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- BIBLE CAUSE.—A. W. Hamilton, A. Lowber and H. T. Rich.
- SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.—W. H. Coffey, I. Broughton and A. J. Handy.
- MINUTE MONEY.—J. S. Holly, E. E. Parker and C. Wing.
- ACCOUNTS WITH THE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSES.—W. J. Parker, Wm. Phillips and J. R. Webb.
- FINANCE.—L. Y. Cox, H. Jolly and G. H. Washington.
- SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.—W. F. Butler, A. R. Shockley, I. H. White, H. Jolly, W. H. Thomas, W. J. Parker, H. A. Monroe and T. H. Johnson.

The Conference resolved to meet at 8 o'clock for a statistical session.

The following visitors were introduced, Revs. G. W. Miller, of the Wilmington Conference, N. M. Carroll, of the Washington Conference, A. W. Lightbourne, of the Wilmington Conference.

The question of Elders resumed: S. P. Marshall, J. R. Webb, W. H. Johnson, H. T. Rich, P. J. Adams, A. J. Handy, G. M. Landin, W. B. Green, C. Wing, J. C. Carroll, F. J. Lee and I. H. White.

The time of the morning session having expired, notices were given, the doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by G. W. Miller.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference re-assembled at the appointed hour. H. Jolly occupied the chair.

The devotional services were conducted by C. Pollett. The list of appointments was called and the statistics were presented with the following exceptions: Philadelphia District; Cape May, North Penn, and West Philadelphia. Cambridge District: Sassafras, Centreville, Church Creek, Tobaccostiek. Salisbury District; Stockton, Chincoteague, Union, North Berlin.

The secretary was instructed to call for absent statistics at to-morrow morning's session.

A. Lowber was appointed on the Bible Committee in place of A. Grinnage, who was absent.

The various standing committees were severally instructed to pay over their benevolent moneys to the committee on finance.

The business of this session having been disposed of, the Conference united in singing the doxology; the benediction was pronounced by H. A. Monroe.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY, JULY 23D.

At 9 o'clock A. M. Bishop Bowman took the chair. The devotional services were conducted by S. P. Whittington. The journal of yesterday's sessions was read, corrected and approved.

The absent statistics of yesterday afternoon's session were called for and presented. Rev. R. S. Rust, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, was introduced to the Conference.

S. G. Waters, an Effective Elder of the Salisbury District, who was absent at yesterday's session, was called; his character passed; he reported his several collections.

The third question of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: *Who Remain on Trial?*

The following brethren of the 1st year's class were called; they reported their collections. The Committee of Examination reported. They were represented by their respective Presiding Elders, and were continued on trial: John S. Holly, James H. Mason, Ebon E. Parker.

James H. Johnson was required to bring up his studies in Kidder's Homiletics and Upham's Mental Philosophy, in connection with his studies next year; likewise, James H. Winters.

John W. Langford was required to bring up his studies in Homiletics.

And Joseph R. Waters passed.

The sixth question. *Who are the Deacons of the Second Class? was taken up.*

The following Deacons of the 1st Class having passed satisfactory examinations were favorably represented by their Presiding Elders and committee; they reported their collections and were passed to the 2nd Class of Deacons: T. M. Hubbard, T. B. H. Coleman, Wm. H. Thomas, John Tilghman, Albert Lowber, George W. Young and Robert J. Waters.

The fourth question was taken up, viz: *Who are Admitted into full Connection?*

The members of the class of the 2nd year were called before the altar, when Bishop Bowman addressed them on the nature and importance of the obligations they were about to assume, and asked them the usual disciplinary questions, which were answered in a satisfactory manner. They reported their collections and retired. The examining committees reported favorably. The Presiding Elders represented them. They were admitted into full connection, and the following elected to Deacon's orders: Matthias H. Horsey, and Henry A. Monroe.

The following were admitted into full connection, having been previously ordained Deacons: Benjamin W. Allen and Arthur W. Hamilton.

The seventh question was taken up, and the following members of the fourth year's class were called; they reported their collections. The examining committees and Presiding Elders made favorable representations; they were elected to Elders' orders; Alfred R. Shockley, Daniel R. Dunn, Albert Lowber, George W. Young and Robert J. Waters.

The eighth question was taken up, viz: *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

Philip Kennedy's character passed and relation continued. A. Grinnage, an Effective Elder, having arrived, was called, his character passed; he reported his collections. The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by D. H. Carroll.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY, JULY 24TH.

Bishop Bowman in the chair.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Rust. The journal of Friday's session was read and approved.

W. P. Davis, of the Wilmington Conference, was introduced.

The twenty-first question was taken up, viz: *Have any Local Preachers been ordained?*

James H. Smith, Daniel Brittingham and James H. Winters having been duly recommended, and having passed satisfactory examination, were elected to Deacon's orders.

The following committee reports were presented, read, and adopted: Tract, Freedmen's Aid. Dr. Rust addressed the Conference in reference to the Freedmen's Aid cause.

The following visitors were introduced: Rev. Dr. Cooper, of the Wilmington Conference; Rev. R. W. Todd, of the Wilmington Conference; Rev. James Robinson, of the Wilmington Conference; Rev. J. E. Rounds, Principal of Centenary Biblical Institute of Baltimore. The report of the Centenary Biblical Institute was presented, read, and referred to the committee on education. J. E. Rounds addressed the Conference with reference to the work of the Centenary Biblical Institute. The report of the Committee on Bible Cause was read and adopted.

The committee appointed at the last session of the Conference, on the subject of a Conference paper, presented their report, which was received. A motion was made to adopt the report. The motion was discussed by H. Jolly, W. J. Parker, W. H. Coffey, W. F. Butler and W. Perkins. The time of the morning session was extended to 12:30. H. Jolly offered an amendment to the committee's report, which was adopted. After several other amendments the report was adopted.

A collection was taken for P. Kennedy, amounting to \$3.25.

George H. Waters presented a bill of \$2.89 incurred in sending out blanks, &c., to members of the Conference.

The bill was referred to the Board of Stewards for payment. A draft was ordered on the Chartered Fund for \$30. The doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by B. Gibbs.

FOURTH DAY—MONDAY, JULY 26TH.

MORNING SESSION.

Bishop Bowman in the chair.

The devotional services were conducted by B. W. Allen.

The journal of Saturday's session was read and approved.

The Bishop presented the usual Certificates of Ordinations.

Dr. Rust read a memoir on the life services of the late Bishop Gilbert Haven. A unanimous rising vote of thanks was tendered to the Doctor for his able memoir.

The Secretary was authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Preachers' Aid Society for stationery, blanks, &c.

A letter from John W. Saunders, a Superannuated member of the Conference, now residing at Peru, Ind., was read by the Secretary.

REPORTS.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

To the Delaware Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—In submitting this my first official report, it is due for me to say that, I feel grateful to Almighty God for his goodness and grace, and to my Christian brethren in the ministry and laity for their kindness extended to me in my official duties. Each Preacher has found shelter under the wings of God's care, none of them have been touched by the shaft of death. The brethren have been in labours more abundant as they have planted and watered, and He alone, who can give the increase, has not withheld.

The most marked success in the immediate ingathering of souls has been at E. Zion, Wilmington, Del., Whatcoat, Dover, Del., Smyrna, Del., Middletown, Del., Odessa Charge, Del., Zoar, Philadelphia, Pa. and Milford Circuit, Del., and other charges have been quickened and built up in the spirit of the Master, and have had some additions.

I have made careful inquiries concerning the attendance upon class meetings, and have found that they are becoming more interesting and largely attended. In many of the charges classes of children are forming for religious instructions, and are very interesting.

Our Sunday-school work is in a prosperous condition. With a few exceptions, the Sunday-schools in the country are not what they ought to be. The causes: 1st. They fail on account of not having proper persons to teach. 2nd. They fail on account of the neglect of the parents to send their children. 3rd. They fail on account of the parents being absent themselves. These causes have considerable effect upon the progress of the schools.

Nearly all of the schools are now fully organized under the supervision of Sunday-school Boards, according to the Discipline, p. 248, and the most of them use the Berean Lessons. I think the Robert Raikes Centennial Service was generally observed wherever practicable, according to the plan of Dr. J. H. Vincent.

A persistent effort is being made in some churches to awaken a more rational taste for useful knowledge. Church Lyceums have been organized for the systematic study of divine truth, and the most of them are very interesting. Our people are grasping after education. They believe in the cultivation of the mind, as well as the hands to clap and the feet to stamp.

The returns for missions, I think, will be quite encouraging; the other benevolent objects have also been attended to.

The following improvements have been made in church property: Port Deposit, T. B. H. Coleman, pastor. The church in town has been improved with a new gallery, an altar, and a new roof, at a cost of \$248.48, and the whole is paid except \$5.57.

Odessa Circuit, A. W. Hamilton, pastor, is busily engaged in raising money to build a new church in the village of Odessa, Del.

New Castle charge, J. A. Scott, pastor, has purchased an organ for the new church at New Castle; also has built a new church at Christiana, Del., costing \$570. Both of the new churches, the one in New Castle and the other at Christiana, have been placed in the Building and Loan Association.

Middletown, W. M. Welch, pastor, has put a new roof on Warwick Church, and has paid off some indebtedness.

Bridgeton Circuit, N. Morris, pastor, has been very successful in paying off old debts. The circuit is in a prosperous state.

Cape May Circuit, J. S. Holly, pastor, by persistent effort, has started and nearly completed a new, tasteful and convenient church at Sea Grove, N. J., and are paying as they go.

Salem Circuit, J. Tilghman, pastor, has done a good work. He closes up his third year in peace and harmony. The circuit is composed of two churches, under his administration. The membership at Haven's Church numbers as many as the two did when he was appointed to said circuit. He has also been successful in paying off an old claim which has been standing against Haven's Church.

Salem Station, L. Y. Cox, pastor. The membership is very small, but willing. They have paid on the old debt \$318.

Mount Zion Circuit, J. H. Pearce, pastor, is getting ready to build a new church at Homesteadville, and has also organized a society at Moorestown.

John Wesley and Centreville charge, P. Burrows, pastor, is making preparation to build a new church in Centreville, N. J.

