys, Funds, etc., are Bonded, and in what Amounts, According to the Requirement of the Discipline?**
Wm. H. Revelle, Conference Treasurer, \$25,000, during the period of handling funds received at Conference, and for \$1000 during the remainder of the year; W. A. Hearn, Treas. Conf. Trustees, \$10,000; Jefferson Cooper, Treas. Board of Stewards, \$30,000.
4. **What are the Statistical and Financial Reports for the year?**
 - (a) From the Statistician. See Statistical Report.
 - (b) From the Treasurer. See Treasurer's Report.
 - (c) Other items. See various reports.
5. (a) **What are the Items and Aggregate of General Conference Benevolences apportioned to this Conference?**
World Service, 6560 units; Episcopal Fund, 2½ per cent. of cash salary. General Administration Fund, balance due this quadrennium to be reapportioned to Charges.
 - (b) **What amounts are fixed by this body as the minimum goals for General Conference Benevolences for the ensuing year?**
World Service, 4000 units or \$48,000.
6. **What Reports and Exhibits are presented by the Conference Boards and Institutions?**
See reports.
7. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension?**
See report of World Service.
8. **What is the Annual Report of the Conference Board of Foreign Missions?**
No Report.

9. **What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?**
For Annuity distribution, 2463 years, multiplied by the Disciplinary rate of \$17 per year. For Necessitous distribution \$3000. Total \$43,871.
10. (a) **What has been received on these Claims?**
From the Chartered Fund, \$60; From Annual Conference Investments, \$14,546, From Pastoral Charges, \$33,206. Total, \$47,812.
 - (b) **How has it been Applied?**
Under order of Stewards. See Report.
11. **What amount has been apportioned to the Pastoral Charges within the Conference, to be raised for the Support of Conference Claimants?**
\$41471.
12. **What are the Items and Aggregate of Annual Conference Benevolences approved by this body for the ensuing year?**
See question 13.
13. **What approved financial campaigns are to be carried on in this Conference during the ensuing year, and for what amounts?**
Campaign of securing designated gifts not to exceed \$1000 for our Church at Ocean City, provided the Church raises the same amount to continue as long as legal under Methodist Episcopal Church.
Wilmington City Missionary and Church Extension Society \$3500.
Campaign for funds for Bishop McDowell Memorial Chair of Religion, American University to be continued.
14. **What is the schedule of Minimum Support?**
Not yet fixed.
15. **What are the approved claims for the support of District Superintendents, Bishops, and Conference Claimants for the ensuing year?**
District Superintendents, referred to District Stewards; Bishops, 2½%; Conference Claimants, see plan in Minutes.
16. **What shall be the Evangelistic and Religious Educational Plan for the ensuing year?**
See report of Board of Education.
17. **What Standing Committees shall be appointed by this body?**
See list of Committees.
18. **What other items of business shall be considered by this United Session?**
See Minutes.
19. **Where shall the Next Session of the Conference be held?**
Referred to Committee on Conference Entertainment.

B. ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION.

20. Who have had their Credentials Restored without readmission to the Conference?
None.
21. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?
A. T. McFarland, Nebraska Conference.
22. Who have been Readmitted?
(a) After Voluntary Location.
None.
(b) After Involuntary Location.
None.
(c) After Restoration of Credentials.
None.
(d) After Withdrawal.
None.
(e) By Judicial Procedure or by General Conference.
None.
23. Who have been received on Credentials, and from what churches?
None.
24. Who have been Received on Trial?
(a) In Studies of First Year.
David W. Baker, George W. Goodley, Jr., Lee S. Varner.
(b) In Studies of Third Year under the Seminary Rule.
None.
(c) Exempt from Course of Study under Seminary Rule.
None.
25. Who have been Continued on Trial?
(a) In Studies of First Year.
Brooks Edward Reynolds, Milton Henry Keene, Paul Ewing McCoy.
(b) In Studies of Second Year.
Robert Whittington Hastings, Charles Elwyn Ennis, George Homer Murphy, Melvin Ernest Wheatley, Jr.
(c) In Studies of Third Year.
Melvin Ernest Wheatley, Jr.
(d) In Studies of Fourth Year.
None.
(e) Exempt from Course of Study.
Charles Harvey Squires, Edward Sidney Gault.
26. Who have been Discontinued?
None.

27. Who have been admitted into Full Membership?
(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.
None.
(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.
None.
(c) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.
None.
(d) Ordained Deacon, having been previously elected by Conference.
None.
28. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?
(a) Admitted into Full Membership this year.
None.
(b) Admitted into Full Membership previously.
Walter A. Glass.
29. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?
Walter L. Beckwith, Frank G. Buckley, Leroy Virgil Pratt, Frederick H. Truitt, Harold Fordham, Vernon Myers Goodhand.
30. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?
(a) Elected and Ordained Elders this year.
Elmer L. Bennett, Ewell Emerson Crockett, James Herman Clow, Jr.
(b) Elected and Ordained Elders previously.
None.
(c) Elected and Ordained Elders under the Seminary Rule.
None.
(d) Elected to be Ordained elsewhere.
None.
(e) Ordained Elder, having been previously Elected by Conference.
None.
(f) Ordained Elder elsewhere under our Election.
None.
31. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?
(a) As Local Preachers.
Lawrence Lawrenceon Knotts.
(b) Under Seminary Rule.
Melvin Ernest Wheatley, Jr.

(c) Under Missionary Rule.
None.

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

32. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

(a) As Local Deacons.

Walter Emmett Fosnocht, Robert Lee Kirby, Jr., John Franklin Willis.

(b) Under Missionary Rule.
None.

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

33. Who have been left without Appointment to Attend One of our Schools?

Louis R. Dennis, Joseph Wigglesworth, Jr.

34. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?

It was.

35. Who are accepted as Supply Pastors?

Reuben H. Adams, Geo. S. Allen, J. H. Anderson, James H. Bailey, W. C. Buckson, David T. Campbell, Robert G. Conner, Raymond Jervis Cooke, Ellwood Cursey, Milton R. Elliott, Walter E. Fosnocht, John T. Graham, Wm. O. Hackett, Harold Taylor Hallman, Samuel L. Hanby, Ralph W. Hopkins, A. T. P. Hudson, Robert L. Kirby, Lawrence L. Knotts, Joshua E. Layton, Benjamin L. Lewis, William L. McClintock, Frank K. McCorkle, Daniel B. Prettyman, Charles D. Sharpless, James C. Steen, Arthur G. Thomas, John H. Thornton, Alonzo Travers, Albert A. Turkington, Lee Varner, John F. Willis, Robert H. Wilson, Edward K. Wimmer, David Wood, Ernest N. Wright.

36. (a) What Accepted Supply Pastors now in charge are taking

I. The Conference Course of Study?

1. In the First Year.
John H. Anderson.

2. In the Second Year.
Ellwood W. Cursey, Ralph W. Hopkins, Benjamin L. Lewis,
Robert H. Wilson.

3. In the Third Year.
Lawrence L. Knotts.

4. In the Fourth Year.
Arthur T. P. Hudson.

II. The Local Preachers' Course of Study?

1. In the First Year.
None.

2. In the Second Year.
None.

3. In the Third Year.
None.

4. In the Fourth Year.
None.

(b) Was the character of each Accepted Supply Pastor now in charge examined?
It was.

(c) I. Are the District Committees on Qualifications of Local Preachers nominated by the District Superintendents approved?
Yes.

(c) II. What Local Preachers have completed satisfactorily the studies prescribed?

1. For Deacon's Orders.
Lawrence L. Knotts.

2. For Elder's Orders.
Walter E. Fosnocht, Robert Lee Kirby, John F. Willis.

37. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?

Wm. M. Parker, Nebraska Conference.

38. Who have Died?

L. M. Broadway, W. L. Hess.

39. Who have had their Conference Membership terminated?

(a) By Voluntary Location.
None.

(b) By Involuntary Location.
None.

(c) By Surrender of the Ministerial Office and Credentials.
None.

(d) By Judicial Procedure.
None.

(e) By Withdrawal.

(1) To Join the Ministry of another Church.

T. O. M. Wills, to join ministry of Presbyterian Church.

- (2) From the Ministry.
None.
- (3) From the Ministry and Membership of the Church.
None.
- (4) Under Complaints or Charges.
None.

40. What other personal Notations should be made.

- (2) Those whose credentials have been restored.
George S. Allen, credentials restored as a local elder.

41. Who are the Supernumerary Ministers, and for what number of years consecutively has each held this Relation?

Wm. J. McKee, 2; Rufus W. Mills, 3; Ralph L. Minker, 4.

42. Who are the Retired Ministers?

W. O. Bennett, Wm. H. Briggs, J. A. Buckson, H. G. Budd, E. H. Collins, V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran, George W. Dawson, Howard Davis, D. J. Ford, J. H. Geoghegan, V. E. Hills, E. L. Hofecker, T. S. Holt, O. E. James, G. P. Jones, W. E. Matthews, F. X. Moore, W. R. Mowbray, M. D. Nutter, J. P. Outten, L. E. Poole, W. C. Poole, J. W. Prettyman, J. T. Price, V. E. Rorer, C. W. Strickland, E. C. Sunfield, J. W. Sutton, E. B. Taylor, G. S. Thomas, Ivanhoe Willis, J. H. Wilson, W. A. Wise, G. E. Wood, W. R. Woodell.

43. Who have been granted Leave of Absence?

None.

44. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

O. H. Connelly, J. W. Jones, E. M. Shockley, J. L. Johnson, Frank Herson,
Reserves, J. R. Diehl, Leolan Jackson.

45. What institutions and organizations are approved by three-quarters vote of the Conference for appointment of Ministers in the Effective Relation with Annuity Claim?

No action taken.

46. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See List of Appointments.

V

APPOINTMENTS

DOVER DISTRICT.

W. H. HEARN, District Superintendent, (P. O. Dover, Del.). (1).	
Bayside, (P. O. Sherwood, Md.).	J. P. Landon (2) Farmington, Del., Lee Varner (1) Federalburg, Md.,
Blades, (P. O. Seaford, Del.).	W. H. Kohl (2) F. D. Milbury (4) Felton, Del., Willard Everett 1) Frederica, Del.,
Bozman and Neavitts, (Sup.) J. T. Graham (1) (P. O. Bozman, Md.).	Edward S. Gault (1) Galestown, (Sup.) Edward F. Casson (1) (P. O. Seaford, Del.).
Bridgeville, Del., Preston W. Spence (1)	Georgetown, Del., Omar E. Jones (9)
Burrsville, (P. O. Denton, Md.).	Paul E McCoy (1) Georgetown Circuit, (Sup.) E. N. Wright (3) (P. O. Georgetown, Del.).
Camden, Del., W. J. Ennis (3)	Canterbury and Viola, (Sup.) Harry Connor (1)
Centerville, Md., Harry V. Branford (4)	Greensboro, Md., Tilghman Smith (3)
Chestertown, Md., Paul E. Reynolds (4)	Greenwood, Del., Harvey O. Hufnal (1)
Cheswold, Del., (Sup.) W. L. McClintock (1)	Harrington, Del., Robert E. Green (2)
Church Hill, Md., R. W. Hastings (1)	Henderson and Barclay, (Sup.) William O. Hackett (1) (P. O. Henderson, Md.).
Clayton, Del., Leon W. Ross (3)	Hillsboro, Md., A. W. Strickland (2)
Concord, (P. O. Federalsburg, Md.).	F. G. Buckley (1) Houston, Del., Ira E. Crum (2)
Cordova, Md., (Sup.) Jarvis Cooke (1)	Kent Island, James F. Langrall (4) (P. O. Stevensville, Md.).
Denton, Md., L. E. Wimbrow (1)	Kenton and Hartley, (Sup.) Robert G. Connor (2) (P. O. Kenton, Del.).
Dover, Del.: Wesley, St. Paul's, (Sup.) W. C. Buckson (2)	Lewes, Del., O. P. Jefferson (2) Lincoln City, Del., Melvin E. Wheatley, Jr. (1)
Easton, Md., Essell P. Thomas (4)	Magnolia and Barrett's Chapel, Walter L. Beckwith (1) (P. O. Magnolia, Del.).
Ellendale, Del., O. B. Rice (2)	Marydel, Md., C. Elwyn Ennis (2)
Fairlee, (P. O. Chestertown, Md.).	O. T. Baynard (2) Milford, Del., Frank Herson (13)

Milford Neck, Edward S. Gault (1) (P. O. Frederica, Del.)	Seaford, Del., J. L. Johnson (4) Seaford Circuit,
Milton, Del., J. B. Vaughn (2)	A. F. Zimmerman (2)
Nassau, Del., J. H. Whedbee (1)	(P. O. Seaford, Del.)
Oxford, Md., A. L. Grey (3)	Smyrna, Del., J. W. Colona (4)
Pomona, (Sup.) Alonzo Travers (2) (P. O. Chestertown, Md.):	Sudlersville, Md., W. H. Revelle (2)
Preston, Md., Raymond W. Hallman (1)	Tilghman Island, Md., Harold Fordham (2)
Queenstown, Md., (Sup.) J. H. Thornton (1)	Trappe, Md., (Sup.) D. B. Prettyman (7)
Rehoboth, Del., Conrad Hamer (4)	Woodside, O. B. Reed (1)
Ridgely, Md., C. M. Griffith (1)	(P. O. Wyoming, Del.)
Rock Hall, Md., F. C. Louhoff (4)	Wye Mills, Md., (Sup.) Harold T. Hallman (2)
St. Michael's, Md., Leolan Jackson (6)	Wyoming, Del., O. B. Reed (1)

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

J. J. BUNTING, District Superintendent, (P. O. Salisbury, Md.). (5).

Annessex, (Sup.) L. L. Knotts (3) (P. O. Marion Sta., Md.)	Fairmount, (Sup.) D. E. Wood (1) (P. O. Upper Fairmount, Md.)
Beckwith & Spedden, W. G. Barlow (2) (P. O. Cambridge, Md.)	Frankford, Del., J. A. Clark (1)
Berlin, Md., O. H. Connelly (4)	Fruitland, Md., Waldo Dise (1)
Bethel, Del., C. W. Spry (1)	Girdletree, Md., D. J. Givan (1)
Bishopville, Md., R. W. Kirwan (3)	Gumboro, Del., (Sup.) James Bailey (1)
Cambridge, Md., D. E. McClain (3)	Hebron, Md., E. B. Eckhart (1)
Cape Charles, Va., W. V. Moore (4)	Hooper's Island, Brooks Reynolds (2) (P. O. Fishing Creek, Md.)
Chincoteague, Va., H. R. McDade (1)	Hurlock, Md., Roy L. Tawes (2)
Church Creek, Md., (Sup.) John Anderson (1)	Laurel, Del., E. C. Hallman (1)
Crapo, Md., (Sup.) G. S. Allen (4)	Mardela Springs, Md., (Sup.) A. T. P. Hudson (3)
Crisfield, Md.: Asbury, J. T. Rowlenon (7)	Millsboro, Del., E. W. Hennis (1)
Immanuel, J. R. Bicking (4)	Mt. Pleasant, Md., J. C. Hanby (6) (P. O. Laurel, Del.)
Dagsboro & St. Georges, F. A. Baker (5) (P. O. Dagsboro, Del.)	Mt. Vernon, Md., L. L. Powell (3) (P. O. Princess Anne, Md.)
Deal's Island, Md., Leonard White (1)	Nanticoke, Md., E. E. Crockett (2)
Delmar, Del., S. B. Bradley (1)	Newark, Md., D. T. Pritchard (4)
East New Market, Md., H. B. Kelso (1)	Ocean City, Md., M. S. Andrews (1)
Elliott, Md., (Sup.) B. L. Lewis (1)	Ocean View & Millville, J. E. Parker (1) (P. O. Ocean View, Del.)

Onancock, Va., (Sup.) Albert A. Turkington (3)	Sharptown, Md., R. H. Nelson (4)
Parsonsborg, Md., J. R. Diehl (4)	Smith's Island, E. L. Bennett (2) (P. O. Ewell, Md.)
Phoebus, Va., G. E. Sterling (7)	Snow Hill, Md., D. W. Jacobs (5)
Pittsville, Md., J. H. Clow, Jr. (1)	Somerset, (Sup.) H. G. Holdway (1) (P. O. Chance, Md.)
Pocomoke City, Md., J. W. Wootten (4)	Stockton, Md., J. H. Gardner (2)
Pocomoke Circuit, (Sup.) J. F. Willis (1) (P. O. Pocomoke City, Md.)	St. Peters, G. H. Wheatley (4) (P. O. Oriole, Md.)
Powellville, (Sup.) D. T. Campbell (8) (P. O. Pittsville, Md.)	St. Thomas, (Sup.) R. H. Wilson (4) (P. O. Bishop's Head, Md.)
Princess Anne, Md., R. P. Nichols (6)	Tangier, Va., W. S. Grant (1)
Quantico, Md., James O'Neil (3)	Vienna, Md., C. W. Robb (2)
Roxana, Del., J. E. Jones (2)	Westover, Md., (Sup.) Ellwood Cursey (1)
Salisbury, Md.: Asbury, H. P. Fox (3)	Whitesville, Del., (Sup.) A. G. Thomas (4)
Grace, J. C. B. Hopkins (4)	Willards, Md., C. H. Squires (1)
Secretary, Md., To be supplied	Williamsburg, Md., (Sup.) Milton Elliott (2)
Selbyville, Del., Roy T. Thawley (4)	Zoar, C. W. Spry (1) (P. O. Bethel, Del.)

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

W. E. GUNBY, District Superintendent, (P. O., 2705 Harrison St.,
Wilmington, Del.). (5).

Bethel & Town Point, G. Homer Murphy (2) (P. O. Chesapeake City, R. D., Md.)	Delaware City, Del., M. H. Keene (1) (P. O. 923 Pine St., Wilm., Del.)
Brack-Ex, (Sup.) R. H. Adams (20) (P. O. Elsmere, Wilmington, Del.)	Ebenezer, L. V. Pratt (2) (P. O. Newark, R. D., Del.)
Cecilton, Md., Frank White (1)	Elkton, Md., M. E. Wheatley (4)
Charlestown, Md., George W. Goodley (1)	Elk Neck, (Sup.) R. L. Kirby (1) (P. O. North East, Md.)
Cherry Hill, (Sup.) Frank K. McCorkle (4) (P. O. Elkton, R. D., Md.)	Galena, Md., W. A. Glass (2)
Chesapeake City, Md., H. T. Caldwell (4)	Hockessin, Del., R. M. Green (2)
Chester-Bethel, W. E. Habbart (2) (P. O. Wilmington, R. D. 2, Del.)	Holly Oak, Del., (Sup.) J. E. Layton (15)
Christiana, Del., V. M. Goodhand (2)	Hopewell, S. T. Hamblin (4) (P. O. Port Deposit, Md.)
Claymont, Del., F. J. Pieplow (4)	Marshallton, Del., J. M. Kelso (4)
Crumpton, Md., (Sup.) R. W. Hopkins (1)	Middletown, Del., L. B. Morgan (4)
	Millington, Md., A. T. McFarland (2)
	Mt. Lebanon, (Sup.) W. E. Fosnocht (6)

(P. O. Wilmington, R. D. 1, Del.)	Townsend, Del., D. A. Littleton (3)
Newark, Del., O. A. Bartley (1)	Zion Circuit, C. H. Atkins (7)
Newark-Union, V. E. Hills (4)	
(P. O. Welden Road, Wilm., Del.)	WILMINGTON CITY:
New Castle, Del., C. N. Jones (5)	Asbury, H. M. Parks (4)
Newport, Del., J. C. McCoy (6)	Bellefonte, (Sup.) J. C. Steen (12)
North East, Md., R. S. Hodgson (2)	Brandywine, R. C. Jones (1)
Odessa, Del., N. C. Benson (4)	Eastlake, C. C. Harris (10)
Perryville, Md., H. N. Bailey (2)	Epworth, J. E. French (3)
Port Deposit, Md., J. W. Jones (3)	Grace, B. M. Johns (17)
Red Lion, D. J. Moore (2)	Harrison St., M. W. Marine (4)
(P. O. Bear, Del.)	Hillcrest, A. W. Goodhand (1)
Richardson Park, Del.,	Kingswood, M. H. Keene (1)
A. B. Frye (2)	Madeley, W. D. Short (2)
Rising Sun, Md., J. B. Dickerson (1)	McCabe, E. J. Bond (2)
St. George's, Del., J. L. Sparklin (7)	Mt. Salem, L. E. Windsor (4)
St. John's, F. H. Truitt (2)	Scott, C. W. Branford (3)
(P. O. Lewisville, Pa.)	Silverbrook, J. H. Wright (4)
St. Paul's, Frank White (1)	St. Paul's, O. J. Collins (7)
(P. O. Cecilton, Md.)	Trinity, C. H. Hudson (10)
Stanton, Del., David W. Baker (1)	Union, T. J. Sard (7)
Still Pond & Betterton,	
C. E. Davis (1)	
(P. O. Still Pond, Md.)	

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.

- E. C. Prettyman, Superintendent, Connecticut Anti-Saloon League. (25).
(McCabe Quarterly Conf.).
C. I. Carpenter, Chaplain, U. S. Army. (3).

Left Without Appointment to Attend School.

- Louis R. Dennis (1). Joseph Wigglesworth (2).
Miss Gladys Pautz, Deaconess, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.
Miss Darla Brown, Deaconess, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.
Miss Elizabeth Colton, Deaconess, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.
Miss Almeda Parsons, Deaconess, Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, Wilmington, Del.
Miss Louise Whitsitt, Deaconess, Asbury, Scott and Epworth Churches.

VI REPORTS

(a) DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS**DOVER DISTRICT.**

E. C. HALLMAN, Superintendent.

DEAR BISHOP AND BRETHREN:—

In this my sixth, and I trust my final report as District Superintendent, I bring you no swan song or any long summary of accomplishments covering the term of office. I have made my report each year and rest with the idea that is sufficient. My worthy predecessors having done excellent work, turned the District over to me with unsolved problems; I will do the same with whoever is to succeed me. If we had no problems, there would be but little need for the office; but like the poor, we have them with us always.

During these six years I have worked hard, tried to be fair to all interests and have not shunned any task however unpleasant or difficult. I am content to let my record rest in the hearts of those I have helped as I am sure it is recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life, where it will not be lost or fade in the changing years.

The Official Family of the District has not been free from trouble. Sickness has been in our midst and Death has stalked three of our loved ones. A distressing accident in the parsonage of Greenwood brought anguish of soul to the parents of a beautiful baby boy. Brother and Sister Clow bore this grievous blow with Christian bravery and fortitude. They had the universal sympathy of all who knew them. The next to fall to the aim of that grim hunter was Mrs. W. R. Mowbray. In ill health for some little while, she quietly passed to her Heavenly Home, leaving a record of many years of faithful service. The third victim of that relentless hunter was the much missed companion of Brother S. L. Hanby. These two had entered the ministry in middle life and served as supply pastor and wife. Efficient and beloved, one has gone to her grave and the other, because of ill health, is asking to be excused from further service.

Sickness, with its attending discomforts and anxiety, has been abroad. Shortly after Conference, J. P. Landon went to the Easton Hospital for observation and treatment. Later his dear wife became ill and each tried to help the other to cheerfulness and health. Brother Landon was again forced into our Methodist Hospital in late February. Mrs. O. P. Jefferson underwent a surgical operation to remove a growth on her neck. Janet Spence, daughter of Preston W. Spence, was compelled to have that pesky thing called the appendix, removed. W. C. Buckson was out of his pulpit for several weeks due to illness. J. A. Buckson and wife have been seriously ill and spent some weeks in the Methodist Hospital. Other than colds and minor illness, the health of those not mentioned has been excellent.

There have been but two changes in the appointments since last Conference. The Superintendent of the Wilmington District asked for the release of G. Homer Murphy, that he might place him in Bethel and Town Point. To succeed him, the Bishop appointed Harold T. Hallman as pastor of Wye Mills Charge. This took place in November. Louis R. Dennis enlisted for missionary work in China and left for Drew Seminary the first of February, to take additional studies. Since then we have supplied the pulpit without appointing any one to become pastor.

Meetings of various sorts are continually being held in every District. Of those held within the bounds of the Dover District this Conference year, three stand out as eminently worth while in their general effect of lasting merit. Our Conference Mid-Year Rally held in Wesley Church, Dover, was one of the best we ever had. The Conference wide celebration of the Aldersgate experience, conducted under the auspices of the Cabinet, and held in Harrington Church, certainly made a deep spiritual impression on all of us. A wholesome Epworth League Convention in Easton proved of great value in renewing our conviction our young people are in deadly earnest in trying to bring the Kingdom to this confused world.

When we changed our leadership from a paid director to the Consular Plan in the field of Christian Education, there was much misgiving on the part of many. The Consular Plan has had the grace of a fair trial, and so far as the writer can observe, there is no slacking of interest or work. In fact it appears there are more people interested in promoting the ideas and helping on with the work, than for years. In cooperation with the Council of Churches and Christian Education of Maryland and Delaware, the training schools have taken on new life and interest; our Youth Conference has grown until numbers are now an embarrassment and our Epworth League Institute is steadily growing in power and usefulness. Great credit is due those who have these matters in charge.

In reviewing the property interests of the District, we should mention the problem of abandoned church buildings, forgotten cemeteries and neglected former church sites. We are all aware of the temptation of neglecting the unimportant for the urgent and pressing matters that are upon us. This has been a temptation that has assailed our Conferences for a century. Scattered over this Conference are pieces of property we have owned for more than a hundred years and not a single notation of its ownership recorded anywhere, not even in the county records. Under these conditions some of our church property has been used by unauthorized agents. Ever since my appointment as Superintendent, I have been quietly searching for titles and ownership of every piece of property I thought we owned. I have looked into county records, examined old deeds, questioned old folks, read the old minutes of quarterly conference records and Conference Minutes, tramped over fields and woods, in whatever section we formerly had a church, until now we have a fairly accurate record of every plot of ground we own within the boundary of the Dover District. There are plots of land I have found that are a disgrace to us because of briars and sassafras jungles; underneath are some of the graves of those who made history for us. There are church buildings that should have a torch applied to them because of their dilapidated condition. Some of our closed churches are kept in excellent condition through anniversaries,

others are used for funerals only. Two of them should be sold, a motion to that effect will be made at the proper time. We are startled when we examine the county records and discover how few churches are properly recorded. Some have no deed whatsoever and others are of such a confused nature as to make you think of carelessness in taking care of such valuable property. We have urged and pleaded and even warned some of the extreme danger if something is not done.

The active property is, with but few exceptions, in excellent repair. Every year the Superintendent reads a long list of repairs and improvements. This year is no exception as the following list indicates. Lewes repairs the building and installs a new furnace at a cost of \$3000; Bridgeville bought a Möller organ and paid for it the sum of \$2600; Seaford beautifies the auditorium and installs a new lighting system and chimes for the organ, at a total cost of \$2500; Greenwood improves the Town church and refurnished the old Johntown Church, the total cost of these projects being \$1643; Camden spends \$1250 on the Church; Chestertown redecorates interior and the outside at a cost of \$1100; Rock Hall, improvements amounting to \$1704; Tilghman spends \$933 and all others the sum of \$7146. This makes a grand total spent on the property of the District \$31,172.

The outstanding building project completed this year is the commodious new parsonage of Dover Wesley. Having sold the old parsonage and agreed to a building that was planned strictly for the pastor of Wesley, they have erected a \$11,000 home that is a credit to any congregation anywhere. It is well planned, modern in all of its appointments and comfortable. The congregation of Avenue Church in Milford has dreamed for years of a new Church. They have been quietly gathering funds and now they are realizing their dream. Ground has been broken, the old building is being partially torn down and a new U shape set of buildings will soon stand upon the old site. The estimated cost is \$70,000. Great credit is due all in this fine undertaking.

From the standpoint of debts the Dover District occupies a unique position. I judge we stand in a class by ourselves compared to any other District east of the Mississippi River. Our Church valuation is \$1,050,350. Our parsonages are estimated to be worth \$216,950. Other property, including bonds and endowments, amount to \$69,359. This makes a grand total of \$1,336,769. This does not include the District Parsonage nor the Wesley Collegiate Institute. We owed, at the beginning of this Conference year, the total sum of \$28,910. This includes all financial obligations not met by the end of last Conference and carried over as debts. Included in this item are current expenses, unpaid subscription to recent building operations, notes of long standing and mortgages. The figures in my hands indicate the mortgages amount to less than twenty thousand dollars. Notes secured by Church collateral and mortgages, have been reduced this Conference year to the amount of \$10,127, leaving an unpaid balance of \$18,783 on last years debts. So far as my knowledge goes, there has been no new mortgages or added burdens, except in the case of Dover and Milford. Dover's subscription completely covers their indebtedness for the new parsonage and Milford is in the midst of their building, so it is not due.

Four years ago, when I took over the reins of the Dover District, the indebtedness on the District parsonage was \$3500. Today we owe \$2100. After Conference another substantial payment will be made thus reducing it well below the two thousand mark. Our plan is working quietly and efficiently and in a few years, will pay off the final dollar. The Ladies Aid of the District has done a noble work in renovating the interior. It is indeed a fine home and worthy of much praise are those who have made it such.

There is one piece of property within the boundary of the Dover District that has been a source of grave concern for many of us. Every time I look at the Wesley Collegiate Institute I am challenged to some definite thinking only to be baffled by circumstances over which none of us have control. To forever drift along on the tide of time is unthinkable. Some day we will be forced to a decision and time will wait no longer for our answer. Some of us had high hopes that in the union of forces we might find a way to open it as a school, perhaps taking the theological seminary of some school that may be overcrowded by the new momentum of the union. Or maybe become the feeder for those established institutions that are coming to us as a part of the heritage of Unification. If at any time there had come to us any offer from any legitimate source, anywhere near its actual value, some of us would undoubtedly have voted for its sale. Inasmuch as we have never had a real offer for it, what shall we do? Tear it down and sell the ground for building lots? Sell the plot for a Town Park to balance with the Green? Establish an old folks home and house it in the remodeled building? These and many other suggestions have been in our thoughts. The Town Council of Dover are not interested in spending thousands of dollars for a Park to balance with the Green, when if it is torn down and sold into building lots, the revenue from the taxes would bring a handsome sum into their funds. To establish an old folks home would entail a heavy outlay of capital and become a continuous drain on the Conference for its maintenance. So opposite the District Parsonage is one of our Conference headaches. The question is still before us, what shall we do?

We are not reporting any devastating storms or destructive floods this year. However, we are compelled to tell you our star boarder, Mr. Depression, is still with us. Corn at thirty cents a bushel, wheat at fifty, fish selling at ruinous prices most of the time, oysters unsalable at times and when there was a market as low as fifteen cents per bushel. These will write their reflex in the total of funds that are next to our heart. We have seven charges that are listed in the star column of the World Service giving. We fully expect several more to join this distinguished group this year. A few charges will break even, perhaps some may even be under last year giving. However the total from indications will be less than last year by a few dollars. The ministerial claims are in a healthy condition as reports show. In spite of the Depression some charges have increased the pastors salary for next Conference year as follows: Rehoboth \$50.00, Oxford \$100.00, Tilghman \$150.00, Rock Hall \$100.00, Church Hill \$200.00, Milton \$200.00, Lewes \$200.00. Seaford \$300.00, Hillsboro \$300.00.

Anyone reading the current literature of our day would surely be impressed with the numerous demands for a revival of religion coming from unexpected sources. Some of these writers are just as earnest and honest in their desire as any minister. Others, however, reason the greatest economic stabilizer, is an increase of righteousness; hence for the sake of its effects upon the financial structure, they are urging a revival of religion. All of us agree this is not the highest motive, but it is surely a compliment to the effectiveness of our ideals and adds another voice to the rising crescendo of the song of deliverance. Many bring us up to the need of a revival but fail to promulgate the means by which this is to be accomplished. Even experts do not agree at this point. Studying the workmanship of those men who consistently do have revivals, we have concluded the secret of their success does not lie in any particular method but in the spirit of focusing their ministry on the accomplishment of this end. A superficial effort, however energetically applied, will never succeed. Nor can we expect outside help to bridge our neglect. The Master called us to be fishermen. Equipment in the form of boats and nets, are necessary. So also is a knowledge of the waters to be fished essential. Some of us may not be expert in landing the seine and may need the help of such, lest the lead line be tripped, but no expert will succeed without local efficiency. I am convinced there is none better adapted to lead the forces of Israel in bringing souls to the Master than the pastor, providing he is willing to pay the cost of such leadership. If he is not, then that is tragical. Our Conference with its rich history of unusual revivals, some of them being the genesis of tidal waves of glory that swept the nation, continues to be revival conscious. Anxious hearts and hard work and various methods have resulted in the following recorded conversions. Leipsic Mission 212; Georgetown Circuit 71; Blades 62; Harrington 35; Hillsboro 33; Houston 31; Greenwood 31; Kent Island 28; Milton 25; Rock Hall 24; Kenton 22; Milford Neck 25; all others 258; making a grand total of 857 conversions for the year. The accessions numbered 952.

Conscious of the fact we are in the vortex of a momentous move and desirous of taking advantage of every opportunity for good, we face Unification with a thrill of joy, knowing we are moulding the future. Whatever befalls our Conference in reference to boundaries, we can point with pride to our honorable history and look forward with confidence to the future. We are breasting the waves of the new day and are launching our craft beyond the breakers of partisism. We have learned how to read the compass of brotherly love and are using the chart of our new constitution, to guide us through the shoals and reefs of petty jealousy and to steer clear of the rock of bigotry. We are carrying a precious cargo of human destiny and must think of the end rather than the means to the end.

With a sense of humility resting upon me for my failures and a glow of pride in the accomplishment of my brethren and sisters, the people and the pastors of the Dover District, I gladly surrender the reins to someone else and may his term of office be more fruitful of results and blessed with greater progress than mine. This is not only my wish but my prayer as well.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

JOHN J. BUNTING, Superintendent.

Bishop Hughes and Brethren:

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and run with patience the race that is set before us." In such classic terms and imagery Paul paid tribute to the prophets and patriots of his race who had established and kept alive a monotheistic and moral religion. Three score and ten years ago, within these very walls our fathers in the ministry brought forth and organized a new Annual Conference. To-day the balcony from every direction, and the heaven above and about us are crowded with these blessed and redeemed witnesses of a more recent church era. The Conference was conceived in the fervid evangelical zeal that had planted and sustained Methodism in America. As yet the denomination had not reached what Professor Sweet describes as the Golden Age of American Methodism. The nation still floundered in the backwash of the Civil War. War weariness, sectional bitterness, and economical maladjustments imperiled the life of the Republic, and the largest usefulness of the Church. Princely Paul was aware of the transition that is concomitant to larger revelation, and broadening vision, and urged his people and followers to measure up to the opportunities of that day. Even so we find ourselves in changing times. The days of this Conference cover that period in which invention has manumitted the American citizen from the pain and drudgery of manual labor, and compelled the machine to be his constant servant. This period also witnesses the correction of a competitive capitalistic system, and the dawning of social legislation which will usher in more of equality in privilege, and fraternity in relations. Those who had obtained a good report, though not receiving the promise, conserved the best of their day, and by faith beheld that better day which was announced by angels, and attested by an open and empty grave. Even so our Conference fathers, saddened by the blood of Lincoln, but saved by the blood of the Lamb, continued to preach scriptural holiness all over this Peninsula. Verily many of them possessed their souls in patience. And the Church grew and we have entered into the fruits of their labors.

We live in an epochal year of christianity. On the ecclesiastical map Kansas City joins company with all those cities and councils of decisive action of the centuries following the resurrection, but overshadows them in numbers and in the spirit of harmony, and vastness of opportunity. Such a day, such a conclave surely will make the hearts of church fathers and statesmen overflow with joy unspeakable. This cloud of witnesses might ask of us, "Are Ye Able?" In reply we gird our loins, and renew vows that we shall be loyal to a holy past of heroic achievements, and to a future of holy venture. Technically the days of the Wilmington Conference are numbered but her kingdom is not divided. The spirit of the fathers gloriously marches on. It is not amiss that we mention and glory in the fact that our Resident Bishop is our leader, and among the other leaders of church movements stands second to none in the ultimate culmi-

nation of Methodist Unification. To his wisdom, tact, and confidence of success a great nation, as well as a grateful church will ever pay unstinted tribute.

The year has been good on the Salisbury District. A year of sunshine, but enough of drifting clouds on which the sun might reflect his brilliancy and fill the earth and sky with resplendent colors. As nearly always is the case some changes followed the reading of the appointments a year ago. Rev. G. S. Allen returned to Crapo, Rev. C. W. Robb went to Vienna, and Brooks Reynolds' first charge was Hooper's Island. Affliction and accident have scarcely touched us. Twice death thinned the rank, but he, striking quickly, darted away. On the fourth of November, Brother W. L. Hess, who had for five years mourned the loss of his wife, joined her in the homeland of the skies. "In my Father's house are many mansions." By the first day of this year all of the real vaule of the fine personality of Rev. C. G. Cannon has been transported to the great beyond. Then the body fell in one tragic moment. A host of ministers and friends with loving words and flowers tenderly laid to rest the broken and tired body. The year's work at Fairmount was completed by Rev. James Bailey, a ministerial student. At Secretary, Mrs. Cannon, a local preacher, has carried on the ministry of her fallen husband with the zeal and tenderness of a Hebrew prophetess. Both charges have prospered. It seems proper to mention the passing of one layman. On February 12th, a multitude of people such as we seldom see packed the walls and lawn of Asbury Church, Crisfield, to mourn the death of James B. Tawes. He was ever a forward moving spirit, and Jesus went before him, and he followed.