Germantown, A. R. Shockley, pastor. This church has been struggling under a heavy debt ever since purchased by us. Both pastor and people have been faithfully at work trying to reduce the old debt and get a good valid deed; but it yet stands in a critical condition, and is expected to be sold soon. The official Board of Haines Street (white) M. E. Church is lending a helping hand, and have promised to buy it in when sold, and let our people have it on easy terms.

Laws' Chapel, Frankford, Phila., B. W. Allen, pastor, has been remarkably successful in reducing the old debt. By donation from the Board of Church Extension and a loan from the same, and with all the money that he and his people could raise he has got the church in a hopeful state, with \$152 debt remaining. They have also seated the church very neatly, so that we can say it is a very nice little church.

North Penn and the mission at West Philadelphia is a circuit formed by myself, according to the advice of Bishop Scott. It was supplied by James K. Adams, a Local Preacher. It is moving along quite bravely. The Board of Church Extension holds a claim against North Penn. However, the payments are promptly met by the public school board of the city, who rent the church property for public school purposes.

Zoar is flourishing under the pastorate of Wm. H. Coffey, who has succeeded in reducing the old standing debt, very much to the encouragement of his people, and they think that if he should be returned to them another year that they will be freed from indebtedness. He has also organized a society of twenty-six members at Twentieth and Oxford Streets. It is thought to be one of the most promising missions that has been started by our Church in the city of Philadelphia.

St. Daniel's M. E. Church, at South Chester, has been laboring under a heavy indebtedness for several years, and at the first of the Conference year the people seemed to be much discouraged and almost ready to give up and say, "We can't pay for it." W. J. Parker, the newly appointed pastor, called the Official Board together and talked the matter over. They found it necessary to employ counsel and have the papers and records examined, which they did, and found the debt to be \$3,234.30. By donation and money raised in every possible way that could be thought of, they have reduced the debt to \$1,537, paid up their pastor, and think that they have the right man in the right place. Also, the Official Board say "he is the God-sent man," and is also called "the great financier."

E. Zion, W. F. Butler, pastor, has sold Browntown Church, one of its chapels, to the Philadelphia, Wilmington & Baltimore R. R. Company for the sum of \$750, and have purchased a beautiful lot in a convenient place, and erected a nice frame building upon it in modern style, at a cost of \$1,320, which was dedicated on the 4th of July. The entire cost has been provided for.

South Wilmington, under the pastorate of T. M. Hubbard, has been very successful in reducing the old standing debt that was against the church at Newport.

Smyrna Circuit, under the leadership of James H. Mason, has purchased a lot 100 by 150 feet, to erect a house for a parsonage, at the cost of \$100, and has built a neat two-story frame house upon the same, at the cost of \$367.19, and have paid on the same \$304.27, leaving a balance of \$145.

Smryna Station, G. H. Waters, pastor, has succeeded in raising and paying on the floating and standing debt \$376. They are moving along quite bravely.

Whiteoat Church, Dover, Del., has been remarkably successful under the pastorate of Rev. J. H. Holland, and has raised and paid on the indebtedness \$408.54, and kept up the current expenses. This charge is in a flourishing condition.

Dover Circuit has not done so very well. G. F. Swaine was appointed to this circuit at the last session of this Conference, but, unfortunately, he was overtaken in a fault, and according to the rules of the Discipline, was tried and found guilty, and was expelled by the Third Quarterly Conference of the circuit. I then supplied the circuit with Isaiah Johnson, a Local Preacher, until this session of the Conference. He has got along very nicely; has seated the new church at Gum Swamp at a cost of \$15; the same has been paid, and he has paid on the old debt \$25.

Milford Circuit, D. J. Waters, pastor, is in a prosperous state. The parsonage has been painted, and is looking very fine; he has also been remarkably successful in raising money and paying off old debts. Peace and tranquility prevail.

Our Third District Conference was held in E. Zion, Wilmington, Del., June 7th, 8th and 9th, 1880. Upwards of fifty members were in attendance, and all the disciplinary business was properly attended to. Six brethren were licensed to preach. The licenses of fifty-six Local Preachers and those of fifty-one Exhorters, were renewed. The characters of the Local Deacons and Elders were examined and passed. One Local Preacher was recommended for election and ordination as a deacon, and one Local Preacher was recommended for admission on trial in the traveling connection. A motion prevailed that the District Conference be discontinued, as required by the Discipline.

My personal relations with the brethren have been most kind and pleasant. They have all labored faithfully and well. Some of them have received a very meagre support, but have worked on, looking for "the recompense of the reward."

If my own work has not been especially fruitful, at least I have not been idle. I have visited each charge four times, some of them oftener. I have not had a rest-week or Sabbath, during the year, with the exception of one Sabbath, when it rained so much it was impossible for any one to walk in the country. I have attended 83 Quarterly Conferences, and held love-fest every Sabbath, and sometimes during the week. I have tried to preach two and three times every Sabbath, and often during the week. Addressed Sabbath and public schools, and administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper nearly every Sabbath. In all this work my health has been good, and my soul preserved in the love of God.

J. E. WEBB, P. E.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—With feelings of gratitude to God, the Great Giver of all good, through whose kind providence I have been able to complete the work of another year of official labor, I present this my third annual report. I have striven to discharge my duty as a presiding Elder, as far as my knowledge and ability would allow.

I have been able through the blessing of God to fill each appointment, with the exception of one, this conference year.

The brethren of the district and myself, have labored together to advance the interest in the church, and to build up the Redeemer's kingdom. The Lord has abundantly blest us during the year. None of the brethren have been stricken by death or have fallen from the itinerant ranks.

Rev. Isaiah Broughton has been painfully bereaved and caused to mourn the death of his beloved and faithful wife, who fell asleep in Jesus, on the 1st of March, 1880, and to-day rests in peace.

The Cambridge district embraces nineteen circuits and stations. There are nineteen pastoral charges, seventy-six churches and twelve parsonages.

Some of the churches have been and are yet burdened with some debt. Notwithstanding the unemployment of laborers, the dullness of business, the scarcity of money through the country, yet God has in his abounding goodness provided for them. Four new churches have been built this year.

Still Pond Circuit, Rev. C. Pollett, pastor, with his members and congregation have built a beautiful little church and paid all their indebtedness.

Fairlee Circuit, Rev. J. W. Brown, pastor, has an industrious and earnest working membership. They have completed one new church, and with a donation of \$100.00 from the Church Extension Society, are enabled to pay off their indebtedness. There is another church begun in the same circuit, not yet completed; they have been compelled to cease building for want of means.

Crompton Circuit, Rev. D. R. Dunn, pastor, has done a good work. He and the members have worked together harmoniously, and have completed their new and commodious church, at a cost of \$850, nearly all paid.

Templeville Circuit, Rev. William Taylor, pastor, has purchased a parsonage lot; paid cash for it.

Salem Church, on the Centreville Circuit, I am sorry to report, is in a feeble and hopeless condition financially. Having a debt of \$725, which Rev. J. Q. Dennis, with a few members and small congregation, has used every available means to raise but has not succeeded.

Hillsborough Circuit, Rev. S. P. Whittington, pastor, has purchased a very good church, with all of its furniture and Sabbath-school library for \$250, worth \$600.

St. Michael's Circuit, Rev. H. Jolly, pastor, with his faithful working brethren, have been enabled to complete the church at Bay Side, that has been six years in building. They expect to pay off their indebtedness after the dedication.

Talbot Circuit, Rev. E. E. Parker, pastor, has made some improvements on church and parsonage. The Pastor and his people have worked faithfully at this point. A parsonage and lot have been purchased worth \$500. They have made a thorough repair on the old church, which adds to its comfort and beauty. It was rededicated. There is a little standing debt, which they are making an arrangement to pay.

Easton has a debt of \$1500, which Rev. T. H. Johnson, pastor, has made arrangement to pay off.

The revival of religion in the churches has not been equal to the prayers and hopes of God's people. There has been a steady ingathering of souls in many of the charges. The interest in class meetings is increasing; the average attendance has been very good, as has been shown by the class leaders' quarterly reports.

It is very gratifying to be able to report the continued, and I believe unparalleled prosperity of the Sabbath-schools, the increasing number of children's classes for special religious instruction. A new plan or system has been introduced on part of the district of holding quarterly Sabbath-school conventions, which has created quite a stirring among our young people. It is true, and to be regretted, that a large number of the members of our church do not regularly attend Sabbath-school.

With thanks to the churches for their courtesy and consideration, to my ministerial brethren for their kindness and co-operation, and to the Almighty for his ever-present care and goodness, I close this, the third year of my official term.

JOSEPH D. ELBERT, P. E.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

To the Delaware Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. and Dear Brethren:—In closing a term of four years on the Salisbury district, I am devoutly thankful to God, that he has given us peace and general prosperity in the district. He has graciously preserved our lives and health; given us favor among the people in general.

I am glad to say, that after a failure of health for two years, the Lord has wonderfully restored me so that I have attended to all my appointments, and I look forward rejoicing in hope and expecting victory through Jesus Christ our Lord, who bought us with his blood and is able to save us to the uttermost.

A few weeks after the close of the Conference, Rev. Stephen Johns and Brother Handy Long, departed this life in great peace, "and have gone to that bourne from which no traveler returns."

And it behooves us to give hearty thanks to our Heavenly Father for His watchful care over and tender mercy toward us, in permitting us to again convene here in

conference session. We had general success in the district this conference year, and the Lord has blessed our efforts and crowned them with much good with souls for our labors.

The Spiritual interest is of the most healthy and permanent kind. Some remarkable cases of mental and moral elevation are found among those coming under its influence.

We are filled with joy and courage at seeing the operation of the Spirit of the Lord among and around us. The year has been one fruitful in instruction.

We have learned more fully than ever, that "vain is the help of man, and that God is all in all."

We have good reason to believe that many of our members and probationers, especially those of the children converted to Christ, are to the best of their ability serving the living God, and trusting in the merits of Christ for salvation.

Sunday-school work in the district has increased greatly in size and in interest; there are more and more coming, composed of christian men, women and children. The Berean Lesson-leaves are used in many of the schools, and we do hope that we shall soon have them in all of our Sunday-schools.

I have done all that is in my power to increase the Missionary interest among our people, and to make the benevolent collections meet the demands of the church; and yet we fall a great way behind in some of the Circuits of the district.

Our Educational work in the district is greatly improving. Four new churches and three parsonages have been built this conference year, and old debts paid, leaving the district in a good condition.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Brown, P. E.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION, ETC.