Now as I enter upon the specific review of the district, I shall attempt nothing other than to present the deeds, events, and religious attitudes of those pastors and people among whom I have travelled. Hundreds of men know more about Unification than I; a man needs circle the world to set forth a digest of the isms which torment Asia and Europe, and ransack the libraries of the land to discuss the ideologies of this day. The flesh will not fatigue to walk amid the pines, and stroll on the waterfronts of the Salisbury District, to glance at her industries and vocations, to enter the shrines of her people and there worship the God of us all.

WORLD SERVICE. We have hoped, and do still hope to prevent a decrease, and register an increase on World Service giving. As of October 31, 1938, there was an increase of \$845 as compared with the amount in hand one year prior. Three months later the lead vanished, until now we are slightly trailing last year. Cash remittance may weigh the scales on the side of an advance. Three factors have seriously militated against our larger enterprises. Glutted and depressed markets, and the increased unemployment reduced the income of all classes. Our people may have ample for the necessities of an existence, but money has been more frozen than liquid. Strange as it may seem our church body is host to a second idea, namely, that with the coming of Unification, not so much financial resource will be required to sustain the benevolent agencies of the church. Passively that idea is bad; actively it is deplorable. The third argument on the lips of critics and slackers is this utterance, "What's the use?" Disease germs may undermine the health of a person before me, or the family physician detects the malady. By wiles which I cannot fathom the devil

can prompt a semi-illiterate official of a very out-lying church in quarterly Conference to ask why should we send any more money, or men to China. "There will be no Chinese, or gospel there, when the Japs get their work done," said such a one. Frustration courses the country circuit and the campus of a christian college. Both! Unfortunately the press, radio, and at unguarded moments the pulpit magnify the difficulties of the present, which are only tiny bubbles on the stream of history and time. Pastors have heroically endeavored to counter these dangerous opinions. Extra workers aided them. Charts have brought to the attention of our officials the mere pittance which the average member contributes to World Service. Visual education was utilized on forty charges to set forth dramatically the painful needs of the Kingdom. All the superintendents which I have the honor to follow, have taken expert workers over the district to address and counsel with pastors and laymen in group rallies. During the major parts of January and February we were blessed and helped by the services of Dr. and Mrs. Franklin H. Clapp. These cultured and consecrated persons spent themselves sacrificially among us. Weather and unknown roads did not delay or deter them. Dr. Clapp's fine sermons, and the picturesque costuming and child-work of Mrs. Clapp won hearty acclaim everywhere. In this labor of love for the Master this couple filled sixty-four engagements. Clubs and churches, adults and youth, heard them gladly, and their visit will long be remembered.

At this point we deem it only just to mention a certain charge and its position on World Service. Three years ago one of the two highest salaried churches remitted about \$250. Not a few times the superintendent was faced with the interrogation, "Why should we be expected to give more than such a church?" To remove any further doubt and inquiry—Asbury, Salisbury will this year contribute an amount equal to 400% the amount paid in 1936. This accomplishment is wrought not only in the face of adverse business conditions, but in the midst of a financial campaign to lift an aging debt of \$28,000. The loyalty and liberality of Dr. Fox and his people are praiseworthy. They also made available for our hearing and information two delegates from the Madras Conference, and Bishop Chitambar of India.

PASTORAL SUPPORT. Three former reports of this writer have revealed a total increase on pastoral support of more than seven thousand dollars, and the ministerial items registered in excess of eight thousand. Last year the amount paid was \$88,876. It would be a safe prophecy to forecast that the district this year will exceed any recent year in payment on the preachers' salaries. Asbury-Salisbury, Sharptown, Mt. Pleasant, and St. Thomas make this possible. Signs now indicate that estimates for the ensuing year are like the heavenly beings on the dreamer's ladder, ascending and descending. Amounts fixed at two points are lower in figures of \$100 and \$200, Roxana advancing \$100 and Hurlock \$200 offset the loss. For each charge that is likely to drop the salary, there seems another that may raise the salary. Unless conditions improve in the near future, the steady climb since 1935 may be halted. Already prophets of gloom, and the economy expert officials are getting in a few low punches to hack down the standard of ministerial living. A national labor organization has invaded and violently disturbed us. Its influence is deleterious.

Before the C. I. O. camped at Cambridge that city was known for steady employment, and contentment among the employees, and the surrounding territory enjoyed prosperity. After the entrance of these labor agitators employment fell off 80%, and hard times became distressfully evident. Last spring the same birds of prey perched at Crisfield. Immediately the seafood industry went into a tailspin. Dormant race prejudice flared into flames. Libelous articles descriptive of these two cities and their fine citizens have shamed the pages of nationwide magazines. Any sensible man concedes labor the right to organize, and I believe it should. Collective bargaining may be and should be advantageous to both employer and employee. However, when the officials of the union, which we have mentioned, set up their banners in a community, and laboring men and women are deprived of making a living, natural resources decay, or go undeveloped, and innocent people are made to feel the knuckles of hard times, to use the mildest expression, I wish they had not arrived, and when they depart, their backs will be beautiful for our eyes to behold.

Educational and promotional efforts were applied to improve the support of the ministry. During the Summer, we compiled the statistics dealing with church membership and the living of our pastors. The salary range is from \$4,000 down to \$500. The sixty-two charges were classified in five groups according to salaries. Time forbids a detailed review of the findings. Suffice it to say in those charges paying \$2500 or more, the per. capita giving for pastoral support is \$3.24 per. annum; on those charges paying less than \$1200, most of them are under \$1,000, this group numbers twenty-one, each member contributes \$5.68 to the preacher. If the average individual annual giving of the four higher groups would rise to equal that of the lowest group, the average salary on the Salisbury District would advance from \$1433 to \$1776. The compilation and deductions were surprisingly favorably received and discussed. Some pastors and laymen suggested that copies be printed and circulated among all the people. The JOURNAL-EVERY EVENING of this city, gave it much space as a news item, and later wrote a very fine editorial advocating a better living for the ministry, and quoted many of my figures to sustain its argument. We are grateful to the JOURNAL for this co-operation, and wholesome publicity.

BUILDINGS, IMPROVEMENTS AND DEBTS. While the two former items remain about stationary, there are some notable achievements which surpass any anticipation we held a year ago. As of twelve months since fires destroyed valuable properties on the Roxana, and Smith's Island charges, Rev. John E. Jones was dispatched to the former of these to play the role of diplomat, builder, and good shepherd of the Lord's flock. Ample and convincing evidence proves that he did keep faith and dexterously played all three parts. At Sound stands a new church more expensive and elaborate than thought possible. Total cost \$6500. On day of dedication September 4, 1938, more than \$1,000 was needed to cover the entire obligation. United States Senator John G. Townsend, Jr. who knows and calls the people of that section by name took charge of the financial task. He was 110 per. cent successful. At once the congregation at Roxana started a building fund to erect a church school unit. As already mentioned salary rises \$100. A spoken word and a definite stand by this pastor has

cleared the atmosphere which in this community has been clouded for at least a half a century by polyglot religious doctrines. Rev. E. L. Bennett has harmonized the swing and sound of shovel, saw and hammer into a constructive rhythm which removed ashen ruins, and erected three buildings, namely parsonage, tabernacle, and church house. The tabernacle is the best on the district, and the parsonage, though not large is sufficient for the comforts of the average family. Cost of tabernacle \$1400, of parsonage \$2500. Both are clear of debt. Add to these amounts the money raised for the church house, a lighting system, and debt at Tylerton and the money banked for the church building fund at Ewell, \$7,500 was raised last year. Only \$2500 was insurance adjustment. Immanuel, and Ocean View decorated the sanctuary, each at a cost of about \$1500. Rev. A. T. P. Hudson, by heroic effort has done over the little church at Mardela. For improvements, and full payment of the old debt, Sharptown found \$1,000. Brighter paint augments the eloquence of the pastor to enlighten the congregation at Frankford. Bishopville carried forward a four point building and debt paying program which used up \$1500. Parsonages at East New Market and Vienna were improved. Many charges have equipped themselves with social halls. Laurel does not owe any money. The \$5,900 is paid and done so prudently that no other cause of that great society was side-tracked. Over the past score of years the deeds and sacrifices of Asbury-Crisfield appear in this annual report. That debt now stands under \$20,000. With assistance from the Conference trustees, and the Bock will, nearly \$7,000 was paid on that heavy debt. The industry, patience, and confidence of the pastor, Rev. J. T. Rowleson are phenomenal. Berlin's debt approaches the vanishing point. Another thousand dollars will wipe out all the indebtedness at Fruitland, as a result of the tremendous building and improvement activities which totaled an outlay of \$16,100 over the past three years.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION. Of our spiritual activities for a decade and a half religious education has occupied the centre, or near-centre of the stage. Its protagonists have promoted it as the solution of the church problems. There are differences of opinion, and sundry methods of organization and instruction. However, the same objective courses all—a trained church. An evangelist who once conducted an extended campaign in this city, says, "The only possible way for Jesus to get into the heart of a man is through his brain". Knowing the minds of the prophets and the Master there is no possibility for full service to the Lord without the use of brain, or mind. Our Methodism this year throws its emphasis on Church School Advance. Our Conference in spite of changing personnel, and policy, and fluctuating income has continued to carry-on. Since the World War not a summer has rolled into eternity without an institute for our young people; only a few, if any, years passed without Epworth League Convention, or the equivalent; since the beginning at Cambridge in the session of 1922 the Youth Conference has become an established institution. Many of the men and women literally poured themselves out in this work. They gave time and half-time. None may be perfect workmen, but these need not be ashamed; for their work is approved of God and man.

Depending on Quarterly Conference reports we can say attendance at church school grows. A long list of churches might be named that mentioned sizeable increases. Desperation and inspiration conspired to drive some pastors and school officers into action. Your attention should be called to the fact that many, many of our schools use literature other than the publications of the Methodist Book Concern. This should not be! Economy is the only justification. Cheaper! And that is the truth. That which is saved by buying pulp publication is twice lost in knowledge, program, and loyalty. School leaders urge loyalty on the part of the boys and girls, and forthwith they desert and forsake our church, and clip the support of the retired men, by giving their patronage to alien concerns.

The League holds its own. It faces a hardship in the diminishing interest in the evening worship. Many of our youth are more loyal to the League than their fathers and mothers are to the preaching service. Hon. Anthony Eden, on his recent trip to our shores, defined the war generation as "the missing generation". A lot was lost! If those at that time in the formative period of life, and now the parents of maturing offsprings possessed the spiritual stamina of the founders of this Conference, the evening service would not be the big headache of the modern pastor.

The district continues to send excellent delegations to Institutes, and Youth Conferences. A helpful and buoyant program featured our District League Convention. Training Schools, or Workers' Conferences, co-operative in nature were held at Georgetown, Cambridge, and Salisbury. One hundred and sixty-eight enrolled at Georgetown, and that school in spirit and results takes rank with the best ever held in the southern part of the Conference. Daily Vacation and Week Days School function in several churches.

REVIVALS AND REFORM. Aldersgate commemoration reminds us that these two are inseparable. No Wesley, no Pitt, the Elder. Uplifting legislation follows great revivals. Public purification results only from personal salvation. We can at least report a need for such a sweeping revival. Celebration of Wesley's conversion stirred some hearts, and shook the dry bones of not a few churches. Human nature is ever exposed to the temptation of exhibiting the veneer for the solid value. Methodist officials, I am told, are insisting upon having that type of assistance in extra meetings which will draw a crowd. We plead guilty to that pragmatism that will bring to pass the conversion of a soul, but we have observed so many revivals, so-called, that were begun and sustained by cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, plus sliding trombone and piano, accordian, were as, and went on and out as sounding brass. Let us not forget a genius of Methodism. Organization! Without it a church cannot move into effective action, and following the meeting there is no means for the care of the converts. Perhaps an accredited evangelist may adjust himself to our organization, but we do positively declare that any and every evangelist who enters our pulpits and altars, both of which are free and sacred, should measure up to the high moral standards of law and gospel as is required of the pastors.

Prior to last September the pastors of Salisbury, and Delmar, and to some extent of the four Maryland counties waged a militant campaign against every place and expression of vice. In Wicomico twenty-four road

houses, and like hang-outs were closed, or failed to obtain renewal of license. Of course there were critics who sat in the wayside seats of the scornful, and mocked and cawed. We rejoiced in the victories, and hoped for great betterment in public conditions. Alas, then a major catastrophe! A political euroclydon swept down upon us. In it all classes from the President of the United States to an irresponsible nit-wit who could make a cross mark on election day surged and foamed. Parties and factions charged and countered, with little truth and no mercy. Election Day was disgraced by vote-buying, and prostitution of the electorate which revived and rivaled the days of Addicks. When the storm passed our shores were strewn with the wreckage of ideals, and plans and things we thought established. A man who has always opposed the Methodist position on prohibition and public morals returned to the United States Senate. Counties of the Eastern Shore that have been Methodist, and lovers of the good ways of our fathers sent senators and delegates to the State legislature to extend the sale of liquor, and desecrate the Sabbath, in short to twist the truth and make a trap for fools, and so break down that we have given our lives to. If we would win, we must fight. That fight must be sustained by a public opinion shaped by religious sentiment and conviction. Evangelical pastors must ever create it. We have done it for two hundred years; we can do it again.

"This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet."

Many other deeds and conditions which merit mention and discussion must be content with a brief word. The Ladies' Aid does its own work, and much which is the obligation of other church organizations. Monies raised by this society ascend to relative astronomical figures. The W. C. T. U. is not dead. The spirit of Frances Willard marches on. Our women further promote the size of the Kingdom through the activities of their Home, and Foreign Missionary Societies. By these means women still administer to and adore the body of our Lord.

As announced at the last session, the District Stewards at the annual meeting last June satisfied the mortgage on the district parsonage. Would that some laymen might arise and appraise the vastness of opportunities at Ocean City, and Grace Church-Salisbury! A few thousand dollars would work miracles. Is it not strange that we mortals can live in the midst of a revolution, and not be aware that it is taking place? Our eyes are holden. Such is the case respecting the small rural churches. Automobiles, improved roads, telephones, spread of education, standardization of living will eventually alter the environment and atmosphere which have sustained them. Means must be organized to conserve to our church and civilization the priceless contributions made by the "little brown church in the vale". The purpose of this mention is to record that a change is a-foot, slowly moving in a social channel, but remember, it moves. Ministers and laymen concerned for a more equitable support for all classes of our ministry, may hear with interest this comparison; reporting three years ago, I distributed \$365 among six charges; his year eighteen charges have received \$690 from the Domestic Mission Fund.

May I have another minute to express my gratefulness, to God for health to carry-on, to Bishop Hughes for the privilege of service, and association with him and my helpful colleagues in this office, to the pastors and their wives of the Salisbury District for their co-operation, and to all the men of the Conference for their friendship, to the laymen for what they have done, and the larger things they will do. And to the cloud of witnesses who left us an imperishable heritage. For their sake, and our sake, and the glory of our Christ we breathe this hymn-prayer:

"Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces
In the fight to set men free.
Grant us wisdom,
Grant us courage,
That we fail not man nor Thee!"

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

WALTER EDWIN GUNBY, Superintendent.

Representing the Pastors of the Churches of this District, and the loyal people known as Methodists, it is again my happy privilege to welcome this Conference Session to the warm fellowship of the Wilmington District, to the City of Wilmington, and to Asbury Church. The session of 1930 was held at Silverbrook, the session of 1934 at Newark, the session of 1938 at Union, and this session of 1939 at Asbury, the Mother-Church of Methodism in this City.

On March 17, 1869—seventy years ago, Bishop Matthew Simpson called to order the first session of the Wilmington Conference within these hallowed walls. On this day, March 22, 1939, our own Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, the worthy successor of an honored and noble line of illustrious Servants of the Church, presides over this Assembly, that is destined to become historic, as it marks what may prove to be the last regular session of the Wilmington Conference, and celebrates the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of Asbury Church.

Greetings to Bishop Hughes, and to the Fathers, and Brethren, and Friends here assembled! May your presence among us prove a mutual blessing, and may the enrichment of His grace, Who is the living head of the church, and whose mercy is over all, be manifest in all hearts, and lives, and conduct, through all the coming days!

The report of a Superintendent is but the summation of the vision, the effort, the prayers, and the consecrated services rendered on the part of the devoted Pastors and loyal people, as they have wrought together, during the year. It will be my purpose to make this a District Report, and not the recital of the successful achievements of the constituent Charges.

The Union of the three Methodisms having been consummated, let us bless God for a glorious and fruitful past, and with confidence and hope, face the future a reunited and militant Methodism! The period of transition and readjustment just ahead will doubtless call for tact, and patience,

and understanding faith, on the part of all, but we believe that glorious consummation was God-inspired, God-directed, and God-achieved, and we receive it as of God, and we stand committed to the ideal of giving to its life of our very best, and here rededicate ourselves to the worthy task of helping to make of this new Church—THE METHODIST CHURCH—the most helpful organized expression of the redemptive purposes of God, this world has ever known. We bring to this Union, our devotion, our prayers, our faith, and our hopes. We rejoice in the richness of anticipated fellowships, in the lure of mutual interests wrought out together, and we thrill with the confidence of victorious conquests against unbelief, misery, and sin, as in solid front, and with single purpose, we march together, under the banner of King Emmanuel, our Leader in the conflict against existing wrongs. A world confused, bewildered, terrified with insecurity, and nervously fearful, under the constant threat of bristling arms, awaits the healing, comforting touch of that redemptive ministry the Church alone has to offer. Basically all the wrongs that vex the world are spiritual problems. They have their beginnings in hearts alien to the redeeming grace of God, and in minds rebellious to and discordant with the mind of Christ. There, national jealousies, racial animosities, and insane ambitions incubate, and breed strife. The things that threaten peace and vex the world call for a spiritual solution. Given Christian men to rule the nations, to sit in the halls of legislation, to mould the policies of governments, to direct the principles of the economic and social order, all problems would find a satisfactory and permanent solution. Only that Church, indwelt of God, and possessed with the mind of Christ, and dominated with the spirit of love and kindly helpfulness to all men, can bring to this troubled world, that by which peace and good-will may come. This new Church must not fail the world in this day of her great need. This new Church must stand unalterably for the transcendent value of human personality, for the salvation of the individual as the basis of a redeemed society, and for Christian standards in all relationships of life. When national aspirations, and racial hopes, and individual ambitions, shall have become blended in ethical and spiritual endeavor, baptized into the name of Christ, and brought under the dominion of love, then may we look for the coming of the Golden Age, of which the prophets have spoken. The years just ahead may prove the most formative and determinative in history! What a challenge confronts US! "In an age on ages telling, To be living is sublime".

DISTRICT LOSSES. We rejoice that no loss of any active worker has come to the District this year. The Rev. Luther M. Broadway, beloved Pastor among us for some years, has passed to his reward. His period of retirement was a season of fruitful blessing and helpfulness to the Pastor and people of Eastlake Methodist Episcopal Church, in this city, in whose appreciation and fellowship he came to his end. Mrs. Mary E. Chandler of Crumpton, Maryland, and Mrs. Minnie S. Morgan have also died. Faithful helpmeets were they, each with her husband in life, and now in death they are not divided.

TRANSFERS AND EXCHANGES. In July the Rev. W. M. Parker stationed at Millington, Maryland made a direct exchange with the Rev. A. T. McFarland of Columbus, Nebraska. Brother Parker served well with

us and carries our best wishes for his continued success and usefulness. Brother McFarland comes with a splendid record of worthy achievements, and has already brought to the Churches under his care, renewed interest, and stimulating revivals have followed. The Rev. T. O. M. Wills, after serving with us for some years, at his request was commended to the fellowship and ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Illinois. The Rev. L. V. Pratt, serving at Bethel, Maryland succeeded Brother Wills at Ebenezer, and the Rev. G. Homer Murphy, serving at Wye Mills, Maryland, took the work at Bethel.

THE WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION. These splendid groups of devoted women have had another wonderful year. The Missionary organizations carry on with marked efficiency and alertness. The Ladies' Aid Societies have never served more effectively than to-day. Their contributions of helpfulness in terms of money alone will approximate \$25,000.

THE WORLD SERVICE CLAIMS have been faithfully presented by our Pastors, and through literature, fellowship teas, and the cultivation of the field by those who have had contacts directly with our work, the interest has been sustained. A study of the results from incomplete reports discloses a tendency toward slight losses in the smaller charges, and trend toward small gains in the larger Churches. A few of our Churches are fine examples of World Service giving, and several of them display the Gold Star of honor showing their apportionments met in full. The District has made consistent gain in each recent year, and we are at least hopeful for some advance over the previous year. May I mention, without bore-some detail, the following interests?—

1. **DEBTS AND IMPROVEMENTS.** By vote this Conference last year gave to Richardson Park \$10,000 to be applied to their indebtedness. The appreciative response of this heroic Group is indicated by their raising \$5,000, thus reducing their debt by \$15,000 in this one year. Many other Churches have paid very substantial sums on their obligations, including Newark and Newport and Claymont. Brandywine Church installed a modern heating plant costing \$5,000, and liquidated the obligation on scheduled time in eighteen months, and raised the salary of the Pastor \$200 meanwhile. Harrison Street has made extensive improvements costing approximately \$3000, all of which is paid. Several Churches have made major improvements by the free labor of their own men. Kingswood made improvements valued at \$1200 without any cost for labor, and the materials required were provided without disturbing the regular income. Ebenezer has also made extensive renovations with volunteer labor, and with great satisfaction.

2. **THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE,** perhaps never more ably edited than at present, increases in popularity and helpfulness, and under the new club-plan is being read by more of our People, and to their profit.

3. **THE STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS** is one of our most popular ministries. To provide in the name of the Church the best possible substitute for a Christian Home for these "Our Boys", is a well nigh universal appeal, and we stand committed to this beautiful work, and for its continued support and development as need may arise.

4. THE EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE still receives the support of our loyal people. Forty two charges of the District met their assessments in full giving a total of \$587.

4. THE DISTRICT PARSONAGE is held by a board of trustees, elected by the District Stewards. Each of the fifty seven charges reported completely at the District meeting held last June, a total of \$800. The sum of \$500 has been paid in each of the recent years toward the reduction of the mortgage and the money is in hand to reduce the obligation by another \$500 in June, leaving a remainder of \$500 for the following year.

5. THE CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY has carried on without change in the personnel and with marked loyalty on the part of the workers. Four of our Churches are greatly strengthened by the Society, and the Mission, located now on Maryland avenue depends upon this Society for its sole outside support. The work done, inadequate in amount, but fine in quality, makes a helpful contribution to human betterment, particularly to child-instruction and training, and merits the commendation and support of all of our people. The meetings are held monthly, and the business administered with much consideration. About 70% of the Conference support is derived from this District.

6. THE METHODIST HOSPITAL. Few cities have better hospital facilities than the City of Wilmington. Yet many of our Churches in various ways both support and patronize our own Hospital in Philadelphia.

7. THE DISTRICT MEETINGS have been held monthly during the year. A high order of program has been presented, and these gatherings have proved of inestimable social value, and of enriching spiritual fellowships to the Ministers, and their wives and families.

8. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. The selfish encroachments against the Christian Day of Rest and Worship become more pronounced. The claims of the Lord's Day upon all Christians have been pressed in our Churches. Our people have made repeated protests against legislative proposals to introduce Sunday Movies, and Sunday Bowling, and against any liberalizing of our Sunday laws, governing the use and sale of intoxicants.

9. THE DRINK MENACE GROWS APACE. This unspeakable evil flourishes unabated. Our highways are infested with drinking drivers. Bootlegging goes on with little molestation and with less publicity. Social drinking is on the increase with our youth, and particularly with the women. Intrenched behind the law, protected by the government, publicized by radio and press, this traffic in souls and misery becomes more brazen and defiant. The Church must not withhold her witness against this "sum of all villainies". Truth is on our side. The facts support our cause. The Church through education and example and the presentation of Christian ideals must tone up the public conscience and hasten the coming of that day, not far distant, when an outraged public sentiment will arise and destroy forever this iniquitous traffic that preys upon the weaknesses of men.

10. THE STATE OF THE CHURCHES. Thoughtful study will disclose that the Church has begun a resurgence of her strength, and renewal of her former vigor. She has assumed a note of authority and sounded a priority claim upon the devotion of her people, unknown in recent years.

She is speaking with a courage and boldness against the abuses and evils so manifest to-day, and presenting a militant challenge to the forces of unrighteousness. Church attendance has increased, Church School enrollments are in the ascendancy, Church tolerance has become general, and Church cooperation has greatly improved. People of every faith meet and plan and pray and work together for the common good with the freest accord and fullest satisfaction. Successful revivals have been held in many Churches, led for the most part by the Pastors, and plans are carefully laid to capitalize the Lenten Period, culminating with Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and the Easter triumph, as seasons of spiritual enlistment and the ingathering of souls. Two Epworth League Conventions of helpful significance, and a Conference-wide Youth Conference numbering three hundred fifty, have been held on the District. Many excellent training schools have been held with large enrollments, and splendid results. The Vacation Bible Schools have come to be an integral part of the Church program in many charges and Training Classes have multiplied. I am confident that the Churches of this District have not done a finer piece of constructive work, nor faced their total responsibilities more seriously, nor with more intelligence and consecration than in this year. These are hopeful signs, prophetic of future victories.

A PERSONAL WORD. The District has had a splendid year. The Churches are well served, the people are loyal and true. The merciful favors of God have enabled me to carry on my tasks. I have responded to as many calls as my crowded schedule would permit. Without exception all those with whom I have labored have been kindly, courteous, and helpful. I have spared nothing of time, travel, labor, expense that had promise of helpfulness to the work committed to my care. As the servant of the Church, amenities have come to me, unmerited in my own behalf. Mrs. Gunby joins me in expressions of love and appreciation for all kindnesses and courtesies received, within this richest of all human fellowships—The Christian Ministry. The year has been rich in opportunity, and the Lord of the Harvest has crowned with blessings our labors together. With abounding gratitude, we pledge anew our loyalty, our devotion, our all! To Him be all the glory!

(b) STANDING COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE.

The Methodist Episcopal church was one of the first, if not the very first, to organize Temperance societies in this country. In 1784 it wrote into the Organic Law a prohibition, "Of buying and selling intoxicating Liquors except in case of extreme necessity."

For many years the temperance work of the church was limited to preaching temperance sermons; from this grew organized Sunday school and church temperance societies consisting of members pledged to personal total abstinence. Out of this grew the Woman's Crusade of Christmas, 1872-73, at Hillsborough, Ohio, when the women of the total abstinence Society undertook to expel the Rum Demon from the Saloon by prayer.

The next forward step followed in less than two years when the Womans Christian Temperance Union was organized with a young Methodist woman, Miss Frances Willard, at its head. Under her leadership the work multiplied until the organization found it necessary to combat all the allies of rum, ignorance, social impurity and vice of all sorts, which buttressed the Saloon on all sides. The Womans Christian Temperance Union now finds itself mothering not less than forty separate departments, each one designed to fight the liquor traffic from its own particular angle.

With the preaching of the pulpit thus reinforced Methodism moved forward until our Board of Bishops in 1888, boldly declared "IT NEVER CAN BE LEGALIZED WITHOUT SIN" and the General Conference of that year adopted that declaration as its slogan.

A subsequent General Conference laid the foundation for the organization of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and under the able leadership of that son of the Peninsula, Dr. Clarence True Wilson, whom we all honored in life and revere in death. Because of his marvelous leadership and heroic achievements in the cause of Temperance the whole church will rise up and call him "BLESSED."

These two great organizations catching step with the great Anti Saloon League of America went forth, commissioned by high heaven a united trio leading in the greatest moral reform in the history of the Nation, culminating in the adoption of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and the passage of the Volstead Act, whose purpose was to make effective the Amendment.

The blessings accruing from the adoption of the Amendment were immediately reflected in stimulation of industry, in vast contributions to higher standards of living, in providing accumulations of Capital in Savings Banks, its protection against the Saloon and the arrogant tyranny of the Beer Trade.

The New Day had dawned. Our hearts were full of hope because America stood at the seat of power and to her was given the opportunity to lead in a great movement for a sober world.

But alas, in the very dawn of this new day a richly financed and highly organized propaganda against enforcement and in favor of repeal came into being and before it, individuals, organizations and political parties bowed and under its leadership the 18th Amendment was taken from the Constitution of the United States.

The hour in which the record was written was one of the blackest in American History.

What Has Happened?

We are now as a nation in an unparalleled economic collapse, with distress stretching across the nation, and no one able to point the way to a better day, a spiritual death which is unprecedented, a blighted Idealism, with low ethical standards which threaten the very foundation of the moral life of the people.

The attitude of those who are in control of the nation's destiny as it relates to the liquor problem has been and now is, one of political expediency, characterized by a moral cowardice sufficient to make Angels weep.

Every promise made and pledge given by the proponents of repeal has been broken. Those who are in any way connected with the manufacturing and sale of intoxicants are thinking in terms of money and money only. The moral and spiritual welfare of the people is not being considered, the manhood, the womanhood and the childhood of the Nation is being bartered for booze.

What of the Future?

What are the enemies of the Saloon to do? Shall we fold our arms, stack our implements of warfare, pull down our banners, discharge the leaders and fighters in the ranks, leaving the field to the wets, hoping that the horrors produced by the indescribable conditions now prevailing and destined to grow worse by leaps and bounds will produce a re-action in favor of Temperance and Prohibition?

In the name of all that is holy and good—We shout back the answer, NO! The Father above knows and the wets know, when they stop to think, and will admit the truth, that conditions are terrible and growing worse every day. Will we submit to this demon of darkness without a fight?

Our own Bishop, in his never-to-be-forgotten address at the Prohibition Emergency Conference at Washington, gives the answer to that question:

"We decline to compromise by inaction. We refuse to give free path to troops that they may have a chance for passing pillage. We cannot consent to submit to ad-interim ravages of Typhoid, Small Pox or the Black Death or the horrors of the diseases.

When we recover our best insight we perceive with clarity that we cannot consent to a five year reign of evil or yield to wickedness in order that righteousness may return with alleged strength.

The victory for repeal and for beer must be won, if won at all, only against all opposition that uncompromising hearts can produce.

We are ready to go to the last little election Booth with our cause, if we are accorded the rights to give to Citizens in the making of even minor laws. We shall fight for fairly organized conventions, and then for conscientious expressions; and then for moral decision—Not covenants with evil or terms of betrayal of a great cause for 'PIECES OF SILVER.'

The fight against this enemy of God and man must go on. We are not ignorant of the terrific struggle before us to win this battle.

The machinery of the two great political parties is in the hands of men, who so far as prohibition is concerned, are utterly ruthless and unscrupulous. Our enemies have unlimited means at their disposal, while our treasuries are depleted.

They have the Radio, the Movie, and the vast majority of the newspapers; these are all closed to us because of our lack of funds.

But we have the church, the Pulpit, the Platform and "God's great out of doors" and a million men and women who believe in God and right. We will fight believing—

Right is right, since God is good
And right the day must win,
To doubt would be disloyalty,
To falter would be sin.

Let us as a conference pledge our allegiance anew to God and our leaders whom we have chosen to guide us in this great undertaking.

Let us go back to our people to lead them into new fields of service and along old paths which have brought us safely through many battles and to marvelous victories.

Let us give to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Anti-Saloon League, the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, with every organization and every individual member of the great Methodist Church as it is to be, the strength of our bodies, the keenness of our mind, the power of our will and the sincerity of our spirit in this great effort to make America dry.

Again the beneficence of Mrs. Melville Gambrill comes to bless the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals in the amount of \$1000.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

E. Stanley Jones, in his recent book, "The Choice Before Us," declares: "Humanity stands now in a moment of awful decision. It is a vacuum between two worlds—the old dead, the new not yet born. That is tragedy; but perhaps the deeper tragedy is that much of Christianity stands confused and without assurance. . . . Under the present social and economic conditions, Christianity has become a "slowed-down and cooled faith." It has failed to burn its way through all the areas of modern life. It runs up against basic problems, and then turns aside into inner states of bliss and blessedness. It thus becomes innocuous—at vital points, taking the name of Christ, enshrining Him at its heart, but seemingly powerless to apply His principles of truth, love and justice in human affairs."

Here in America, we should have cause to rejoice in the possibility of an unrivalled civilization of abundance, second to none on earth. We have ample mineral deposits, plentiful water-supply in lakes and rivers; arable land; fertile soil; natural resources to form the foundation for an unparalleled supply of food, manufactured commodities, practically all the necessities, and most of the luxuries of living. We have made phenomenal advances in scientific knowledge, and in agricultural development. We have increased production in industry, by applied science and technology, until we have become the greatest industrial nation in the world.

Nevertheless, we have colossal economic waste, because our production has been based upon PROFIT rather than upon USE. We find great inequalities of income, in America, resulting in concentration of great wealth and financial power. We find industrial warfare as a deadly reality in our land. Many people are oppressed today by dread of the grim spectre of unemployment. Others fear the loss of their life savings, lack of medical care in illness, and penniless old age and want. Many, in recent years, have seen their life savings swept away from them, while many others have had no savings at all to lose. Unemployment of wage earners today runs up into the millions. Dependent children and persons who are 65 years of age and over, are among the millions on relief. Professional and skilled workers are likewise included in the multitudes of persons on relief.

A liquor traffic that is supposed to be regulated and controlled is operating like a merciless pirate upon legitimate business and industry, to say nothing of its devastating and degenerating effect upon the homes of our nation. The gambling fever has fastened itself upon many people who are being deluded and lured to ruin by its false promises of gain. Many young people, frustrated in their honest effort to find work, are turning to crime and delinquency.

What answer has the Church for the attitude of those young people who are ignoring the claims of Christ upon their lives? We turn again to E. Stanley Jones, for a constructive answer. He says: "Youth, you are right in criticizing this present generation severely. We deserve to be criticized! We are guilty. We have not made this present-day world Christian enough to make it better. But we are ready, God helping us, to repent, and to join forces with you to remake your world after the pattern of Christ. We now need your help! We cannot remake this world without you. We are done for, if you cannot and will not help us. But, if we are done for—so are you! You will have to live in this world after we have passed on."

The immediate task is to make a beginning, by prescribing at least some tangible first steps in the direction of a Christian social and economic order, in which the spirit of Christ may be expressed in the total life of mankind. We, in the Church, must find and develop the needed leadership for such social reconstruction.

First, we must overcome any attitude of complacency that we find in ourselves, and help others to overcome it.

They may even say: "Well, hard times are good for people. I do not know anybody, personally, who has starved to death, yet. Many people seem to have money for the things they want, especially automobiles, ra-

dios, and amusements. Anybody that wants work these days, can find some kind of a job, somewhere!"

This attitude of complacency may also lead into another, the sense of the futility, and of the apparent ineffectiveness of the Church, to solve the social and economic problems of today. We need more definitely the will to oppose present social evils; and we need the power to overcome them now. Stanley Jones was right, "We must be more Christian—or not at all. The world situation is pressing us for a decision. Whether we like it or not, we are in for changes."

We must therefore, begin with ourselves. We must definitely choose the ideal of the Kingdom of God on earth, as the substitute for selfish competition, in all the reas under our control.

Moreover we must proclaim it, laying the foundations in the minds of children and youth. We must keep faith with youth, when we promise to join with them in remaking the world after the pattern of Christ.

The Church must place equal emphasis upon the personal gospel and the social gospel. It can never be a case of "either—or"; it must ever be "both—and"; both the personal emphasis and the social emphasis in proclaiming the gospel of our Lord. We must not only call the prodigal son to return to the Father's house; but we must also call a prodigal society that has been starving upon the husks of materialism—call it, and bring it back from the swine-fields, into the joy of the Father's loving arms.

Once more, the total program of the Church—teaching, preaching, worship and social activity—must be thoroughly EVANGELISTIC. Now by this term, let us consider the definition given in a recent book, "Are You An Evangelist?" edited by our own Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, and written by a group of ministers intensely interested in the subject of evangelism. Bishop Hugres says: "Evangelism means all efforts to win men and women, boys and girls, young men and maidens to a confession of Christ, and to an active interest in His Kingdom."

Here again we see that the Church must stress both preaching and teaching. Bishop Hughes points out, in his address before the delegates in Baltimore, during the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of American Methodism, "The Church could not begin either here or overseas, with a Cradle Roll. If it had waited for the outcome of religious education as its starting point, it would never have started. Methodism began, not in a Sunday School, but in a College—not with a Primary Department, but with a Men's Class."

In July 1937 the World Conference on Church, State and Society, was held in Oxford, England, the birthplace of Methodism. Nearly a thousand delegates from forty-five nations, representing about one hundred denominations, were present.

We mention some of the pronouncements of this important Conference. "The first duty of the Church, and its greatest service to the world is that it be in very deed the Church—confessing the true faith, committed to the fulfillment of the will of Christ, its only Lord, and united in Him in a fellowship of love and service."