1. Admission on Trial: Wm. H. Johnson, A. R. Shockley, C. Wing.
 2. First year: J. Q. Dennis, F. J. Lee, P. J. Adams.
 3. Second year: L. Y. Cox, J. A. Scott, I. H. White.
 4. Third year: W. J. Parker, G. H. Washington, W. H. Thomas.
 5. Fourth year: N. Young, J. H. Pearce, S. P. Marshall.
 6. For Local Preachers: J. R. Webb, P. Burrows, D. J. Waters.
 7. Missionary Sermon: W. H. Coffey; Alternate, W. H. Thomas.
 8. Trials of Appeals: W. F. Butler, H. Jolly, N. Young, L. Y. Cox, W. J. Parker.
- J. R. Webb, A. Brown.
9. To visit the Centenary Biblical Institute: Ministers: W. F. Butler, D. D., H. Jolly. Laymen: A. Murray, F. J. Nichols.
 10. On Conference Seminary: Ministers: W. F. Butler, J. D. Elbert, W. J. Parker, W. H. Coffey, T. H. Johnson. Laymen: A. Murray, C. Potts.

PREACHING SERVICES AND ANNIVERSARIES.

Wednesday evening, July 21st, preaching by Rev. D. Washington, a local preacher from Cambridge, Md. Text, Rom. viii. 1.

Thursday Evening, July 22d, by Rev. G. W. Young, Text: Isaiah, lii. 1. Brother Young preached an excellent sermon.

Friday Afternoon, Sunday-school Anniversary was held at 2½ o'clock. Rev. W. J. Parker, presiding. Singing was under the direction of Revs. H. A. Monroe and G. H. Waters. Addresses were delivered by Revs. W. J. Parker, H. Jolly, W. F. Butler, D. D., R. S. Rust, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of Freedmen's Aid Society, and W. C. Dickerson, of the Newark Conference. At 8 o'clock, Friday Evening, the Missionary Anniversary was held; the sermon preached by Rev. G. H. Waters.

Saturday Evening, the Anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid Society was held; addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Rust, and Mrs. Dr. Rust.

Sunday Services:—Court House, 10½ A. M., Bishop T. Bowman preached an eloquent sermon, Acts, xx. 35. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The Sermon was followed by the ordination of Deacons.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., Rev. J. E. Rounds, M. A., preached an eloquent sermon from Jer. v. 1. "Run ye to and fro through the streets, &c."

Whatcoat M. E. Church: Conference Love-feast began at 8½ o'clock, under the direction of Revs. N. Young and P. Burrows. The power of the Holy Spirit was abundantly manifested, and there was a time of refreshing in the presence of the Lord. At 10½ o'clock, Rev. N. M. Carroll, of the Washington Conference, preached a powerful sermon.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., Rev. N. Morris preached a very able sermon, choosing as his theme, Apostolic preaching. The sermon was followed by the ordination of Elders. In the evening, Memorial services were held.

Missionary Exercises, Friday Evening, July 23d, at 8 o'clock. Rev. W. M. Webb announced for the opening the 919th hymn. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Mason, after which Rev. Geo. H. Waters preached the Missionary sermon, choosing for his text, Isaiah xi. 9. "For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." From which he preached a soul-stirring sermon.

DISTRIBUTION OF MISSIONARY MONEY.

The Committee met in council-room, on Friday, July 23rd, and organized by electing A. Brown, President, and J. E. Webb, Secretary. The following named places were made and continued missions, and the sums annexed to them apportioned for their support for the coming year:

Philadelphia District.....	\$120	Cambridge District.....	\$120
Salem Station.....	36	Hillsborough Circuit.....	24
Salem Circuit.....	40	Denton Circuit.....	24
Bridgeton Circuit.....	25	Sassafras Circuit.....	24
North Penn & West Phila. Circuit...	20		
Cape May Circuit.....	30	Total for Cambridge District.....	\$192
New Castle Circuit.....	20	Salisbury District.....	\$120
Centreville Station.....	45	Snow Hill Circuit.....	16
Middletown Circuit.....	28	Parsonsbury Circuit.....	16
South Chester Station.....	70	Bridgeville Circuit.....	20
Frankford Station.....	20	Green Hill Circuit.....	16
John Wesley Station.....	50	Stockton Circuit.....	16
Germantown Station.....	20		
Lewes and Harmony Circuit.....	70	Total for Salisbury District.....	\$204
Smyrna Station.....	10		
Total for Philadelphia District.....	\$604		

GRAND TOTAL: Philadelphia District.....	\$604
Cambridge District.....	192
Salisbury District.....	204
	<u>\$1,000</u>

A. BROWN, President.
J. E. WEBB, Secretary.

I concur in the above.

THOMAS BOWMAN.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.			
Philadelphia, Zoar.....	\$45 00	Denton.....	\$ 7 00
John Wesley and Centreville.....	20 00	Greensborough.....	10 00
Germantown.....	5 00	St. Michael's.....	12 00
Frankford.....	2 20	Talbot.....	4 50
Chester.....	15 00	Trappe.....	8 75
Mount Zion.....	15 00	Easton.....	10 00
Salem.....	10 00	Cambridge.....	11 00
Salem Circuit.....	1 48	Church Creek.....	5 00
Bridgeton.....	2 00	Tobaccostick.....	5 00
Cape May.....	1 00		
Wilmington.....	64 00	Total Cambridge District.....	\$234 55
Wilmington Circuit.....	9 00		
Port Deposit.....	7 00	SALISBURY DISTRICT.	
New Castle.....	8 00	Salisbury.....	\$ 8 00
Odessa.....	16 00	Laurel.....	12 00
Middletown.....	10 00	Quantico.....	5 00
Smyrna.....	2 00	Union.....	15 00
Smyrna Circuit.....	7 00	Fairmount.....	16 00
Dover.....	25 00	Deal's Island.....	14 00
Dover Circuit.....		Snow Hill.....	6 00
Milford.....	10 00	Snow Hill Circuit.....	4 00
North Penn and West Phila.....	3 55	North Berlin.....	12 00
		South Berlin.....	9 00
Total Phila. District.....	\$278 23	Hornstown.....	2 00
		Drummondtown.....	13 00
		Pocomoke City.....	2 95
		Stockton.....	4 00
		Parsonsburch.....	4 50
		Princess Anne.....	15 00
		Friendship.....	5 00
		Green Hill.....	5 00
		Federalsburgh.....	19 00
		Vienna.....	10 50
		Washington.....	8 00
		Lewes and Harmony.....	4 00
		Chincoteague.....	25
		Total Salisbury District.....	\$194 70
Philadelphia District.....	278 23		
Cambridge District.....	234 55		
Salisbury District.....	194 70		
Public Collection.....	9 32		
			876 80

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO CENTENARY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

Wm. Perkins.....	\$20 00	Rev. W. J. Parker.....	\$5 00
Rev. N. Young.....	5 00	" H. A. Monroe.....	5 00
" J. Q. Dennis.....	5 00	" W. H. Coffey.....	5 00
" J. W. Brown.....	5 00	" W. C. Dickerson.....	5 00
" L. Y. Cox.....	5 00	" J. D. Elbert.....	2 00
" J. H. Holland.....	5 00	" G. H. Waters.....	2 00
" A. Brown.....	5 00	" P. Burrows.....	2 00
" H. Jolly.....	5 00	Catharine Freeman.....	2 00

Rev. C. Ash, A. Hamilton, J. R. Waters, W. B. Green, S. P. Whittington, A. Lowber, S. G. Waters, J. Tilghman, C. A. Horsey, N. Morris, T. M. Hubbard, J. H. Pearce, J. H. Mason, Isaiah Johnson, J. H. Winters, M. H. Horsey, J. K. Adams, J. H. Hubbard, S. Mollison, I. Broughton, T. B. H. Coleman, Wm. H. Johnson, F. J. Lee, S. P. Marshall, P. J. Adams, Sarah A. Jenkins, Sarah H. Airey, Mary S. Young, D. R. Dunn, C. Pollett, J. S. Willis, Lydia Lopeman, Annie Spicer, W. H. Thomas, B. W. Allen, Wm. M. Webb, \$1.00 each. Rev. Lenoid Patterson, Amy Warren, 50 cts. each.

MEMOIRS.

We, the Committee on Memoirs, beg leave to report as follows:

That after having heard the roll call, and when certain brethren's names were called the answers were, deceased. We felt it to be our duty to arrange for a special Memorial service, to prepare and read obituaries severally, which took place Sunday Evening, July 25th.

W. F. BUTLER,	} COMMITTEE.
H. JOLLY,	
G. H. WASHINGTON.	

BISHOP HAVEN.

The wise man said, "The memory of the just is blessed." Bishop Gilbert Haven was well and widely known by the ministers and churches of every denomination as a just, earnest and conscientious worker in the interest of suffering humanity everywhere. It is therefore eminently befitting that this Conference, composed entirely of colored men, should take more than ordinary notice of his wonderful life and his triumphant death.

Gilbert Haven was born in Malden, Mass., in 1821; and at his home in Malden, at six o'clock, Saturday evening, January 3rd, 1880, breathed his last.

He was of pure New England blood, as was his father and mother before him. His grandfather was a Chaplain in the Revolution, and spent the winter with General Washington at Valley Forge.

He commenced business in early life as clerk in a dry goods house, and showed great business talent. He left through a desire for knowledge, and commenced a course of study at Wilbraham, Mass.

He was converted at Wilbraham, in 1839, and consecrated his life and service to the cause of Jesus Christ our Lord. He then attended Wesleyan University, Middletown, from which he graduated in 1846. In 1848, he became principal of Amenia Seminary, New York. In 1851, he joined the New England Conference and filled several leading appointments.

At the breaking out of the war he was preparing for a journey to Europe, but turned aside to the call of his country for volunteers; he offered his services, and was commissioned Chaplain of the Eighth Massachusetts Volunteers, the first troops that passed through Baltimore.

In 1867 he was elected Editor of Zion's Herald. He was elected to the General Conferences of '68 and '72; at the latter, he was elected Bishop of the M. E. Church. The work assigned him, was principally in the South.

At the General Conference of 1876, he was chosen to go to Africa. Well do we remember the day he came to us, during the session of the General Conference at Baltimore, and informed us that he was going to the dark continent of Africa, to push the work for the Master. We said earnestly, "Don't go, for we need you more here." He burst forth in a strain of eloquence on the glowing prospects of Christianity, the millions of Africa, opened by the influence of the Gospel, and the exploring enterprise of Livingston and Stanley. But he said nothing about the perils of Africa's swamps, and the dreadful miasma so fatal to the Saxon. He made a remark seemingly prophetic: "If I fall, some one of you must follow in the field—we are

preparing the way for you to redeem Africa." How mysterious are the ways of Providence, does it not seem strange that he, who had done so much for our race, should be smitten while on a mission for two continents, with a malady, the warning of his final summons to an eternal home.

Bishop Haven in his elevation to the Episcopal bench, never passed out of reach, or failed in his sympathies for us. He could be approached by the humblest, anywhere and at any time. It mattered not to him if the President was by his side, he was the same Bishop Haven. A colored member of one of our Annual Conferences, was his guest at his cottage at Martha's Vineyard, one week, and the President of the United States, the next.

While we revere the name of Abraham Lincoln, and remember that he was the instrument in God's hand, used to bring about the emancipation of millions, we place Gilbert Haven by his side but further, far ahead. The one followed public opinion, and yielded to the demands of the hour; the other led and formed public opinion by the dictates of his own true heart, and the abiding love of freedom. He was true, whether in the crowded hall, the public platform, the pulpit, the fireside; he was always the same; and we who knew him and knew what he suffered for us, loved him as we will never love another.

His religion took in all mankind; and his attachment to the recognized truths of God's word, the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man, and the equality of all, regardless of color, was dearer than life, and to him it proved an everlasting joy.

His room during the last days of his life on earth, was an ante-room of glory. Suffering intensely, not a murmur escaped his lips; and as his bodily strength failed him, under the racking strain of protracted disease, his spiritual sense grew brighter and clearer, and he looked through the opening vista's of glory, and the Saviour smiled upon him with beams of sacred bliss. "I am bound up," "I am floating." Now he realizes the truth of the promise. "Lo I am with you always," and he cries: "He whom I have preached and served so long does not now desert me," and then as he comes down to the shore, "The river is calm—its surface mirrors the glory of the Celestial City beyond," and he cries, "There is no river here, it is all glory—beautiful glory."

REV. HANDY LONG.

Rev. Handy Long died at his home, Pocomoke City, Worcester County, Md., after suffering the will of the Master, which he bore with much Christian fortitude and patience; he departed this life, October 26th, 1879, in the 73d year of his age, with a hope of that blissful immortality that awaits the faithful. He joined the Delaware Annual Conference, July, 1867, and continued in its regular itinerancy work until July, 1877. His relation was changed to superannuated; he was a faithful worker in the church of his choice, and highly appreciated for his Christian example by all who knew him. He leaves a widow and children to mourn his loss; but their loss is his infinite gain. Therefore,

Resolved, That we will cherish the memory of our beloved father, and will ever pray for and respect the loved ones he has left.

Resolved, That with the dignity and godly life of the departed before us, as an example, we will follow on the line of duty, and be workers together with Christ.

REV. STEPHEN JOHNS.

Rev. Stephen Johns was born about the year 1818, in Dorchester Co., Md. He was born and lived in the days of slavery; he was himself a slave, and knew what it was to be oppressed. Very early, perhaps when a boy, he showed some sign for the public ministry; but at that crisis there was not a single sunbeam of hope for intellectual improvement or culture for him, however much he developed a capability for it. The providence of God, however, brought forward his own purpose in the fullness of time. Not long after Bro. Johns grew up to be a man in age, before we hear of him commencing to preach Christ and him crucified, in the dark days of oppression and ignorance; a desire for liberty, prompted him to go out upon the sympathies of all those who might find interest for humanity in its legal sense, and beg

their favor to aid him in the liberation of his body; in this enlistment of his he followed the advice of the blessed Saviour, "as ye go, preach." He was successful in his attempt, and thus became free in the days of slavery.

In 1864, soon after he obtained his liberty, as a result of general emancipation, (though it had not yet fully come,) the Delaware Conference was organized, in July, at John Wesley Church, Philadelphia; at which time Bro. Johns was received on trial in the traveling connection; and two years later, as a result of his studiousness, at the conference held at Salisbury, Md., he was received into full connection.

The first appointment to which he was sent was the circuit, then called the Washington circuit, including the two, now called the Washington and Vienna circuits. He served two years on the above circuit with credit to himself and the work. His next appointment was Waugh circuit, then including Church Creek and Tobaccostiock circuits, also Waugh Chapel, in Cambridge, Md., he held this appointment two years with credit. From the above appointment he was sent to Port Deposit; held this appointment two years. His next appointment was John Wesley and Centreville, he stayed two years; and himself and family left behind them friends, whose hearts still throb and burn with sympathy and affection, that waits only to be satisfied when they shall all meet together in the brighter world above. He was next sent to Horntown, Virginia; where few of the brethren ever think of going, and yet he would often say he never did so well in his life. The Lord blessed his labor, and he left the above field with success to the work and credit to himself. From thence he was sent to Manokin circuit, his family residing on Deal's Island, there he served three years, success followed his labor; he sustained himself well and in the P. Elmer's report when his name was called the answer was, nothing against Bro. Johns.

By this time his health began to fail; the toil of many years began to wear out the physical system, and yet his ambition was such, as to press him forward in the discharge of all of his ministerial duties.

Three years ago, he received his appointment, given him by Bishop Scott, (conference held at Chestertown, Md.,) at the place where he fell a conqueror, namely Berlin circuit; he served two years, the last one of which, was of much affliction and and privation. He lived to see the close of the year however, but was not able to get to the conference. His case was taken under consideration by the Bishop and his council, and his appointment was renewed at Berlin for the third year, there being nothing against his Christian or moral character, or as a gentleman. The messenger was now near at hand; a few more weeks were only required to wind up the course of his natural life. On the 17th day of August, 1879, the summons came and as a Christian hero, we trust, he fell asleep in Christ, at the age of between 60 and 65 years, and 15 years in the itinerancy.

Bro. Johns, from the origin of the Delaware Conference, showed himself very zealous, and was an active man in all the enterprises of the church and conference; he was especially interested in all of the benevolent collections. He also manifested a deep interest in young men, especially promising young men. By the recommendation of the church he licensed me (the writer) to exhort in 1865, and to preach in 1866.

I have always esteemed him as a father and friend, as I suppose other brethren of the younger class have done. He was ever punctual in all of his attendance to the quarterly and annual conferences. Bro. Johns was late and early with us in all of our Christian struggles; but now his seat is vacant; he does not answer to his name; his voice is not heard; he has gone to his long sought home.

Death enters and there is no defence;

His time, there is none can tell;

He'll in a moment call thee hence

To heaven or down to hell.

Who are the surviving ones of Bro. Johns' class? Where are they? May they not say:

No longer imprisoned in clay,

Who next from dungeon shall fly?

Who first shall be summoned away?

My merciful Lord, is it I?

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

To the Delaware Conference M. E. Church, in session at Dover, Del.,

Dear Bishop and Brethren:

We feel it our duty at the commencement of our report, to reaffirm the loyalty and devotion of the colored membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America, and to emphatically disclaim any wish or intention, on our part, for a separation or change in the relations which we sustain in that body. But at the same time, we feel the necessity of a special effort, on the part of the church, to remove from us certain serious obstacles to the development and progress of our race. Our position is not analogous to that of the German element, or any other, but we are separated from all others at present, by a line which reaches from our pulpits to the last resting places of our dead.

We deprecate the existence of this dividing line, but do not feel that we are responsible for its continuance, when we presented a request to the General Conference for a colored Bishop; a request rendered necessary by the peculiar situation of our work in the South; and a request that was refused in such a manner as caused us, as loyal Methodists, the deepest regret.

Whereas, our Sunday-school work does not keep pace with the development of church growth among our people, thus causing us much concern for the perpetuity of Methodistic growth among us, we earnestly recommend to pastors and people, that a more determined effort be made to bring the Sunday-school work up to the proper standard required by our disciplinary regulations.

We believe, also, that it is the duty of the colored membership to give more prominence and encouragement to the noble work of the colored women of our church.

Also, that in accordance with the intellectual growth of our people, we advocate the giving of judicious instruction by precept and example, as to the mode of worship among our people; discountenancing the many extravagances and excesses that have crept in within the past ten years.

In conclusion, we would recommend for the better promotion of our work, the careful, kindly attention, that should be paid by the retiring pastors and their successors, to their relative interests. Our motto should be, "Help us to help each other, Lord."

REPORT OF DAUGHTERS OF CONFERENCE.

RECEIPTS.

Princess Anne.....	\$ 9 00
E Zion, Wilmington.....	8 09
Mt. Zion, N. J.....	10 00
Chestertown.....	25 00
Mt. Pisgah, Fairlee Circuit.....	9 50
Asbury, Fairlee.....	10 00
Hillsboro'.....	5 00
St. Michael's.....	16 53
Cambridge.....	12 00
Salisbury.....	9 00
Reed's Chapel.....	1 75
Haven's Chapel, Salem co., N. J.....	3 00
Trappe.....	3 00
Snow Hill.....	10 00
Chester, Pa.....	5 10
Zoar, Pa.....	10 00
Mt. Zion, East New Market.....	4 50
Whatcoat, Dover.....	25 00
Sister Annie Pollett, of Still Pond.....	75
Sister Mary E. Bowser, Kent Island.....	1 25
Sister Violette Helmsby, Centreville.....	1 50
Cash.....	9 03

\$180 00

REPORT OF THE BENEVOLENT COLLECTION OF SALEM STATION,

Mt. Hope Church, Salem, N. J., for the Conference year ending July 22d, 1830.