The Conference laid the foundations for a World Council of Churches more definitely inclusive and representative than any world-wide body now

in existence. It declared the full independence of the Church from States which attempt to limit or to control its functions, when it stated: "Christians can acknowledge no ultimate authority but God." It took a clear stand in regard to the incompatibility of war with any ultimate realization of the ideals of Jesus in life, when it declared: "War is a particular demonstration of the power of sin in the world, and a defiance of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. . . . And it is the duty of Christians to promote justice and advance cooperation between the nations. Christians must proclaim for the rights of the less fortunate, whose despair has often led to war."

The Conference condemned racial pride and race antagonism and hatred, calling it rebellion against God. Especially in the worship of the Church, and in the life of the Church, there can be no place for barriers because of race or color. National loyalty was approved, when the Conference declared, "The Christian accepts national communities as part of God's purpose to enrich and diversify human life. Every man is called of God to serve his fellows in the community to which he belongs. But national egotism, tending to the suppression of other nationalities, or of minorities, is a sin against the Creator of all peoples and races."

Another significant Conference was held in Madras, India, in December 1938. It was the decennial meeting of the International Missionary Council. This council combines in membership twenty-eight National missionary and Church councils—fourteen in the so-called "sending" countries, fourteen in the "receiving" countries. It marked another milestone in the journey of the Christian Church toward the goal "preaching the gospel to all nations."

Next month, in Kansas City, Missouri, the Uniting Conference of Methodism will be in session. There will come the ceremony that will formally unite three Methodist Church, composed of about seven million members. About nine hundred delegates will carry out the will of their three General Conferences, which have decided, as our late Bishop William F. McDowell phrased it, "To put into the hands of Christ, one Methodist Church, with one faith, one purpose, one heart to go forward with Him, as He faces the new Calvaries with the cross of His eternal passion."

We believe that future historians will record this even as one of the greatest achievements of the twentieth century. We believe that this new Methodist Church will have the power to interpret the living Christ into the life of our day, and power to overcome the existing evils which threaten the Church, and civilization.

We indulge the hope that the modern world will look upon this Christian Church, and say, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." May it also be a challenge to Christianity to "give diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit of Christ, and to live in the bond of peace."

REPORT OF THE COUNSELOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Dr. W. C. Bower at the International Council of Religious Education Convention held in Columbus, Ohio, on July 1, said: "The local church is the cutting edge of any effective program of Christian Education. . . . The program of the local church should help its people to understand and face with hope and courage the issues that life in the modern world presents. It should place at their disposal the rich resources of our inherited and growing Christian faith, of its sacred literature, and of its institutions. It will be as rich in content as it is realistic in facing issues and in attempting to do something about them." This basis the Board of Education has kept in mind through the work of the year.

The Counselor plan was continued for the second year by our Conference at its last session. Rev. F. D. Milbury and Rev. Frank Baker continued as the Dean and the Business Manager respectively of the Summer Epworth League Institute and the Youth Conference. Rev. J. B. Dickerson became the Conference Counselor of Christian Education, as a result of the recommendation to the Conference by Brother Milbury, who represented the Board of Education. The Educational work has been extended during the past year. It is fitting to report that the District Superintendents, the Pastors, the District Counselors, District leaders and interested lay people have cooperated in every possible way. You will remember that this work has received much of its leadership from busy Pastors who have given their time gratis, therefore, many needed areas of endeavor have not been touched.

The general plan for the activities of the year was agreed upon by the persons who were interested in the program. The plan was this: It was agreed that much emphasis should be placed on the Aldersgate experience and this was to be followed by Week Day Schools, the teaching of the Series Courses in the local church and the like. To be specific 120 copies of "Vital Religion" edited by Nall were sold to the preachers of the three districts. At least 50 copies of "John Wesley's Awakening" by Joy, were bought by the preachers. Many other books and pamphlets that were vital in promoting the Aldersgate celebration were used extensively—such as F. W. Hannah "Evangelism" and Sangster "Can Methodism Be Born Again?" Each pastor who has answered the inquiry about the Aldersgate experience has reported some unique or very helpful results; several point to enriched and heightened spiritual conditions and accessions to the Church. During the late Spring planning sessions were held in Dover (May 5) and at Dagsboro. The full day planning session at Dover concerned itself with the work which the educational forces have endeavored to carry forward. The planning session at Dagsboro was naturally concerned with the problems which the men of that particular vicinity were interested in. In the main, consideration was given to plans for DVC Schools, the Evangelistic task—the task of securing appropriate men, and the work of improving the worship in rural churches. During the latter part of May (18th) a Workers Conference was held at Grace Church, Wilmington. The Conference dealt with the tasks of the teachers of the various age groups. Definite results from this conference have been reported.

Daily Vacation Church Schools.

The various Counselors and other men interested spent much time endeavoring to get DVC Schools where real need for them exists. From reports it is possible to say that at least twelve new schools were held during the year. We are anxious that a type of school be held in the Rural Area. "The Cooperative Vacation Church School Texts" were used extensively. Much help was given in suggesting materials for given situations.

International Convention on Christian Education.

To avail themselves of the rare opportunities of the Twentieth International Convention of Christian Education, six of our Pastors journeyed to Columbus, Ohio, June 28-July 3. Each man took courses in different phases of the Church's action. Those who attended were Rev. R. M. Green, Rev. J. H. Wright, Rev. Robert Green, Rev. O. P. Jefferson, Rev. J. B. Dickerson, Rev. Joseph Wigglesworth and Mrs. R. M. Green and Mrs. J. B. Dickerson.

An Educational venture of special value was planned for Greenwood early in the Fall. It was to be a day when emphasis would be given to Rural Pastors' problems. Due to a conflict with an Unification meeting at Salisbury, the Pastors Rural Conference was cancelled to our regret, due to the fact that Dr. W. A. C. Hughes and Aaron Rapping were scheduled leaders.

Leadership Training.

To give the complete details concerning the Leadership Training efforts is impossible. However, something of the statistics will reveal the endeavors. After a clearing session with the Delmarva Commission at Dover, it was agreed that the Conference Counselor, a committee, and a field worker of the Commission would promote Leadership Training. There have been eight Interdenominational Schools, with a total attendance above 800 persons. Special emphasis was given to Bible, methods and specialization courses. Having taught in the Georgetown, Dover and Newport Schools, I can comment more acquaintedly on the leadership and the standards of these schools. They were of the highest caliber. Rev. Jefferson, Rev. Shockley, and Dr. John Shilling, Rev. Wright and Rev. Green gave excellent account of themselves as Deans. Rev. Bradley and Dr. McClain did an excellent job of the Cambridge School. The other schools at Federalsburg, Chestertown and North East were of the usual high type.

The First Series Courses have been used in the local churches in rather special cases. At least 400 persons have taken these courses, and definite results have been reported.

It is impossible to estimate the constructive value which the Leadership Schools have been this year. The Pastors almost unanimously have cooperated. The District Counselors have done their part in planning the schools, and promoting same. Let us hope that the program may be carried on more extensively and intensively next year.

Evangelism and Recruiting.

This aspect of the work stirs and challenges the soul of the Educator as well as the person who is concerned with the total program of the church. At the above mentioned planning session in Dover, Dr. W. E. Gunby spoke of the alarming decrease in the church school membership in recent years. This fact has been faced by the Board of Education in each of its various meetings held during the year. Not only have we faced this fact, our Methodist Board in Chicago has faced this alarming problem too. Under the capable guidance of Dr. Nathaniel F. Forsyth, the Methodist Board has prepared an approach to this problem which was put under the title "The Church School Advance" which emphasized three important phases of the Church School work, namely: (1) Holding Those you Have, (2) Enlisting new persons and (3) Improving the program of the Church School to make the gains permanent.

Church School Advance.

Locally we have endeavored to keep the Church School Advance before the Churches so far as it was necessary; we have emphasized the observance of Promotion Day, Rally Day, and Education Week. Each Church was advised to make a place for Decision Day, somewhere in its Fall program. The program "Broadside" and the Church School Packet have been advised by general letter, in Workers' Conferences, personal letters and in mass meetings. The Dagsboro planning session gave serious consideration to the general Church School Advance by recommending that each Church capitalize on its Evangelistic opportunities by securing a high type Evangelist to conduct services in the District. Then too, this Session decided that we might helpfully plan our total Church program for at least a year in advance inasmuch as many of the great business concerns have their plans made for years in advance. During the year constant efforts have been made to assist in improving the worship program in the one-room Church. Though efforts have been made we are just in the position where we can do much more with this great problem; the problem of worship in the local Church.

Correlation.

As we all know if we are to go forward to unification we need to guide our local Church organizations to a greater sense of correlation. Through various means we have this year endeavored to correlate the Conference Board Program with the District Epworth League programs; the Conference Counselor has had correspondence or interviews with each of the District Presidents—Rev. Preston Spence of the Dover District, Rev. F. A. Baker of the Salisbury District, and Mr. Walter Coyle of the Wilmington District. We have cooperated with the Missionary Societies, the County Councils, the Temperance Board and all other agencies of a character building nature in so far as it has been possible. Rev. O. P. Jefferson and Rev. Sidney Bradley have given much time and study to the significant problem of working in the interdenominational capacity. These brethren along with others have worked out a plan whereby there will be no duplication of efforts. They have worked out an approach by which the desire of a

Council of Churches may be carried out. That is to say, they conceive of the educational task as a denominational responsibility but those greater tasks, namely, legislation and the like they have proposed to put into the hands of the Council of Churches. This is a goal toward which we may look in the days ahead.

Legislation.

A report to this Conference would not be complete if due recognition were not given to the legislative efforts which have been made by various Pastors in different parts of the Peninsula, for instance, the work of Rev. Sidney Bradley and Rev. H. P. Fox of Salisbury, during the past year should not escape the notice of any Methodist preacher. Then too, the constructive legislative action in the State of Maryland which dealt with the liberalization of the Sabbath and the marriage law, demand our constant remembrance. Also the active part which the Protestant Churches of Delaware have taken recently in the prohibition, peace, temperance and other social problems, are obvious signs that the Church is still alive. As this Conference convenes significant legislative stands are being taken by the Clergy of Worcester County, to defeat the Sunday "Home Rule Bill." If the Church continues to express itself in this fashion we may preserve our democracy.

Inasmuch as we started this report to be a brief review of the happenings which have taken place under the guidance of the Board of Education, we will simply enumerate that two Conference letters have been sent to the Preachers this year. Numberless personal letters have been sent to persons in the smaller Churches who were desirous of attacking any local Church problems, materials have been continually kept before the Preachers in one capacity or another. The "Pastors Handbook" has been sold to several men responsible for leadership; several "Women's Foreign Missionary Societies Handbooks" have been sold during the year as well as several "Church School Superintendents Handbooks."

As these facts will reveal some things have been done during the year, much more could have been done, but the time could not be given by the Counselors nor the Conference Counselor.

One or two efforts need to be given specific mention. The Annual Youth Conference Night was held Wednesday evening, March 22, at Asbury M. E. Church. Dr. Harry N. Holmes of New York, Secretary of the World Alliance of International Friendship through the local Churches was the speaker. The Grace Methodist Church Choir sang along with 80 of the Epworth League voices of the City. A letter has recently been received from the Director of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, recommending that our Conference cooperate with that Conference in its School of Religious Education at Dickinson College each Summer.

Future Events.

Much time has been spent recently in conference with the President of the Board, and the various Counselors anticipating the program for the new year. Specific recommendations may helpfully be brought to you at this time. Your Counselor recommends that we hold two rallies of one day duration each, like the rallies recently held by Bishop Smith through-

out the Ohio area. The Rallies would naturally be held in the northern section of the Conference and in the southern section of the Conference. They would emphasize the Aldersgate experience, the Church School Advance, the Educational Program, Million Unit Fellowship and the Stewardship program, which is to receive great care during the year 1940. These Rallies might be held jointly with Pastors' Conferences which are being anticipated in the Leadership Education field.

2. It occurs that there are enough needs for Leadership Education Schools in at least 13 different areas on the Eastern Shore during the next year. In this capacity I would recommend that we would take advantage of some student who is doing graduate work at one of the great religious schools and secure his assistance in our early Fall Leadership Program. This can be done with little expense and in this connection I would recommend that we use our own College men to assist in promoting our Daily Vacation Church School projects in areas that still need them, the areas that have not begun schools as yet.

3. That Workers Conferences be increased in number and during the Workers Conferences special emphasis be put on materials, methods and techniques. Also specific attention be given to the three great problems—Peace, Temperance and Gambling—at the various District and County Rallies.

4. For a nominal price much can be done in promoting the use of new materials—The group graded materials, the excellent magazines, Church periodicals and publications. There is much yet to be done in the field of correlation so that we can cease duplicating our efforts. It looks as if we need to continue our alertness if we are to keep a Holy Sabbath Day. Though this comes under the caption of the Summer Institute and Youth Conference work it would be a good idea to consider the renting or the buying of a Summer Institute site where intermediates and youth camps or Institutes could work. Also I would like to suggest that we study the value of asking three definite men to take three definite Churches and work with them over a period of three weeks on the great tasks with which our Board concerns itself.

This report comes to a close by suggesting that each Pastor urge local groups in his Church to create and carry forward a Reading Club. Dr. Langdale suggests the following list of Books:

- "The Local Church: Its Purpose & Program"—Beaven. \$1.25.
- "John Wesley's Awakening"—Joy. 50c.
- "Vital Religion," Edited by T. Otto Nall. 50c.
- "Christ and the World Today"—Doughty. 25c (in quantities).
- "The Art of Living"—Peale. \$1.00.
- "Living Religion"—Hart. \$1.50.
- "Methodism Can Be Born Again"—Sangster. \$1.00.
- "The Story of Methodism"—Luccock & Hutchison. \$2.00.
- "Shaping the Future"—Basil Mathews. \$1.00.
- "The World in Which Jesus Lived"—Basil Mathews. \$1.50.
- "Men of the Outposts"—Welch. \$2.00.
- "The Gospel of the Lord Jesus"—Skinner. \$2.00.
- "A Faith for Today"—Rall. \$2.00.

- "Great Christian Teachings"—Lewis. 50c.
- "Tuan Hoover of Borneo"—Cartwright. \$1.75.
- "The Church and Society"—Johnson. \$1.50.
- "Christian Faith & Economic Change"—Luccock. \$2.00.

Dr. Forsyth suggests another list:

For the Church School Superintendent

- "Improving Your Sunday School"—Paul H. Vieth. 75c.
- "New Trails for the Christian Teacher"—Robert Seneca Smith. \$1.10.
- "The World Mission of the Christian Religion"—Wade Crawford Barclay. \$1.25.

For All Teachers

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- "The World Mission of the Christian Religion"—Wade Crawford Barclay. \$1.25.
- "Our Pupils and How They Learn"—F. C. McLester. 50c.

For All Teachers of Children

- "How Shall I Learn to Teach Religion?"—B. Carrier. \$1.00.

For Teachers of Nursery Children

- "Guiding Nursery Children in Home & Church"—Eva B. McCallum. \$1.50.
- "Nursery Class Teaching"—M. E. Lloyd. \$1.50.

For Teachers of Kindergarten Children

- "Guiding Kindergarten Children in the Church School"—E. McE. Shields. 85c.

For Teachers of Primary Children

- "Teaching Primaries in the Church School"—E. L. Smither. 85c.

For Teachers of Juniors

- "Teaching Junior Boys & Girls"—M. M. Eakin. \$1.10.

For All Leaders of Young People

- "Leading Youth to Abundant Life"—C. A. Miller. 90c.

For Teachers and Leaders of Intermediates

- "Teaching Intermediates in the Church School"—A. S. Sheridan. 85c.

For Teachers and Leaders of Seniors

- "How to Teach Seniors"—E. L. Shaver. 85c.

For Teachers and Leaders of Young People

- "Young People's Method in the Church"—P. R. Hayward, R. A. Burkhardt. \$1.50.

For Teachers and Leaders of Adults

- "The Way of Adult Education"—E. F. Zeigler. \$1.25.

Submitted,

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REPORT OF THE DEAN OF THE SUMMER INSTITUTE AND ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

What a privilege is ours to touch young life in these days that are filled with events of such great importance for tomorrow. All too often is it true that man's brilliant accomplishments dim his vision of God. It is our hope to be able to keep Youth's vision of God undimmed. We find that if given an opportunity youth welcomes counsel and guidance. Especially is this true if the counsel and guidance allows room for youth's own personal choice.

Last Summer we had a wonderful week at the Summer Institute which was held at Washington College, Chestertown, Md. God seemed to be so present and real. Great decisions were made there. Ninety-seven young people felt deep stirrings. I think the high water mark was reached on Friday evening. We had a moving Consecration Service. Bro. Joseph Dickerson brought us the message and it seemed that the very air was charged with the presence of Christ. We prepared for this service by giving to each student a blank card early in the day Friday. We asked them to go off to themselves and with no one but God write what had touched them and what decisions they had made. Almost every student handed in a card upon which was written some heart throbs which had their origin in the great heart of Christ. If nothing ever dims the vision of these who attended I hold no fear for these young people.

The Ninth Annual Youth Conference of Methodist Youth was held at McCabe Memorial Church here in Wilmington with Dr. Bond as our gracious host. We met on the dates of February 17-19 with 349 delegates. 78 of our churches sent fine young people to that meeting. I wish that more of our 180 charges were represented. I am sure that the whole Conference would have been helped as many have told me that they have been. We had one of the best corps of leaders and workers that we have ever gathered together to help the young people of the Wilmington Conference. We are happy to say that both of these organizations are self-supporting and have balances in their treasuries. This is your program, will you not get behind it and make it go?

We have conferred with Dr. Gilbert Mead of Washington College and have arranged to hold the 1939 Summer Institute at Washington College. The dates of the Institute are July 1 to 8. I hope we can have twice as many of our churches sending young people to the Institute this year. We are planning several Bible courses which will be planned to give light on life's problems, Social problems and National thinking.

We are planning a three day seminar and discussion group for the pastors of our Conference. The three District Superintendents are being asked if they will assume leadership for these either to lead them or get a suitable leader. The expense of this will be taken care of by the Board. You pastors will have only your transportation to pay for your board and lodging will be taken care of by our Board. These dates will not conflict with our School at Orsinus.

F. D. MILBURY.

REPORT OF THE STRAWBRIDGE HOME FOR BOYS, INC.

In childhood John Wesley was rescued from the burning rectory at Epworth. In this event we have an example of the course of history being determined by the happenings of an instant. How far would the French Revolution have spread, what direction would the stream of human history have taken, or where would we be this morning had that boy burned to death in that building? Would Kingswood and New Castle have been established? Would Bethesda Orphanage have come into being in Georgia? Would there be a Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Methodist Episcopal Church today, not to speak of The Strawbridge Home for Boys?

A boy is the most important element in the life of the world. He is not to be considered as an economic asset. He is a personality, divinely created, placed in human hands for development. To exploit him is unforgivable. He is to be trained in a carefree, happy environment. The orphan should grow up just as children in your homes, with all the advantages and privileges possible.

Strawbridge Home during the past year has given shelter to fifty-four boys. This means a total of 18,394 days of care which includes shelter, food, clothing, religious and character training, education, social contacts, recreation, counsel, security.

The boys' health is important. Dr. William H. Lawson, Jr., our local physician, cares for all of our boys without cost. The Maryland General Hospital in Baltimore opens its doors for free diagnosis, treatment, and surgical work at any time. The Superintendent personally takes the boys to the doctor or the hospital.

Food is necessary to healthy growth. In order to insure proper nutrition, together with economy in the food bill, we called into consultation the nutrition specialist of the Extension Department of the University of Maryland. A program has been worked out. It is being perfected as we go along.

Mental health is vital not only to the individual, but also to the group. All of the boys entering Strawbridge in recent years have not only received a thorough medical examination, but also a complete mental test to ascertain the rating and possibilities of the child. This later observation is to be made every two years. Recently, all the older boys have visited the Henry Phipps Psychiatric Clinic of the Johns Hopkins Hospital. Thus we are able to see the real needs of the boy. Proper adjustments can be made to suit his case and insure a more satisfactory future. I have personally written up the preliminary history of each boy before taking him to the hospital.

The boys attend the Public School at Sykesville. Eleven are in high school, thirty-six attend the elementary school. Only four are too young to attend. The Superintendent is a member of the Executive Committee of the local P. T. A., as well as the Carroll County P. T. A. I have the largest family in the school. I go over each boy's report card in detail, confer with those who need it, and keep in touch with the teachers. Finally, instructions are passed on to the housemothers. Our boys take a prominent part in school athletics, entertainments, and other extra-curricular activities.

Time and space forbid any detailed description of many aspects of our work, but we would like to mention briefly a few other phases of service. The Sykesville Church and pastor make a vital spiritual contribution. Mr. E. Thurman Grove, our Scout Master, is doing constructive work. Each boy has his task to perform in the life and operation of the Home and farm.

The office work is in charge of Miss Edythe Shores, a most dependable and efficient secretary, loyal, and a master of detail. The housemothers and other members of the staff labor sacrificially during long hours and for small salaries. Miss Trimble, our Deaconess, makes an exceedingly effective contact with many groups in our churches in the showing of our motion pictures. Mr. Edward B. Long, the Farm and Maintenance Manager, is doing a very efficient piece of work. A few words of praise are a small bit to offer for the services of these loyal and devoted people.

Dr. Thomas S. Long as Field Secretary continues in his inimitable way to bring the challenge to many warm-hearted friends of the orphan boy.

In November 1938, upon action of the Board of Trustees, The Child Welfare League of America made a survey of our Home. In their report are many commendatory statements about our institution. Several very worthwhile suggestions were made. Some of these have been carried out. Others, involving more of a demand upon our financial resources, are being considered by the Board. Foremost among these are the recommendations that we engage a social worker to make and keep the necessary and proper contact between the child and the situation out of which he comes and; the employment of house parents, man and wife, for the older boys. Both of these aids should be added to our operation, but the expense is the problem. We have obtained the services of a part time social worker for a three month period of trial. Unless some individuals or groups wish to assume part or entire responsibility for the cost of these elements in a new program, we shall not be able to make this valuable contribution to our task of child care. Here are two important projects.

In order to carry on our present program, and without cutting down on the number of boys being cared for, it has been necessary to use \$7,217.47 from our Maintenance Reserve Fund, as contributions have not been sufficient to cover expenses. During the past seven years we have used \$25,927.27 of reserve money. Consequently, this fund has been exhausted and we are facing a critical situation. Where shall we turn if the churches fail us in the annual offering, or cannot meet our requirements? Shall we send away some of our boys? Our policy has always been: no debts for maintenance, buildings or equipment. On the other hand, we must meet current expenses. If the church is to continue to offer this refuge to the underprivileged boys of our area, and give them an opportunity to grow and develop in a Christian environment, the people and pastors must rally to our support by increased interest in our work, backed up by their financial assistance.

During the past Conference year we have received \$887.78 from your churches, from both Conferences, \$5,312.42. Only \$3,321.35 can be counted on as interest from investments. Our budget is \$24,448.49. You can readily see from these figures that the cooperation of each pastor and his church is sorely needed.

The Endowment Fund has been increased by \$11,849.28. Of this amount \$10,000 was received from the estate of the late Mary T. Gambrill, who represented your Conference on our Board of Trustees for a number of years. Annuity gifts have totaled \$6,200. The principal of these permanent funds cannot be touched. It is invested for us by the Fidelity Trust Company of Baltimore, and the interest only used for maintenance of the Home.

We have a waiting list of eight boys within our age limits. Fifteen others beyond the limit have also made application. Already I have received requests from Southern Methodist and Methodist Protestant ministers for consideration of boys. Unification presents a two-fold situation: more requests for child care, and a larger constituency to support the work.

Before I close my report, may I utter a word of appreciation to my brethren of the Conference for the many courtesies shown to Miss Trimble and myself, as well as the interest manifested in the boys. Also, a word of gratitude to the laymen of the churches for their loyal support in the contributions sent to our office.

This work makes a tremendous drain upon the physical and nervous energies of all of us engaged in it, but the issues at stake have such an everlasting value. When we invest in human personality we are dealing with that which is immortal. Only the farthest reaches of eternity will entirely record the results. The Strawbridge Home for Boys is not just another cause; it is part of the great Cause to which we are all committed.

Respectfully submitted,

F. REID ISAAC, Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE

In these days when the sanctity of the Lord's Day is constantly being menaced by persons whose love of the so-called pleasures of this world, and their unholy desires for ill-gotten gain, are blinding their eyes to the spiritual and moral values accruing to their character development by the proper observance of the Christian Sabbath, we feel urged to sound a solemn note of warning and entreaty. We feel impelled because of our love of the lowly Nazarene, to repeatedly give expression of our devotion to the Lord's Day and its significant value to the human family.

We are increasingly in danger of this God-given day becoming a godless holiday, fully commercialized. Not only do men seek to commercialize the Lord's Day in the ordinary business pursuits of life, but also by legalizing many forms of gambling on that Day. Gambling interests have no respect for our Christian Sabbath.

In view of the evidences of Sabbath desecration and the desire on the part of certain interests to further encroach on the proper observance of the day of worship and rest, we emphasize again the necessity of a real program of education in our churches as to the value of the Lord's Day in our social and religious life. We believe, that unless due emphasis is

placed upon a proper regard for the Lord's Day and its contribution to the life of the individual, the progress of the kingdom of God will be increasingly retarded.

We regret that the Bill forbidding the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday in the State of Maryland failed to pass, but we commend Governor Herbert O'Connor of that State for his support of such a measure.

We protest against the becoming a law of the so-called "Home Rule" Bill for Ocean City, which would make possible a wide open Sunday in that city for the sale of alcoholic beverages and all other articles of merchandise, also Sunday Motion Pictures and other forms of commercialized amusements and recreation on the Lord's Day, if the people of the city should vote favorably on a referendum. If this Bill, which has now passed in the House should pass in the Senate, we urge that Governor O'Connor refuse to sign the Bill.

We are delighted to note that the House of the General Assembly of Delaware refused to consider a Bill, which had for its purpose the legalization of Motion Pictures on Sunday in that State. We desire to protest against the passage of a Bill now pending in the Senate of Delaware which, if enacted, would grant to cities of that State having a population of twenty-five thousand the privilege of having Motion Pictures shown on Sunday.

We urge the repeal of the law now on the statute books of Delaware making possible the commercialization of sports on the Lord's Day in any organized community which may vote favorably for the same.

We further insist that all law enforcement officers should perform their full duty in the suppression of all illegal desecrations of the Lord's Day. This is their sworn duty.

We still rejoice that Dr. W. W. Davis, executive secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of Maryland, is still fearlessly pressing the battle for the observance of the Christian Sabbath, and we pledge him our whole-hearted support in his worth while program of education and agitation on this great subject.

Signed,

LEONARD WHITE
HARRY V. BRANFORD
JAMES F. LANGRALL
THOS. J. SARD
O. H. CONNELLY

REPORT OF GOODWILL INDUSTRIES FOR YEAR 1938

Another year has passed in the history of the Goodwill Industries. I feel we have done a good work, yet not as good as I would like to, due to the fact we do not receive the material.

During the year, our trucks made 12,999 effective calls and deliveries netting 5,843 bags of clothing, 3,307 bundles of paper, 5,827 pieces of furniture. This enabled us to give employment to 494 people, paying \$14,870 in self respecting wages.

We have an all day kindergarten in which we give the children a warm meal at noon. The average attendance is twenty-five. The kindergarten is in session eleven months.

We will appreciate having the ministers encourage the members of his church to give us the discarded clothing and furniture in their homes. More material enables us to do more work.

We thank you who have helped us in the past year and trust we may continue to have your support.

THANKS

The seventy first session of the Wilmington Annual Conference will live in the memories of its members as one of the most significant of its history.

As we come to these closing moments we desire to express our gratitude to Asbury Church for its splendid hospitality. Every provision has been made for our comfort.

Our host, the Rev. H. M. Parks has been unfailing in courtesy and consideration for our needs.

The able committee of Asbury church we commend for their complete preparation for the comfort and convenience of the Conference and for their numerous courtesies to all the ministers.

The heads of the State of Delaware and the city of Wilmington, His Excellency Governor Richard C. McMullen and His Honor Mayor Walter W. Bacon and the other representatives of the city have again honored us by their cordial welcome extended to us all.

We thank the Police Department for their fine courtesies and the very efficient handling of the traffic thus assuring us greater safety.

Our hearts have been most deeply stirred by the fine music given us through Mr. Harold Vignuelle and the various choirs of our city churches.

Also to Rev. E. B. Eckhart for his faithful services at the organ not only this year but other years as well we are most grateful.

We are likewise grateful to the florists and individual donors of the city for their most generous and beautiful contributions of flowers each day.

The press of the city have again been most liberal in the space given in their columns to the daily procedure of our sessions. Their representatives have been most courteous.

Scott Church and the German Baptist Church are to be commended for the use of their splendid buildings and equipment for conference needs.

We express to Bishop Hughes our appreciation of his Presidency of our Conference. Fair, impartial, brotherly in all matters and toward us all we are made better men because of this leadership.

The scene enacted before our eyes in last night's Unification Service will be a never to be forgotten one.

The participants in this Service—Our own beloved Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, Bishop John M. Moore, Methodist Church South and Dr. James H.

Straughn, Methodist Protestant Church we wish to thank again and again for giving us a living demonstration of the glorious good fellowship which is to tie our hearts together as one.

Three in one—Amen! So let it be. So it is in the Godhead. God the Father—God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

A bond of unity has been created between us. And in unity there is strength.

And God has been good to us. He is our Judge—our Law giver—our King. To Him we give thanks, take heart and undismayed face the future.

A. F. ZIMMERMAN,
C. C. HARRIS
PAUL E. REYNOLDS,
Committee.

REPORT OF

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STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishop, Support Conf. C'l mnts, Total Paid for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency), Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized), Epw'th League (Senior and Young People, Intermediate and Juniors).

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Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'y Mem., Full Members: Received During Year, Now on Roll, Rec'd from P. M., Received on Confession of Faith, Received by Transfer and Renewal, Received From Other Denominations, Full Members on Roll Including Inactive Members, Inactive Members, Removed by Transfer and Withdrawal, Deaths During Year), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Parsonages, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc., Paid by Charge for Building and Improvements, Paid for Interest on Indebtedness, Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest, Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Expenses, Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial Support, Local Preachers, Subscribers to the Advertisements, Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society, No. Cong. or Prch'g Pics).

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT

TREASURER'S DOVER DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Number of Schools, No. of Classes Under 18 Years, No. of Classes Using Closely Graded Lessons, No. of Organized Depts. Meeting Separately, Officers and Teachers, Enrollment (Pupils of all Grades, Nursery Roll, Home Department, Total Enrollment, Average Attendance), Church Membership (Pupils incl. Home Dept. who are Ch'ch Mem., Accessions to Ch. from Membership of S. S.), Finances (Rally Day Offering, Paid by S. S. to World Service not including Rally Day Offering, Expenses for Lesson Materials, Supplies, Etc.), Enrollment Leadership (Training Classes, Pupils Enrolled in Vacation Church Schools, Pupils Enrolled in Week Day Church Schools), and Other Church Schools.

Table with columns: List No., Apportioned 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 (Uniting Conference, Conference Board of Education, Episcopal Residence, Domestic Missions, Hospitals & Homes, Edts., Buildings, Spec. Gifts, Conference Budget, District Parsonage, Annual Conf. Investm'ts (Conf. Claimants), City Missionary or Church Extension Society, Min'l Contin. Relief Fund, Other Items), Total Benevolences Ordered by Annual Conference.

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT

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Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support Bishops, Support Conf. C'mnts, Support for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency), Baptisms (Children Baptized, Adults Baptized), Epw'th Leagu (Senior and Young People, Intermediate and Juniors). Rows list 62 churches and a total row.

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'ry Mem., Full Members: Now on Roll, Rec'd from P. M., Received on Confession of Faith, Received by Transfer and Renewal, Received From Other Denominations, Full Members on Roll Including Inactive Members, Inactive Members, Removed by Transfer and Withdrawal, Deaths During Year), Church Property (Churches, Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Parsonages, Value of Other Properties Endowments, Bonds, etc., Paid by Charge for Buildings and Improvements, Paid for Interest on Indebtedness, Paid on Old Indebtedness Not Including Interest, Present Indebtedness Incl. Debt on Current Expenses, Current Expenses not incl. Ministerial support), Miscellaneous (Local Preachers, Subscribers to the Advo-cates, Amount Contributed by Ladies' Aid Society, No. Cong. or Prch'g P/Cs.). Rows list 62 churches and a total row.

STATISTICAL
SALISBURY DISTRICT

List No.	NAMES OF CHARGES	Sunday Church Schools										Other Church Schools							
		Number of Schools	No. of Classes Under 18 Years	No. of Classes Using Closely Graded Lessons	No. of Organized Depts. Meeting Separately	Officers and Teachers	Enrollment			Church Membership	Finances		Pupils Enrolled in Vacation Church Schools	Pupils Enrolled in Week Day Church Schools					
							Pupils of all Grades	Nursery Roll	Home Department		Total Enrollment	Average Attendance			Paid by S. S. to World Service not including Rally Day Offering	Expenses for Lesson Materials, Supplies, Etc.			
																	Pupils incl. Ho'e Dept. but not B.C. who are Ch. M. or Prep. M.	Accessions to Ch. from Membership of S. S.	Rally Day Offering
1	Annamersex...	2	5		20	90	25	135	55		2	\$12		\$ 50					
2	Beckwith and Spedden	2	8	2	32	234	8	274	150		71	\$ 50	125						
3	Berlin	1	9	4	1	261	36	323	105	151	15	50	392	126					
4	Bethel	1	4		12	50		62	28	12			36	52					
5	Bishopville	4	12	2	37	401		438	250		90	150	150						
6	Cambridge	1	24	40	49	740	35	852	432	620	42	15	640	310	46				
7	Cape Charles	1	11	10	3	41	217	15	290	125	28	14	35	250					
8	Chincoteague	1	12	4	3	21	239	29	289	188	138		107	213	9	57			
9	Church Creek	3	9		1	20	177		197	100		12	38	50					
10	Crapo	4			36	162		198	150		7		150						
11	Crisfield-Asb'y	1		11	30	355	55	440	228		20		200	110					
12	Immanuel	1	20	11	5	36	620	30	700	308	410	16	316	550					
13	Dagsboro-St G.	2	19	15	8	47	476	42	565	256		12	225	330					
14	Deals Island	2	12	4	1	29	301		339	150			45	70					
15	Delmar	1			41	505	12	573	270	350	35		250	500		65			
16	E. New Market	2	5	5	2	23	165	18	206	85			35	160					
17	Elliott's Island	1			15	83		98					50						
18	Fairmount	3	10	8	26	190	15	231	100	10			10	120					
19	Frankford	2	6	3	2	35	315	8	358	250			250						
20	Fruitland	2	17	7	6	48	360	17	433	230	260	15	309	150	2	114			
21	Girdletree	1	2		3	25		28	15			5	50	35					
22	Gumboro	3			35	185	25	245	180				100	75					
23	Hebron	1			17	100		117	70				45	70		24			
24	Hooper's Isl'd	3	6	3	18	125		143	115				15	72					
25	Hurlock	1	14	11	3	24	127	25	176	85	110	10	100	50					
26	Laurel	1	36	21	5	67	488	25	604	315		11	25	324					
27	Mardela Spgs.	3	6		28	102	4	134	81	107		24	80						
28	Millsboro	2	14		47	442	30	519	280	338	23	50	271	351	12	92			
29	Mt. Pleasant	3	11		30	426	20	476	231	312	8		100	75		74			
30	Mt. Vernon	2	6		41	177	12	230	160	158	11		109	300		74			
31	Nanticoke	3	14		40	187	8	235	120	134	1		192						
32	Newark	3	10		1	24	125	13	162	80	71	4	10	73					
33	Ocean City	2	9		1	18	147	7	172	90	134		67						
34	Ocean Vw-M'le	2	9		35	230	30	295	150				230	240					
35	Onancock	3	10	7	1	40	285	30	325	265	198	12	100	70		30			
36	Parsonburg	3	8		36	250	20	316	175		16	15	50	100					
37	Phoebus	1	14	14	6	27	188	15	230	125	90		200						
38	Pittsville	3			50	233		283	163		3	18	150	202					
39	Pocomoke City	1	13		2	25	215	14	254	131	130	8	10	202	250	100			
40	Pocomoke Ct.	2	5		4	18	106		124	80			31	45					
41	Powellville	3	6		16	120		136	45				72	60					
42	Princess Anne	1	10	10	3	26	272	12	310	168	116	11	164	125					
43	Quantico	3	7	15	17	25	181		206	135			100	125					
44	Roxana	2	7		35	350	23	408	235	208			175	225					
45	Salisbury-Asb'y	1	26	26	7	59	712	20	782	350	450	20		500	60	200			
46	Grace	1	8	13	1	39	387	46	514	230	285	15		92					
47	Secretary	1	6	6	32	61	16	89	70				18	30					
48	Selbyville	2	12	8	3	26	226	15	295	175	240	28	5	200	165				
49	Sharptown	1	6		3	30	240	15	275	160			100	150					
50	Smith's Island	3	14		44	578		622	275				50	132					
51	Snow Hill	1	6		2	20	121	13	174	68	105	5	15	266	125				
52	Somerset	2	11	11	25	160		185	109				110						
53	Stockton	3	10		40	325		365	170			8	142	150					
54	St. Peters	2	7		3	40	290		330	200	230		24	126					
55	St. Thomas	4	8	6	1	25	260		285	200	100	6	130	110					
56	Tangier	1	10	14	3	28	220	72	350	325		47	250	390					
57	Vienna	4	11		31	218		250	135				85						
58	Westover	3	6		25	112		137	90	28			50						
59	Whitesville	3	8		36	330		366	150	13			65	32					
60	Willards	1	4	4	7	13	151	16	180	79	35	1	12	62					
61	Williamsburg	4			24	156		180					26	120					
62	Zoar Circuit	2	8		29	123		152	75	130			77	65					
Totals.....		128	561	279	141	1886	15697	816	251	18651	9812	5701	366	483	6187	9661	129	556	274

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List No.	Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered by the General Conference										Annual Conference Benevolences									
	World Service		Total World Service	Children' Day Fund (Board of Education)	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	Woman's Home Missionary Society	Total Disciplinary Benevolences	General Administration Fund			Educational							Total Benevolences Or'd by Annual Conference		
	World Service On Apportionment	Additional Contributions to W. S.						United Conference	Conference Board of Education	Episcopal Residence	Domestic Missions	Hospitals & Homes, Edits, Buildings, Spec. Gifts	Conference Budget	District Parsonage	Annual Conf. Investments (Conf. Claimants)	City Missionary or Ch'ch Extension Society	Minis'l Cont. Relief Fund		Other Items	
																				World Service
1	144	65	65			65	4		4	9	15	5	16	5		8	5	67		
2	180	90	90			90			6	10	15	7	15	6				44		
3	444	444	444	261		705	8		10	19	30		33	10				113		
4	84	36	36			36			3		5		12					20		
5	228	85	15	100		100			5		10		20	6				41		
6	840	840	15	7	304	1166	12		15	15	30	25	10	53	15		2	230		
7	252	35				35			10	5	8		15					43		
8	216	147		5		152	7		8	10	20		31	9		10	5	93		
9	108	50	4	54	13	67			4		28		8					39		
10	120	30				30			5		5		4					17		
11	408	200				200	9		12		15	25	30					82		
12	576	375				375			13		26	10	8	46	13			182		
13	360	225				225	8		15	19	30	50	33	11		15	31	204		
14	252	45				45			8		20		7					36		
15	600	604	40	644	75	81			7		3	37	10				5	62		
16	144	35				35							5					10		
17	60	11				11			3	2	3		10	3				21		
18	144	10				10							5					10		
19	252	37				37							13	9				32		
20	396	301	35	336	5	147	488	14	10	5	25		24	3				88		
21	96	60		60	5	65			4		10		17	3				31		
22	120																			

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, NAMES OF PASTORS, Ministerial Support (Support of Pastor, Support District Supt., Support of Bishops, Support Conf. Cl'mnts), Bap-tisms, Epw'th League, 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, Total Paid for Ministerial Support, Total Deficiency, Children Baptized, Adults Baptized, Senior and Young People, Intermediate and Juniors.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: Church Membership (Prep'y Memb., Full Members), Church Property (Estimated Value of Land and Buildings, Value of Other Properties, Endowments, Bonds, etc.), Miscellaneous (Local Preachers, Subscribers to the Advo-cates, Amount Contributed by Ladies Aid Society, No. Cong. or Frch'g Plcs.).

STATISTICAL
WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Number of Schools, No. of Classes Under 18, No. of Classes Using Closely Graded Lessons, No. Organized Depts. Meeting Separately, Officers and Teachers, Enrollment (Pupils of all Grades, Nursery Roll, Home Department, Total Enrollment, Average Attendance), Church Membership (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), Finance (Paid by S. S. to World Service not including Rally Day Offering, Expenses for Lesson Materials, Supplies, Etc., Enrollment Leadership Training Classes), Other Church Schools (Pupils Enrolled in Vacation Church Schools, Pupils Enrolled in Week Church Schools).

TREASURER'S
WILMINGTON DISTRICT

Table with columns: Disciplinary Benevolences as Ordered By the General Conference (World Service, Children's Day Fund, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Total Disciplinary Benevolences, General Administration Fund), Uniting Conference, Education (Conference Board of Education, Episcopal Residence, Domestic Missions, Hospitals & Homes, Bldgs Building, Spec Gifts, Conference Budget, District Parsonage, Annual Conf. Investments (Conf. Claimants), City Missionary or Ch'h Extension Society, Minis'l Cont. Relief Fund, Other Items), Total Benevolences Ord'd by Annual Conference.

CIRCUIT REPORT.

Dover District.

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
Bayside:				
Sherwood	82	70	\$500	\$80
Wittman	85	53	324	13
Blades:				
Gregg	220	125	600	25
Epworth	140	65	300	25
Asbury	96	85	300	25
Bozman	96	73	500	65
Neavitt	106	112	500	45
Cheswold	120	237	650	35
Little Creek	25	25	170	
Asbury	25	15	150	
Church Hill	60		545	82
Price	55		455	68
Concord	124	89	450	93
Bloomery	40	61	250	15
Chestnut Grove	50	43	200	8
Cordova	65	62	325	24
Matthews	55	61	375	24
Fairlee				
Salem	67	77	400	
Union	30	66	400	
Grace	120	40	400	
Farmington	55	49	365	48
Epworth	60	59	225	6
Prospect	70	53	175	27
Todds	60	51	235	32
Felton	162	213	1000	211
Manship	50	43	325	53
Masten	60	45	175	36
Galestown			250	30
Cokesbury			200	12
Woodland			200	13
Henderson	58	61	350	8
Barclay	38	33	400	16
Hillsboro			850	100
Ebenezer			350	50
Marydel	45	64	350	25
Templeville	90	87	350	25
Thomas Chapel	40	22	200	
Busic	70	31	100	
Kent Island:				
Stevensville	150	148	800	137
Kingsley	90	113	400	69
Dominion	60	83	200	34

Kenton	75	62	700	16
Hartley	75	54	290	4
Central	25	33	190	
Preston Bethesda	81	172	1520	119
Bethlehem	60	50	280	25
Pomona:				
Bond Chapel	35	40	500	20
Mowbray	25	22		
Queenstown	40	27	333	10
Grasonville	90	42	333	18
Perry's Cor.	25	19	221	7
Ridgely	130	207	1200	89
Bridgetown	54	54	300	25
Seaford Cir.				
Bethel	113		510	30
Wesley	117		545	30
Concord	23		445	18
Tilghman	300	84	960	46
Fairbank	50	37	240	24
Wye Mills	87	75	638	66
Starr	63	57	362	54

Salisbury District.

Appointment	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
Annessex:				
Quindocqua	95	88	450	30
St. Peters	40	86	450	45
Grace (Marion)		24		
Beckwith	56	85	600	30
Spedden	208	109	600	60
Bishopville (Wilson)	158	68	400	25
Showell	150	114	400	36
Zion	100	70	200	25
Friendship	30	22	200	14
Church Creek				
White Haven	125	158	950	67
Trinity	30			
Taylors Island	42			
Crapo				
Ebenezer	55	75	400	
Wesley	45	40	400	
Streets	48	22	200	
Bounds	50	23	200	
Dagsboro	230	179	950	100
St. Georges	250	367	950	125
E. New Market—Trinity	176	142	1150	35
Cabin Creek	30	30	270	
Fairmount:				
Christ	90	125	640	10
Union	23	60	100	
Epworth	50	75	100	

Fruitland—St. Johns . . .	225	289	1250	224
Siloam	138	161	625	100
Hooper's Island:				
St. Johns	46		200	20
Hoopers Memorial . . .	56		600	20
Mt. Zion	23		200	
Mardela				
St. Pauls	40	52	225	8
Spring Grove	27	32	275	8
Margin Chapel	35	23	250	8
Millsboro:				
Grace	332	216	1440	259
Carey's	157	132	360	65
Mt. Vernon:				
John Wesley	125	126	600	90
Frances Asbury	105	133	600	18
Nanticoke	111	121	500	49
Tyaskin	64	60	400	35
White Haven	58	47	350	19
Newark, Bowen	97	80	720	73
Wesley	35	23	240	14
Derrickson	30	22	207	
Ocean City (Atlantic) . .	120	142	1000	
Sinepuxent (Bethany) . .	27	48	250	
Onancock:				
Cokesbury	48		550	50
Leatherbury	225		600	40
Riverview	52		250	10
Parsonsburg:				
Jerusalem	120	136	700	7
Line	40	40	300	
Bethel	70	100	200	30
Pittsville—Ayres			500	
Wango			500	
Melsons			200	
Pocomoke Circuit:				
Cokesbury	67	63	290	14
Emmanuel	57	42	250	22
Williams		17	80	2
Powellville:				
St. Johns	60	35	400	38
Mt. Pleasant	60	70	250	17
Friendship	60	65	250	17
Roxana (Zion)	233	171	700	125
Sound	175	139	700	125
St. Peters	205	219	1200	
St. Stevens	50	35	400	24
Smith's Island:				
Ewell	300	294	675	40

Tylerton	200	173	487	
Rhodes Point	122	145	338	10
St. Thomas	100	100	575	50
Zion	90		525	45
Bethany	45		200	18
Wingates	50		200	18
Vienna	50		400	8
Salem	35		200	5
Reids Grove	55		175	5
Wainwrights	33		200	
Westover:				
Mt. Olive	30	33	194	6
Rehobeth	25	49	202	
St. Pauls	77	63	270	12
Zoar	91	57	300	36
Unity	61	53	225	27
St. Thomas		25	150	14

Wilmington District.

	S. S. Members	Church Members	Cash Salary Paid	Paid to World Service
Appointment				
Bethel	48	54	550	83
Town Point	12	30	300	25
Charlestown	79	68	480	66
Principio	69	49	420	24
Cherry Hill	166		600	50
Big Elk	65		250	35
Elk Mills			250	30
Christiana	158	176	800	144
Salem	53	78	400	72
Crumpton	60	72	394	35
Union	15	48	356	4
Double Creek	25	33	250	6
Elk Neck:				
Harts	50	41	200	40
Wesley	33	13	100	20
Galena Olivet	72	130	900	70
Locust Grove		15	175	1
Hockessin	180	150	1000	125
Cedars	80	40	300	43
Hopewell	133	134	800	120
Asbury	63	68	400	16
Still Pond & Betterton:				
Still Pond	108	124	700	79
Betterton	45	113	700	30
St. Georges	127	122	850	141
Summit	56	24	350	19
Townsend	303	280	1200	61
Blackbird	45	83	300	18

(f) OTHER TREASURERS

BARRATTS CHAPEL FUND.

Treasurer's Report, March 15, 1939.

March 25, 1938, Balance in Bank	\$ 221.81	
Earnings on Investments	60.00	
Interest on Account	4.79	\$ 286.60
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Balance in Bank, March 15, 1939		\$ 286.60

WALTER ASBURY HEARN, Treasurer.

WASHINGTON FOSTER ESTATE.

Treasurer's Report, March 15, 1939.

Eighth account of Walter Asbury Hearn, Treasurer of the Washington Foster Estate, debtor to the Washington Foster Estate, March 15, 1939		\$12804.43
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CORPUS, MARCH 15, 1939.

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	
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Total Corpus, March 15, 1939		\$12804.43

CHECK ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

March 25, 1938, Balance in Bank	\$ 339.37	
March 15, 1939, Earnings on Investments	626.00	
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Total Receipts, March 15, 1939		\$ 965.37

DISBURSEMENTS.

April 8, 1938, Filing of Report, Elkton	\$ 1.00	
Oct. 3, 1938, Insurance	2.50	
Dec. 10, 1938, Renewal of Treasurer's Bond	13.33	
May 9, 1938 To Feb. 14, 1939, Salary	500.00	
Mar. 4, 1939, Postage, etc.	2.90	
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Total Disbursements		\$ 519.73
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March 15, 1939, Balance to Check Account		\$ 445.64

WALTER ASBURY HEARN, Treasurer.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.

Treasurer's Report, March 15, 1939.

SAVINGS ACCOUNT.

March 25, 1938, Balance in Dover Account	\$4681.64	
March 25, 1938, Balance in Laurel Account	4516.67	
March 25, 1938, Balance in Easton Account	4926.40	
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Total Savings Account, March 25, 1938		\$14124.71

RECEIPTS

May 11, 1938, Interest, Dover Account	\$ 29.25	
May 11, 1938, Interest, Laurel Account	37.63	
July 12, 1938, T. S. Holt Fund	570.00	
July 12, 1938, From Investment	7.00	
July 13, 1938, Interest	35.26	
Jan. 1, 1939, Interest	12.42	\$ 691.56
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Total Receipts, March 15, 1939		\$14816.27

DISBURSEMENTS

May 5, 1938, Transferred to Check Account	\$4200.00	
May 11, 1938, W. E. Gunby, Richardson Park	4710.89	
May 11, 1938, W. E. Gunby, Richardson Park	4554.30	
Mar. 2, 1939, Transferred to Check Account	570.00	
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Total Disbursements, March 15, 1939		\$14035.19
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Balance to Savings Account, March 15, 1939 ...		\$ 781.08

CHECK ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

March 25, 1938, Balance in Bank	\$1185.35	
May 5, 1938, From Savings Account	4200.00	
Sept. 19, 1938, Sale, Tunis Mills organ, etc.	20.00	
Oct. 7, 1938, Sale, Tunis Mills pews	40.00	
Jan. 10, 1939, T. S. Holt Fund	570.00	
Mar. 2, 1939, From Savings Account	570.00	
Mar. 25, 1938 To Mar. 15, 1939, E. F. Melson	86.67	
Mar. 25, 1938 To Mar. 15, 1939, E. F. Melson, Int. . .	181.80	
Mar. 15, 1939, From Investments	375.00	
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Total Receipts, March 15, 1939		\$ 7228.82

DISBURSEMENTS.

Apr. 8, 1938, Beckwith from Thomas Fund	\$ 115.00
Apr. 8, 1938, Goshen from Carey Fund	115.00
Apr. 8, 1938, St. Paul's from Clifton Fund	25.00
Apr. 8, 1938, Chesapeake City from Lindsay	60.00
Apr. 8, 1938, Parsonsburg, Wimbrow Fund	45.00
Apr. 8, 1938, O. A. Bartley, Treas. Historical So.	60.00
Apr. 8, 1938, Box Rent, Sussex Trust Co.	2.20
May 6, 1938, E. C. Hallman, Rock Hall	2155.00
May 7, 1938, J. J. Bunting, Asbury, Crisfield	2000.00
May 1, 1938, W. E. Gunby, Richardson Park	734.81
May 21, 1938, W. E. Gunby, Crumpton Repairs	150.00
June 9, 1938, Renewal of Treasurer's Bond	12.50
July 11, 1938, W. E. Gunby, Crumpton Repairs	50.00
Mar. 4, 1939, Jefferson Cooper, Treas. Holt Fd.	1140.00
Mar. 4, 1939, Postage, etc.	7.64
	\$ 6672.15
Balance to Check Account, March 15, 1939	\$ 556.67

WALTER ASBURY HEARN, Treasurer.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE AUDITOR, 1939.

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

Balance March 19, 1938	\$ 116.25
Receipts	465.00
Total receipts	\$ 581.25
Disbursements	581.25
Balance February 9, 1939	\$.00

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

Balance March 19, 1938	\$ 150.19
Receipts	424.00
Total receipts	\$ 574.19
Disbursements	470.00
Balance February 9, 1939	\$ 104.19

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

Balance March 18, 1938	\$ 62.54
Receipts	874.00
Total receipts	\$ 936.54
Disbursements	801.54
Balance in hand Nov. 8, 1939	\$ 135.00

Rev. L. E. Wimbrow, Treasurer Board of Ministerial Training.

Balance received from E. W. McDowell former Treasurer on April 1, 1938	\$ 176.88
Receipts	550.00
Total receipts	\$ 726.88
Disbursements	574.13
Balance on hand March 20, 1939	\$ 152.75

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

Balance March 30, 1938	\$ 16.88
Receipts	470.00
Total receipts	\$ 486.88
Disbursements	480.00
Balance March 22, 1939	\$ 6.88

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

Balance March 30, 1938	\$ 201.00
Receipts	585.00
Total receipts	\$ 786.00
Disbursements	695.00
Balance March 22, 1939	\$ 91.00

Rev. R. C. Jones, Treasurer Ministerial Contingent Relief Fund.

Balance March 18, 1938	\$ 242.72
Receipts	129.95
Total receipts	\$ 372.67
Disbursements00
Balance March 14, 1939	\$ 372.67

Rev. W. J. Ennis, Treasurer Minutes Publication Fund.

Balance March 30, 1938	\$ 73.83
Receipts	693.90
Total receipts	\$ 767.73
Disbursements	690.85
Balance March 17, 1939	\$ 76.88

Rev. O. A. Bartley, Treasurer Historical Society.

Balance March 31, 1938	\$	43.44
Receipts		60.00
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Total receipts	\$	103.44
Disbursements		10.00
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Balance March 22, 1939	\$	93.44

Mr. W. L. Overdeer, Treas. Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Balance March 30, 1938	\$	1.18
Receipts		1175.00
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Total receipts	\$	1176.18
Disbursements		1175.00
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Balance March 23, 1939	\$	1.18

Rev. W. H. Revelle, Conference Treasurer.

Balance March 31, 1938	\$	44.97
Receipts		62725.01
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Total receipts	\$	62769.98
Disbursements		62710.00
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Balance March 20, 1939	\$	59.98

Mr. Jefferson Cooper, Treasurer Board of Stewards.

Balance March 31, 1938	\$	28640.21
Receipts		47817.68
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Total receipts	\$	76457.89
Disbursements		62866.06
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Balance March 24, 1939	\$	13591.83

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

Balance April 2, 1938	\$	442.14
Receipts		3943.00
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Total receipts	\$	4385.14
Disbursements		3536.72
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Balance on hand	\$	848.42

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

Balance March 25, 1938	\$	221.81
Receipts		64.79
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Total receipts	\$	286.60
Disbursements00
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Balance March 15, 1939	\$	286.60

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

Balance March 25, 1938	\$	339.37
Receipts		626.00
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Total receipts		965.37
Disbursements		519.73
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Balance March 15, 1939	\$	445.64

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

Balance in Savings Account March 25, 1938	\$	4926.40
Balance in two other Savings Accounts		9198.31
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Total Balance March 25, 1938	\$	14124.71
Receipts		691.56
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Total Receipts	\$	14816.27
Disbursements		14035.19
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Balance March 15, 1939	\$	781.08
Balance in Check Account March 25, 1939	\$	1185.35
Receipts		6043.47
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Total receipts	\$	7228.82
Disbursements		6672.15
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Balance March 15, 1939	\$	556.67

HUGH B. KELSO, Conference Auditor.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE OF DELAWARE.

IVANHOE WILLIS, Superintendent.

During the Conference year I visited thirty three (33) Churches and continued to carry on a programme of Education and Legislation.

Contributions have been received from the following Churches during the Conference year.

Those marked with an asterisk indicate that they have been visited personally.

During the year we put on a special campaign for the purpose of clearing up our old indebtedness, which was of long standing, and are glad to report that all indebtedness has been paid in full and the League is absolutely clear of debt, thanks to our many friends.

Asbury M. E. Wilmington	\$ 6.00
*Bridgeville M. E.	30.96
Camden M. E.	
*Chester Bethel	13.30
*Claymont	23.94
*Clayton M. E.	132.40
Delmar M. E.	5.00
Dover M. E.	16.50
*Eastlake M. E.	11.00
*Ebenezer M. E.	8.31
Elk Neck M. E.	2.00
*Ellendale M. E.	21.00
Farmington M. E.	10.00
Felton M. E.	4.00
*Frankford M. E.	10.92
*Frederica M. E.	11.01
*Georgetown M. E.	37.00
Grace M. E.	168.00
*Harrington M. E.	31.07
Harrison St. M. E.	148.00
Hockessin M. E.	27.00
Holly Oak M. E.	24.00
*Houston M. E.	3.75
*Kenton M. E.	9.50
*Lewes M. E.	19.30
*Lincoln M. E.	6.89
*McCabe M. E.	65.25
Magnolia M. E.	1.00
*Marshallton M. E.	67.00
Middletown M. E.	18.00
Milford M. E.	46.00
*Millsboro M. E.	82.73
*Milton M. E.	29.45
Mount Lebanon M. E.	5.00
Mount Pleasant M. E.	14.75
Mount Salem M. E.	24.00
*Newark M. E.	83.70
*Newport M. E.	27.00
*Ocean View M. E.	19.32
Odessa M. E.	17.00
Red Lion M. E.	9.00
Richardson Park M. E.	36.00
*Roxana M. E.	8.10

St. Georges M. E.	42.89
St. Georges & Dagsboro M. E.	31.55
*St. Paul's M. E.	55.23
*Seaford M. E.	27.80
*Seaford Circuit M. E.	6.65
*Selbyville M. E.	50.28
*Silverbrook M. E.	32.78
*Smyrna M. E.	24.85
*Stanton M. E.	5.00
Trinity M. E.	25.00
*Union M. E.	50.00
Epworth M. E.	8.00
Hillcrest	5.00

TREASURER'S REPORT WILMINGTON CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 31, 1938	\$ 43.44
April 11, 1938, Received of W. A. Hearn, Treas.	60.00
Total	\$ 103.44

DISBURSED.

May 7, 1938, Check # 24—C. F. Eggleston Treas. (National Society Dues)	\$ 10.00
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SUMMARY.

Total Received	\$ 103.44
Total Disbursed	10.00
Balance March 22, 1939	\$ 93.44

O. A. BARTLEY, Treasurer.

REPORT OF BOARD OF STEWARDS.

We regret very much that we are compelled to report to you today that there will be a slight reduction in the amount received from the churches for the support of our Conference Claimants this year. However, our increase from the invested funds will more than overcome this reduction. We are able to report a reduction of fifty service years. Therefore, we are able to maintain our present annuity rate of \$18.00 per year of service.

We have received from the churches this year \$33,206.00 a decrease of \$113.00, from the Chartered Fund \$60.00, from investments \$14,508.48 which is an increase of \$1,025.48 over last year from invested funds.

We have at the present time \$281,000 invested in First Mortgages on properties in and about Wilmington. We own three properties which we have been compelled to possess through foreclosure of mortgage. We have invested in these \$3,800.00 making a total invested of \$285,000.

The following amounts have been received this year through bequests: from the Gambrill Estate \$5000.00, making a total of \$45,000.00 received of the \$50,000.00 bequest; from the estate of Mrs. Gambrill \$5,000.00; from the Thomas H. Bock Estate \$16,248.65 of the \$25,000.00 bequest. We believe there will be more from this estate later.

It has been the policy of the Board to guard with extreme care the funds which you have entrusted to our keeping. No mortgage is placed other than a first mortgage on good desirable real estate with a substantial margin. No mortgage is placed unless it has been approved by at least two members of the Board in addition to our attorney.

It is with much regret that we are compelled to report to you the resignation of Brother Jefferson Cooper as Treasurer of the Board, due to failing health. No one knows except those associated with him in the work of the Board just how to estimate the value of the service rendered by this beloved brother. He has given of his time and energy whole heartedly. He greatly loves his minister friends and rendered an invaluable service to our Retired Brethren.

L. E. WINDSOR, Chairman.

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 1939. They were approved by the Conference.

Distribution of Conference Funds.				Annuity Claim	Special Fund	Total
Date of Claim	Years of Service	CLAIMANTS AND ADDRESSES				
MINISTERS						
1931	34	Bennett, W. O.	Hurlock, Md.	\$612		\$612
1931	20	Briggs, Wm. H.	11 Clifton Ave., Elsmere, Del.	360	\$180	540
1932	27	Buckson, J. A.	Rehoboth Beach, Del.	486		486
1931	37	Budd, H. G.	Dover, Del.	666		666
1934	39	Collins, E. H.	Marshallton, Del.	702		702
1929	46	Collins, V. S.	2422 West St., Wilmington, Del.	828		828
1930	53	Corkran, W. F.	Rehoboth Beach, Del.	954		954
1938	35	Davis, Howard	Lewes, Del.	630		630
1939	40	Dawson, George W.	Middletown, Del.	720		720
1935	30	Ford, D. J.	Camden, Del.	540		540
1934	43	Geoghegan, J. H.	Newport, Del.	774		774
1936	47	Hills, V. E.	Weldin Road, Wilmington, Del.	747		747
1918	42	Hoffecker, E. L.	Easton, Md.	696		696
1924	16	James, O. E.	Central Y. M. C. A., Baltimore, Md.	288		288
1929	38	Jones, G. P.	Box #3, Mystic, Conn.	584		584
1922	20	Matthews, W. E.	Smyrna, Del.	360	160	520
1921	23	Moore, F. X.	New Freedom, Pa.	414		414
1926	40	Mowbray, W. R.	Lewes, Del.	720		720
1930	39	Nutter, M. D.	15 Kells Ave., Newark, Del.	693		693
1933	40	Outten, J. P.	Laurel, Del.	720		720
1934	38	Poole, L. E.	Snow Hill, Md.	684		684
1936	36	Poole, W. C.	Easton, Md.	648		648
1936	39	Prettyman, J. W.	North East, Md.	702		702
1936	28	Price, J. T.	East New Market, Md.	504	160	664
1933	43	Rorer, V. E.	318 Sterling Rd., Elkins Park, Pa.	789		789
1935	42	Strickland, C. W.	Rehoboth Beach, Del.	756		756
1922	35	Sunfield, E. C.	Barnegat, N. J.	600		600
1936	27	Sutton, J. W.	Princess Anne, Md.	492	108	600
1935	31	Taylor, E. B.	Springfield, S. C.	558		558
1938	35	Thomas, G. S.	Milford, Del.	630		630
1939	27	Willis, Ivanhoe	Marshallton, Del.	486		486
1927	39	Wilson, J. H.	9 Spruce Ave., Elsmere, Del.	657		657
1930	46	Wise, W. A.	317 W. 19th St., Wilmington, Del.	828		828
1932	43	Wood, G. E.	Dover, Del.	774		774
1934	24½	Woodell, W. R.	Seaford, Del.	274		274
WIDOWS						
1915	43	Adams, Mary R.	Rehoboth Beach, Del.	\$573	\$ 27	\$600
1930	37	Alderson, A. M.	1001 Madison St., Wilmington, Del.	500		500
1903	20½	Avery, Laura M.	1439 Jefferson St., San Francisco, Cal.	277	63	340
1936	44½	Beauchamp, Bessie D.	Berlin, Md.	601		601
1926	18	Brewington, Ida V.	Hebron, Md.	243	117	360
1938	4	Bolton, Virginia E.	Deals Island, Md.	54		54
1934	39½	Bounds, Minnie F.	Boothwyn, Pa.	533		533
1939	16	Broadway, Fannie E.	200 W. 30th St., Wilmington, Del.	216	84	300
1925	33	Carpenter, Annie V.	Seaford, Del.	446	10	456
1920	23	Chairs, Sarah W.	Bozman, Md.	311	25	336
1922	5	Cochran, Nora B.	517 Bellevue Ave., Hammonton, N. J.	68		68
1922	6	Compton, Blanche E.	741 N. 64th St., Philadelphia, Pa.	81	99	180
1905	23	Collins, Mary E.	1607 W. 13th St., Wilmington, Del.	310	50	360
1936	35½	Cooke, Bertha C.	231 N. Rodney St., Wilmington, Del.	445		445
1931	13	Cummings, Mabel V.	Tilghman, Md.	176	124	300
1931	31½	Dashiell, Martie B.	230 E. 48th St., New York, N. Y.	425	7	432
1929	13	Dawson, Emma M.	347 Ilchester Ave., Baltimore, Md.	176	64	240
1932	31	Derrickson, Addie T.	Odessa, Del.	419		419
1931	40	Dulaney, Ella G.	Fruitland, Md.	554	46	600
1936	31	Faulkner, Cora W.	Delmar, Del.	297		297
1936	31	Greenfield, Ella K.	Perryville, Md.	419		419
1928	33½	Guthrie, Elizabeth W.	Kenton, Del.	453	15	468
1936	30½	Harris, Myrtle T.	254 E. Main St., Elkton, Md.	412		412
1934	27	Hastings, Martha L.	Seaford, Del.	365		365

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1932	26½	Jones, Grace L.	3458 90th St., Jackson Heights, Long Island, N. Y.	357		357
1919	17	Kenney, Mary J.	714 Ash Ave., Collingsdale, Pa.	230	10	240
1917	9	Lewis, H. Bertrude	Laurel, Del.	121		121
1930	49	MacSorley, Tryphena	2209 Baynard Boulevard, Wilmington, Del.	661		661
1931	18	Marshall, Elizabeth S.	612 Tenn. Ave., Salem, Va.	243		243
1917	23	Martindale, Sallie W.	Salisbury, Md.	311		311
1938	32	McDowell, Nettie W.	R. D. #3, Wilmington, Del.	432		432
1930	8	McCabe, Ada L.	Bishopville, Md.	108		108
1920	32	Mitchell, Jennie S.	Elkton, Md.	432		432
1930	25	Moore, Gertrude B.	4252 W. First St., Los Angeles, Cal.	337	23	360
1916	9½	Murray, Pauline N.	558 Newton Ave., Camden, N. J.	129		129
1924	26½	Northrup, Lelia M.	913 Park Place, Wilmington, Del.	358		358
1882	8	Prettyman, Emma	805 Poplar Hill Ave., Salisbury, Md.	103	132	240
1934	35	Prettyman, Ida A.	Galena, Md.	473		473
1932	26	Prouse, Georgia M.	Jarretstown, Pa.	351	9	360
1928	17½	Reed, Emma J.	646 E. Madison St., Lancaster, Pa.	237	75	312
1937	9	Reese, Ella M.	Frederica, Del.	121	167	288
1938	36	Richardson, Caroline A.	Middletown, Del.	455		455
1919	28½	Roberts, Mary B.	6103 Cedar Ave., Merchantville, N. J.	385		385
1936	33	Short, Mabel H.	Milford, Del.	341		341
1905	11½	Sidell, Sarah D.	220 Grove St., Montclair, N. J.	113	205	318
1929	34	Smith, Janie M.	Denton, Md.	459		459
1922	8	Stallings, Carrie W.	Lovettville, Va.	108	222	330
1936	29	Stengle, Mary G.	407 W. 21st, Wilmington, Del.	391		391
1935	36½	Stephenson, Ada T.	300 W. 19th St., Wilmington, Del.	493	11	504
1933	31	Taylor, Della D.	16 N. Governor's Ave., Dover, Del.	432		432
1934	28½	Taylor, Jennie G.	2916 Westwood Ave., Baltimore, Md.	385		385
1926	14½	VanBlunk, M. Louise	902 Howard St., Camden, N. J.	196	164	360
1934	38	VanDyke, Sarah B.	2205 Monroe St., Wilmington, Del.	520		520
1929	9	Walton, Sarah E.	Bear, Del.	121		121
1918	20½	Westerfield, Lulu G.	Port Deposit, Md.	277	23	300
1923	9	Williams, Laura M.	Buxton, N. C.	71	313	384
1938	26	Williams, Lida S.	Snow Hill, Md.	351		351
CHILDREN						
		McCabe, Charles Law		\$ 45		
		Williams, Hugh			23	
SPECIAL CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS						
		Barratt, T. S.	Mardella Springs, Md.	\$350		
		Atkinson, W. F.	White Haven, Md.	350		
		Sharpless, C. D.	1202 Maryland Ave., Wilmington, Del.	230		
		Horner, Ella	Laurel, Del.	220		
		Cannon, Mrs. C. G.	Secretary, Md.	50		

VII
MEMOIRS

WILLIAM LYNDON HESS.

William Lyndon Hess was born in Camden, N. J., March 8th, 1878. His parents were Thomas A. and Harriett W. Hess. They were devoted Christians of the primitive type and gave early and decided directions to the convictions and religious habits of their son. His father was a merchant in Camden, N. J. for many years. Here Lyndon's childhood days were spent. He was educated in the public schools and in a Friends Preparatory School in Camden. Later he entered Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., from which he was graduated with honor. He received the degree of Master of Arts from Columbia University. He also held a diploma from the National School of Elocution and Oratory in Philadelphia. His early life was spent in educational work, teaching in the public schools of N. J., in the Friends School in Wilmington and in the public schools of Shepherdstown, W. Va.

He was converted in his early teens during a revival in the First M. E. Church in Camden, N. J. He early felt the call to the work of the Christian Ministry but for some reason did not yield to it. Nevertheless he could not wholly forget it. The memory of that inner voice lingered with him to disturb his contentment. It drew him towards the church in faithful attendance and loyal devotion. The ministry held a charm for him while he formed a beautiful attachment for his pastors. During those years of quiet devotion to the church while he was toiling in the public schools he assisted three young men, out of his own little stock in store, to secure an education for the work of the ministry. It may be that he was trying to atone somewhat for his not having entered the ministry or was trying to silence the Heavenly voice within. If so, he did not succeed. That voice refused to be stilled. No amount of loving service could muffle it or waive off its urgency. Again and yet again it came, louder with the years and clearer with his broadening experience until one day in the school room at Shepherdstown, W. Va., where he was teaching, it came again and like Samuel of old he said: "Speak Lord for thy servant heareth." Then and there he yielded himself in holy consecration to the work of the Christian Ministry.

Of that decision he wrote me. He seemed to be very happy about it. I received the word with mingled joy and apprehension. He was now a mature man. The habits of life were all formed and tastes acquired. Under these conditions one does not readily readjust his whole life and work. When he faced all the discouragements of the new and untried ways of an itinerant minister would the hour of disillusionment come? After he had given up the work of the school room for which he was so well prepared and its comfortable support and had gone to the humble charge with its

meager support would the charm of the ministry still hold, would the happiness abide? These and kindred questions arose in the writer's mind.

The following facts furnish a very positive answer. He applied to the Wilmington Annual Conference for admission on trial, took the examinations in the Conference course of study and entered into the work of the ministry with all the zest of a youth just out of school. He gave 18 years out of the very heart of his life in faithful service to the work of the Christian Ministry. And in all that time I never saw him when he did not seem to be radiantly happy in the work. The Holy Highness of the sacred office seemed to rise above any consideration of appointment good or bad. What Timothy Dwight said of the church he could say of her ministry:

"Beyond my highest joy
I prize her Heavenly ways
Her sweet communion, solemn vows
Her hymns of love and praise."

He served acceptably the following charges, Stockton, Md., Hebron, Md., Hopewell, Md., Hillcrest, Del., Gelena, Md., Frankford, Del., Nassau, Del., Chance, Md., Vienna, Md., Fairmount, Md.

He was married in 1904 to Miss Nettie Terry Vaill. A most happy union it proved to be. She was one of God's elect women. Beautiful in character, gracious in spirit, modest in taste, easy in manner, loving in disposition, an ideal homemaker, this good woman walked beside him in beautiful helpfulness for 29 years. And on Easter Monday, April 17th, 1933 she preceded him to that better land. He is survived by a son and a daughter, Wm. Lyndon Hess, Jr., a teacher in the public schools of Lancaster County, Pa., and Edna Ellaine Hess, a registered nurse in charge of the girls infirmary of Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa.

Brother Hess was well educated, a man of fine culture. He loved books. He was a constant reader of the best books and shared them with the local libraries in the towns where he served as pastor. He was well acquainted with the best literature of the past and present. He occasionally gave recitals from James Whitcomb Riley's poems in which he displayed rare talent of interpretation. He was fond of music, especially classical music. He traveled extensively both in the United States and Canada.

He will be remembered as a gracious, guileless spirit, always a Christian gentleman, with a cultured refinement of manner that seemed incapable of harshness or disregard of proprieties. He was sympathetic with a scholarly reserve that enabled him to be friendly without being familiar. He had a large appreciation of his brethren of the Ministry. Words of disparagement and criticism did not fall from his lips. He gave his best and was ready to believe that others were doing likewise. He loved his associates and never lost an opportunity to utter some little confession of it, which gladdened the toil of others and lightened their load. He was a conscientious shepherd of the flock. He entered into the joys and sorrows of the people, loving and being loved.

His Christian character was modest without parade or show. He carried about a reverent soul, walking humbly before God. He was no disclaimer of personal attainments, but a quiet intelligent Christian. A

living beatitude in the midst of the people. It has been said "that a good life is the primary philanthropy" and that truth was well illustrated in his character. In the home where the fiercest light beats upon the character he was regarded as a man of marked purity in thought, word and deed. No doubtful expression even in that freedom ever fell from his lips. Tender and considerate of those about him it is no wonder that in his own dear family he was honored as perhaps nowhere else.

As a preacher of the word he was clear and concise. His sermons were well prepared. They were scriptural, largely expository, expressed in chaste language and aptly illustrated with quotations from poetry, incidents from history and literature and from works of art. Brother Hess was "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." He spared not but declared the whole counsel of God. His preaching was always commended by the better educated portion of his hearers, while all found light and leading comfort and hope in his messages. He was not given to controversy. He had no difficulty with the great doctrines of the church and gladly set them forth in phraseology suited to our age. His loyalty to Christ was beautiful, his faith in his Saviorhood unfaltering. He was a good minister of Jesus Christ.