Nathan Brown.....	\$ 50	Rebecca Buck.....	\$ 50
Samuel Robinson.....	25	Priscilla Major.....	52
James S. Burges.....	45	Hannah Parker.....	26
Benjamin Buck.....	1 00	Adelia S. White.....	50
Elisha B. Gould.....	50	Elizabeth Cox.....	60
Sinnickson Cline.....	50	Lydia Rock.....	40
James Wilkeson.....	50	Anna Blackwill.....	1 00
Ishmael Willitt.....	31	Sarah Johnson.....	50
Wm. Stevenson.....	25	Elizabeth Accoo.....	30
Alfred White.....	50	Emeline Tilghman.....	10
Thomas Duck.....	55	Mary Thomas.....	50
George Kelley.....	50	Maaney Wellington.....	50
George Johnson.....	50	Ellen Emery.....	1 13
Morris S. Major.....	50	Sidney Carroll.....	50
John R. Teal.....	50	Eliza Cline.....	50
Charles H. Ford.....	25	Mary Emory.....	1 20
Wm. G. Major.....	50	Mary Ida Cox.....	60
Thomas Johnson.....	16	Rachel Green.....	55
Perry Thomas.....	25	Eveline Pearco.....	50
Anthony Noles.....	35	Rebecca Buck.....	50
Henry M. Polk.....	25	Mary E. Buck.....	25
Rev. J. R. Westwood.....	50	Adelia Buck.....	1 00
Mr. Purnell.....	08	Mary Noles.....	25
Collection.....	44	Sarah Hopkins.....	25
".....	1 16	A Friend.....	15
	\$11 84		13 06
			11 84
		Total.....	\$24 90

MINUTE MONEY REPORT.

We, your Committee appointed to receive Minute Money, beg leave to report as follows:

Received in cash from Philadelphia District.....	\$40 66
Cambridge District.....	36 10
Salisbury District.....	31 40
Check from Dr. Butler for the sum of.....	9 00
Total.....	\$117 16

Bros. J. Tilghman, N. Morris, G. M. Landin, A. Brown, S. P. Whittington, J. R. Webb, J. W. Langford T. H. Johnson, A. Lowber, J. E. Webb, have promised to pay the Treasurer in three months; others who have not reported, will please do so immediately, and oblige the publishing committee. Make returns promptly, to W. Perkins, Chestertown, Md. Unless brethren make returns, the Minutes will not pay for themselves. We have not as yet collected enough from the members of the Conference to pay last year's Minutes bill.

REPORT OF FREEDMEN'S AID SOCIETY.

We, your Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

Seeing the great need of the Society to enable them to carry on their work among our people in the South, and seeing the grand work done by this great auxiliary to Methodism,

Resolved, That each pastor in the Delaware Conference urge upon our people to contribute to this laudable cause.

Philadelphia District.....	\$21 60
Cambridge District.....	10 64
Salisbury District.....	14 05

Total.....	\$46 29
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SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We have been deeply interested in the progress of the Centenary Biblical Institute, as seen by the report of its President, and especially in the progress of the grand building, now in course of erection for its use. In view of the noble generosity of Rev. John F. Goucher, who has contributed \$13,500 for this purpose, and of other generous friends, we feel encouraged to contribute all we possibly can for this purpose; therefore,

Resolved, That we will make an earnest effort to induce every Sunday-school scholar to pay at least ten cents for one brick in the new Institute.

Resolved, That immediately after the adoption of this report, the subscription book for the building fund be circulated, and each minister and visitor be asked to pay or subscribe such sums as they can afford to give individually for this object.

Resolved, That each minister be asked in addition to his own individual subscription, and to the Sunday-school offering from his charge, to become responsible for at least five dollars for the ensuing Conference year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Dear Bishop and members of the Delaware Annual Conference:

We, the Committee, on whom you conferred the honor, and imposed the duty of reporting on the subject of the Sunday-school question, would, at this session, most respectfully submit the following, as an imperfect result of our brief examination of that highly important subject.

1st. That the moral and religious necessities of our children are so exposed during the week, whether in our common schools or elsewhere, that they certainly stand in need of all possible religious influence which they can derive from the Sunday-school.

2nd. That the parents and guardians are hereby urged to give their prayers, influence and presence, to this laudable work of God, as often as the blessed Sabbath returns. Especially, would we entreat those who do not teach their children at home, to join with the self-denying teachers, in their glorious work of instructing the innocent throng, of which Christ teaches us, that His Kingdom is composed.

3rd. The Committee would recommend the holding of Sunday-school conventions in the different Districts of the Delaware Conference. Such conventions would bring the cause before the public in an important manner, and thereby render the Sunday-school work popular, in a successful way, making it truly the nursery of the Church of God.

4th. If, therefore, we expect the good work to prosper, we must engage in it earnestly, and thus lead the juvenile host toward the Redeemer's Kingdom.

Then we shall follow the example of Him, who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not." Your Committee would recommend that the Conference exercise as much supervision over the Sabbath-schools of our church as possible. The direct influence of the Conference would be a tower of strength to the Sabbath-school, and would give our children the right start in a useful religious life.

Philadelphia District.....	\$18 00
Cambridge District.....	31 60
Salisbury District.....	33 62
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	\$83 22

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

We, your Committee on Bible Cause, submit the following report ;

We esteem the Bible Cause one of the greatest for which we labor. It is the great rock against which surges of unbelief have rolled, and waves of criticism have beat, yet its sublime truths have never been engulfed.

Resolved, That as ministers and pastors, we urge upon our people, both parents and children, its great value and the necessity of its use.

Resolved, That we use every possible effort, both in our pulpit and Sunday-school services and in our pastoral visitations, to stamp its great truths upon the hearts and minds of our people.

COLLECTIONS.

Philadelphia District.....	\$ 6 00
Cambridge District.....	10 00
Salisbury District.....	7 00
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Total.....	\$23 00

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRACT CAUSE.

We, the Committee on Tract Cause, beg leave to report the following :

As the circulation of Tracts, through the blessings of *God*, is accomplishing much good in conveying to perishing millions the glad tidings of great joy ; telling the blessed story of the Cross of *Christ*, how he humbled himself and became the Saviour of the world ; and,

WHEREAS, Through this agency, multitudes are brought under the saving influences of the *Gospel* ; sinners convicted, and believers sanctified,

Resolved, That we, as ministers of the Gospel of *Christ*, labor more earnestly than ever to collect funds, in order to send light and truth to all the children of men.

Resolved, That we will impress upon our several congregations, the great responsibility that they are under to give more liberally to the Tract Cause, that this glorious Gospel of the Kingdom may be spread to the ends of the earth, until the last heathen shall hear the glad tidings of great joy.

COLLECTIONS.

Philadelphia District.....	\$7 95
Cambridge District.....	7 22
Salisbury District.....	3 85
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Total.....	\$19 02

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION.

We, the Committee, submit the following report :

WHEREAS, In all our works of religious instruction, the aid of woman should be fully recognized :

Resolved, That we continue to feel the obligations resting upon us to do all we can to promote the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Resolved, That we are pleased to learn that during the past year, contributions of the churches within our bounds amounts to the sum of which we give account :

Philadelphia District.....	\$ 7 75
Cambridge District.....	17 20
Salisbury District.....	7 65
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Total.....	\$32 60
Increase.....	\$8 30.

SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

The Committee on Sanctity of the Sabbath, submit the following report :

WHEREAS, The design for which the Sabbath was ordained, is to set apart a portion of our time for the uninterrupted worship of God, and the preparation of our souls for eternity; and, also, to secure to man and beast one day in seven, as a time of rest from labor; and,

WHEREAS, The law of God commands us to keep the Sabbath-day holy in all things, and forbids all labor of body and mind, except that which may be used for our spiritual improvement, and in cases of necessity; and,

WHEREAS, Sunday excursions are a violation of the laws of God, and are corrupting to the morals of our people; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we will take no part in Sunday excursions, and will do all we can to prevent them.

Resolved, 2nd. That we will take no part in any camp-meeting where oyster, confectionery, and watermelon stands are allowed to sell on the Sabbath.

Resolved, 3rd. That we will use all the means in our power to secure the observance of the Sabbath by all those committed to our charge.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee, appointed to audit the accounts of the Presiding Elders, beg leave to report.

We have carefully audited the accounts and found them correct, and the moneys appropriated to the several charges have been paid out and received for.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

To the Bishop and Members of the Delaware Annual Conference :

Dear Father and Brethren:—Your Conference Stewards beg leave to submit the following report :

That we find from the reports received, that there has been a deeper interest taken in raising the collection for Conference claimants, both upon the part of pastors and people. We appeal to the different pastors, and through them, to the people, to continue to contribute more willingly to this noble cause.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

Philadelphia District.....	\$72 73
Cambridge District.....	65 62
Salisbury District.....	41 45
Chartered Fund.....	30 00
Preachers' Aid Society.....	50 00
Total.....	\$259 80

DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS :

To Isaac Hinson.....	\$42 75
“ Simon Taylor.....	42 75
“ Benjamin Gibbs.....	42 75
“ David Eaves.....	42 75
“ John W. Saunders.....	20 00
“ Mrs. Long.....	20 00
“ Mrs. Johns.....	15 00
“ Mrs. Sarah Pipes.....	10 00
“ Henry Morris.....	10 00
“ Hattie Manluff.....	13 80
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	\$259 80

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your Committee on Church Extension, beg leave to report the following:

WHEREAS, The Church Extension Society is doing a great work in the promotion of the cause of Christ, in building up the waste places in Zion:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Delaware Annual Conference, will do all we can in the future, as well as in the past, to increase its funds.

Philadelphia District.....	\$48 55
Cambridge District.....	39 16
Salisbury District.....	29 40
Total.....	\$117 51

REPORT ON CONFERENCE PAPER.

To the Bishop and Members of the Delaware Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

Dear Father and Brethren:—Your Committee, appointed by the Conference at its last session, at Cambridge, Maryland, July 28th, 1879, to report at its next session, to be held at Dover, Delaware, on purchasing a press, to be owned by and for the financial benefit of the Delaware Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, do hereby offer the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

Having taken the matter into consideration, we have consulted the following owners: Wm. Perkins, Esq., and Rev. H. A. Monroe. We received the following from Rev. T. Burton, in reply to a letter sent by us to Mr. Perkins, with reference to the press at Chestertown, Maryland:

There are several owners of that press, and none of them want to sell out; but that his proposition made at the last Conference, holds good and is still open, which is as follows: "To secure a sufficient number of subscribers to place the paper beyond the probability of failure, then the office to become the property of the Conference."