He was called away in the midst of the year's labor and went to his Heavenly reward November 3rd, 1938, the end coming after one brief week's illness in the Peninsula General Hospital in Salisbury, Md. Funeral services were held in Nelson Memorial M. E. Church, Hebron, Md., on Monday, November 7th, 1938. The services were in charge of the Pastor, Rev. H. O. Hufnal, assisted by Dr. J. J. Bunting, Superintendent of Salisbury District, by Dr. H. P. Fox and several other ministers. On the following day a brief service was held at the Darling Funeral Home, New Brunswick, N. J., and his remains were laid to rest at Evergreen Cemetery in that city by the side of those of his wife, to await the resurrection of the Just. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

J. W. JONES.

LUTHER M. BROADWAY.

It has fallen to my lot to present at this memorial service the brief life sketch of our dear friend and brother in Christ, the Rev. Luther M. Broadway. It is a distinct loss today to every one of us not to be greeted by that gracious smile and hearty welcome so characteristic of him. True, kind, strong—every inch a man, yet a brother beloved to the last and the least.

We first met this dear friend in the summer of 1915. From that day to the last scene our admiration of him grew. So that we could say in the language of Paul to the Philippians, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now."

The past eight years of his retirement were spent in our Church and community. During this period we were brought in close contact with him day after day. We saw him at close range. And we can testify to the glory of Christ that the saving power of his Lord was a wonder to me. What he had preached of saving grace and keeping power, and victorious living, he now exemplified in the suffering, trying hours of his enforced retirement. As we view his life impartially today, we doubt if there has ever entered the Wilmington Conference a truer representative of the Apostolic spirit of Christianity as interpreted by the people called Methodists.

Brother Broadway was born on a farm near Smyrna, Delaware, March 22, 1878, the son of William M. and Rebecca F. Broadway. His early years were spent on the farm. Growing to young manhood he entered the insurance business and being a young man of winning personality and devoting his full energy to the work, his promotion was marked and rapid. Very soon he was made Assistant Supt. of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., with office headquarters in Pocomoke City, Md. Six agents covered the district under his direction and the work prospered and grew under his care. On May 11, 1904, soon after coming to Pocomoke, he was married to Fannie E. Hackett, of Smyrna, Delaware, who has remained an unflinching companion through all the years.

Brother Broadway was converted in the old Friendship Church, on the Smyrna circuit, under the preaching of Dr. R. K. Stephenson, and united as a lad with the Church. Passing through the turbulent experiences of youth, he like many others seems to have lost the glow of that early christian experience and when he came to Pocomoke manifested no great concern in the Church. He attended occasionally and took a back seat, slipping out after the benediction. Under the providence of God, at this very important juncture of his life he came under the influence of Rev. L. E. Poole, then Pastor of our Church at this point. Brother Poole was at once drawn to him, and at his insistence Brother Broadway promised to attend the revival services. This proved to be a great revival, continuing for six weeks, in which time one hundred and fifty souls bowed at the altar. Brother Broadway was an honest man and in this meeting made a full, open confession of his driftings from God and was gloriously restored to diving favor, his cup literally running over with joy. He at once became active in the Church, leading class meetings and other services as opportunity offered. Following the pastorate of Brother Poole, he came under the strong preaching and godly life of Dr. R. H. Adams, to which he often referred, as a great factor, in the strengthening of his spiritual life.

Brother Broadway next moved to Wilmington, where he continued in the business world, becoming a member of the Scott Church, Dr. W. G. Koons, Pastor. Soon after his coming to Wilmington a powerful revival visited Union Church and in this meeting he received a very definite visitation of the Spirit, and soon thereafter testified to the call of God to preach the gospel. He was licensed to preach by Dr. E. L. Hoffecker, at a Quarterly Conference held in Scott Church, Dr. W. A. Wise then Pastor. He applied to the Conference and was admitted on trial in 1915, ordained Deacon in 1917, and in 1919 was made an Elder. Brother Broadway's

education was limited to a common school education. But he applied his good mind to study and passed the Conference course of study with credit to himself and to the Conference.

During the sixteen years of his active ministry he served three Churches, Kingswood and Madeley this city, his last appointment being Perryville, Md. He proved his call of God in every charge. The Madeley Church was a veritable center of revivalism throughout the nine years of his ministry there. The membership and congregations increased and the salary was doubled. It was in the sixth year of a vigorous pastorate in the Perryville Church that the first symptoms of his trouble appeared. The final break came very suddenly at the seat of the Conference in Crisfield, Maryland, on April 8th, 1931. He was compelled to relinquish his work and moved to the Eastlake section of Wilmington, and he and his family became members of the Eastlake Church. For eight years it has been the great privilege of the writer to enjoy the gracious fellowship of this brother and his family. And no Pastor could possibly have in his charge a more sympathetic, faithful, colaborer than he. He attended the services regularly, preached occasionally, and ever prayed and worked for the spiritual advancement of the Kingdom of God.

Brother Broadway was a man of God in the truest sense of that term and would not bow the knee with a half-hearted religion before the gods of this age. He would not tolerate sham. He had convictions, made them known for the right and took the consequences. His very name was a symbol for courageous loyalty to truth and godliness.

He was a powerful preacher of God's Word and no one could sit under his ministry and feel comfortable in sin. He put the first things of the kingdom first—the salvation of the lost and the building up of the Church in the faith. His pastoral work in the home of the people was blessed of God. He had a marked capacity for friendship and people from every walk of life were drawn to him. His firm stand for the truth made some enemies but these often turned out to become his most ardent admirers. He was of a naturally sociable nature and looked after this phase of the work by building two fine community houses, one at Madeley, and the other at Perryville, the latter being named after him.

He was a man of faith. I have been with him when he would come out of terrible convulsions and when it seemed that any moment might be his last. But he remained as calm as if he had suddenly awakened from a dream. He never found fault with God over his lot. "The Lord is good to me, preacher," he would say, and I was made to feel my own littleness. He longed still to preach and this was the theme of our last conversation on earth together. But the whole matter was ever in the hands of His Lord and Master. His last Sabbath on earth was spent in the house of God. He closed the evening service with prayer and left the Church of his love for the last time on Sunday evening, December 18th. On Tuesday evening, Dec. 20th, while at the dinner table, he was suddenly stricken, and in about fifteen minutes had gone to join that great company of whom it is written "These all died in the faith."

Our brother is survived by his wife, Fannie Hackett Broadway, a son, Luther H. Broadway, the official representative of the Eastlake Church to the present session of Conference; another son, William M. Broadway, and

one daughter, Mrs. Grace Folsom, all of this city, all members of the Eastlake Church. Sister Broadway was a faithful helpmate of her husband in every pastorate and has a host of abiding friends. She gave the full devotion of her strength, and beyond in helping to make him comfortable in the trying days of his retirement. The devotion and loyalty of the entire family to this husband and father was most beautiful, and gladly given.

The funeral services were held in the Eastlake Church, Friday afternoon, Dec. 23rd, Dr. W. E. Gunby, Superintendent, in charge. Dr. W. A. Wise, his former Pastor, delivered the sermon, followed by a few remarks by his Pastor, the Rev. Charles C. Harris. Interment was made in the family lot in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna, Delaware.

"When our loved ones leave us there need be no shadows,
If their faith is fixed in Jesus as their Lord;
For they go to be with Him who died to save them,
To be with the One whom they have long adored."

CHAS. C. HARRIS.

CHARLES G. CANNON.

Charles Goldsboro Cannon, son of M. Burgoyne and Emily Simmons Cannon, was born at Golden Hill, Md., Sept. 14th, 1876. He received his education in the elementary school at Madison, Md. He was converted when a small boy, and all through his subsequent life felt the urge that God had called him to preach. When fourteen years of age he suffered the loss of a christian mother, and the influence of that loss together with the breaking of the ties that bound him to the church of his boyhood, seemed to detract the force of his spiritual life and he drifted away from God.

May 24th, 1899 he married Miss Sallie E. Blades, of Madison, Md., by whom there are three surviving children, Charles Cannon, Jr., Emerson L. Cannon and Helen Ruth Cannon.

During the years of his separation from the church and the Kingdom, God was still speaking, and under the inspiration of the Holy Book he renewed his vows and was gloriously reclaimed while in prayer in his home in Cambridge, Md., in 1917. From that hour he was wholly God's. He spent hours in fellowship with God upon his knees. The Bible was his one book, and his home was the sanctuary. He began to find joy in Christian service. Soon after his reconsecration he served his church as Sunday School Superintendent. He visited the sick with his ministry of song and prayer, and went to the jail regularly in an effort to reach the hearts of those in prison. He was especially interested in open air services, and held a service every week on the streets of Cambridge. Gifted in song, prayer, and exhortation, he soon had a large open air congregation.

April 2nd, 1927, he married Miss S. Bertha Beckwith, daughter of Job W. and Sarah H. Beckwith, of Cambridge, Md., a talented young woman whose devotion to Christ and His church had much to do in helping Brother Cannon make his final decision to enter the ministry.

April 2nd, 1928, at the Wilmington Conference he was assigned to Church Creek, Md., and from the very beginning had phenomenal success. His faith was triumphant. His religion was contagious, and his passion for souls was so real and intense that he had gracious revivals in every charge he served. His personal christian life in the church, the community, and the home was a benediction to all who knew him.

He served with acceptability and efficiency the following charges: Church Creek, Hooper's Island, Vienna, and a second pastorate at Hooper's Island.

Last Spring, because of failing health, he was moved from Hooper's Island and assigned to Secretary, but disease had made such inroads that he was not able to throw it off, and he grew constantly worse until the final collapse came Jan. 1st, 1939 in Cambridge Hospital.

The funeral service was held in Secretary M. E. Church, Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 4th, in charge of his District Superintendent, Dr. J. J. Bunting, assisted by Brother George Newton and the writer, and he was laid to rest in beautiful Green Lawn Cemetery, Cambridge, Md.

O how sweet it will be in that beautiful land
So free from all sorrow and pain
With songs on our lips, and with harps in our hands
To meet one another again.

W. E. HABBART.

CLARENCE TRUE WILSON.

When Clarence True Wilson was translated from the Church militant to the Church triumphant, Methodism lost one of its most picturesque and distinguished ministers and the cause of Prohibition, Temperance and Public Morals its most fearless and aggressive protagonist

Born on our beloved Peninsula, in a Methodist Parsonage, sired by a Methodist preacher and Presiding Elder of the old school, who was a giant in his day in his own right; nourished in the finest Methodist traditions to be found anywhere, flourishing within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference as it has been and still is; converted at a Methodist altar with a glorious experience of the regenerating, transforming Christ and the abiding witness of the Spirit, he answered the call of that Spirit and began preaching within the bounds of the Conference, one of the youngest in our history to join that glorious fellowship.

His unusual talents soon won attention from without the Conference and he passed from church to church, from Conference to Conference, until he reached the Pacific coast. There his crusading spirit was so displayed that when the General Conference decided to establish the Board of Temperance all eyes were turned to Clarence True Wilson. With no appropriation, with nothing but a burning passion and an unquenchable zeal, he started out to make the bricks without straw. The next 25 years constitute an epoch in American history in the realm of moral crusading. From beautiful auditoriums in cathedral like churches to the one room church

in the open countryside; from the rostrum of culture in colleges to one room schoolhouses in lonely places; from drygoods boxes on street corners and snowdrifts on sidewalks, he preached the Gospel of Prohibition until from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to the Gulf and the regions beyond, the name of Clarence True Wilson was a household word. Relentless and unyielding in debate he ever manifested a brotherly spirit even towards his bitterest foes. He made innumerable friends and many enemies and friends and enemies alike respected him for the strength of his convictions and his unflinching courage.

His monument in stone is the Methodist Building, beautiful and stately in the Nation's capital, fronting on one side Capitol Hill, where the Nation's laws are made, and on the other the classic Temple of Justice, where they are interpreted,—fitting place for the building that houses the institution that helps so mightily in creating that moral sentiment without which no just law can be made or sustained. His more enduring monument is on the tablets of eternity.

He never rose so high in stature in the eyes of those who loved and

He never rose so high in stature in the eyes of those who loved and honored him that when, brokenhearted because of the collapse of Prohibition, health shattered as the result of his herculean labors, he stepped aside from the leadership of the Board he had created and retired to his little farm with courage still high, with spirit undaunted, with faith unquenched to wait the time when his soul "went West."

If the Wilmington Conference had never done aught else for the Glory of God and the uplift of man than to have given this one man to the Church and the Nation, she would have eternally justified her existence. Our rejoicing today is unmeasured that this little historic Conference sent forth this flaming spirit, this dauntless crusader, this Christian gentleman, Clarence True Wilson.

LEONARD WHITE.

EVELYN JONES NELSON.

Evelyn Jones Nelson was born at Newark, Maryland, April 8, 1850. Soon afterward her parents, Dr. Charles Parker and Catherine Jones, moved to Snow Hill, Md., where the father became in years that followed, a successful and popular physician in Worcester and adjoining counties. Mrs. Nelson was educated in the schools of Snow Hill, Md., and in a private school conducted by the Rev. Dr. Fulton, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church in her home town.

She was converted when fourteen years of age and united with Whatcoat Methodist Episcopal Church. From the beginning of her new life, she took much interest in the work of the church and having developed a talent for music, was at an early age elected organist of the church, which position she held until her marriage. She was first to take her two younger brothers, Judge Robely D. and Oswald, to Sunday School and Church.

October 15, 1873 must have been a great day for the Rev. Edwin Henry Nelson, when Evelyn Jones accepted his hand and name in marriage, and went with him to make a home in a Methodist parsonage for the years that were to follow, thus taking up the itineracy, to share with him both his joys and sorrows. Of this union were born two children, Henry C., who died when thirteen years of age, and Pauline, the surviving and faithful daughter.

From the beginning, Mrs. Nelson's faith was a challenge to that of her husband and she entered heartily and helpfully into the labors of a Methodist ministers wife. In all the appointments that followed—she was counsel and comfort to both youth and old age. She looked well to her household and made it a place for comfort and rest, creating an atmosphere congenial for the rearing of youth in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." She was a pious, strong, and tender home-maker.

October 27, 1908, Brother Nelson "was not for God took him"—and after thirty-five years of blessed fellowship, she found herself in the shadows of widowhood and approaching age, but she seemed never alone or in the dark, for both the Great Comforter and the Light of the world were her daily companions.

Immediately after the death of brother Nelson, his widow went to make her home with her daughter, Pauline Nelson Murray, the wife of the late Rev. Dr. W. L. S. Murray, beloved and honored member of the Wilmington Conference, and here was comforted until Dr. Murray was called to his reward. The mother and daughter with sorrow common to both then went to make their home in Snow Hill, Md.

Here for a number of years sister Nelson enjoyed good health and took great interest in the local church. During the seven years ministry of the writer, she taught a large class of ladies in the church school and was quite active in other departments of church work. Everywhere her life was a testimony to the Saving Grace of our Lord.

Mrs. Nelson was greatly blessed in having Mrs. Murray, a faithful devoted daughter, and in later years when the mother's health was all broken and strength gone, she moved to Philadelphia with her daughter, where she remained until loving attention and tender ministries could do no more, and at an early hour on November 21, 1938, she closed her eyes and went out to be "Forever with the Lord."

The remains were brought to Snow Hill, and in the midst of her friends, funeral services were conducted in the Whatcoat Methodist Episcopal Church by the pastor, Dr. Disston W. Jacobs, assisted by the writer, after which her body was taken to the Methodist Cemetery and placed by the side of the remains of her husband.

"I heard a voice in the darkness singing—
That was a valiant soul I knew—
And the joy of her song was a wild bird winging
Swift to her mate through a sky of blue."

When at the Grand Assize the ministry of Edwin H. Nelson stands revealed, not alone the preacher, but she of the friendly heart who made the parsonage "a house by the side of the road" will hear "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Mrs. Nelson is survived by Mrs. Pauline Nelson Murray, the loving daughter, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Nelson Murray, a grandson and practicing physician of Camden, N. J.

LUTHER E. POOLE.

ELIZABETH WINIFRED MOWBRAY.

The preparation of a brief memoir where a well-ordered life is involved, to do justice to its lofty ideals, its untiring aspirations and splendid accomplishments, constitutes no ordinary or insignificant assignment.

Such was the life, the character and achievements of the one to whose memory this modest tribute is dedicated.

The several notations herein made comprise but a mere glance, a passing notice of the very worthy life she lived, and, in no sense, represents either a complete or an exhaustive inventory of that wealth of moral, social and spiritual values that so conspicuously impelled her life-long quests, graced her attainments, or strengthened and broadened the fine influence she everywhere exerted over others, and finally, to a marked degree, crowned her lengthened days with a commanding and truly high-type personality.

The hallowed memories and lingering benedictions of such lives are certain to remain long with us, effectually leveling and brightening the way o'er which we must needs go, if we would follow in their train, and, scaling the higher heights, like them, triumphantly enter the heavenly sphere whither they have passed.

Surely the heritage bequeathed by such noble souls quite fully attest the sentiments thus expressed:

"Whene'er a noble deed is wrought,
Whene'er is spoken a noble thought,
Our hearts in glad surprise,
To higher levels rise.

The tidal wave of deeper souls
Into our inmost being rolls,
And lifts us unawares
Out of all meaner cares.

Honor to those whose words or deeds
Thus help us in our daily needs,
And by their overflow
Raise us from what is low."—(H. W. L.)

By those who knew her well, the foregoing terms will readily be conceded a fitting representation of Mrs. Elizabeth Winifred Mowbray, the recently deceased companion of our own Rev. William R. Mowbray, her demise having occurred Friday, May 20, last, at which time she peacefully slipped away from the late home-circle at Lewes, Delaware, and went to possess that "building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," where she lingers awaiting the coming of a host of loved

ones and friends who here survive and grieve because of the separation that has taken place.

Mrs. Mowbray was born December 23, 1863, at Williston, Caroline County, Maryland, and was a daughter of Thomas F. and Frances A. Johnson, both of whom were well known, highly respected, and for a number of years resided in the aforesaid community.

Her entire childhood, as well as the early years of her young womanhood, were spent within the environs of most wholesome influences, to all of which, quite early in life, she gave both intelligent heed and whole-hearted reaction. Greatly favored, instructed and safeguarded by a godly parentage, sheltered and trained in the atmosphere of a definitely religious home, aided and constrained by her own strong and discriminating mind, while yet quite youthful, she sought and formed for herself a fine circle of friends and associates such as, very largely, accounts for that splendid reputation and character so early established and consistently sustained throughout her days.

Answering to the type specifically commended by Holy Writ, her's was a "Good Name," one "rather to be chosen than great riches, yea, one, as ointment poured forth," while by her unpretentious personality, by tireless and sympathetic ministrations, she won for herself the love and esteem of the people living within the various communities where the annual assignments of her husband obliged them to reside and serve.

October 13, 1886, in the church of her native town, she was happily united in marriage to the Rev. William R. Mowbray, that ceremony being performed by the Rev. Alpheus S. Mowbray, brother of the groom.

Her first parsonage home was that of Head of Sassafras, at that time a station located in the upper part of Kent County, Maryland. Thence, for twoscore years of active itinerant ministration, with perfectly becoming dignity and grace, she proved herself a helpmeet indeed, a model caretaker of the home, while, with tireless and loving solicitude, she faithfully mothered the children God gave to them.

All across the forty years of her husband's active relation, in every field of labor where their lot was cast, in a rare, unassuming and highly commendable manner, she uncomplainingly faced and carefully discharged the responsibilities incident to their high and holy calling; and so conscientiously performed her part, that those best informed as to that fact, unhesitatingly attributed to her no small part in the uniform success that everywhere attended her husband's ministerial career.

On entering the Retired relation, Brother Mowbray elected to make his future home in Lewes, Delaware, where for five years he had served as pastor, and for seven other years, officiated as Superintendent of the Dover District. Here Mrs. Mowbray added to her church obligations several affiliations with local societies, and for twelve years actively engaged in a series of civic interests, rendering therein such valuable leadership and service as will not soon be forgotten.

In the very midst of these activities, during the month of July, 1937, she was suddenly and seriously stricken, and, notwithstanding the best medical attention available, together with skillful and trained nursing, she failed to regain aught of her normal health. For something more than

ten months she lingered and longed for the return of her former strength, but such was not to be. Hence, Friday, May 20, last, without the faintest semblance of either sigh or struggle, she quietly surrendered her more than average tenure on "the life that now is," and peacefully slept her way into the world above, where, today, in that "land beyond the river," she shares the well earned rest and bliss enjoyed by those "who are forever with the Lord."

Two grown sons survive their mother, William Randolph and Thomas Johnson Mowbray, both born in the parsonage at Pomona, and both, at present, prominently connected with the Security Trust Company, and as well residing in this city. These, together with their father, sorrow greatly because of her translation, but "not as those who have no hope," since she has but fallen on that sleep which, "some sweet day," is assured of a glorious awakening, wherefore they may confidently exclaim of her:

"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—
Your merely smiled to greet another friend."—(R. M. M.)

Monday afternoon, May 23, last, at the hour of two o'clock, and in the Atkins funeral home at Lewes, Delaware, impressive services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Otis P. Jefferson, assisted by the Revs. Howard Davis, Ollie H. Connelly and the writer, after which the body was conveyed to the near-by earthly dormitory and tenderly placed in the family plot, where with others who "sleep in Christ," she may slumber undisturbed until the promised trumpet's note shall herald the dawn of the glad resurrection morn.

MINNIE SPEER MORGAN.

Minnie Speer Morgan, daughter of John D. and Lucinda Speer, was born near Roxbury, Pa., October 30, 1863.

Very early in her life the family moved to Chambersburg, Pa., where she acquired her education.

Being reared in a Christian home and surrounded by Christian friends and teachers it was most natural that early in her young womanhood she should manifest signs of Christian leadership by being an active worker in the Sunday School and Epworth League.

Doubtless, it was the influence of that one who went throughout American Methodism with song and sermon and indelibly wrote on the minds and hearts of our people the privilege of giving to missions that made the greatest single impression on her young life. Chaplain C. C. McCabe frequently visited her parents' home and was impressed with her ability, winsomeness and zeal for the Kingdom of God. At his request she assisted him in his campaign as Missionary Secretary for "A Million For Missions," spending weeks in his home while engaged in that work.

When a student at Dickinson College, Stephen M. Morgan met the subject of this memoir. Their friendship ripened into love, and after he graduated from his studies at that institution and had been appointed to a charge in the Wilmington Conference they were married in Chambersburg, Pa., on June 5, 1890, she thus taking her place by the side of her husband in the ranks of the itinerant Methodist ministry, where together they served acceptably various churches, among which was Snow Hill, Md., at which place, under their leadership, a beautiful stone church was erected.

She possessed a charming personality; was a gracious hostess in the parsonage home as well as the home of the district at Dover, Del., when her husband was serving as Presiding Elder.

She was always vitally interested in the welfare of the youth and most sympathetic and helpful to the aged, the sorrowing and those in trouble and distress among their parishioners. Her alert mind and sacrificial interest in the world-wide program of Methodism were evident throughout her life.

After loving and faithful service rendered her beloved husband during a prolonged illness which resulted in his death, she made her home in Wilmington, Del., where her devotion to the Kingdom continued until years brought failing health. Age lessened her active service but NOT her interest and prayers.

In later years she spent much of her time at the homes of her loved ones among the restful hills in Pennsylvania. It was after returning to her home from a visit with her brothers and sisters last November that she was stricken ill and compelled to return to their home in Chambersburg. Failing to respond to the skill of physicians she was taken to the hospital in that city for more thorough examination and diagnosis. Her condition gradually grew worse, lapsing into unconsciousness, in which state she remained for several days until the end came on January 15, 1939.

These words, found among her effects and presumably written just before her last illness, verify her abiding faith in Christ: "If I do not come out of this, I'll be where I want to be."

An appropriate service to her memory was conducted in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Chambersburg, Pa., on Tuesday, January 17, 1939, in charge of the pastor, Rev. W. Edward Watkins, D. D., assisted by Rev. James H. Morgan, D. D., a friend of many years, who spoke of her life and labors of love. During the service two of her life-long friends sang, "My Jesus, as Thou Wilt," and "Abide With me." Her body was laid to rest in the beautiful Cedar Grove Cemetery at Chambersburg, by the side of her beloved husband, who preceded her into that "Place not made with hands" twenty-two years ago.

Surviving are two brothers, C. Price Speer and W. H. Speer; and two sisters, Mrs. H. B. Ganoe and Miss Mary J. Speer, all of Chambersburg.

These words, found by Dr. Leslie Weatherhead in the fly-leaf of his mother's Bible, truly express what we believe would be the desire of Mrs. Morgan for her loved ones and friends:

"If I should die and leave you here awhile,
Be not like others, sore undone, who keep
Long vigil by the silent dust and weep.
For my sake turn again to life, and smile,
Nerving thy heart and trembling hand
To do something to comfort weaker hearts than thine,
And I perchance may therein comfort you."

DISSTON W. JACOBS.

NELLIE V. HANBY.

Nellie Varena Hanby, daughter of Joseph and Susanna Pierce, was born in Brandywine Hundred, Delaware, Dec. 10th, 1886, and was educated in the public schools of New Castle County, Del. She was reared in the atmosphere of a Christian home, and attended regularly the Sunday School and preaching services in Chester Bethel Church and thus a christian foundation was laid upon which a superstructure was erected which withstood the stress and storms of many years.

She was converted in Chester Bethel Church when but a girl, and immediately began to use those gifts and graces with which her Heavenly Father had so lavishly endowed her. Very early in life she developed christian leadership which left its impress upon the Sunday School and Epworth League of her home church, and afterward was destined to be felt in broader fields.

March 29th, 1886 she was married to S. Larkin Hanby, a prosperous young farmer, and of this union two daughters were born, Almo Varena, and Esther Emma.

For thirty-three years Brother and Sister Hanby labored in the home church, leaving the impress of their christian personality upon the life of every organization in that church, and then God called them to larger fields, and at the session of our Conference in Chestertown, Md. in 1919 they were assigned to Royal Oak, Md., and later to Henderson and Fairless, and Concord, and Lincoln City. For twenty years she shared the labors, joys, and sorrows of an itinerant minister. Her love and devotion to her husband, and her deep interest in all he had to do, made her a very valuable assistant. She was the happy possessor of a natural refinement and culture, which added to her deep spiritual life made her a blessing to every community to which they were assigned. To the aged and infirm her gentle spirit and optimistic hope helped to dissipate the shadows, and bring sunlight as the evening shadows gathered around them. To the youth her triumphant faith in the Deity of her Lord helped to dispel their doubts, and solve the perplexing problems with which they were confronted, and

to the children her gentle motherly spirit was a beacon to guide their tender feet into the path of life.

As a result of her tireless service and consecrated life many have been brought into the Kingdom of God, and "Many will rise up in that day and call her blessed."

January 3rd, 1939 in the parsonage home in Lincoln City, Del., she quietly went to sleep in the Lord, and on January 7th her funeral service was held in Chester Bethel Church in charge of the writer, assisted by Drs. Gunby and Hallman, and her body was laid to rest in Chester Bethel Cemetery.

"He sees when their footsteps falter, when their hearts grow weak and faint
He marks when their strength is failing, and listens to every complaint
He bids them rest for a reason, for the pathway has grown too steep
And folded in fair green pastures, he giveth his loved ones sleep."

W. E. HABBART.

MARY ELIZABETH CHANDLER.

In all the ages of mankind, there have been lives which were outstanding because of the calm and shining serenity of their faith. Such lives have always been, to the troubled and distraught, both a shelter and an inspiration. It was to this company of calm and shining ones that Mary Elizabeth Chandler belonged.

Mary Elizabeth Chandler was born on a farm near Crumpton, Maryland, on January 22, 1860. She was the daughter of William and Sarah Godwin, who were charter members of the Crumpton Methodist Episcopal Church. To this church, which her parents had helped establish, she was carried as a baby. After her conversion, as a young girl, it was this church that she joined and served as its organist, and it was in this church that she met her future husband.

The Reverend Mr. Albert Chandler had been assigned as assistant minister to the Sudlersville Charge, which included the Crumpton Church at that time. This arrangement opened the way for a friendship between young Mr. Chandler and Miss Mary Elizabeth Godwin, a friendship which soon ripened into love, bringing the youthful pair together in marriage on February 5, 1878.

To this union were born three sons and one daughter, all of whom are still living.

Mary Elizabeth Chandler shared with her husband thirty years of Christian ministry, a ministry which was spent in various churches in both Delaware and Maryland, and a ministry which was abruptly ended by the death of her husband on June 22, 1908.

While Mrs. Chandler was now no longer serving the Church as the wife of a minister, she continued, until the day of her death, to serve the Lord and His Church as a true and consecrated Christian. She was deeply interested in the cause of Temperance, and filled many county and state offices in the Women's Christian Temperance Union. No worthy religious or civic cause was ever left without her support.

She, I am sure, would not approve of extravagant eulogy, but it is rather difficult to express, in ordinary terms, the true worth of one, who, though afflicted with blindness in her latter years, found opportunity for service in the Church, and for service to her friends and neighbors. Mary Elizabeth Chandler was always at hand when her neighbors were in sickness or distress.

On the morning of December 19, 1938, she passed to her crowning. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in her late home at Crumpton, and her body was laid to rest in Crumpton Cemetery, close to the home of her childhood.

DAVID E. WOOD.

ZIMMIRA REBECCA RHOADS OVERDEER.

Zimmira Rebecca Rhoads was born in Wilmington, Delaware, September 2nd, 1876, the daughter of the late Israel P. and Anna C. Rhoads.

She attended the Sunday schools of Christ P. E. Church and Mount Salem M. E. Church.

She was converted at the altars of Mount Salem M. E. Church at an early age and became at once an active worker in the church and Sunday school.

She was deeply interested in the total missionary program of the church and was a member of both the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Home Missionary Society, being a perpetual member of the Home Missionary Society.

She had charge of the Queen Esther Circle of young girls of Mt. Salem Church, while still quite young herself.

On March 16, 1904 she was married to Willis L. Overdeer, who was Superintendent of Epworth M. E. Sunday School and a Trustee of the church.

She took her membership to her husband's church, but always retained her membership and interest in the Missionary Societies of Mount Salem M. E. Church.

She was one of the organizers of the first deaconess home—now known as the Riddle Memorial Deaconess Home, 307 West Street, Wilmington, Delaware, and was a Trustee at the time of her passing away.

For some years she was Secretary for Supplies for the Wilmington Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society.

She was a teacher in the Sunday school of Epworth Church until her passing away.

She attended the General Conferences at Atlantic City, N. J. in 1932 and Columbus, Ohio in 1936, of which her husband was a member.

She had attended several of the Annual Meetings of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, her husband being a member of the Executive Committee, and she was deeply interested in the work of the Board.

Se was looking forward with hope of attending the Uniting Conference, in Kansas City, Mo., of which her husband is a member elect.

Mount Salem Auxiliary of the W. H. M. S., at her suggestion had packed a fine box of supplies in answer to an appeal from a retired minister just a few days before her passing away. She passed from life here into eternal life Saturday, October 29, 1938.

Committal services were held from her home, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 1938, in charge of her pastor, Rev. J. E. French, assisted by a cousin, Rev. Frank White of Rising Sun, Maryland, and Rev. E. D. Kohlstedt and Rev. F. W. Mueller of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

She is survived by a daughter, Miss Anna R. Overdeer, a teacher in the public school, her husband, Willis L. Overdeer, and an only brother, James L. Rhoads.

ROSALIE KINDER WINDER.

As the dawn of the morning of December 21st, 1938 stretched across the world the pure and gentle spirit of Rosalie Kinder Winder, the beloved wife of Edward J. Winder passed from its beautiful home in Seaford, Delaware to the Mansion of light in the City whose streets are gold and walls are jasper.

She was a gentle spirit and her worth was beyond the standards of any thing of which earth has use and knowledge. She carried the sweetness, purity and calmness of her life so definitely and constantly that "to know her was to love her, to name her was to praise." To have the consciousness of her acquaintance, the experience of her friendship and the joy of her love was an inestimable privilege and a genuine inspiration.

In early childhood she gave herself to her Master and lived a life of devotion to all that was good. She walked by the side of her husband in all the sacrifices and services of devotion to the church she loved and to all the things for which it stood, a diligent, capable and devoted worker she poured her splendid talents and fine leadership into the work of the several organizations of St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church and to all that made for the best of the community.

For more than thirty years she was the Treasurer of the Mite Society and for a longer time active in the work of the Womans Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, the Ladies Club and in all the benevolent undertakings of the community life.

Her home life was beautiful, always contributing of its benefactions and blessings to all who crossed its threshold; and here her devoted husband found inspiration for his best service and her friends found delightful fellowship and guidance and all tired and weary found rest and refreshment.

Her last act of beneficence, with her husband, was the gift of a set of sweet toned Cathedral Chimes to St. John's M. E. Church, presented as a Christmas gift.

Saturday afternoon, December 24th in the presence of a host of friends and amidst banks of flowers, funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. John L. Johnson, assisted by the Rev. Omar E. Jones, D. D., the Rev. Lester M. Windsor, former pastor, and the Rev. Disston W. Jacobs, D. D., a friend of the family, and the remains were laid to rest in the family plot in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Seaford, Delaware.

"I cannot say, and I will not say
That she is dead, she is just away.

With a cheery smile and the wave of the hand
She has wandered into an unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be since she lingers there.

And you—O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old time step and the glad return—

Think of her faring on, as dear
In the love of there as the love of here.

Think of her still as the same, I say
She is not dead—She is just away."

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 of Age	Years of Ministry
1859	John E. Elliott	Nov. 8, 1868	Snow Hill, Md.	30	10
1836	Thos. J. Quigley	Oct. 19, 1870	Laurel, Del.	65	44
1850	Daniel Titlow	Feb. 7, 1871	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	4
1867	Amos A. Ewing	Jan. 19, 1872	Cecil County, Md.	30	4
1848	Alfred Cookman	Nov. 13, 1872	Newark, N. J.	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey	July 9, 1871	Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
1859	James Brandreth	Oct. 3, 1872	Frankford, Del.	34	13
1825	T. J. Thomson	Nov. 29, 1874	Wilmington, Del.	71	49
1828	Robert E. Kemp	Mar. 6, 1875	Greensboro, Md.	73	32
1832	Wesley Kenney	June 24, 1875	Smyrna, Del.	70	42
1835	Henry Sutton	Mar. 23, 1876	Philadelphia, Pa.	68	23
1871	George A. Campbell	Sept. 7, 1876	Frankford, Del.	30	4
1862	John W. Weston	Apr. 23, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	38	15
1837	John D. Curtis	July 25, 1877	Wilmington, Del.	61	40
1845	David R. Thomas	Feb. 13, 1878	Wilmington, Del.	58	30
1870	Andrew J. Crozier	Jan. 21, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	41	7
1829	Joshua Humphriss	Jan. 23, 1879	Salisbury, Md.	78	41
1868	Francis M. Chatham	May 29, 1878	Berlin, Md.	41	8
1857	Edward G. Irwin	Mar. 12, 1879	Wilmington, Del.	50	21
1848	John Hough	Mar. 27, 1879	Near Trenton, N. J.	58	31
1857	Thomas J. Williams	Mar. 29, 1879	New Castle, Del.	53	21
1870	William I. Bain	May 13, 1880	Pocomoke City, Md.	36	10
1832	William Urle	Nov. 13, 1880	Smyrna, Del.	67	43
1860	Thomas F. Plummer	Feb. 2, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	44	8
1833	Elijah Miller	Apr. 15, 1881	Sudlersville, Md.	71	49
1836	John W. Pierson	May 6, 1881	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
1880	Francis B. Quigley	Aug. 19, 1881	Hopewell, Md.	27	2
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman	Feb. 27, 1882	Newark, Md.	36	9
1865	Benj. W. Chase	Dec. 11, 1882	Seaford, Del.	48	17
1837	Lucius C. Matlack	June 24, 1883	Cambridge, Md.	67	46
1834	I. T. Cooper	Apr. 12, 1884	Camden, Del.	78	26
1829	Henry Colclazer	Dec. 18, 1884	Philadelphia, Pa.	75	55
1833	John L. Taft	May 30, 1884	Norristown, Pa.	72	41
1869	John Shilling	July 22, 1884	Wilmington, Del.	52	15
1842	Arthur W. Milby	June 13, 1886	Harrington, Del.	71	44
1840	Elon J. Way	July 5, 1886	Baltimore, Md.	75	26
1839	Valentine Gray	Jan. 21, 1887	Gap, Pa.	72	42
1881	Isaiah D. Johnson	Mar. 4, 1887	Bridgeville, Del.	33	6
1859	Wm. J. O'Neil	Mar. 9, 1887	Church Hill, Md.	55	28
1854	Joseph Dare	Oct. 22, 1887	Newark, Del.	56	32
1886	Frank M. Morgan	Feb. 11, 1889	Philadelphia, Pa.	34	3
1849	William Merrill	Oct. 23, 1889	Upper Fairmt., 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
1823	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 18, 1887	St. Michaels, Md.	57	21
1896	William G. Chance	Sept. 13, 1897	Quantico, Md.	33	2
1848	Wm. B. Waltho	June 21, 1898	Salisbury, Md.	77	43
1850	John B. Quigg	July 30, 1898	Wilmington, Del.	72	46
1845	John H. Caldwell	Mch. 11, 1899	Dover, Del.	79	45
1860	Andrew D. Davis	Apr. 13, 1899	Georgetown, Del.	72	35
1845	Henry Sanderson	Aug. 16, 1899	Ridley Park, Pa.	80	34
1859	Edwin H. Hynson	July 27, 1899	Smyrna, Del.	64	39
1845	Wm. E. England	Jan. 20, 1900	Philadelphia, Pa.	79	48
1857	Thos. S. Williams	Jan. 20, 1900	North East, Md.	65	41
1888	Chas. P. Swain	May 22, 1900	Deal's Island, Md.	41	12
1874	David F. Waddell	Dec. 20, 1900	Westminster, Md.	48	28
1836	Benj. F. Price	Mar. 22, 1901	Eikton, Md.	84	60
1851	Jas. W. Hammersly	Apr. 19, 1901	Brooklandville, Md.	78	40
1877	Walter E. Avery	Apr. 22, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	50	25
1860	J. Owen Sypherd	Sept. 3, 1902	Wilmington, Del.	69	39
1872	John D. Kemp	Sept. 21, 1902	Chesterstown, 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. E. Merritt	July 8, 1904	Fairlee, Md.	78	32
1872	G. W. Wilcox	Dec. 15, 1904	Salisbury, Md.	62	20
1889	James E. Graham	July 13, 1905	Seaford, Del.	52	16
1853	Robert W. Todd	Jan. 18, 1906	Baltimore, Md.	75	52
1868	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
1873	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. Derrickson	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	28
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

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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. 28, 1937	Willards, Md.	82	45
1882	Charles H. Williams	Oct. 25, 1937	Snow Hill, Md.	86	31
1906	Emory W. McDowell	Feb. 3, 1938	Richard Park, Del.	57	32
1871	Levin W. Layfield	Feb. 16, 1938	Greenwood, Del.	89	53
1893	James T. Richardson	Feb. 18, 1938	Middletown, Del.	74	36
1920	John C. Bolton	Mar. 3, 1938	Deal's Island, Md.	51	18
1920	William L. Hess	Nov. 3, 1938	Salisbury, Md.	60	18
1915	Luther M. Broadway	Dec. 20, 1938	Wilmington, Del.	60	16

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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE WILMINGTON CONFERENCE

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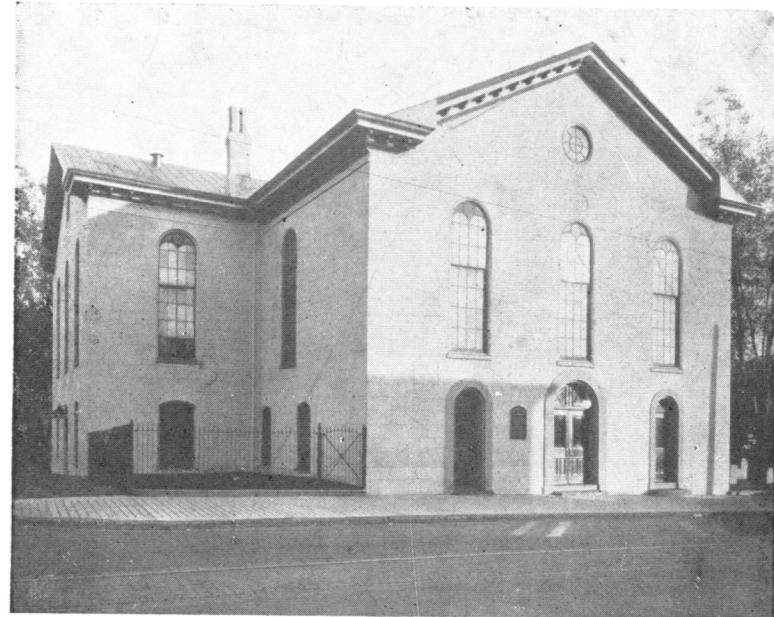
Back of every accomplished fact is a long train of circumstance and events. If one is intelligent enough, and the facts are not buried in oblivion, it might be possible to trace every event and circumstance back to creation.

Two approaches are open to every historian in dealing with accomplishments. To either begin at some known point, that apparently is the clear cut genesis, or to take the accomplishment, and by a process of analysis, start back until you are against the wall of ignorance. The human mind is so constituted we like an unfolding idea rather than a narrowing horizon; hence, the usual procedure is to begin with some obscure point and gradually unfold your story to where it flares into power and significance.

Of course the history of the Wilmington Conference began with the breathing into the nostrils of man the breath of life; but obscurity veils many of the early centuries and it is rather late in the history of creation before we dimly see certain men, with conviction resting upon them, until the call to do becomes so imperative they shunt tendencies and move into harmony with their passion and purposes. These governing ideas, like an avalanche, increased in volume and momentum, until they flared into world movements.

Space is too limited and time too valuable to undertake the story of how the Methodist movement, in itself disliking theology, but intensely interested in experience, caused the greatest theological debate of all time. The echo of that debate is still sounding from the hills of every nation and from the background of every age since it started. The ebb and flow of those arguments cannot be ignored by any historian nor its effects denied by any competent judge.

The first round of that world-wide debate that occurred on American soil was at Lewes, Delaware, February, 1739. George Whitefield, the Methodist, took the affirmative and Mr. Beckett, the London Missionary Society's representative, the negative. After the debate was over, there was established in Lewes, the first class meeting on the North American Continent. To the chagrin of Mr. Beckett, the debate did more than this, if Mr. Beckett's letters, still extant, can be relied upon as being accurate. In one of them he charges the religious discontent of the people in general, throughout Sussex County, is directly traceable to this debate and that this led to the organization of several societies of Methodists in later years.



Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware
where the first and last sessions of the Wilmington
Annual Conference of the Methodist
Episcopal Church were held
1869-1939

In the following year, namely, in 1740, Whitefield had the second round with the Presbyterians in Cecil County. Unfortunately, he caused a serious division in several of their churches and forced at least one to close its doors for good. Whenever it was known that he was to speak, thousands attended the services and many acknowledged his arguments were both logical and sane, and quite a few professed "after Mr. Whitefield's doctrine."

It was not until 1769 that any other Methodist preacher appeared on the Peninsula. Two arrived about the same time but in different sections of the country, Captain Thomas Webb in Delaware and Robert Strawbridge on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Webb came from New York and found an opportunity of preaching the Methodist gospel in homes, schools and stores. We know he preached, on this first journey, in the homes of Isaac Tussey, at Shell Pot Hill; Robert Furness, New Castle; J. Stedham, Wilmington; Isaac Hersey, west of Christiana; and some few other places not named. Later, possibly in 1770, he traveled as far south as Church Hill, being especially successful with his logic in and around Sudlersville. Strawbridge came over from the Western Shore of Maryland, and so far as we can discover, preached at one place only, namely at John Randle's, near Worten. These men left a trail of arguments that started violent opposition by the established clergy and radical churchmen.

Sensing the importance of this field, Mr. Wesley began recognizing the needs of America. John King, who came of his own accord, but who was found useful; Robert Williams, who was the first preacher in Virginia, the first to publish a book, the first to employ the press, the first to be married, the first to locate, the spiritual father of Jesse Lee, the first itinerant to find a grave in America, were among the very earliest to preach the gospel in and around Wilmington. Following these came Richard Boardman, Joseph Pilmoor, Richard Wright, and Frances Asbury. Soon after this, native preachers were added to the force and a continuous trickle of Englishmen reached these shores. By the time of the first Conference held in America, in St. Georges Church, Philadelphia, in 1773, the argument had become so heated, personalities had entered into it, an doftimes bitterness was expressed. It was impossible to confine these issues among ministers, so the lay groups began to take sides. The peril of damage because of zeal without direction, resulted in Mr. Wesley appointing assistants to help guide the destiny of the young church. Pilmoor, Rankin, and Asbury were the appointed assistants covering the period up to the Revolutionary War.

There were many underlying causes of the oppositions to us besides the arguments for or against our creed. In fact that was incidental to the intense feeling. Fear was one of the causes. In these days of security, we have lulled our minds into thinking of the glamour of the American Revolution and neglecting to remember the bitter forces and severe trials, the fears and hopes, the thrust and counter-thrust of those pre-revolutionary days. Our school histories hurry over the trials in order to reach the tinsel and the victory. We seldom catch on the printed page, the intense feeling of the people in matters of cleavage. The driving element of fear is entirely lacking, and the part that slander and deliberate propaganda

played has been forgotten, but none can write the history of Peninsula Methodism without running into such barriers; when you find stout-hearted men hiding and hear of innocent men being clubbed and good men being jailed, then you may guess that a serious opposition of antagonism was the cause. Surely there must have been a reason for such attitudes.

Rev. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was an Englishman and a clergyman of the Church of England. The American Methodists were governed by him. By virtue of crown orders, the clergy of the Church of England in the Province of Maryland, were themselves the collectors of customs and executors in the settling of estates, or had the authority to appoint such. These two very lucrative positions were the cause of much friction and jealousy. For these and sundry reasons, the English clergy became unpopular. This position the clergy resented and their retaliation moves did not help the Wesley followers.

Wars were the pastime and occupation of the gentry. Indian wars, colonial rebellions, and the struggles of world powers were the occasion to rouse martial spirits to a high pitch. A man, according to public opinion of the day, who would not bear arms was a coward or a fool. The Quakers had taken their stand against bearing arms and going to war, and when the Methodist preachers also spoke against war they were immediately classified as Quakers in spirit and English by connection. Hence they were forced to endure ill will engendered by both the Church of England clergy and the Quaker faith.

Most of our histories fail to convey a true picture of the sentiment of the people on the subject of separating from the mother country. To read the average history, you feel sure a great wave of indignation swept almost every man into open rebellion. The facts do not warrant such an impression. The States of New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina were saturated with royalist sentiment.

At the time of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, plots and rumors were everywhere. The Royalists were busy with schemes to hamper and plots to defeat the Patriots. Lord Dunmore, the Royalist Governor of Virginia, had burned Norfolk and ruthlessly driven its five thousand inhabitants to seek food and shelter wherever they could. Many a refugee, weakened by hunger, torn by fear, inspired by hatred, had struck terror into many a faint heart by their tales of his cruelty. His name and deeds spread terror all over lower Maryland, Delaware and all of Virginia. One of his ships of war sailed up the Nanticoke River for the express purpose of getting in touch with the Royalists of the Peninsula. The ship was visited by thousands from Somerset, Dorchester and Sussex Counties. He personally led an expedition to Cedar Creek, Delaware, and was in touch with fifteen hundred Tories. As early as 1775, Hugh Kelley had mustered nineteen hundred Tories in a secret band who were drilling in readiness for the conflict. One of the strongest of his forts being in the Blackbird forest, just west of Kenton, where three hundred men were kept under arms. A band of fifty men, of Royalist sentiment, attempted to capture the members of the Worcester County Committee, while asleep in their beds and hurry them away to Lord Dunmore. The plot failed, but they did succeed in enticing some citizens to the seashore in search of salt. These were seized and carried away. A Delaware regiment, under command of

Major MacDonough, was encamped at Lewes in May 1776, and for three days they were virtually besieged by the Tories.

The population of the "Three Lower Counties", now Delaware, in 1776, was about thirty-seven thousand. Of these, at least ten thousand, were Royalists. It has been carefully estimated there were no less than thirty thousand Royalists on the Peninsula. The raids of Tarleton, the massacres of Wyoming and Cherry Valleys, the plundering of Johnson's "Royal Greens" and Butler's "Tory Rangers" gave rise to an intense hatred of anything savoring disloyalty to the American cause. Hatred and fear were the sentries that were on guard throughout the Peninsula.

Thus the mine was laid. The least spark would set it off. Mr. Wesley had warned the Methodist preachers to be neutral in National affairs. Martin Rodda, one of the four Englishmen of the twenty-five Methodist preachers in America, began to consort with bands of Tories for the overthrow of the American cause. He took the King's Proclamation and spread it throughout his circuit, a circuit that reached from Elkton to Lewes. It created a furor! Mr. Wesley, forgetting his own advice to the preachers, and carried away by the arguments of his intimate friend, Dr. Johnson, in the paper "Taxation No Tyranny" virtually reprinted it in a letter to the American Methodists under the heading "A Calm Address". The storm broke with sudden fury on the innocent itinerants. When the guns of Lexington and Concord echoed round the world, Wesley saw his mistake and tried to rectify it; but, it was too late. The Rodda imprudence and Wesley's letter branded all Methodist preachers as Tories and traitors.

Wild rumors began to fly of a great plot to join the Methodists and the Tories, led by one Cheney Clow, and these unite with the British fleet then operating in the Chesapeake Bay. The rumors continued to say Cheney Clow and three hundred of his men had been captured after several bloody engagements. The echo of that rumor is still heard in many quarters. Even the Methodist historian, Bangs falls into the error of quoting rumor as fact. Since, Bangs is one of the source histories, you will find the same error in many later accounts. The very fact it was inserted by such a high authority shows how firmly the rumor was believed, therefore how much damage it did to Methodism. There never was a Cheney Clow rebellion. Nor were there any "300 members of his band", let alone being "only two Methodists in his company". Cheney Clow was an Englishman who settled in Queen Anne County, Maryland. In 1747, he purchased a tract of land on the headwaters of the Chester River. This land in 1768, when the boundary question was settled, became a part of Delaware. In May, 1778, the Delaware Assembly passed its first test law. Being a commissioned officer in the British Army, Clow refused to take the oath. Because he was accused of treason, they tried to arrest him, but he resisted. After his wife was wounded, he surrendered as a prisoner of war. Trial after trial of the most unusual character followed. At last condemned under trumped up charges, twelve years after his arrest, health broken, spirit crushed, son dead, fortune gone, wife insane, he asked that the sentence of execution might be carried out, which was done in the fall of 1787. Caesar Rodney declared he had never wanted to be governor, but one time and that was the day Cheney Clow was hanged, and then only long enough to pardon him.

These are the causes that led Asbury to be fined five pounds for preaching near Annapolis, that led to Thomas Chew's imprisonment in Carolina, Hartley's arrest in Easton, Pedicord's persecution in Kent, Garrison's attack in Queen Anne and his imprisonment in Cambridge until let out on \$100,000.00 bond.

The itinerants were face to face with the first real barrier that had stopped them. Because Maryland's oath required the bearing of arms and Delaware's test law was lenient, many of the itinerants repaired to that state: Asbury to go in hiding at Judge White's near Whiteysburg and the movement of others greatly curtailed. Even here Asbury was not safe. His presence brought about the arrest of Judge White by the Light Horse Patrol. Asbury fled north to Stulltown, a crossroad east of Sudlersville, Maryland. Here he hid all day in a cypress swamp. The author has positive information he was taken into the home of John Fogwell and kept as a distinguished guest until it was safe for him to return to Judge White's.

Judge White's was an ideal place to hide. Off the beaten tract, a comfortable brick house, a heavy forest to slip into, in case of need, and a warm hearted, high minded, socially prominent family to assist. In addition, it was close to the state line. Asbury considered this his real home. Under date of Nov. 9, 1778, he records, "I rode to Thomas White's, cannot help esteeming his house as my temporary home." Under date of Apr. 12, 1780, "I am going from my home, Thomas White's." While in hiding, he had written a letter to a friend stating his belief in and freely commending the American cause. The letter being intercepted by an American officer and its sentiments made known, certainly changed the public attitude toward Asbury. Before this public change, Asbury had declared, "From March 10, 1778, on conscientious principles, I was a non-juror, and could not preach in the State of Maryland; and, therefore, withdrew to Delaware State, where the clergy were not required to take the State oath; though with a clear conscience, I could have taken the oath of the Delaware State, had it been required, and would have done it, had I not been prevented by a tender fear of hurting the scrupulous conscience of others". Thus he selects the State of Delaware to live in and confirms himself to its laws. Under date of Apr. 24, 1780, Asbury says, "Rode to Delaware and my friends were much rejoiced to see me, but silence broke my heart, the act against non-jurors reduced me to silence, because the oath of fidelity required by the State of Maryland was preposterously rigid, I became a citizen of Delaware, and was regularly returned. I was at this time under recommendation of the Governor of Delaware as taxable." Again under date of Feb. 5, 1781 he says, "on my way to quarterly meeting held at Valley preaching house, I called on his Excellency, Governor Rodney, of Delaware, to sign my certificate, which he did with great readiness and politeness." What certificate could the Governor sign for Asbury save his citizenship papers? He knew he needed such papers to travel and with it he felt safe to leave his hiding place and venture into Virginia and Maryland. You can find the name of Frances Asbury listed as one of the taxables of Kent County, Delaware.

These facts becoming known, opened wide a gate in the barriers and Methodism passed through to a larger and better field of opportunity because she had been tried in the fire and came out purified.

There is quite a difference between an appointment and a society. The appointment is merely a preaching place but a society is an organized body of converts. The first regular appointment on the Eastern Shore of Maryland was in the home of John Randle, near Worten, then the two on Bohemia Manor at Solomon Hersey's and Thompson's School House (oldest continuous society in the Conference. Here the first altar call made or ever given was issued by Dr. Chandler in 1799) later called Bethel or Pivot Bridge. The fourth was at Mr. Hynson's, near Rock Hall, the fifth at Dixon's, Georgetown Cross Roads (Galena). Afterwards Mr. Gibbs and the Still Pond appointment. Thus far had Methodism gone on the Eastern Shore up to September 1773. In Delaware, covering a similar period, we had appointments at Isaac Tussey's; Shell Pot Hitt; Robert Fhrness, New Castle; J. Stedham, Wilmington; Isaac Hersey's west of Christiana; Clouds, Fords and Websters in Brandywine Hundred.

Without doubt, the first society organized within our Conference territory was on Bohemia Manor at Solomon Hersey's in 1771. Out of the remnants of the first communistic society in America, the Labadies, who had set up their dormitories here, plus some of the Arcadians and others, all bound together by the common ties of believing according to the doctrines of Whitfield; Richard Wright organized them into the first Methodist Society within our Conference boundary. Shortly afterwards at Bethel, commonly called Back Creek, but locally known as Pivot Bridge, he organized the second society. Before the first Conference, held in Philadelphia in 1773, there were about thirty societies in America, five of them being within our Conference, namely at Solomon Hersey's, Thompson's School House, on Bohemia Manor; John Randle's in Worten, Hynson's near Rock Hall. It should be voted New Castle had been organized but the society lasted but a short time, in fact it took two more trials before it succeeded.

The first church erected by us on the Peninsula, was the Kent Meeting House. After the frame work was up, enemies tore it down and tried by others means to stop us. However, it was finished by 1774. This housed the Hynson congregation, later taking the name of Hynson's Chapel. This society has had three sites. The first on the post road from Chestertown to Rock Hall on a bluff just before the road joins the cement road. The second between the original site and Pomona and the third further down Quaker Neck and is now known as Mowbray's Chapel.

The second and third buildings we owned were outright gifts and were from the generosity of other denominations. The Church of England had erected a Chapel and parish house at Bridgetown (near Ridgely) in 1773. At the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, our Government confiscated it and gave it to the Presbyterians. After owning the Bridgetown Church for six months and discovering they could do nothing with it, they in turn presented it to us. This church has been in continuous use by us ever since and is the oldest Methodist church building within the Conference. Dr. McGaw, the Episcopal rector of Dover, and an intimate friend of Frances Asbury had, in 1779, erected a church in the forest south west of Dover and named it Forest Chapel. We had a society in this neighborhood, that had been organized in Mr. Thomas' home in 1777. Realizing our people could serve this part of the country to better advantage, Dr. McGaw gave the chapel to Frances Asbury. The name was changed to

Thomas Chapel and was the first building we possessed in the State of Delaware. It has long since been replaced by other buildings. Thomas Chapel is still an active organization.

North East erected the first Parsonage in America. The preachers refused to stay there due to their desire to be entertained by the lay members. As a result North East sold it.

In the year of 1780, our minutes reveal a total membership in all American Societies to be eight thousand, five hundred and four. Of this number less than four hundred were found north of the Mason and Dixon Line. The greatest prosperity had been in our territory. The South had become the seat of War and reported a decrease. We had most of the itinerants due to the causes enumerated in connection with Asbury's hiding, hence their work resulted in thousands uniting with us. This year saw many churches being erected; Barratt's, Moore's, Brown's, White's, and Cloud's Chapels being among those built.

The first preaching place in Wilmington was in the home of J. Stedham and it became a regular appointment, until other homes were opened and used by our itinerants. Afterwards a small brick building on the corner of Third and King Streets was used until Asbury Church as built in 1789. Wilmington was hostile to Methodism and the old accounts of our meetings still echo its disorders and mob violence.

The first circuit appointment on the Peninsula was named Kent Circuit. It had slowly been built up since 1769. In 1777 it extended from Elkton to Lewes, with as many as four preachers traveling it. It first appears as an appointment in 1774. It was divided in 1778 and Carolina appears as a sister appointment and Delaware Circuit was arranged later that same year.

The seventh Conference in America was held in Choptank, Kent County, State of Delaware, Apr. 28, 1779. This Conference was the first sectional Conference ever held on the continent and, for the first time in the annals of Methodism, they elected a man to be General Assistant, Mr. Asbury sensing the objection of any Englishman, even though he be Mr. Wesley, appointing him, had the brethren elect their choice, which resulted in Asbury's elevation to the head of the American Church.

The Tenth Conference began April 16, 1781 in Choptank and adjourned to meet on the 24th of said month in Baltimore. In both the seventh and tenth Conferences, each being local in character and not general, they stated their reason for its validity. These were the first conferences held for a section of the church and therefore the beginning of sectional annual conferences.

When Dr. Coke met Mr. Asbury in Barratt's Chapel in November 1784, and unfolded to him the plan of Mr. Wesley's to organize a separate church in America and ordaining him general superintendent, the idea was so momentous, they repaired to Widow Barratt's home with the other eleven preachers to discuss it from all angles. This discussion resulted in Freeborn Garrison being sent throughout the connection to call all the preachers together in Baltimore, on Christmas Day, to organize the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. Thus Mrs. Barratt's home, and not the church, is really the cradle of Methodism. It is also the mother of the General Conference idea, for it was at this meeting it had its inception. This house is back of Barratt's Chapel about one half mile and is still being used as a dwelling.

After Dr. Coke had preached in Barratt's Chapel and the memorial meeting between Coke and Asbury was over, Dr. Coke and Mr. Whatcoat administered the sacrament of the Lord's supper. This was the first time it was ever administered legally by any Methodist preacher in America. Previously a few insubordinate preachers had taken matters in their own hands until cooler counsel prevailed. Following this service, Dr. Coke baptised some sixteen, being the first time this was legally done. As he traveled, the news went ahead of him and scenes of wildest joy accompanied his administering the sacraments, denied so long to hungry hearts.

The first time any Sectional Conferences are named appear in the Minutes of 1802. At that time Philadelphia Conference was divided into four districts with forty-six appointments, eleven of them being on the Peninsula, namely, Dover, Milford, Broadkill, Somerset, Annessex, St. Martins, Dorchester, Northampton, Talbot, Queen Anne's, and Caroline.

When yellow fever developed in Philadelphia and forced the Philadelphia Conference to meet on the Peninsula, other than in Wilmington, it was so delightful an occasion and the welcome so wholehearted, it was an easy matter to have the Conferences accept an invitation to meet on the shore. Easton, Milford, Chestertown and Smyrna were, at different times, the entertaining host. The happenings of these Conferences were so significant and interesting, it would be worth anyone's reading to study them. Only two things will I mention, namely the first time Bishop Whatcoat ever presided in an annual conference was the Smyrna Conference of 1800. In 1799 a great revival broke out on the old Cecil Circuit. Its power was such it spread to Baltimore and set the General Conference of 1800 on fire with its evangelistic zeal. From there it was carried over the occupied part of the Nation, and is said to have been the greatest revival ever to have visited the Methodist Church. The scenes described in the Philadelphia Conference, that met immediately on adjournment of the General Conference, is so interesting and illuminating as to hold one captive with the hunger for the thing to be repeated.

After considerable agitation concerning the division of the Philadelphia Conference, it came to the place of appointing a committee to study the entire matter. This committee made a majority and minority report in 1864. The issue was sharply debated, not only that year, but also in the three succeeding years as well. In the Minutes of 1857, the opening day of the session, "A paper on the division of the Conference was presented by G. D. Carrow, and on motion, laid on the table for the present". The following day, "The paper on the division of the Conference, which had been laid on the table, was, on motion taken up. Bishop Scott stated the views of the Board of Bishops as favoring a re-arrangement of the Conference boundaries, and depreciated any action until the General Conference. Permission was given G. D. Carrow to withdraw his paper." The idea was again brought forward on Saturday for someone else, name unknown, presented a paper and it was made the order of the day for Tuesday, at ten o'clock. The Minutes are strangely silent on the subject the rest of the session. The next notation occurs in the Minutes of March 14, 1868, which says "A committee on Boundaries was appointed and on motion, it was ordered that all papers appertaining to boundaries be referred to said

committee". J. D. Curtis, A. Atwood, C. I. Thompson, J. H. Alday, P. J. Cox, J. L. Taft, and J. B. Quigg were appointed as the committee. The Committee's report is given under Reports of Committee which indicated it was adopted but no other reference to the matter can be found in the Minutes. "The Boundary Committee reports that after careful consideration, we have concluded that a division of our Conference, by State Lines, we have concluded that a division of our Conference, by State Lines, will be most satisfactory and advantageous. We have, therefore, agreed to submit the following resolutions for the consideration of the Conference: Resolved, that we, the Philadelphia, Annual Conference, recommend the ensuing General Conference, to divide the Philadelphia Annual Conference by the State line separating Delaware and Maryland from Pennsylvania; and thus constituting a new Conference of the State of Delaware and the "Eastern Shores of Maryland, Virginia, to be called the Wilmington Annual Conference". The other part of the resolutions concern their northern boundary. The General Conference gave its permission and the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church began to be.

Its first session was held in Asbury Church, the mother church of Wilmington, on Wednesday morning, March 17, 1769, Bishop Matthew Simpson, presiding. The roll was called and sixty-two members of the one hundred six answered to their names. The Conference divided into four districts: Wilmington, having twenty-six appointments; Dover, twenty-four; Easton, twenty-three; and Snow Hill, fourteen; making a total of eighty-seven charges. Three of these churches paid more than one thousand dollars salary, the highest being St. Paul, Wilmington, with fourteen hundred dollars. Seven others paid one thousand, and twenty paid from eight to nine hundred, seven paid from seven to eight hundred, seven paid from six to seven hundred, seven paid from five to six hundred and eleven paid five hundred dollars or less. Some of these had the Junior and Senior plan. All churches were valued at \$910,150.00 and the forty-two parsonages at \$116,000. They paid for all benevolences \$12,257.07. The total membership was 19,688 with 3,369 probationers.

Compare that to our own day, Dover District has sixty-one charges, Salisbury has sixty-two and Wilmington has fifty-eight, making a total of hundred eighty-one charges. Our total membership, including probationers, is one hundred eighty-two with thirty-five supplies acting as pastors. Our three hundred fifty-four churches are valued at \$4,726,950 and the one hundred seventy-three parsonages at \$763,750.00 with a valuation of \$389,064 of other properties etc. We have a membership of 54,428 and a preparatory membership of 1799.

It is most fitting that the final session of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church should be held in the same building that entertained the initial gathering.

A marriage may change our name and corporate interests, but it cannot destroy our pride in our ancestry. Methodist blue blood flows in our veins. So many preachers came from our midst, Asbury called us "his preacher garden". Outstanding names in Methodist annals cannot be compiled for any period in American history, without including some of our sons and daughters. We enriched the financial strength of the Church

in loaning to them Ezekiel Cooper, the founder of the Book Concern; we helped to carry the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the world by furnishing to the Board of Foreign Missions the leadership of John Dashiell; the Board of Temperance, Prohibitions and Public Morals is but the monument of Clarence True Wilson; we stimulated the denomination by surrendering the services of John Emory, Levi Scott and John F. Hurst to the Episcopacy.

It is remarkable, considering the fact we are a border Conference, that no split or dissention began in our midst. On the other hand it is clearly evident we fostered the life of the Church in those dark days of the Revolutionary War and kept alive the flame of her evangelistic life, while other sections were suffocating from the ashes of neglect and being indelibly burned by the acid of hatred. We may be small in size but surely it is not boasting to state the fact we are significant in history. They may erect a monument over the yesterdays and inscribe on the granite "Here Lies the remains of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church", but if they are honest and are aware of our history, they will also add the phrase, "And their works do follow them".

(c) CONFERENCE SESSIONS

No.	Date	Place	Bishop	Secretary
1	March 17, '69	Wilm'ton—Asbury	M. Simpson	S. L. Gracey
2	" 18, '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	Centerville	C. H. Fowler	John D. Rigg
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton—Grace	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray
25	" 15, '93	Middletown	S. M. Merrill	A. S. Mowbray
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury	J. H. Vincent	A. S. Mowbray
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna	J. F. Hurst	A. S. Mowbray
28	" 18, '96	Dover	H. W. Warren	A. S. Mowbray
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown	J. M. Walden	A. S. Mowbray
30	" 23, '98	Lewes	J. P. Newman	A. S. Mowbray
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge	C. D. Foss	A. S. Mowbray
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'ton—Epworth	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray
33	" 20, '01	Wilm'ton—Grace	Daniel A. Goodsell	A. S. Mowbray
34	" 19, '02	Crisfield	I. W. Joyce	A. S. Mowbray
35	" 18, '03	Easton	Earl Cranston	A. S. Mowbray
36	" 16, '04	Dover	J. M. Fitzgerald	A. S. Mowbray
37	" 15, '05	Wilm'ton—Grace	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise
38	" 14, '06	Pocomoke City	C. C. McCabe	W. A. Wise
39	" 20, '07	Smyrna	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
40	" 18, '08	Wilm'ton—Asbury	D. A. Goodsell	W. A. Wise
41	" 17, '09	Milford	D. H. Moore	W. A. Wise
42	" 16, '10	Salisbury	J. W. Hamilton	W. A. Wise
43	" 15, '11	Wilm'ton—Asbury	T. B. Neely	W. A. Wise
44	" 13, '12	Wilm'ton—St. Pauls	L. B. Wilson	W. A. Wise
45	" 26, '13	Crisfield	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
46	April 1, '14	Berlin	Earl Cranston	W. A. Wise
47	March 24, '15	Laurel	R. J. Cook	W. A. Wise
48	" 29, '16	Wilm'ton—Union	J. F. Berry	W. A. Wise
49	" 28, '17	Seaford	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
50	" 20, '18	Dover	F. M. Bristol	D. W. Jacobs
51	" 26, '19	Chestertown	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
52	" 24, '20	Wilm'ton—Grace	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
53	" 30, '21	Crisfield—Immanuel	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
54	" 22, '22	Cambridge	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
55	April 4, '23	Dover	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
56	March 26, '24	Wilm'n—Harrison St.	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
57	" 25, '25	Wilm'n—McCabe	W. P. Thirkield	D. W. Jacobs
58	" 24, '26	Dover	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
59	" 23, '27	Salisbury	F. J. McConnell	D. W. Jacobs
60	" 23, '28	Wilm'ton—Union	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
61	April 2, '29	Wilm'n—Harrison St.	W. F. McDowell	D. W. Jacobs
62	March 26, '30	Wilm'n—Silverbrook	F. D. Leete	J. R. Bicking
63	April 8, '31	Crisfield—Asbury	H. Lester Smith	J. R. Bicking
64	March 29, '32	Salisbury—Asbury	W. F. McDowell	J. R. Bicking
65	March 29, '33	Rehoboth Beach	A. W. Leonard	J. R. Bicking
66	April 4, '34	Newark, Del.	E. H. Hughes	J. R. Bicking
67	March 27, '35	Seaford, Del.	E. H. Hughes	J. R. Bicking
68	March 25, '36	Delmar, Del.	E. H. Hughes	J. R. Bicking
69	March 31, '37	Salisbury—Asbury	E. H. Hughes	J. R. Bicking
70	March 30, '38	Wilm'n—Union	E. L. Waldorf	J. R. Bicking
71	March 22, '39	Wilm'—Asbury	E. H. Hughes	J. R. Bicking

(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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1939. J. J. Bunting, D. W. Jacobs. Reserves—E. C. Hallman, W. E. Gunby.

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.
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 10-20. 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.

Table with 4 columns: Numerical Range, Letter Grade, and Qualitative Description. Rows include: 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 ... H. P. Fox
Religious Education ... R. P. Nichols
a. Teaching for Christian Living.
b. Pastor and Religious Education.
c. Teaching Religion To-day.
Third Year—
Pastoral Office ... O. A. Bartley
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, 1939.

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. Hervis

Tuesday, 1:00 P. M.

Third Year—The Church and Society	Frank Herson
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All written work on above books should be in the hands of the appropriate Examiner by March 1, 1940.

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

Tuesday, 9:00 A. M.

Life of John Wesley	M. W. Marine
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Tuesday, 10:30 A. M.

Methodism in American History	H. P. Fox
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Tuesday, 1:00 P. M.

Doctrines and Discipline	M. S. Andrews
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Tuesday, 2:30 P. M.

A Bible Biography	O. J. Collins
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Written work on Life of Wesley and Methodism in American History should be in the hands of the appropriate Examiner by March 1, 1940.

Candidates will please send written Sermon to O. P. Jefferson, by March 1, 1940.

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, 1939.

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	O. J. Collins

December 15, 1939.

First Year—Jesus of History	E. W. Hervis
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	O. J. Collins
Fourth Year—Improving Religious Education Through Supervision	Tilghman Smith
The Preacher as a Man of Letters	E. W. Hervis

February 20, 1940.

First Year—The Story of Methodism	H. P. Fox
Homiletical Work (See D. & H.)	L. E. Windsor
Second Year—John Wesley: Sermons, etc.	O. E. Jones
Homiletical Work (See D. & H.)	O. J. Collins
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

ACCEPTED SUPPLY PASTORS.

Accepted Supply Pastors are now required to take the Conference Course of Study Year by Year. Read Paragraph, 544—1936 Discipline.

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.

L. E. WIMBROW, Registrar,

Denton, Md.

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.

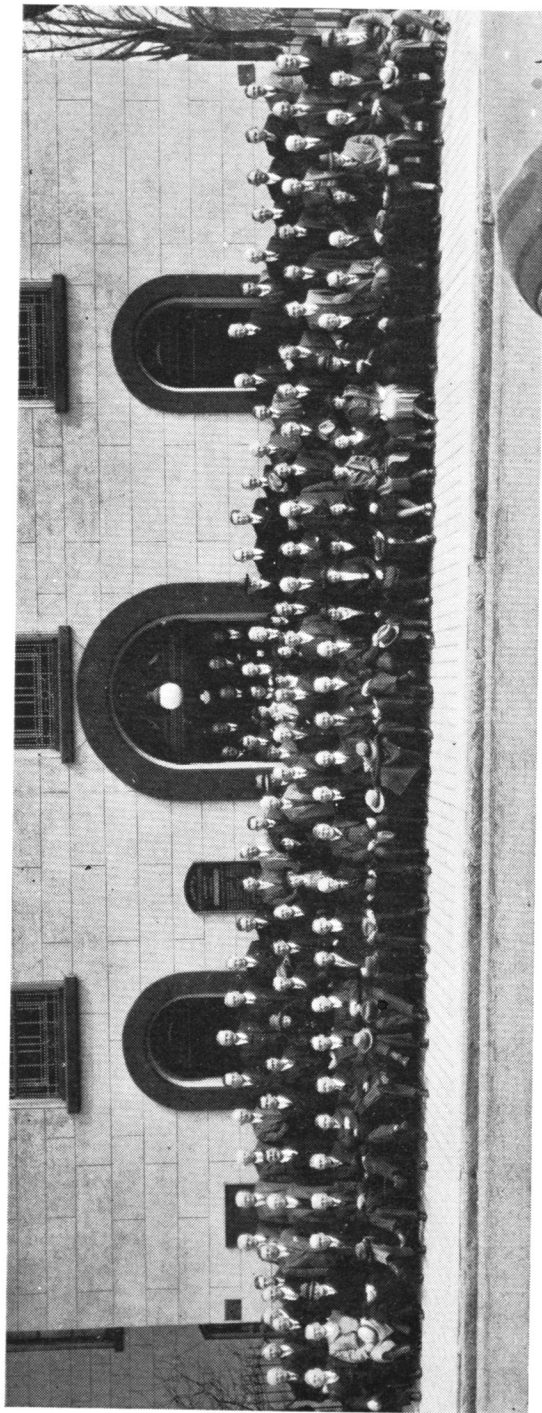
1. All motions, simply to adjourn.
 2. All motions to lay on the table.
 3. Motions on the "previous question."
 4. Demand for "yeas and nays."
 5. All appeals from the decision of the President, except that the appellant shall state the reason for his appeal and the President the reason for his ruling.
 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.
- Connor, Rob't. G.—1916, Edgemoor; 1931-33, Ellendale, '34-37, Marydel; '38- , Kenton.
- 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; '36-38, Nassau; '39- , Bozman.
- 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; '35-38, Bozman; '39 , Cheswold, Del.
- 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; '38, Cheswold; '39 , Queenstown.
- 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; '37-38, Queenstown; 38- , Pomona.
- Wilson, R. H.—1912-13, Baltimore Conf.; '15-16, Lakesville; '17-19, Little Creek; '20-24, Annessex; '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.