The following is the statement of Rev. H. A. Monroe, Editor of the *Standard Bearer*, published at Upper Fairmount, Maryland: he says that the *Standard Bearer* is his individual property, and the building, type, presses and stock are all paid for and insured. He has three presses, two job presses and one seven column Washington press that will print a paper much larger than the present one, and that the office is well provided for, and the material is, for the most part, new. The circulation of the *Standard Bearer* is very nearly 500, at this time.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The *Conference Advocate*, when in operation, was very beneficial in its results from time to time, as the organ of the Delaware Conference; and,

WHEREAS, Several efforts have been made to make the said paper a success, but all of them having proved failures; and,

WHEREAS, Said paper is not self-supporting; and,

WHEREAS, The owners of the press and outfit do not feel disposed to sell out; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we hereby cease to make any further effort to secure said paper, as the organ of the Delaware Conference.

Resolved, 2nd. That we duly acknowledge the great benefit derived from the *Conference Advocate* in the past, and that our grateful thanks be hereby tendered its able Editor, Rev. T. Burton, for his earnest effort and untiring zeal to secure the success of the paper; and,

WHEREAS, The office, presses, type and stock of the *Standard Bearer* are owned by its very able Editor, the Rev. H. A. Monroe; and,

WHEREAS, It is free from debt and all incumbrance; and,

WHEREAS, The said H. A. Monroe is willing to sell out said outfit to the Delaware Conference; or, otherwise, he is willing to guarantee a weekly paper, same size of *Standard Bearer*, for one dollar per year, and take all expenses of publishing it upon himself; therefore,

Resolved, That the Delaware Conference do hereby accept of the very favorable conditions of Rev. H. A. Monroe, as herein named, and that we will do all in our power to make the enterprise a success.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES.

P. J. Adams.....	20	H. Morris.....	15
C. H. Ash.....	20	N. Morris.....	25
B. W. Allen.....	25	S. P. Marshall.....	35
J. K. Adams.....	15	H. A. Monroe.....	20
I. Broughten.....	20	J. H. Mason.....	10
J. Brinkley.....	25	W. J. Parker.....	40
P. Burrows.....	20	J. H. Pearce.....	35
J. W. Brown.....	25	C. Pollett.....	25
W. F. Butler.....	80	H. T. Rich.....	30
D. Brittingham.....	15	E. E. Parker.....	25
J. C. Carroll.....	25	J. A. Scott.....	30
L. Y. Cox.....	35	A. R. Shockley.....	20
W. H. Coffey.....	80	T. H. Johnson.....	20
T. B. H. Coleman.....	15	W. Taylor.....	25
J. Q. Dennis.....	25	W. H. Thomas.....	35
D. R. Dunn.....	25	J. Tilghman.....	30
W. B. Green.....	15	S. P. Whittington.....	20
A. Grinage.....	20	D. J. Waters.....	40
J. H. Holland.....	20	J. S. Willis.....	30
A. Handy.....	25	I. H. White.....	75
C. A. Horsey.....	20	G. H. Waters.....	40
T. M. Hubbard.....	20	J. R. Webb.....	35
M. H. Horsey.....	30	C. Wing.....	30
A. W. Hamilton.....	30	J. E. Webb.....	20
J. H. Hughes.....	20	G. H. Washington.....	40
J. S. Holly.....	20	R. J. Waters.....	25
T. H. Johnson.....	40	S. G. Waters.....	40
W. H. Johnson.....	20	W. M. Webb.....	30
H. Jolly.....	40	J. H. Winters.....	40
J. H. Johnson.....	15	J. R. Waters.....	20
F. J. Lee.....	25	N. Young.....	30
A. Lowber.....	25	G. W. Young.....	30
J. W. Langford.....	10	D. Washington.....	15
G. M. Landin.....	35	W. C. Dickerson.....	15

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

WHEREAS, Through the providence of God, we have been blessed with the privilege of meeting in this, the seventeenth session of the Delaware Annual Conference ; and,

WHEREAS, Peace, charity and good results have attended its sessions, and the presence of the Holy Spirit has been signally demonstrated ; and,

WHEREAS, In the administration of Bishop Thomas Bowman, D. D., LL. D., all of the characteristics necessary to the make up of the highest Christian character have been exhibited, and all of the essential qualifications appertaining to his offices have been demonstrated ; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we return to our esteemed Bishop, our sincere thanks for the very kind and patient manner in which he has presided over this session of our Conference, and especially for the Christian spirit with which he has ruled ; also for his very able sermon, and his addresses during the Conference ; and we earnestly pray that the Divine blessing may continue to rest upon him in his arduous labors for the cause of Christ and His Church, until the day of toil shall be over, and he shall receive his reward in Heaven.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the citizens of Dover, for the generous hospitality with which they have welcomed and entertained the Conference—a hospitality that has never been exceeded in the previous history of the Conference; also, to the different railroad companies for their liberal arrangements for the transportation of ministers and others attending the sessions of the Conference; to the Pastor and Trustees of Whatcoat M. E. Church, for the use of their commodious edifice in which we have held our sessions; also, to the Sexton for his earnest labors in making arrangements for our comfort and convenience, and that a collection be taken up for him.

APPOINTMENTS.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—J. E. Webb, P. E.

Zoar—W. H. Coffey.
 John Wesley—N. Morris.
 20th and Oxford Mission, to be supplied.
 Centreville—P. Burrows.
 Germantown—B. W. Allen.
 North Penn and West Philadelphia—J. K. Adams.
 Frankford, to be supplied.
 South Chester—W. J. Parker.
 Mt. Zion—J. H. Pearce.
 Salem—L. Y. Cox.
 Salem Circuit—S. P. Whittington.
 Bridgeton—J. Tilghman.

Cape May—J. S. Holly.
 Wilmington (E Zion)—W. F. Butler.
 Wilmington Circuit—T. M. Hubbard.
 Port Deposit—T. B. H. Coleman.
 New Castle—W. Taylor.
 Odessa—A. W. Hamilton.
 Middletown—W. M. Webb.
 Smyrna—G. H. Waters.
 Townsend Circuit—J. H. Mason.
 Dover—J. A. Scott.
 Dover Circuit, to be supplied.
 Milford—D. J. Waters.
 Lewes and Harmony—W. H. Johnson.

CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT—J. D. Elbert, P. E.

Millington—J. S. Willis.
 Still Pond—C. Pollett.
 Head of Sassafraz—J. H. Johnson.
 Fairlee—D. R. Dunn.
 Chestertown—T. H. Johnson.
 Marydell—J. C. Carroll.
 Crumpton—J. Q. Dennis.
 Centreville—G. M. Landin.
 Kent Island—C. H. Ash.

Hillsborough—I. Broughton.
 Denton—J. W. Brown.
 Greensboro—J. H. Winters.
 St. Michael's—H. Jolly.
 Talbot—E. E. Parker.
 Easton—A. Brown.
 Trappe—J. Brinkley.
 Cambridge—W. H. Thomas.
 Church Creek—A. Lowber.

Tobaccostick—A. Grinage.

SALISBURY DISTRICT—J. H. Holland, P. E.

Laurel—S. G. Waters.
 Salisbury—N. Young.
 Quantico—C. A. Horsey.
 Union—S. P. Marshall.
 Fairmount—J. R. Webb.
 Deal's Island—G. W. Young.
 Snow Hill—H. T. Rich.
 Snow Hill Circuit—H. Morris.
 North Berlin—D. Brittingham.
 South Berlin—A. Handy.
 Horntown—P. J. Adams.

Drummondtown—R. J. Waters.
 Pocomoke City—G. H. Washington.
 Stockton—W. B. Green.
 Parsonsburg—J. H. Hughes.
 Princess Anne—C. Wing.
 Friendship—J. R. Waters.
 Green Hill and Kingston—H. A. Monroe.
 Federalsburg—F. J. Lee.
 Bridgeville—A. R. Shockley.
 Vienna—M. H. Horsey.
 Washington—I. H. White.

Chincoteague—G. W. Laugford.

ALPHABETICAL ROLL OF MEMBERS,
WITH THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

[The letters designate the present relation:—P, Probationer; D, Deacon; E, Elder; P. E., Presiding Elder; Sp., Supernumerary; S, Superannuated. The figures in the first column indicate the year of admission on trial, in the last column the time of present relation.]

1870	Adams, P. J.	E.	Horntown, Va.	3
1872	Ash, C. H.	E.	Stevensville, Md.	2
1878	Allen, B. W.	D.	Germantown, Pa.	1
1880	Adams, J. K.	P.	Germantown, Pa.	1
1864	Brown, A.	E.	Easton, Md.	1
1864	Broughton, I.	E.	Hillsborough, Md.	1
1864	Brinkley, J.	E.	Trappe, Md.	3
1865	Burrows, P.	E.	8th Ward, Camden, N. J.	3
1871	Brown, J. W.	E.	Denton, Md.	1
1871	Butler, W. F.	E.	209 E. Thirteenth St., Wilmington, Del.	3
1880	Brittingham, D.	D.	Berlin, Md.	2
1869	Carroll, J. C.	E.	Marydell, Md.	1
1867	Cox, L. Y.	E.	Salem, N. J.	2
1872	Coffey, W. H.	E.	1129 Melon St., Phila., Pa.	2
1877	Coleman, T. B. II.	D.	Port Deposit, Md.	2
1865	Dennis, J. Q.	E.	Crumpton, Md.	1
1874	Dunn, D. R.	E.	Fairlee, Md.	1
1865	Elbert, J. D.	P. E.	Dover, Del.	4
1867	Eaves, D.	S.	Cambridge, Md.	1
1864	Gibbs, B.	S.	210 W. Twelfth St., Wilmington, Del.	1
1867	Green, W. B.	E.	Stockton, Md.	2
1866	Grinage, A.	E.	Tobaccostick, Md.	1
1866	Holland, J. H.	P. E.	Federalburg, Md.	1
1871	Handy, A.	E.	Berlin, Md.	2
1869	Horsey, C. A.	E.	Quantico, Md.	3
1865	Hinson, I.	S.	Haddonfield, N. J.	1
1877	Hubbard, T. M.	D.	502 Buttonwood St., So. Wilmington, Del.	2
1878	Horsey, M. H.	D.	Vienna, Md.	1
1878	Hamilton, A. W.	D.	Odessa, Del.	2
1878	Hughes, J. H.	D.	Salisbury, Md.	1
1879	Holly, J. S.	D.	Cold Spring, N. J.	2
1872	Johnson, T. H.	E.	Chestertown, Md.	1
1875	Johnson, W. H.	E.	Lewes, Del.	1
1867	Jolly, H.	E.	St. Michael's, Md.	2
1879	Johnson, J. H.	P.	Still Pond, Md.	2
1865	Kennedy, P.	Sp.	Marydell, Md.	1
1869	Leo, F. J.	E.	Federalburgh, Md.	1
1876	Lowber, A.	E.	Church Creek, Md.	1
1879	Langford, J. W.	P.	Chincoteague, Va.	3
1877	Landin, G. M.	E.	Centreville, Md.	1
1865	Morris, H.	E.	Snow Hill, Md.	1
1866	Morris, N.	E.	1018 Arch St., Philadelphia.	1
1869	Marshall, S. P.	E.	Burnettsville, Md.	2
1878	Monroe, H. A.	D.	Upper Fairmount, Md.	2
1879	Mason, J. H.	D.	Townsend, Del.	2
1864	Parker, W. J.	E.	Chester, Pa.	2
1864	Pearce, J. H.	E.	Gouldtown, N. J.	3
1865	Phillips, W.	S.	Powling Creek, Md.	1
1864	Pollett, C.	E.	Still Pond, Md.	2
1879	Parker, E. E.	D.	Royal Oak, Md.	3
1866	Rich, H. T.	E.	Snow Hill, Md.	2