Lay Conference 1939.

(d) LAY CONFERENCE

The following is the list of delegates which responded to the roll call at the Lay Conference held at the Asbury Methodist Church, Wilmington, Delaware, on March 24th and 25th, 1939:

Dover District.

Name of Charge.	Delegate.	Name of Charge.	Delegate.
Blades	Albert H. Riggin	Magnolia	Marshall Hart
Bridgeville	T. S. Smith	Marydel	U. Lee Harmon
Camden	J. M. Lynch	Milford	M. Haswell Pierce
Canterbury	Wilbur Kersey	Milton	Geo. H. Waples
Chestertown ..	Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter	Oxford	Mrs. Lulu Mills
Church Hill	Miss Laura Smith	Pomona	Howard I. Reed
Clayton	W. T. Dayett	Queenstown	J. K. Wrightson
Concord	C. W. Adams	Rehoboth	J. Fred Hudson
Denton	H. Earl Smith	Ridgely	Walter M. Bennington
Dover—		Rock Hall	W. Stanley Grant
St. Paul	Mrs. Maude Vivien	Seaford	E. J. Winder
Wesley	W. H. Warrington	Seaford Cir. ...	Howard E. Hitchens
Easton	C. N. Jefferson	Smyrna	Wm. Matthews, Sr.
Farmington ...	Mackinton Johnson	St. Michael's	J. B. Hunt
Federalsburg	T. Sewell Noble	Sudlersville	Spencer Walls
Felton	Mrs. Evelyn Killen	Tilghman	James Cooper
Galestown	Samuel G. Smith	Trappe	Harvey L. Slaughter
Georgetown Circuit ...	W. B. Owens	Woodside ..	Mrs. Arlington Slaughter
Greenwood	C. H. Kinder	Wye Mills	D. B. F. Walcott
Harrington	H. J. Ramsdell	Wyoming	Mrs. Bertha Coursey
Houston	Howard Moore	Hillsboro	Roy Skinner
Kenton	Edgar R. Remley		
Lewes	Thomas P. Scott	Total	43

Salisbury District.

Beckwith & Spedden ..	Roland Dail	Onancock	Geo. W. Lewis
Berlin	H. B. Powell	Pittsville	S. Edward Smith
Bishopville	O. M. Shockley	Pocomoke City	S. A. Evans
Cambridge	Granville Hooper	Pocomoke Ct.	O. T. Payne
Chincoteague	J. T. Mears	Powellville	Fred Kelly
Crisfield—		Salisbury—	
Immanuel	C. E. Collins, M. D.	Asbury	E. Virgil Hearn
Dagsboro &		Grace	J. W. Smith
St. Georges	Major C. A. Short	Secretary	T. A. Coulbourn
Delmar	W. S. Melson	Selbyville	W. A. Law
East New Market ..	Burton Isenberg	Sharptown	C. L. Windsor
Elliott	Shelton E. Gray	Smith's Island	C. D. Middleton
Frankford	C. H. Lockwood	Snow Hill	W. T. Hearn
Fruitland	P. R. Hobbs	Stockton	C. C. Pilchard
Hurlock	H. N. Harper	St. Thomas	B. O. Murphy
Laurel	R. S. Brock	Williamsburg	Roland Poole
Mardela Springs	C. C. Jones	Zoar	F. W. Lawson
Mt. Pleasant	O. J. Workman		
Nanticoke	Mrs. Lulu M. Dolby	Total	33

Wilmington District.

Bethel & Town Pt.	Ernest Davis	Perryville	Wm. J. Bartlett
Brack Ex	Leonard Barnes	Red Lion	Mrs. Bessie Conner
Cecilton	M. Earl Davis	Richardson Park . . .	Charles Bowers
Charlestown	Mrs. W. L. Simmons	Rising Sun	W. M. Pogue
Cherry Hill	John Peterson	St. George's	H. L. Gray
Chesapeake City	Herbert Wilfong	St. John's	Edwin T. Simmers
Chester-Bethel	Mrs. Rebecca Barlow	Townsend	John W. Guessford
Christiana	Mrs. Frank Hawthorne	Zion Ct.	Earl Best
Claymont	Joseph Wyatt	Wilmington—	
Crumpton	Mrs. Ellen Hartley	Asbury	J. Carlyle Simmons
Ebenezer	J. B. Paterson	Brandywine	Geo. L. Bilderback
Elkton	Lynn B. Gillespie	Eastlake	Luther Broadway
Galena	Robert Bramble	Epworth	W. L. Overdeer
Hockessin	James H. Polk	Grace	Arthur A. Wilmot
Holly Oak	E. S. Young	Harrison St.	I. Elmer Perry
Marshallton	John H. Foard	Hillcrest	Frank Coulbourne
Middletown	Colonel C. Hopkins	Kingswood	Mrs. Lillian DeCorse
Millington	N. A. Wallen	McCabe	P. H. Overdeer
Mt. Lebanon	Francis Savage	Mt. Salem	J. Elmer Betty
Newark	Earl F. Dawson	Scott	C. P. Harvey
Newark Union	Mrs. Eliz. Barlow	Silverbrook	J. F. Penney
New Castle	William Deakyne	Trinity	Charles W. Cook, Jr.
Newport	A. M. Craig	Union	A. R. Ross
North East	A. C. Cameron		
Odessa	J. E. Latta	Total	47

The Laymen's Association of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church held its Twenty-third Annual Session in Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, on Friday and Saturday, March 24th and 25th, 1939. It was also the Seventh Annual United Session and the last session to be known as Methodist Episcopal Lay Conference in view of the Unification of the Methodist Episcopal-South, Methodist Protestant and Methodist Episcopal Churches during the coming Conference year.

The Conference was called to order promptly at 9 A. M. by the Secretary, due to our president, Harry B. Wright, being sick in the University Hospital, Baltimore, Md. Devotions were in charge of I. Elmer Perry of Harrison Street Church. He spoke of the urgent need of real faith today, but faith without works was dead. If we are led in the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ by faith, our works are not in vain. We had a number of voluntary prayers and an old fashioned experience meeting at which a number spoke to the glory and keeping power of God.

In the absence of our president, Brother I. Elmer Perry was unanimously elected as president Pro tem.

The secretary was instructed to send the following message to our president:

"Mr. Harry B. Wright
University Hospital
Baltimore, Md.

Greetings from Wilmington Methodist Conference, sorry cannot be with us. Miss you very much. United prayers of Laymen for speedy recovery.

C. W. COOK, JR., Secretary"

Roll calls by the secretary showed the number of delegates present from Dover District, 43; Salisbury District, 33; Wilmington District, 47. Total 123.

We then went into the election of permanent officers, resulting in the following: President, Major C. A. Short, Dagsboro; Secretary, C. W. Cook, Jr., Trinity, Wilmington; Treasurer, O. M. Shockley, Bishopville.

President C. A. Short then nominated the following committees:

CREDENTIALS—Lynn B. Gillespie, Elkton; H. Earl Smith, Denton; J. T. Mears, Chincoteague; E. Virgil Hearn, Asbury, Salisbury.

RESOLUTIONS—O. M. Shockley, Bishopville; J. Elmer Betty, Mt. Salem, Wilmington; Earl F. Dawson, Newark; Granville Hooper, Cambridge, Md.; M. Haswell Pierce, Milford; P. H. Overdeer, McCabe, Wilmington.

FINANCE—C. N. Jefferson, Easton; J. Carlyle Simmons, Asbury, Wilmington; S. A. Evans, Pocomoke, Md.; J. Fred Hudson, Rehoboth; Howard Moore, Houston; Col. C. Hopkins, Middletown.

Credential Committee reported that roll call as checked by the secretary be accepted as the roster of the Lay Conference, the secretary to add to roster names of those who should answer to subsequent roll calls or report to secretary personally, providing they had certificate of election as delegate or alternate.

Our Host, Rev. Henry M. Parks, pastor of Asbury Church, was introduced and said everything was being done to make every Lay delegate feel at home, for he did not know of any organization that was more welcome than the Laymen's Association and he did not know how we would do without this great Brotherhood.

Willis L. Overdeer, of Epworth said he had written to Bishop Hughes relative to the advisability of electing another Alternate to the Uniting Conference to be held in Kansas City in April 1939, and the Bishop advised he thought it proper to do so.

Charles W. Cook, Jr., Trinity, Wilmington, was nominated by W. L. Overdeer, O. M. Shockley and G.L. Bilderback and was elected as second Alternate with a total of 115 votes.

Our new president spoke of the original meeting of the Lay Association held in Milford over 30 years ago at which time he was elected secretary, which office he held for over 20 years and how much he felt honored to be elected as the presiding officer of such a great organization as it is today. From the very beginning leading men of the peninsula had been vitally interested in it.

At this time a memoir of the late wife of Willis L. Overdeer, Mrs. Zimmira Rebecca Rhoad Overdeer, was read by Charles Bowers of Richardson Park and referred to Resolutions Committee.

By motion, the treasurer was authorized to pay the Conference Secretary \$15.00 for the printing of the 1939 minutes.

Treasurer O. M. Shockley, made the following report:

March 31, 1938—balance on hand	\$43.73
March 25, 1939—collection received	10.14
Total	\$53.87
April 1938—to sexton of entertaining church ..	\$ 2.00
Printing Conf. Minutes, 1938	15.00
Printing letters for adjourned Conf.	4.00
Postage & stationery of secretary	5.85
Total disbursements	\$26.85
Balance on hand March 25, 1939	\$27.02

By motion, it was voted that we have a separate session of the Laymen at 8:30 A. M., Saturday, in order that Resolution Committee may make their report and to complete other items of business.

We then adjourned to go into joint session with the Ministerial Conference at 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Laymen convened in separate session at 8:35 A. M. with C. W. Cook, Jr., Wilmington, leading devotions. Were led in prayer by W. A. Law, Selbyville.

The Resolution Committee presented the following, each resolution upon the recommendation of the committee, were adopted unanimously:

Resolution No. 1

WHEREAS, We the members of this Laymens Conference assembled in Asbury M. E. Church, Wilmington, Del. on Mar. 24th, 1939, note with sincere regret the absence of our beloved President, Harry B. Wright, and

WHEREAS, We wish to express our profound regret that on account of his unfortunate illness he is unable to attend this session, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we extend to Bro. Wright the greetings of the Conference with the fervent hope for his speedy recovery.

Resolution No. 2

WHEREAS, In the hallowed atmosphere of old historic Asbury, accentuated by the cordial and sincere reception and welcome accorded by the Pastor and congregation to the delegates and visitors of the Lay Conference which has stirred our hearts, and

WHEREAS, The courtesies contributed so largely to our comfort and pleasure, be it

RESOLVED, That this Lay Conference do express its deep gratitude to Pastor and people; that we do heartily commend them for the great work they are carrying on and that we do invoke the blessings of our Heavenly Father upon their whole Church enterprise.

Resolution No. 3

WHEREAS, The Resident Bishop, our dearly beloved Brother Edwin Holt Hughes, returns again to direct the affairs of our Conference this year, and

WHEREAS, The ease and grace with which he guides the activities of the Conference, the genuinely human touches of humor injected here and there, his heart-warming and soul-inspiring messages delivered with such masterful eloquence profoundly stirs and moves us alternately to laughter and tears, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we the members of this Lay Conference through its proper officers do convey to our beloved Bishop, our very great delight in having him with us again and assure him of our purpose as representative laymen to support and cooperate with our Ministerial Brethren in the propagation of the Faith of our Fathers and in promoting the interest of the Kingdom of our God in this our day and generation.

Resolution No. 4

WHEREAS, The Press of this city has so capably and effectively publicized the activities of our Conference, be it

RESOLVED, That we express to them our hearty appreciation of their publication of items of general interest as well as for the generous amount of space contributed by these disseminators of the news.

Resolution No. 5

WHEREAS, Large crowds of people confined to restricted areas become confused, cause accidents and delays, be it

RESOLVED, That we express our pleasure in the fact that the Police Dept. of the City took cognizance of our presence and detailed courteous and capable members of the force to direct and to protect the visitors to our Conference Session and we do also extend our most grateful thanks.

Resolution No. 6

WHEREAS, We the Lay Conference of the Wilmington M. E. Conference have noted with alarm a growing tendency toward a dearth of a personal experience of Christ, particularly among the younger members of our respective groups. Knowing, by scriptural authority, as well as personal experience, this critical condition will not be remedied by any other method other than the fearless fervent preaching of the gospel of Christ, which as declared by the apostle Paul is the **Power of God unto Salvation**, be it

RESOLVED, That this body go on record as exhorting and encouraging our ministerial brethren to the uncompromising presentation of the Word of God with no uncertain sound.

Resolution No. 7

WHEREAS, We the Lay Delegates of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, representing 28,000 members in the State of Delaware, assembled in Wilmington, March 24th, 1939, wish to go on record as opposing House Bill #59 to legalize Sunday Bowling, Bill #288 licensing Pin Ball Machines; also Bill #152 in the Senate which would legalize Moving Pictures on Sunday, by Referendum, and Senate Bill #194, and any other Bills which would commercialize the Sabbath or liberalize the liquor traffic in the State of Delaware; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our secretary send a letter of our sincere protest to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Frank R. Zebley, and urge him to use his influence to defeat said Bills, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the action of our Conference be sent to the President Pro Tem of the Senate asking him to use his influence to defeat these Bills.

Resolution No. 8

WHEREAS, It is conceded that a more or less comprehensive knowledge of the farflung interests of our great church is essential to inspire in us the most loyal adherence, the fullest devotion and the deepest consecration, and believing that regular, studious and prayerful reading of The Christian Advocate under the able editorial leadership of Dr. Harold Paul Sloan will contribute largely to this end, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we do express our appreciation of the wonderful editorials by Dr. Sloan, the articles on unifications, the many contributed articles of the general church news and that we do heartily commend the Advocate to every Methodist in our Conference.

Resolution No. 9

WHEREAS, The Sabbath is a sacred institution and the preservation and observance of it being in our opinion essential to our future welfare, be it

RESOLVED, That we reassert our interest in the efforts of the Lord's Day Alliance and do pledge ourselves to co-operate with it in its labors to preserve Sabbath observance.

Resolution No. 10

WHEREAS, It is the concensus of opinion that the repeal of the 18th Amendment has brought the curse of liquor back upon us in the most frightful form we have ever known it, be it

RESOLVED, That we do pledge ourselves as Methodists and good American citizens to stir up sentiment against the liquor traffic, to acknowledge every organization which is at work to exterminate it from our land and to do all we can individually and collectively to speed the return of the day when the sale of intoxicating liquors will be prohibited in our land.

By motion, we adjourned at this time to go in united session with the Ministerial Conference at 9:10 A. M., subject to the call of the Bishop after the Uniting Conference had adjourned.

C. A. SHORT, President.

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

OFFICERS OF LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

- 1872—President, John F. Williamson; Secretaries, Dr. W. T. Collins, I. T. Matthews.
1876—Pres., R. J. Jump; Secretaries, I. T. Matthews, J. H. Bell.
1880—Pres., John F. Williamson; Secy's, P. F. Causey, Dr. R. J. Price.
1884—Pres., Henry F. Pickles; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, Henry S. Dulaney.
1888—Pres., H. C. Dodson; Secy's, Dr. R. J. Price, W. H. Dashiell.
1892—Pres., I. T. Matthews; Sec'y, Joseph Smithers.
1896—Pres., H. F. Pickles; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. W. Coley.
1900—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, J. S. Collins.
1904—Pres., Chas. B. Lore; Secy's, R. M. Cooper, Wesley Webb.
1908—Pres., W. O. Hoffecker; Secy's, C. A. Short, A. R. Spaid.
1912—Pres., R. D. Jones; Secretaries, C. A. Short, H. R. Moore.
1916—Pres., E. J. Winder; Secretaries, C. A. Short, A. Galt Starr.
1920—Pres., H. C. Conrad; Secretaries, C. A. Short, V. C. Hitchens.
1921—Pres., H. C. Conrad; Secretary, C. A. Short.
1924—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secretaries, C. A. Short, John Shilling.
1925—Pres., I. Elmer Perry; Secretaries, C. A. Short, John Shilling.
1928—Pres., H. H. Nuttle; Secretaries, C. A. Short, C. W. Cook.
1929—Pres., H. H. Nuttle; Secretaries, C. A. Short, C. W. Cook.
1932—Pres., 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.
1938—Pres., Harry B. Wright, Secy., C. W. Cook; Treas., O. M. Shockley.
1939—Pres., C. A. Short; 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. Saulsbury, Joseph W. Coley.
Alternates, Mrs. Jeannie M. Field, A. W. Sisk, Wm. T. Records.
- 1916—Delegates, E. J. Winder, Thos. H. Bock, Melville Gambrill, Martin B. Burris.
Alternates, I. M. Lenderman, W. O. Hoffecker, L. E. P. Dennis.
- 1920—Delegates, E. C. Hardesty, H. C. Conrad, L. Atwood Bennett, J. W. Wheatley.
Reserves, Joseph Mallalieu, R. F. Powell, J. S. Mullin, Jr.
- 1924—Delegates, I. Elmer Perry, W. Harry Jones, Orlando Harrison, T. N. Rawlins.
Reserves, W. O. Hoffecker, E. P. Wyatt, H. C. Conrad.
- 1928—Delegates, W. Newton Jackson, H. H. Nuttle, W. G. Abbott, E. F. Melson.
Reserves, W. B. Smith, Jr., W. T. Brasure, C. M. Phillips.
- 1932—Delegates, Clarence A. Short, Arthur C. Humphries, Willis L. Overdeer, J. Everett Walls.
Reserves, J. T. Mears, I. Elmer Perry, E. J. Winder.
- 1936—Delegates, Willis L. Overdeer, Victor J. Carmine, E. J. Winder.
Reserves, Wilmer F. Davis, John W. Downing.

TO UNITING CONFERENCE.

- 1939—Willis L. Overdeer, Granville Hooper.
Reserves, Orlando M. Shockley, Charles W. Cook, Jr.
Delegate at Large, Harry B. Wright.

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PASTORAL RECORD

- Andrews, M. S.**—1921-23, At School; 24-27, Lewes; 28-32, Dover; 33-38, Denton; 39-, Ocean City.
- Atkins, C. H.**—1917, Leipsic; 18-21, Lincoln; 22-23, Concord; 29-31, Tilghman; 32, Galena; 33-, Zion Cir.
- Bailey, H. N.**—1924, Farmington; 25, St. Paul's (Dover); 26, Marydel; 27-29, Crapo; 30-31, Seaford Circuit; 32-33, Hopewell; 34-36, Tangier; 37, Deals Island; 38-, Perryville.
- Baker, D. W.**—1939, Stanton.
- Baker, F. A.**—1926-27, Millington; 28-31, Newark, Md.; 32-34, Fruitland; 35-, Dagsboro.
- Barlow, W. G.**—1923-24, Smith's Island; 25, Bishopville; 26-27, Georgetown Ct.; 28-29, Pittsville; 30, Cherry Hill; 31, Church Hill; 32-34, Tilghman; 35-37, Galena; 38-, Beckwith.
- Bartley, O. A.**—1924, Claremont; 25-27, Hebron; 28-30, Preston; 31-33, New Castle; 34-38, Brandywine (Wilm.); 39-, Newark, Del.
- Baynard, O. T.**—1902-3, Henderson; 04, Royal Oak; 05-6, Crumpton; 07-9, Millvills; 10-13, Chincoteague; 14, Armory; 15-17, Onancock; 18-19, Rehoboth; 20-21, Beckwith & Spedden; 22, Hillsboro; 23-24, Fairmount; 25, Galena; 26-27, Quantico; 28-29, Roxana; 30, Somerset; 31-32, Mt. Vernon; 33-35, Stockton; 36-7, Blades; 38-, Fairlee.
- Beckwith, W. L.**—1936-8, Church Hill; 39-, Magnolia.
- Bennett, Elmer L.**—1935, Elliotts Island; 36-7, Beckwith; 38-, Smiths Island.
- Bennett, W. O.**—1897-98, Queenstown; 99, Annamessex; 00, Fruitland; 01-2, Ridgely; 03-10, Sudlersville; 11-13, Bridgeville; 14-16, Cape Charles; 17, Cookman; 18-19, Berlin; 20-22, Laurel; 23-25, Greensboro; 26-28, Princess Anne; 29-30, Hurlock; 31-, R.
- Benson, N. C.**—1914, Queenstown; 15, Bishopville; 16-18, Georgetown Circuit; 19-20, Greenwood; 21-23, Seaford Circuit; 24-25, Rehoboth; 26-35, Frederica; 36-, Odessa.
- Bieking, J. R.**—1907, Elk Neck; 08-9, Cherry Hill; 10-12, East Lake; 13-16, Centerville; 17, Ridgely; 18-21, New Castle; 22-23, Pocomoke City; 24-26, Deal's Island; 27-30, Scott (Wilm.); 31-35, Berlin; 36-, Immanuel (Crisfield).
- Bond, E. J.**—Philadelphia Conference: 1904, Safe Harbor (S); 06, Strasburg; 08, Mt. Hope; 10, Searle's Memorial, Pottstown; 18, Grace, Philadelphia; 22, First, Lancaster; 27, Ebenezer, Philadelphia; 28-31, Holy Cross, Reading. North East Ohio Conference—1932-37, Elyria First Church. Wilmington Conference—1938-, McCabe Memorial Church, Wilmington.
- Bradley, S. B.**—1926, Secretary, Md.; 27-29, Crumpton; 30-31, Ebenezer; 32-34, Chester-Bethel; 35-38, Fruitland; 39-, Delmar.
- Branford, C. W.**—1926, Pocomoke Circuit; 27-32, Ocean View; 33-36, Chincoteague; 37-, Scott (Wilmington).
- Branford, H. V.**—1926, Ayres Chapel; 27-28, Marion; 29-33, Nanticoke; 34-35, Rehoboth; 36-, Centreville.
- Briggs, W. H.**—1907-9, Colora; 10-13, Zion Ct.; 14-15, Preston; 16-20, Selbyville; 21-25, Leave of Absence; 27-30, Sy.; 31-, R.
- Buckley, F. G.**—1935, Pocomoke Ct.; 36, Annamessex; 38-7, Charleston; 39-, Concord.

- Buckson, J. A.**—1904-7, Galestown; 08-11, Armory; 12-14, Beckwith; 15-19, Whitesville; 20-22, Zion Ct.; 23, Crumpton; 24-28, Millsboro; 29-31, Chester-Bethel; 32-, R.
- Budd, H. G.**—1894-7, Perryville; 98-02, Berlin; 03-6, Centreville; 07-10, Crisfield; 11-17, Principal, Wilmington Conference Academy; 18-25, President Wesley Collegiate Institute; 26-28, Greensboro; 29-30, Princess Anne; 31-, R.
- Bunting, J. J.**—1909, Mardela Springs; 10-11, Marion; 12-14, Mt. Vernon; 15-17, Seaford; 18-19, Ridgely; 20-22, Berlin; 23-24, Smyrna; 24-34, Immanuel (Crisfield); 35-, Dist. Supt. Salisbury District.
- Caldwell, H. T.**—1930, Church Hill; 31-35, Felton; 36-, Chesapeake City.
- Carpenter, C. I.**—1928-30, North East Ohio Conf.; 31-33, Rehoboth; 34-36, Federalsburg; 37-, Chaplain U. S. Army.
- Clark, J. A.**—1927-28, Hopewell; 29-31, East New Market; 32-36, Millsboro; 37-8, Chincoteague; 39-, Frankford.
- Clow, J. H., Jr.**—1935, Marion; 36-38, Greenwood; 39-, Pittsville.
- Collins, V. S.**—1883, Dover & Cambridge; 84-5, Vienna; 86-7, Felton; 88-90, Scott; 91-3, Centreville; 94-6, New Castle; 97, Georgetown; 98-1900, Principal, Wilm. Conf. Academy; 01-3, Smyrna; 04-8, Port Deposit; 09-12, Middletown; 13-16, St. Paul's; 17-22, Dist. Supt., Salisbury District; 23-26, Cape Charles; 27-28, Delaware City; 29-, R.
- Collins, E. H.**—1895, Claymont; 96-7, Stanton; 98-9, St. George's; 00, Whitesville; 01-2, St. John's; 03, Chesapeake; 04-6, Maryland; 07-8, Still Pond; 09, Fairmount; 10-12, Parsonburg; 13-16, Madeley; 17-18, East Lake; 19, North East; 20-23, Trinity; 24-33, Harrington; 34-, R.
- Collins, O. J.**—1924-27, Charlestown; 28-29, Ebenezer; 30-32, Marshalltown; 33-, St. Pauls (Wilm.).
- Colona, J. W.**—1902-3, Annessex; 04-6, Princess Anne; 07-10, Bridgeville; 11-17, Georgetown; 18-22, Dover; 23-28, Dist. Supt., Wilmington District; 29-35, Harrison St.; 36-, Smyrna.
- Connelly, O. H.**—1912, Piney Neck; 13, Christiana; 14, Claymont; 15-16, Colora; 17-19, Roxana; 20-22, Millington; 23-26, Townsend; 27-29, Epworth (Wilm.); 30-33, Dagsporo; 34-35, Lewes; 36-, Berlin.
- Corkran, W. F.**—1876, Millsboro; 77, Harrington; 78-9, Barratt's Chapel; 80, Leipsic; 81-2, Magnolia; 83-5, Gumboro; 86-90, Asbury (Crisfield); 91-6, Dist. Supt. Salisbury District; 97-1902, Dist. Supt. Easton District; 03-4, Georgetown; 06-8, Newark, Del.; 09-17, Union; 18-25, Asbury (Crisfield); 26-28, Chestertown; 29, Field Secy., Conf. Claimant End. Com.; 30-, R.
- Crockett, E. E.**—1935-37, Girdletree; 38-, Nanticoke.
- Crum, I. E.**—1936-37, Burrsville; 38-, Houston.
- Davis, Howard**—1900, Little Creek; 01-2, Salem; 03-5, Powellville; 06-7, Marion; 08-9, Mt. Vernon; 10-13, Cape Charles; 14-17, Bridgeville; 18-19, Chaplain; 20-23, Lewes; 24-26, Trinity (Wilm.); 27-28, Cape Charles; 29-30, Selbyville; 31-33, Perryville; 34-37, Milton; 38-, R.
- Davis, C. E.**—1921, At School; 22-24, Cheswold; 25-26, Professor Wesley Collegiate Institute; 27-29, Cherry Hill; 30-33, Hockessin; 34-35, Asbury (Wilm.); 36-38, Cecilton; 39-, Still Pond.
- Dawson, G. W.**—1899-0, Perryville; 01-2, Bethel; 03-5, Mt. Lebanon; 06-8, Wesley (Wilm.); 09-10, Deal's Isl.; 11-12, Harrison St.; 13-22, Asbury (Wilm.); 23-24, Georgetown; 25-28, Cecilton; 29-31, Centreville; 32-34, Greensboro; 35-37, Hurlock; 38, Magnolia; 39-, R.
- Dennis, L. R.**—1935-38, Concord; 39-, At School.
- Diehl, J. R.**—1927-28, Greenwood; 29, Ellendale; 30, Mt. Vernon; 31-33, Cherry Hill; 34-35, Hopewell; 36-, Parsonburg.
- Dickerson, J. B.**—1933-35, Stanton; 36-8, Hillcrest; 39-, Rising Sun.

- Dise, Waldo**—1928-34, United Lutheran Ch.; 1935-6, Pittsville; 37-8, Wyoming; 39-, Fruitland.
- Eckhart, E. B.**—1929-31, Oxford; 32, St. Johns; 33, Galena; 34-35, Parsonburg; 36-7, Fairmount; 38, East New Market; 39-, Hebron.
- Ennis, C. E.**—1938-, Maryland.
- Ennis, W. J.**—1930-36, Quantico; 37-, Camden.
- Everett, Willard**—1927-28, Cheswold; 29-31, Hillsboro; 32, Newark, Md.; 33-36, Onancock; 37-8, Ocean City; 39-, Felton.
- Ford, D. J.**—1905, Betterton; 06, Henderson; 07, Royal Oak; 08-10, Powellville; 11-12, Cherry Hill; 13, Eastlake; 14-16, Seaford Circuit; 17-18, Nanticoke; 19-20, Frankford; 21, Mardela Springs; 22-24, Magnolia; 25-28, Wyoming; 29, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel); 30-32, Hebron; 33-34, Nessau; 35-, R.
- Fordham, Harold**—1927-36 Baptist Church. 37, Sup. Ellendale; 1938-, Tilghman.
- Fox, H. P.**—Northern New York Conf.—1910-11, Cleveland, N. Y. 1912, Baltimore Conf.—1912, Hereford, Jr. preacher; 13-14, Thurmont; 15-16, Howard Park; 17-19, Baltimore, Fayette Street; 20-22, Washington, D. C., Hamline. 1923, Wilmington Conf.—1923-26, Salisbury, Md., Asbury. 1927, Nebraska Conf.—1927-31, Lincoln, First Church. 1931, New Jersey Conf (part), 1931-36, Ocean Grove, St. Paul. 1937-, Wilm. Conf., Asbury (Salisbury).
- French, J. E.**—1934-36, Cordova; 37-, Epworth (Wilm.).
- Frye, A. B.**—1915-19, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conference; 20, Concord; 21-23, Church Hill; 24-26, Ocean View; 27-28, Fruitland; 29-31, Greensboro; 32-35, Rising Sun; 36-7, Lewes; 38-, Richardson Park.
- Gardner, J. H.**—1902-3, Church Creek; 04-5, Marion; 06, Westover; 07-8, Onancock; 09-11, Millsboro; 12-13, Galestown; 14-17, Lincoln; 18-19, Seaford Circuit; 20-23, Crapo; 24-25, Crumpton; 26-29, Whitesville; 30-31, Frankford; 32-33, Hillsboro; 34-37, Georgetown Circuit; 38-, Stockton.
- Gault, E. S.**—1938, Somerset; 39-, Frederica.
- Geoghegan, J. H.**—1891, Cordova; 92, Wye; 93, Armory; 94-5, Hopewell; 96-8, Church Hill; 99-00, Cherry Hill; 01-2, St. George's; 03-4, Girdletree; 05-7, Quantico; 08-9, Houston; 10-12, Ebenezer; 13-14, Delaware City; 15-16, Mt. Lebanon; 17-18, Newark, Md.; 19-20, Bethel Circuit; 21-26, Red Lion; 27-28, Kenton; 29-31, Trappe; 32-33, Bayside; 34-, R.
- Givan, D. J.**—1895-7, Parksley; 98, Chance; 99-00, Gumboro; 01-3, Farmington; 04-6, Hillsboro; 07-9, Odessa; 10, Madeley; 11-13, Harrington; 14-16, Princess Anne; 17-19, Milton; 20-25, North East; 26-28, Clayton; 29-33, Camden; 34, Galena; 35-36, Mt. Vernon; 37-8, Church Creek; 39-, Girdletree.
- Glass, W. A.**—1935, Birrsville; 36-7, Bayside; 38-, Galena.
- Goodhand, A. W.**—1903-5, Cheswold; 06-7, Stockton; 08-9, Frankford; 10-12, St. Peter's; 13-14, Hurlock; 15-17, Fairmount; 18-19, Still Pond; 20-21, Richardson Park; 22-24, Eastlake; 25-27, Phoebus; 28-29, Chincoteague; 30-32, Sharptown; 33-34, Millington; 35-38, Grace (Salisbury); 39-, Hillcrest.
- Goodhand, V. M.**—1936-7, Pittsville; 38-, Christiana.
- Goodley, G. W., Jr.**—1939-, Charlestown.
- Grant, W. S.**—1917-19, Houston; 20-23, Rehoboth; 24-26, Church Hill; 27-32, Rock Hall; 33-34, Epworth (Wilm.); 35-38, Ocean View; 39-, Tangier.
- Green, R. E.**—1928, Pomona; 29-30, Fairlee; 31-32, At School; 33-35, Greenwood; 36-7, Magnolia; 38-, Harrington.
- Green, R. M.**—1931-37, Christiana; 38-, Hockessin.
- Grey, A. L.**—1907-10, Bengal Conf.; 11-22, D. S. North West India; 23-32, D. S. Indus River; 33-36, D. S. Bengal Conf. and Pastor Thoburn Ch. Calcutta, 37-, Oxford.

- Griffeth, C. M.**—Wyoming Conf. 1912, Maple Grove; 13-14, Centermoreland; 15, Rush; 16-18, Glenlyon. 1919, N. J. Conf. 1919-20, Leesburg and Dorchester; 21, Camden, Bethel; 22, Tuckahoe; 23-25, Cedarville; 26-27, Cross Keys and Downer; 28-29, Forked River and Lanoka; 30-32, Lakehurst; 33-34, Camden, Trinity. Wilmington Conf.—1935-37, Sudlersville; 38, Deals Island; 39-, Ridgely.
- Gunby, W. E.**—1903-4, Queenstown; 05-6, Odessa; 07-11, Princess Anne; 12-13, Easton; 14-17, Wesley (Dover); 18-22, Cambridge; 23-28, Dist. Supt., Dover District; 29-34, Newark, Del.; 35-, Dist. Supt., Wilm. District.
- Habbart, W. E.**—1903, Little Creek; 04-5, Fairlee; 06-7, Kenton; 08-10, Ridgely; 11-12, Crisfield; 13-16, Ridgely; 17-18, Mt. Salem; 19-24, Harrison St.; 25-28, Cambridge; 29-34, Supt. Dover District; 35, Leave of Absence; 36-7, Sy.; 38-, Chester-Bethel.
- Hallman, E. C.**—1910-19, North Indiana Conference; 1920-21, Ocean View; 22-23, Tangier; 24-27, Berlin; 28-29, Brandywine; 30-32, Denton; 33-34, Dist. Supt. Middletown Dist.; 35-38, Dist. Supt. Dover Dist.; 39-, Laurel.
- Hallman, R. W.**—1922, At School; 34-35, Hillcrest; 36-8, Still Pond; 39-, Preston.
- Hamblin, S. T.**—1921-22, At School; 23-25, Houston; 26-28, Rehoboth; 29-31, Odessa; 32-33, Crapo; 34-35, Fairlee; 36-, Hopewell.
- Hamer, Conrad**—1927, Ellendale; 28-29, At School; 30-32, Kenton; 33, Parsonsburg; 34-35, Rock Hall; 36-, Rehoboth.
- Hanby, J. C.**—1931-33, Houston; 34-, Mt. Pleasant.
- Harris, C. C.**—1916-17, Claymont; 18-19, Kingswood; 20-24, Rising Sun; 25-27, Preston; 28-29, Sharptown; 30-, Eastlake (Wilm.).
- Hastings, R. W.**—1938, Farmington; 39-, Church Hill.
- Hearn, W. A.**—1917, Asst. Pastor, Grace (Wilm.); 18-19, Y. M. C. A. Secretary and Chaplain 6th Marines, A. E. F.; 20-21, Newark, Md.; 22-24, Claymont; 25-27, Middletown; 28-31, Easton; 32-34, Richardson Park; 35-38, Laurel; 39-, Dist. Supt. Dover District.
- Henvis, E. W.**—1918, Elk Mills; 19-21, At School; 22-23, Claremont; 24-25, Onancock; 26, Newark, Md.; 27-28, Sudlersville; 29-33, St. Michaels; 34-35, Cecilton; 36-8, Felton; 39-, Millsboro.
- Herson, Frank**—1909-17, Philadelphia Conference; 18-26, Newark, Del.; 27-, Milford.
- Hills, V. E.**—1889-98, E. Maine Conf.; 99-08, Lincoln; 03-4, Gumboro; 05-7, Mt. Vernon; 08-9, Parsonsburg; 10-15, Selbyville; 16-17, Asbury (Crisfield); 18-19, Pocomoke City; 20-22, Denton; 23-24, Wesley (Wilm.); 25-30, Mt. Pleasant; 31-33, Madeley (Wilm.); 34-35 Cookman (Wilm.); 36-, R.
- Hodgson, R. S.**—1918, Canterbury; 19-20, At School; 21-24, Odessa; 25-26, Sudlersville; 27-30, Townsend; 31-33, Milton; 34, Dagsboro; 35-37, Red Lion; 38-, North East.
- Hoffecker, E. L.**—1876, Denton; 77, King's Creek; 78-9, Talbot; 80-2, Cambridge; 83-01, N. Y. Conf.; 02-4, Greensboro; 05-8, Fairmount; 09, Wesley (Dover); 10-15, D. S., Wilm. District; 16, Cor. Secy. Wilm. City Missionary Society; 17, Sabbatical Year; 18-, R.
- Holt, T. S.**—1897-00, St. John's; 01-4, Federalburg; 05-6, Still Pond; 07-11, Sy.; 12-, R.
- Hopkins, J. C. B.**—1910-12, Trappe; 13-15, Greenwood; 16-18, Dagsboro and St. Georges; 19, Hebron; 20-27, Colorado Conf.; 28-29, Fairmount; 30-31, Still Pond and Betterton; 32, Sudlersville; 33-8, Bridgeville; 39-, Crumpton.
- Hudson, C. H.**—1922-25, Hooper Island; 26-29, Seaford Ct.; 30-, Trinity (Wil.).
- Hufnal, H. O.**—1927, Zoar Ct.; 28, Elk Neck; 29, Burrsville; 30, Marydel Larger Parish; 31, Crumpton; 32, Hooper's Island; 33-34, Pomona; 35-36, Church Creek; 37-8, Hebron; 39-, Greenwood.
- Jackson, Leolan**—1896-06, Holston Conf.; 07, Vienna; 08-9, Beckwith; 10-11, Wyoming; 12-14, Crapo; 15-16, Magnolia; 17-19, Princess Anne; 20-21, Tilghman's; 22-24, Sudlersville; 25-26, Ridgely; 27-29, Madeley; 30-33, Kent Island; 34-, St. Michaels.