1864	Saunders, J. W.....	S... Peru, Indiana.....	1
1877	Scott, J. A.....	E... Dover, Del.....	1
1877	Shockley, A. R.....	E... Bridgeville, Del.....	1
1864	Taylor, S.....	S... Cold Spring, N. J.....	1
1878	Taylor, W.....	E... New Castle, Del.....	1
1877	Thomas, W. H.....	D... Cambridge, Md.....	2
1877	Tilghman, J.....	E... Bridgeton, N. J.....	1
1864	Whittington, S. P.....	E... Salem, N. J.....	1
1872	Waters, D. J.....	E... Milford, Del.....	3
1873	Willis, J. S.....	E... Millington, Md.....	3
1874	White, J. H.....	E... East New Market, Md.....	2
1874	Waters, G. H.....	E... Smyrna, Del.....	2
1869	Webb, J. R.....	E... Fairmount, Md.....	2
1865	Wing, C.....	E... Princess Anne, Md.....	3
1870	Webb, J. E.....	P. E... 1633 Darien street, Phila., Pa.....	2
1872	Washington, G. H.....	E... Pocomoke City, Md.....	1
1876	Waters, R. J.....	E... Onancock, Va.....	2
1864	Waters, S. G.....	E... Laurel, Del.....	2
1875	Webb, W. M.....	E... Middletown, Del.....	2
1879	Winters, J. H.....	D... Greensboro', Md.....	2
1879	Waters, J. R.....	P... Fruitland, Md.....	1
1864	Young, N.....	E... Salisbury, Md.....	1
1876	Young, G. W.....	E... Deal's Island.....	1

DEACONS.

This certifies that the following brethren, viz:

Matthias H. Horsey, Henry A. Monroe, James H. Smith, Daniel Brittingham and James H. Winters, were ordained Deacons in the church of God, by me at Dover, Delaware, July 25th, 1880.

THOS BOWMAN.

ELDERS.

This certifies that, (assisted by several Elders,) I ordained the following brethren, viz:

Alfred R. Shockley, Daniel R. Dunn, Albert Lowber, George W. Young and Robert J. Waters, Elders in the church of God. Done at Dover, Delaware, July 25th, 1880.

THOS. BOWMAN.

PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY.

To the President and Members of the Preachers' Aid Society, Delaware Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, convened in Whatcoat Church, Dover, Delaware, July 23d, 1880.

I hereby submit the following as the Seventh Annual Report of the Secretary :

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1879.			
July	25,	Cash received as dues from members.....	\$75 95
"	28,	Cash received from Daughters of Conference.....	176 97
"	"	Cash received from Conference Minutes.....	136 66
"	"	Cash received as interest on \$533 47.....	32 00
		Total receipts.....	\$421 57
		Cash in hands of Treasurer, to date	633 47
		Whole amount in hands of Treasurer.....	\$1,055 04

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1879.			
July	28,	By order to W. Perkins, Esq., for money orders and stationery, \$	4 89
"	"	By order to Delaware Conference for Conference trunk, journal and stationery.....	47 00
"	"	By order to Rev. H. Morris, as a donation.....	10 00
"	"	By order to Stewards, for Conference claimants.....	40 00
"	"	By order to Rev. S. Johns, as a donation.....	15 00
"	"	By order to Wm. Perkins, Esq., for the Patron of Daughters of Conference.....	10 00
Sept.	2,	By order to Mrs. Roscy Johns, for funeral of Rev. Stephen Johns, deceased.....	40 00
"	9,	By order to Rev. G. H. Waters, for Conference Minutes.....	114 08
Dec.	22,	By order to Rev. A. R. Shockley, for three weeks' sick dues...	6 00
1880.			
Jan.	12,	By order to Rev. I. Hinson	15 00
"	23,	By order to Rev. S. Taylor.....	15 00
July	21,	By order to Wm. Perkins, Esq., for trunk, case, money orders and stationery.....	8 45
		Total.....	\$825 42
		Balance in hands of Treasurer, to date.....	\$729 62
			\$1,055 04

L. Y. COX, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Preachers' Aid Society of the Delaware Conference.

ARTICLE I.

The corporate name of this Society shall be the "PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY OF THE DELAWARE CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

ARTICLE II.

The object of this Association is to raise and perpetually maintain a fund for the relief of Preachers of said Conference and their families—said fund to consist:

First—Of such moneys as may be collected, from time to time, from the several Circuits and Stations within the bounds of said Conference, for that purpose.

Second—Of such sums as may be specifically appropriated to that object by the Daughters of Conference or other like organizations.

Third—Of such sums as may be received for annual or life subscriptions of its members.

Fourth—Of funds accruing from bequests, donations, and such other sources as may be opened up. The funds shall be permanent, and the whole of the proceeds, after payment of incidental expenses, shall be annually applied as herein directed.

ARTICLE III.

All members of this Conference may become members of this Society, and shall pay the sum of \$2.00 annually. Any person not a member of this Conference may become a member of this Society, for one year, by the payment of \$1.00; or a life member, by the payment of \$5.00 at one time, or a life patron, by the payment of \$20.00 in like manner; and such persons shall be entitled to participate in all the proceedings of the Society while members.

ARTICLE IV.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and five Managers. The said officers and managers shall constitute a Board of Control, having full power to manage the affairs of the Society, subject to this Constitution and such By-Laws as may be enacted under it. The Treasurer shall be indefinite, and three of the managers shall be laymen. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Society, and shall hold their office to the close of the Annual Conference next ensuing, or until their successors are elected. The Treasurer shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give bond and security for double the amount he holds in hand at any time, which may at any time, be increased by the Board at their discretion; said bond to be approved by the Board, and filed with the Secretary. The Board shall have the power to make By-Laws for their own government and that of the Society; *provided*, said By-Laws are not inconsistent with this Constitution. Five members shall constitute a quorum. Vacancies occurring in the interim of Conference, by death, resignation, or otherwise, may be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE V.

The annual meeting of the Board shall be one day previous to the meeting of the Conference, and at the place designated for the same. And special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or any two members thereof, upon reasonable personal notice. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the second day of the session of the Annual Conference, at 7 o'clock p. m., at which time the Society shall elect officers for the ensuing year, and the Board of Control shall present a full and detailed report of the condition of the Society, its receipts and expenditures, with all other matters that may be necessary to a full understanding of its doings by

the members. Meetings of the Society may be called by the President or any two members of the Board—twenty days' notice having been given in the Church journal having the largest circulation in the Conference.

ARTICLE VI.

The Board shall have power to appoint an agent, and fix his salary, who shall labor for the increase of the Fund in such manner as they shall direct.

ARTICLE VII.

The Board shall, after defraying the necessary incidental expenses, invest all moneys of the Society according to their own discretion, with the following restrictions: All investments shall be made by direct loan, secured by first mortgage on productive real estate, for one-third its value, insured to the value of the amount of the loan, and policy assigned to the Board; or by the purchase of United States bonds. No loan shall be made by the Board, or any member or members thereof, without the written order of the President, countersigned by the Secretary; and at the annual meeting of the Board, the Treasurer shall present a full report of the receipts and expenditures during the current year, and of the amount on hand. The Board shall thereupon fix the amount to be applied to the objects of the Society for the Conference year then closing, and shall order, accordingly, which amount they shall pay over to the Stewards of the Conference. Contingent expenses shall be paid by the Treasurer, upon the order of the President, and countersigned by the Secretary; and no sums shall be paid out by him, except as herein directed.

ARTICLE VIII.

The proceeds of the Fund shall be applied to the aid of the following classes of persons, and under the following limitation and restriction, viz:

First—The Superannuated Ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who shall have performed four years of effective service in the Delaware Conference after the date of their reception on trial by the Conference or transfer to the Conference, and also the families of such Ministers.

Second—The widows and orphan children of deceased Itinerant Ministers, who shall have performed like service in said Conference, and being still a member thereof at the time of their decease; *provided*, that such widows or orphan children are persons of good moral character.

Third—Ministers who have been embarrassed in their circumstances by protracted sickness—said Ministers having performed like service in said Conference, and being still members thereof—such Ministers shall receive the sum of \$2.00 per week, for three months; then at the discretion of the Board of Control. Also, there shall be appropriated for the burial of such deceased Ministers, that have performed like service in said Conference, the sum of \$40.00.

ARTICLE IX.

The Board shall, at their annual meeting, appoint a Distributing Committee to serve to the close of the ensuing session of the Conference. Said Committee shall consist of three members of the Conference, who may be the Stewards. This Committee shall, in the interim, and during the session of the Conference, obtain all necessary information, as to the necessities of the claimants on the Fund, and shall, upon such information, recommend appropriations to the full aggregate amount allowed by the Board for distribution, which recommendation shall be submitted to the Conference for approval.

ARTICLE X

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Society, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting—such amendment or alteration having been first recommended by a majority of all the members of the Board of Control.

ARTICLE XI.

The corporate seal of this Society shall be a metallic impression, with the following words and letters, to wit:

"THE PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY, DELAWARE CONFERENCE, M. E. CHURCH."

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

No person shall be entitled to any dues from this Society, who shall have been suspended by his Presiding Elder, until his case shall be disposed of, and he deemed not guilty.