- Jacobs, D. W.**—1913-14, Blades; 15-17, Rehoboth; 18-20, Bridgeville; 21-26, Milford; 27-28, Newark; 29-34, Supt. Wilmington District; 35-, Snow Hill.
- James, O. E.**—1907, QuQueenstown; 08-9, Roxana; 10, Fruitland; 11-12, Gumboro; 13-14, Farmington; 15, Annessex; 16, Sy.; 17-18, Colora; 19, Red Lion; 20-22, Mt. Lebanon; 23, Ebenezer; 24-, R.
- Jefferson, O. P.**—1926-27, Crumpton; 28-29, Ocean City; 30-31, Chincoteague; 32-33, Chesapeake City; 34-37, Perryville; 38-, Lewes.
- Johns, B. M.**—1906-23, Wyoming Conference; 23-, Grace (Wilm.).
- Johnson, J. L.**—1899-00, Galestown; 01-3, Greenwood; 04-6, Seaford Ct.; 07-11, E. New Castle; 12-15, New Castle; 16-17, Scott; 18-24, Immanuel (Crisfield); 25-28, Harrison St.; 29-32, Supt. Middletown District; 33-35, Smyrna; 36-, Seaford.
- Jones, G. P.**—1891-3, Chincoteague; 94, Selbyville; 95-8, Cherry Hill; 99-01, Townsend; 02, Hurlock; 03, Brandywine; 04-6, Milford; 07-8, Middletown; 09-14, D. S. Salisbury Dist.; 15-19, Elkton; 20-22, Townsend; 23-24, Treas. Conf. Claimant Endowment Commission; 25-26, Corresponding Secretary, Conf. Claimant End. Commission; 27-28, Treasurer Conference Claimant Endowment Commission; 29-, R.
- Jones, J. E.**—1935-37, Cheswold; 38-, Roxana.
- Jones, J. W.**—1898, Annessex; 99-03, Cookman; 04-5, Townsend; 06-7, Ridgely; 08, Ebenezer; 09-10, Rising Sun; 11-12, Deal's Island; 13-15, Frederica; 16-17, Middletown; 18, McCabe; 19-20, Cape Charles; 21-25, Delmar; 26-30, Pocomoke City; 31-35, Mt. Salem; 36, Camden; 37-, Port Deposit.
- Jones, O. E.**—1898-9, Ingleside; 00-2, At School; 03-4, Delaware City; 05-7, St. John's; 08-10, Cecilton; 11-14, Seaford; 15-19, Lewes; 20-22, Chestertown; 23-28, Dist. Supt., Middletown District; 29-30, Cambridge; 31-, Georgetown.
- Jones, C. N.**—1900, Leipsic; 01-2, At School; 03, Colora; 04-5, Cookman; 06, Chesapeake City; 07-8, St. Georges; 09-10, Preston; 11-12, Delaware City; 13-15, Hopewell; 16-19, Clayton; 20-22, St. Michaels; 23-24, Denton; 25, Princess Anne; 26-27, Ocean City; 28-30, Milton; 31-34, Townsend; 35-, New Castle.
- Jones, R. C.**—1915, Vienna; 16-17, Bishopville; 18-20, At School; 21-24, Kent Island; 25-29, Silverbrook; 30-33, Lewes; 34-38, Delmar; 39-, Brandywine (Wil.).
- Keene, M. S.**—1938, Henderson; 39-, Delaware City & Kingswood.
- Kelso, H. B.**—1898, School; 99-00, Elliott's; 01-2, Powellville; 33-5, Williamsburg; 06-9, Magnolia; 10, Galestown; 11-14, Rehoboth; 15, Concord; 16-20, Mt. Pleasant; 21-23, Perryville; 24, Phoebus; 25-29, Claymont; 30-33, Tangier; 34-35, Pocomoke City; 36-8, Frederica; 39-, East New Market.
- Kelso, J. M.**—1904, Mardela; 05-6, School; 07-8, Ellendale; 09, Trappe; 10, Fairlee; 11-12, Queenstown; 13-14, Nassau; 15-17, Farmington; 18-19, Crapo; 20-22, Houston; 23-28, Professor Wesley Collegiate Institute; 29-32, Professor Williamsport Dickinson Seminary; 33, Hillcrest; 34-35, Hillsboro; 36-, Marshallton.
- Kirwan, Ray W.**—1933, Cheswold; 34-6, Queenstown; 37-, Bishopville.
- Kohl, W. H.**—1931-33, Pittsville; 34-35, Cherry Hill; 36-7, Houston; 39-, Blades.
- Landon, J. P.**—1908-30, Colorado Conf.; 1931, Girdletree; 32-33, St. Thomas; 34, Nanticoke; 35-37, Bishopville; 38-, Bayside.
- Langrall, J. F.**—1931, At School; 32-35, Farmington; 36-, Kent Island.
- Littleton, D'Arcy A.**—1933, Pocomoke Cir.; 34-36, Ocean City; 37-, Townsend.
- Louhoff, F. C.**—1928, Stanton; 29-31, Elk Neck; 32-35, Odessa; 36-, Rock Hall.
- McCoy, J. C.**—1905-6, Royal Oak; 07-8, Pomona; 09-10, Tilghman; 11, Gales-town; 12-13, Marshallton; 15-19, Zion; 20-22, St. George's; 23-24, Milton; 25-31, Rising Sun; 32-33, Cecilton; 34-, Newport.
- McCoy, P. E.**—1938, At School; 39-, Burrsville.
- McDade, Howard**—1905-19, Philadelphia Conference; 20-21, Claymont; 22, Salisbury Circuit; 24-25, St. Peter's; 25, Tilghman; 27-29, Kent Island; 30-33, Newport; 34, New Castle; 35-36, Port Deposit; 37-8, Frankford; 39-, Chincoteague.

- McClain, Dayton E.**—1910-33, Maine Conf.; 09-13, Milo Jnc. and Milo; 14-15, Calais, Knight Mem.; 16-18, Bar Harbor; 19-20, Centenary; 21-26, Field Agt. Board Education; 27-32, American University; 33, Supt. Anti Saloon League of Del.; 34-36, Wilmington Conf., Deal's Island; 37-, Cambridge.
- McFarland, A. T.**—1919-21, Dakota Conf.; 22-27, Nebraska Conf.; 1938-, Millington.
- McKee, Wm. J.**—1914-31, Northern Minnesota Conf.; 32-33, Somerset; 34, Roxana; 35-36, Epworth (Wilm.); 37, Leave Absence; 38-, Sy.
- Marine, M. W.**—1914-15, Hickman; 16-17, Powellville; 18-19, Stockton; 20-22, Felton; 23-24, Princess Anne; 25-28, Selbyville; 29-34, Laurel; 35, Middletown; 36-, Harrison St. (Wilm.).
- Matthews, W. E.**—1902, Marion; 03-4, Newark, Md.; 05-7, Bethel; 08-12, Smyrna Ct.; 13-14, Magnolia; 15-16, Felton; 17-19, Cordova; 20-21, Hebron; 22-, R.
- Milbury, F. D.**—1930, At School; 1931-35, Wyoming; 36-, Federalsburg.
- Mills, R. W.**—1927-33, St. Peter's; 34-35, Seaford Cir.; 36, Leave Absence; 37-, Sy.
- Minker, R. L.**—1920, Assistant Pastor, Grace (Wilm.); 21-24, At School; 25-29, New Hampshire Conf.; 30-34, Silverbrook; 35, Immanuel (Crisfield); 36-, Sy.
- Moore, F. X.**—1898, Marion; 99-00, Newark, Md.; 01, Fruitland; 02-3, Westover; 04-7, Hopewell; 08-11, New Castle; 12-14, Still Pond; 15-19, Port Deposit; 20, Newport; 21-, R.
- Moore, D. J.**—1911-12, Christiana; 13, Queenstown; 14-15, Trappe; 16-17, Parsonsburg; 18-19, Millington; 20, Mt. Vernon; 21-24, Trappe; 25-26, Felton; 27-28, Ridgely; 29-32, Millsboro; 33-34, Ocean View; 35-37, Chester-Bethel; 38-, Red Lion.
- Moore, W. V.**—1918, Mardela Springs; 19-20, At School; 21-22, Newport; 23-25, Seaford; 26-30, Mt. Salem; 31-33, Selbyville; 34-35, Still Pond; 36-, Cape Charles.
- Morgan, L. B.**—1905, Leipsic; 06-8, Williamsburg; 09-10, Concord; 11-13, Georgetown Ct.; 14-23, Chincoteague; 24-29, Richardson Park; 30-35, Elkton; 36-, Middletown.
- Mowbray, W. R.**—1886, Sassafraz; 87-8, Royal Oak; 89-92, Pomona; 93-6, Smyrna Ct.; 97, Nanticoke; 98-00, Zion; 01-6, Bridgeville; 07-11, Lewes; 12-15, Milford; 16-22, D. S. Dover District; 23-25, Cookman; 26-, R.
- Murphy, G. H.**—1937, Wye Mills; 38-, Bethel.
- Nelson, R. H.**—1930-31, Millington; 32-35, Beckwith; 36-, Sharptown.
- Nichols, R. P.**—1907-12, Sale Lake City, Utah; 13-14, Newport; 15-17, Still Pond; 18, Epworth; 19-22, Smyrna; 23, Director of Religious Education; 24-25, Pocomoke City; 26-27, Easton; 28-33, Federalsburg; 34-, Princess Anne.
- Nutter, M. D.**—1890-2, Hurlock; 93-4, Beckwith; 95-6, Gumboro; 97-8, Marydel; 99-00, West Va.; 01-4, St. Peter's; 05, Stockton; 06-8, Tangier; 09-12, Hurlock; 13, Parsonsburg; 14-20, Chesapeake City; 21-22, Hillcrest; 23-26, Hockessin; 27-28, Church Hill; 29, Mt. Vernon; 30-, R.
- O'Neil, James**—1928, Farmington; 29-31, Nassau; 32-33, Blades; 34-6, Kenton; 37-, Quantico.
- Outten, J. P.**—1893-4, Williamsburg; 95-6, E. N. Market; 97-8, Rock Hall; 99-01, Nassau; 02-3, Onancock; 04-5, Cape Charles; 06, Crisfield; 07-9, Kent Isl.; 10, Frankford; 11-12, Madeley; 13-16, Cookman; 17-20, Deal's Island; 21-24, Preston; 25-28, Camden; 29-31, Bridgeville; 32, Girdletree; 33-, R.
- Parker, J. E.**—1924, Marydel; 25-26, Kenton; 27-30, Felton; 31-33, Princess Anne; 34-37, Harrington; 38, Tangier; 39-, Ocean View.
- Parks, H. M.**—1925-26, Little Creek; 27-28, Mt. Lebanon; 29-31, St. John's; 32, Delaware City; 33-35, Marshallton, 36-, Asbury (Wil.).
- Pieplow, F. J.**—1921-25, New York East Conf.; 1930-, Claymont.

- Poole, L. E.**—1896, Queenstown; 97-8, Charlestown; 99-02, Chesapeake; 03-5, Pocomoke; 06, Elkton; 07-10, Georgetown; 11-12, Epworth; 13-14, Newark; Del.; 15-21, Snow Hill; 22, New Castle; 23-25, Mt. Salem; 26-28, Centreville; 29-33, Chape Charles; 34-, R.
- Poole, W. C.**—1900-01, Queenstown; 02-3, Fairlee; 04-7, Church Hill; 08-10, McCabe; 11-12, Nanticoke; 13, Anti-Saloon League; 14, Richardson Park; 15, Galena; 16-17, Ocean City; 18-20, Parsonburg; 21-22, Frankford; 23-27, St. John's; 28-31, Chesapeake City; 32, Chincoteague; 33-34, Hebron; 35, St. Paul's (Dover); 36-, R.
- Powell, L. L.**—1930, Secretary; 31-32, Pomona; 33-34, Bishopville; 35-36, Bethel; 37-, Mt. Vernon.
- Pratt, L. V.**—1929-32, Kansas Conf. United Breth. in Christ; 33, Del. City; 34, Girdletree; 35, Pomona; 36-7, Bethel & Town Point; 38-, Ebenezer.
- Prettyman, J. W.**—1897, Piney Neck; 98, Crumpton; 99-00, Church Creek; 01-2, Crumpton; 03-4, Cordova; 05-6, Lincoln; 07, Girdletree; 08-10, Crapo; 11, Hillsboro; 12-17, Rock Hall; 18-19, Sharptown; 20-22, Somerset; 23-32, Zion Circuit; 33-35, St. Johns; 36-, R.
- Prettyman, E. C.**—1909-10, Royal Oak; 11-12, Red Lion; 13-14, Ebenezer; 15-29, Supt. Dept. of Delaware, Maryland Anti-Saloon League; 30-, Dept. of Conn., Anti-Saloon League.
- Price, J. T.**—1908, Royal Oak; 09-10, Charlestown; 11-12, Tilghman; 13, St. Johns; 14, Burrsville; 15-26, Blades; 17-19, Camden; 20-23, Hurlock; 24-25, Perryville; 26, Madeley; 27, Deal's Island; 28, Frankford; 29-31, Fruitland; 32-33, Still Pond; 34-35, Chesapeake City; 36-, R.
- Pritchard, D. T.**—1934-35, Somerset; 36-, Newark, Md.
- Reed, O. B.**—1916-17, Marydel; 18-20, Church Hill; 21, Chesapeake City; 22, Hockessin; 23-26, Hillcrest; 27-29, Hockessin; 30-31, Located; 32, Trappe; 33-34, Mt. Vernon; 35-38, Ridgely; 39-, Wyoming.
- Revelle, W. H.**—1907, Annessex; 09-10, Quantico; 11-14, Newark, Md.; 15-17, Mt. Vernon; 18-19, Somerset; 20-21, Hillsboro; 22-26, Rock Hall; 27-29, Trinity (Wilm.); 30-32, North East; 33, Cookman; 34-37, Hockessin; 38-, Sudlersville.
- Reynolds, B. E.**—1938-, Hooper's Island.
- Reynolds, P. E.**—1927-28, Vienna; 29-32, Hillcrest; 33-35, North East; 36-, Crestertown.
- Rice, Oren B.**—1911, Powellville; 12, St. John's; 13-14, Pomona; 15, Delaware City; 16-17, Stockton; 18-19, Mt. Vernon; 20-21, East New Market; 22-25, Chester-Bethel; 26-29, St. Georges; 30-32, Parsonburg; 33, Kenton; 34-35, Madaley (Wilm.); 36-7, Fairlee; 38, R.; 39-, Ellendale.
- Robb, C. W.**—1918-23, Pittsburgh Conf.; 24-28, Phila. Conf.; 29-35, N. J. Conf.; 1936-7, Millington; 38-, Vienna.
- Rorer, V. E.**—1890-20, Phila. Conf.; 1921-29, Indiana Conf.; 30-32, St. Paul's (Wilm.); 33-, R.
- Ross, Leon W.**—1932-33, Church Hill; 34, Ridgely; 35-36, Tilghman; 37-, Clayton.
- Rowlenson, J. T.**—1918-22, Crumpton; 23-24, Cecilton; 25-27, Chincoteague; 28-32, Phoebus; 33-, Asbury (Crisfield).
- Sard, T. J.**—1910-11, Burrsville; 12-13, Armory; 14-17, Tangier; 18-22, Scott; 23-25, Chestertown; 26-32, Asbury (Crisfield); 33-, Union (Wilm.).
- Shockley, E. M.**—1919, Bayside; 20-22, At School; 23-25, Still Pond; 26-29, North East; 30-33, Brandywine (Wilm.); 34-35, Selbyville; 36-, Wesley (Dover).
- Short, W. D.**—1922, Greenwood; 23, Charlestown; 24, Crapo; 25, Trappe; 26-28, East New Market; 29, Still Pond; 30-31, At School; 32, Millington; 33, Ridgely; 34-35, St. Peters; 36-7, Smiths Is.; 38-, Madeley (Wilm.).
- Smith, Tilghman**—1907, Canterbury; 08, Christiana; 09-10, Pomona; 11, Girdletree; 12-14, Marion; 15-17, Bethel; 18-19, E. New Market; 20-22, Still Pond; 23-25, St. Michaels; 26-29, Marshallton; 30-34, Port Deposit; 35-36, Clayton; 37-, Greensboro.

- Sparklin, J. L.**—1906-7, Farmington; 08-10, Cordova; 11, Sudlersville; 12-13, Odessa; 14-16, Church Hill; 17-18, Millsboro; 19-20, Wyoming; 21-22, Georgetown; 23-29, Newport; 30, Madeley (Wilm.); 31-32, Hurlock; 33-, St. Georges.
- Spence, P. W.**—1926-29, Christiana; 30-31, Delaware City; 32-33, Mt. Lebanon; 34-38, Preston; 39-, Bridgeville.
- Spry, C. W.**—1911, Marshallton; 12-13, School; 14, Mardela; 15, Ocean City; 16, Lakesville; 17, Vienna; 18-20, Farmington; 21-22, Georgetown Ct.; 23-24, Greenwood; 25-26, Magnolia; 27-28, Blades; 29-32, Clayton; 33, Rock Hall; 34-35, Kent Island; 36-7, Hillsboro; 38, Pittsville; 39-, Bethel.
- Squires, C. H.**—1938, Girdletree; 39-, Willards.
- Sterling, G. E.**—1912-13, Pittsville; 14, Bishopville; 15-16, Marion; 17-18, Ocean View; 19-20, Fairmount; 21-24, Galena; 25-28, Bridgeville; 29-32, Cookman; 33-, Phoebus.
- Strickland, C. W.**—1892, Little Creek; 93-4, Elliott's Isl.; 95, Pocomoke Ct.; 96-7, Parsonburg; 98-9, Chincoteague; 00-1, Quantico; 02-4, Nassau; 05, Williston; 06, Newport; 07-8, St. Peter's; 09-10, Greenwood; 11-12, Bozman; 13-15, Nanticoke; 16-18, Frankford; 19-22, Pittsville; 23, Deal's Island; 24-29, Tangier; 30-32, Epworth (Wilm.); 33-34, Clayton; 35-, R.
- Strickland, A. W.**—1928-29, Charlestown; 30, Crumpton; 31-34, Red Lion; 35-37, Townsend; 38-, Hillsboro.
- Sunfield, E. C.**—1885-98, N. J. Conf.; 99-00, Chestertown; 01, Millington; 02-4, Conf. Evangelist; 05-6, Felton; 09-11, Perryville; 12-13, Sec'y City Missionary Society; 14-15, Parsonburg; 16, Eastlake; 17-18, R.; 19-21, Eastlake; 22-, R.
- Sutton, J. W.**—1908, Claremont; 09-10, Williamsburg; 11-12, Nassau; 13-14, Fruitland; 15, Sy.; 16, Galena; 17, Marion; 18-19, Hopewell; 20-21, Bozman; 22-23, Cordova; 24, Kenton; 25, Crapo; 26-27, St. Thomas; 28, Georgetown Ct.; 29-30, Blades; 31, Fairmount; 32, Bishopville; 33-34, Vienna; 35, Elk Neck; 36-, R.
- Taves, R. L.**—1928-29, Millington; 30-32, Ridgely; 33, Ocean City; 34-35, Magnolia; 36-7, Seaford Ct.; 38-, Hurlock.
- Taylor, E. B.**—1904, M. P. Church; 04, Ellendale; 05-6, Pomona; 07, Fairlee; 08-10, Red Lion; 11-13, Charlestown; 14-15, Stockton; 16-18, Greenwood; 19, Nanticoke; 20-21, Powellville; 22-23, Fruitland; 24, Annessex; 25, Claremont; 26-28, Onancock; 29, Frankford; 30, Crapo; 31, Blades & Epworth; 32, Nassau; 33, Girdletree; 34, Royal Oak; 35-, R.
- Thawley, R. T.**—1916-17, Red Lion; 18-24, At School; 25, Mt. Vernon; 26, Port Deposit; 27-28, Tilghman; 29-31, Cecilton; 32-35, Centreville; 36-, Selbyville.
- Thomas, G. S.**—1903-5, Elliott's; 06-10, Georgetown Ct.; 11-14, Concord; 15-20, Kent Island; 21-22, Deal's Island; 23-25, Pittsville; 26-29, Dagsboro; 30-32, St. Georges; 33-35, Sharptown; 36-7, Stockton; 38-, R.
- Thomas, E. P.**—1914-15, Pittsville; 16-17, School; 18-20, Ocean City; 21-22, Epworth (Wilm.); 23-28, Laurel; 29-32, Smyrna; 33-35, Dover; 36-, Easton.
- Truitt, F. H.**—1936-7, Pomona; 38-, St. Johns.
- Varner, L. S.**—1939-, Farmington.
- Vaughn, J. B.**—1931-35, Blades & Town Point; 36-7, Madeley (Wil.); 38-, Milton.
- Wheatley, M. E.**—1910-11, Blades; 12-13, Burrsville; 14-15, St. John's; 16-18, Concord; 19-21, Centreville; 22-24, Ridgely; 25-29, Denton; 30-34, Middletown; 35, Silverbrook (Wilm.); 36-, Elkton.
- Wheatley, M. E., Jr.**—1937-8, At School; 39-, Lincoln City.
- Wheatley, G. H.**—1929-32, Onancock; 33-35, Newark, Md.; 36-, St. Peters.
- Whedbee, J. H.**—1919, Trappe; 20-21, Cordova; 22-24, East New Market; 25, Seaford Ct.; 26-28, Bethel; 29-31, Hopewell; 32-33, Magnolia; 34, Pittsville; 35-36, Nanticoke; 37-8, Bethel, Del.; 39-, Nassau.
- White, Leonard**—1908-9, Fairlee; 10, Asst. Supt. Peninsula Anti-Saloon League; 11-13, Cordova; 14-16, St. Michaels; 17-18, Centreville; 19-22, Mt. Salem; 23-25, Dover; 26-28, Delmar; 29-34, Supt. Salisbury District; 35-38, Newark, Del.; 39-, Deal's Island.

- White, Frank**—1914, Royal Oak; 15-16, Cordova; 17-19, Galena; 20-21, Ridgely; 22-25, Centreville; 26-29, Snow Hill; 30-31, Richardson Park; 32-35, Chestertown; 36-8, Rising Sun; 39-, Cecilton.
- Wigglesworth, Joseph, Jr.**—1938-, At School.
- Willis, Ivanhoe**—1912, Royal Oak; 13-16, Tilghman's; 17-19, St. George's; 20-24, Marshallton; 25, Somerset; 26-28, Galena; 29, Delaware City; 30-33, Kingswood (Wilm.); 34-38, Supt. Anti-Saloon League of Del.; 39-, R.
- Wilson, J. H.**—1887-91, Va. Conf.; 92, Parksley; 93, Preston; 94, Hooper's Isl.; 95-6, Tilghman; 97-8, Williamsburg; 99-01, Georgetown Ct.; 02, Beckwith; 03-4, Houston; 05-6, Sharptown; 07-11, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel); 12, Girdletree; 13, Roxana; 14, Sy.; 15-18, Bethel Circuit; 19, Colora; 20-22, Charles-town; 23-26, Mt. Lebanon; 27-, R.
- Wimbrow, L. E.**—1923, At School; 24-26, Asst. Pastor Grace (Wilm.); 27-29, St. John's River Conf.; 30, Associate Pastor Grace (Wilm.); 31-33, Pocomoke City; 34-36, Scott (Wilm.); 37-8, Millsboro; 39-, Denton.
- Windsor, L. E.**—1916, Henderson; 17, Little Creek; 18-20, Mt. Pleasant Ct.; 21-22, At School; 23-25, Dagsboro; 26-35, Seaford; 36-, Mt. Salem (Wilm.).
- Wise, W. A.**—1884-5, Kingswood; 86-7, Red Lion; 88-9, Cape Charles; 90, Berlin; 91-2, Pocomoke; 93-4, Silverbrook; 95-8, North East; 99, Harrington; 00, Onancock; 01-3, North East; 04-6, Seaford; 07-11, Centreville; 12-15, Scott; 16-21, D. S., Easton District; 22, D. S., Middletown District; 23-26, Scott; 27, Port Deposit; 28-29, Lewes; 30-, R.
- Wood, G. E.**—1886, Crumpton; 87, Kings Creek; 88-9, Hallwood; 90, Chincoteague; 91-4, Claymont; 95, Bishopville; 96-7, Cannon; 98-9, Parsonburg; 00-1, Magnolia; 02-3, E. N. Market; 04-6, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel); 07-8, Newark, Md.; 09-10, Onancock; 11-13, Sy.; 14, Cherry Hill; 15-16, St. George's; 17-18, Rockland; 19, Girdletree; 20-21, Bethel; 22-23, Lincoln; 24-25, Frederica; 26-28, Trappe; 29, Marion; 30-31, Beckwith; 32-, R.
- Woodell, W. R.**—1905-1921, Blue Ridge-Atlantic Conf.; 1917-18, Sy.; 1922, Pocomoke Circuit; 23, Fruitland; 24, Stockton; 25-26, Fairmount; 27, Roxana; 28-29, St. Thomas; 30-31, Mt. Pleasant; 32, Williamsburg; 33, Burrsville; 34-, R.
- Wootten, J. W.**—1918, Westover; 19-21, Fruitland; 22-25, Tilghman; 26-29, Somerset; 30, Ocean City; 31-33, Scott (Wilm.); 34-35, Cape Charles; 36-, Pocomoke City.
- Wright, J. H.**—1922-25, At School; 26-28, Cookman; 29-31, Chestertown; 32-35, Easton; 36-, Silverbrook (Wilm.).
- Zimmerman, A. F.**—1918-19, Nassau; 20-21, Bishopville; 22-23, Stockton; 24, Mt. Vernon; 25-30, Smith's Island; 31-32, Ocean City; 33-37, East New Market; 38-, Seaford Ct.

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DAILY PROCEEDINGS

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Wilmington Annual Conference

OPENING:—The Wilmington Annual Conference of The Former Methodist Episcopal Church convened in United Session in the State Teachers College at Salisbury, Maryland, on Tuesday morning, October 31, 1939, at 9:15 o'clock, with Bishop Edwin H. Hughes presiding and conducting the devotions.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.—ROLL CALL:—The Ministerial Session then convened and the Roll was called by the Secretary, J. R. Bicking. 141 members and probationers answered to their names.

TRANSFERS:—The Bishop announced the transfer of F. J. Pieplow to the Wyoming Conference and James Earl Bartlett from the Wyoming Conference, effective November 1, 1939.

were introduced.

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE:—J. J. Bunting introduced H. R. Deal, pastor of Trinity Church, Salisbury, who addressed the Conference on behalf of the committee on entertainment.

ROLL OF LAY DELEGATES:—C. W. Cooke called the Roll of the Lay Members at the request of the Cabinet.

RESOLUTIONS:—E. C. Hallman presented and read the following resolutions and on his motion they were unanimously adopted.

1. WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church has united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, to form the Methodist Church by due and legal acts of the General Conference in conformity with the plan of Union adopted by each of the said churches; and

WHEREAS, the Uniting Conference called to complete the details of union of the said three Churches, met on April 26th, 1939, and in accordance with the authority granted to and lodged in it by the said three Churches did unanimously declare the complete unification of the said three Churches and did set up and approve a new Discipline of the Methodist Church and by various Enabling acts did authorize and direct the various Annual Conferences of the said Methodist Episcopal Church to meet and transact their usual business, including the appointment of preachers until the organization of the successor Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, and did declare "The Methodist Church as the ecclesiastical and lawful successor of the three uniting Churches, as one

United Church, shall continue to live and have their existence, continue their institutions, and hold and enjoy their property, exercise and perform their several trusts under and in accord with the Plan of Union and Discipline of the United Church," Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That all proper actions be taken by the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in accordance with and in fulfillment of such direction of the Uniting Conference and Plan of Union.

Unanimously adopted.

2. RESOLVED, That the Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, incorporated, be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to hold all property, real and personal, and all trusts of whatever kind as well as all property, rights and trusts that may arise in the future upon the same basis for the same trusts in behalf of the successor Conference (Peninsula) or whatever name may be adopted by it, of the Methodist Church, as the said Trustees have held the said property, trusts, etc. for the use of the Wilmington Annual Conference until the Trustees of the said Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church may be elected and incorporated.

Unanimously adopted.

3. RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church does hereby transfer, assign, grant and convey unto the Peninsula Conference all of its property, real, personal, or mixed, including all interests, in trusts, powers, franchises, rights, privileges, titles, accounts receivable, subscriptions, which it now possesses and holds, or will possess or hold at any time in the future; said transfer, assignment, grant or conveyance to be effective immediately upon the organization of the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, which, when organized, shall in every respect, whether enumerated or not, be the ecclesiastical and lawful successor of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Unanimously adopted.

4. RESOLVED, That in accordance with the said Plan of Union and legislation, each and every one of the Boards and Societies now subordinate or owing allegiance in any way, to hold the same allegiance, duty and loyalty to the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, its successor, as they and each of them hold to the present Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and all authority and power to enforce such allegiance and duty are hereby transferred and assigned to the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, its successor.

Unanimously adopted.

5. RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church transfers all of its records, without enumeration, including all minutes of its meetings and of its societies with a complete roll of its Ministerial Members and their present Conference Relations to the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, its successor.

Unanimously adopted.

6. RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church be authorized and empowered to insert the new name of the successor Conference wherever in these resolutions it is clearly indicated that such is meant or intended.

Unanimously adopted.

MINUTES:—On motion of D. W. Jacobs, the secretary was authorized to print the Minutes and attach them to the Minutes of the 1940 Session of the Peninsula Annual Conference.

BISHOP HUGHES:—D. W. Jacobs presented and read the following resolutions and on his motion they were adopted unanimously by rising vote.

Resolution of Appreciation

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, do hereby express to Bishop Edwin H. Hughes our very great appreciation of his leadership as our Resident Bishop, and his wise counsel while frequently presiding at our annual sessions, and assure him a hearty welcome among us at any time in the future.

LAY CONFERENCE:—Prof. C. A. Short assumed the Chair and presented Harry B. Wright, on whose motion the secretary was authorized to print the minutes of the Lay Session.

A motion was presented by H. B. Wright as follows:

WHEREAS, The Methodist Episcopal Church has united with the Methodist Episcopal South and the Methodist Protestant Church to form the Methodist Church by due and legal acts of the General Conference in conformity with the Plan of Union, adopted by each of the said churches, and

WHEREAS, The Uniting Conference adopted a Declaration of Union wherein it declared, "The Methodist Church as the ecclesiastical and lawful successor of the three uniting churches, and through which the three churches as one United Church shall continue to live and have their existence, continue their institutions, and hold and enjoy their property, exercise and perform their several trusts under and in accord with the Plan of Union and the Discipline of the United Church," and

WHEREAS, The Uniting Conference called to complete the details of union of the said three churches met on April 26, 1939, and in ac-

cordance with the authority granted to and lodged in it by the said three churches and did set up and approve a new Discipline of the Methodist Church and by various Enabling Acts did authorize and direct the various conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church to transact and complete their usual business, and did authorize and direct the organization of the successor conference of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Wilmington Lay Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church does hereby transfer, assign, grant and convey unto the successor Conference of whatever name may be adopted by the Methodist Church, all of its property, real, personal and mixed, including all interests in trusts, power franchises, rights, privileges, titles, accounts receivable, subscriptions, which it now possesses and holds, or may possess or hold at any time in the future, and said transfer, assignment, grant or conveyance to be effective immediately upon the organization of the successor Conference of whatever name may be given it, of the Methodist Church.

This resolution was adopted unanimously.

Resolution No. 2:—

RESOLVED, That the Lay Conference of the Wilmington Conference of Methodist Episcopal Church transfer all of its records, without enumeration, including all minutes of its meetings to the successor Conference of the Methodist Church upon its organization.

Same was adopted unanimously.

BISHOP HUGHES:—Harry B. Wright presented and read the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That we the Lay Members of the Wilmington Annual Conference express to Bishop Hughes our appreciation of his brotherly and efficient manner of presiding over our Conference and of his unfailing courtesy and kindness. We assure him of our continued love and our prayers.

Harry B. Wright moved that the Lay Conference adjourn and that after the organization of the Peninsula Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, we stand adjourned forever.

The Lay Conference then adjourned.

Bishop Hughes then resumed the chair.

APPROVAL OF COMMITTEES:—On motion of W. E. Gunby, Conference approved, legalized and confirmed all the ad interim Committees raised to act with similar committees from the other two Uniting Churches, preparatory to the organization of the successor (Peninsula) Conference.

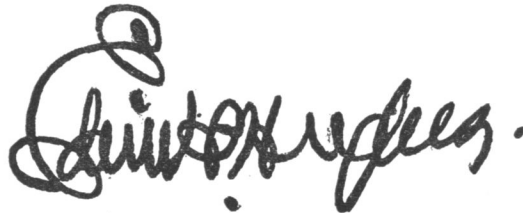
DRS. HENSON and EGGLESTON:—On motion of Willis Overdeer conference voted their appreciation of the help of Drs. Henson and Eggleston in the preparation of legal agenda.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:—On motion of G. W. Dawson, the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Annual Conference together with the three District superintendents were authorized as a Committee to meet any emergency that may arise.

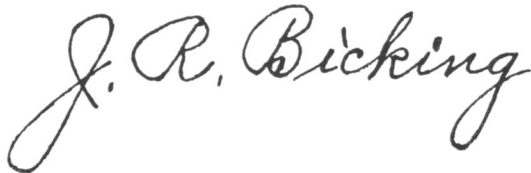
ADJOURNMENT:—On motion of E. C. Hallman, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That this Conference do now adjourn to reconvene for the purpose of organizing the successor Conference (Peninsula) and that when the successor Conference (Peninsula) is organized that we stand adjourned forever.

On motion of E. C. Hallman, The Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, adjourned, Bishop Hughes pronouncing the benediction.



Bishop.



Secretary.

AD INTERIM COMMITTEES

Superannuates, Distribution of Funds, Etc.—The Rev. Dr. D. W. Jacobs, Snow Hill, Md.; The Rev. Lester E. Windsor, 17th and Mt. Salem Lane, Wilmington, Del.; The Rev. E. P. Thomas, Easton, Md.

Church Extension, Sustentation, Maintenance.—Willis L. Overdeer, 1703 West St.; Wilmington, Del.; The Rev. John L. Johnson, Seaford, Del.; The Rev. R. T. Thawley, Selbyville, Del.; and the District Superintendents.

Group Insurance.—The Rev. Milton S. Andrews, Ocean City, Md.; T. B. Ely, 411 W. 24th St.; Wilmington, Del.; H. B. Wright, Preston, Md.

Mutual and Contingent Relief, Etc.—The Rev. Earl M. Shockley, Dover, Del.; The Rev. Ralph C. Jones, 2206 Market Street, Wilmington, Del.; The Rev. Dr. Hamilton P. Fox, Salisbury, Md.

Ministerial Training, Etc.—The Rev. Omar E. Jones, D.D., Georgetown, Del.; The Rev. Dr. John J. Bunting, Salisbury, Md.; The Rev. O. A. Bartley, Newark, Del.

Publishing Interests, Etc.—The Rev. Dr. James W. Colona, Smyrna, Del.; Granville Hooper, Cambridge, Md.; Elwood F. Melson, 710 W. 20th St., Wilmington, Del.

Districts.—The District Superintendents. The Rev. J. J. Bunting, D.D.

Location of the Conference.—Salisbury, Md., Tuesday, October 31, 1939.

Board of Education.—The Rev. Joseph B. Dickerson, Rising Sun, Md.; The Rev. F. D. Milbury, Federalsburg, Md.; The Rev. S. B. Bradley, Delmar, Del.

Promotion of Methodist Day.—The Rev. E. C. Hallman, The Rev. Thomas J. Sard, 507 Washington St., Wilmington, Del.; The Rev. Harry V. Bradford, Centreville, Md.

Women's Activities.—Mrs. Bertha M. Reeves, 2306 Boulevard, Wilmington, Del.; Mrs. Anna Lee Waller, Delmar, Del.; Mrs. John Shilling, Dover, Del.