ARTICLE II.

If any members are found trying to defraud this Society, by pretending that they are sick, they shall be brought before a Committee for trial, and if found guilty, they shall be expelled; nevertheless they shall have a right to appeal at the next annual meeting of the Society, where the case shall be finally disposed of.

ARTICLE III.

Any member that shall be taken sick, shall consult with a regular physician, whose certificate as to the facts shall be received.

ARTICLE IV.

Any member that shall bring sickness on himself voluntarily, shall not be entitled to any of the benefits of this Society.

ARTICLE V.

If any member of this Society shall be sick for one week, and thereby entitled to dues, he shall forward to the President a certificate given by the Doctor under whose care he shall be placed; and the President shall, after general satisfaction, give an order on the Treasurer for the amount due to the sick member, forthwith, as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE VI.

Any member of this Society living near a sick member shall be a visiting committee to wait on him, to ascertain the nature of the sickness of the member, and to give the President a full account of the case; provided, that the disease is not contagious.

ARTICLE VII.

The two nearest brothers shall be a committee to wait on the sick member; and any brother that neglects to wait on a sick member, after being notified, unless prevented by some contagious disease, shall pay a fine of \$2.00, or the amount of one week's dues, to the sick.

ARTICLE VIII.

All members of the Board of Control shall have their fare paid out of the Society's funds, when attending the meeting of the Board of Control by the nearest and cheapest route from their homes to the place designated.

ARTICLE IX.

The Treasurer shall hold \$100.00 in hand at all times, to be ready to discharge our obligations to the sick members of this Society.

ARTICLE X.

No member shall be allowed, while speaking, to use personalities, or cast reflections on other members while speaking.

ARTICLE XI.

No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless called to order by the President, or to allow a brother to make explanations.

ARTICLE XII.

No member shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes at a time, unless called on by the President.

Philadelphia District.—General Statistics, No. 2.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS

	MEMBERS.										MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.				PRES. ELDER.		BISHOPS.		CON-CLAINTS.					
	PROBATIONERS.					MEMBERS.					MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.				PRES. ELDER.		BISHOPS.		CON-CLAINTS.					
	No. removed by last Conference.	No. removed by Certificate.	No. removed without Certificate.	No. dropped, with or unknown Certificate.	No. received into Full Connection.	No. on roll at the end of this year.	No. received by Certificate.	No. received from Probation.	No. removed by Certificate.	No. removed without Certificate.	No. withdrawn, expelled, or unknown.	No. of Deaths.	No. of known members at end of year.	Famors' Gain, including rental value of Parsonage, or House Rent.	Pastors' Receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or House Rent.	Debtless.	Ant. Apportioned.	Amount paid.	Ant. Apportioned.	Amount paid.	Ant. Apportioned.	Amount paid.	Ant. Apportioned.	Amount paid.
Zoar, Philadelphia.....	32	10	2	10	20	58	15	20	8	19	26	6	315	\$72 00	.....	\$5 00	\$75 00	\$5 00	3 12	3 12	\$5 00	\$3 00	\$5 00	\$5 00
Dorcy.....	12	1	1	1	8	20	5	6	8	11	11	3	210	460 00	.....	45 00	45 00	3 12	3 12	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	6 00
Millford.....	26	3	1	1	25	13	3	29	1	8	11	3	210	588 00	.....	62 00	52 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	6 00
Chester.....	10	1	1	1	1	20	3	9	1	8	3	3	173	888 00	.....	41 00	41 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	4 00	10 00	14 00	3 00
E Zion, Wilmington.....	40	1	0	0	2	37	10	68	2	2	3	3	406	820 00	.....	80 00	80 00	4 00	4 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	7 50
Smyrna.....	10	1	0	0	4	6	30	12	2	2	3	3	148	400 00	.....	40 00	38 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	5 00
Middletown.....	35	2	1	1	13	11	1	13	2	2	75	2	63	417 00	.....	61 00	41 00	1 50	1 50	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	5 00
Salem.....	3	1	1	1	2	4	5	3	2	2	5	1	49	620 00	.....	97 00	23 00	2 00	2 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	5 00
Germanatown.....	3	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	94	150 00	.....	132 00	8 00	2 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	7 00	
Frankford.....	20	2	1	1	6	22	1	18	1	2	6	3	168	627 00	.....	46 00	41 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	6 00
John Westey and Centreville.....	23	1	1	1	4	16	5	1	3	3	12	2	208	370 00	.....	249 00	40 00	2 00	2 00	1 75	1 75	2 00	2 00	4 00
Port Deposit.....	16	1	1	1	5	6	2	10	2	2	5	1	208	455 00	.....	113 00	70 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	4 00
Obolena.....	17	3	1	1	10	20	12	12	2	2	5	1	61	363 00	.....	183 00	130 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	5 00
Cape May.....	15	2	1	1	3	10	20	10	2	2	3	1	220	400 00	.....	385 00	15 00	55 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	5 00
Mount Zion.....	60	1	1	1	6	82	2	2	2	8	.....	.....	70	246 00	.....	226 00	21 00	28 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	
Salem.....	4	2	1	1	2	22	4	22	2	2	.....	.....	85	340 00	.....	310 00	41 00	41 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	5 00	
Bridgeport.....	3	1	1	1	2	22	2	22	2	2	.....	.....	85	340 00	.....	328 00	12 00	41 00	1 50	1 50	1 50	1 50	5 00	
Smyrna.....	19	18	1	1	1	29	4	1	3	2	55	99	424 00	.....	284 00	140 00	46 00	38 17	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	
Wilmington.....	17	2	1	1	10	30	4	10	2	3	2	3	110	348 00	.....	348 00	24 60	24 60	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	
Dover Circuit.....	368	11	58	109	12	178	535	59	82	42	208	76	3194	9083 00	.....	8264 00	822 00	867 00	42	62	38	87	72 00	
Total.....																								

Cambridge District.—General Statistics, No. 2.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERS.										MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.				BISHOPS.		CON. CLAIMS.					
	PROBATIONERS.					MEMBERS.					THRES. ELDER.		AMT. APPORTIONED.		AMT. APPORTIONED.		AMT. APPORTIONED.					
	No. on Roll at last Conference.	No. removed by Certificate.	No. dropped, withdrawn or unknown.	No. of Deaths.	No. received into Full Connection.	No. on Roll at the end of this year.	No. received by Certificate.	No. removed from Probation.	No. removed by Certificate.	No. removed with- out Certificate.	No. withdrawn, expelled, or unknown.	No. of Deaths.	No. of known members at end of year.	Pastor's Claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or House Rent.	Pastor's Receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or House Rent.	Deficiency.	Am't. Apportioned.	Amount paid.	Am't. Apportioned.	Amount paid.		
Millington.....	16	6	.....	.....	15	22	5	11	10	.....	5	430	\$53 00	\$40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mill Pond.....	6	.....	.....	.....	6	10	.....	27	4	.....	16	380	330 00	330 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missisquoi.....	20	.....	.....	.....	20	106	1	50	1	.....	8	290	290 00	290 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warwick.....	20	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	8	25	3	.....	8	291	270 00	310 00	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chesertown.....	10	.....	.....	.....	6	17	.....	13	8	20	4	249	425 00	425 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Templeville.....	10	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	25	4	.....	7	276	400 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cumpleville.....	33	.....	.....	.....	18	30	.....	12	5	7	9	561	400 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Centerville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	4	324	410 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kent Island.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	4	324	410 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Island.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	4	324	410 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hillsborough.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	4	324	410 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Denton.....	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	18	307	324 00	330 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Green.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	5	109	340 00	313 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	5	109	340 00	313 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Michael's.....	123	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	8	223	200 00	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Michael's.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	8	223	200 00	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Talbot.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	8	225	360 00	360 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Easton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	8	225	360 00	360 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trappo.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	8	225	360 00	360 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Trappo.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	8	225	360 00	360 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Church Creek.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	7	284	409 00	409 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Church Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	7	284	409 00	409 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tobaccostick.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	6	375	365 00	345 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tobaccostick.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	6	375	365 00	345 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	307	4	11	98	226	348	30	366	36	62	70	130	5180	6650 00	6323 55	407 05	608 53	515 09	37 70	38 00	65 53	65 73

Salisbury District.—General Statistics, No. 2.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS	PROBATIONERS.										MEMBERS.										MONTHLY SUPPORT			PRES. IN DER.		DISTRICTS.		CONF. CLAIM T.S.			
	No. on Roll at last Conference	No. removed by Certificate	No. removed with-out Certificate	No. dropped, withdrawn, or unknown	No. of Deaths	No. received into Full Connection	No. on the Roll at the end of this year	No. received by Certificate	No. received from Probation	No. removed by Certificate	No. removed with-out Certificate	No. withdrawn, expelled, or unknown	No. of Deaths	No. of known members at the end of this year	Pastor's Claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or, House Rent.	Delinquency.	Am't. Apportioned	Am't. Apportioned	Am't. Apportioned	Am't. Apportioned	Am't. Apportioned	Am't. Apportioned	Am't. Apportioned	Am't. Apportioned	Am't. Apportioned	Am't. Apportioned	Am't. Apportioned	Am't. Apportioned			
Laurel.....	19	1	3	18	4	6	25	1	18	1	16	18	7	175	\$375 00	\$10 60	\$30 50	\$30 50	\$30 50	\$30 50	\$30 50	\$30 50	\$30 50	\$30 50	\$30 50	\$30 50	\$30 50	\$30 50	\$30 50		
Salisbury.....	36	1	2	33	3	22	16	1	16	1	16	18	4	246	\$55 00	\$68 00	16 40	16 40	16 40	16 40	16 40	16 40	16 40	16 40	16 40	16 40	16 40	16 40	16 40		
Quantico.....	8	3	1	4	2	12	10	4	2	4	2	13	3	275	\$20 00	\$30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	
Union.....	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	330	\$60 00	\$50 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	
Fairmount.....	32	1	1	29	1	12	13	1	9	1	9	7	7	285	\$400 00	\$48 00	45 00	45 00	45 00	45 00	45 00	45 00	45 00	45 00	45 00	45 00	45 00	45 00	45 00	45 00	
Manokin.....	10	1	1	8	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	305	\$368 00	\$30 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	
Snow Hill.....	5	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	46	\$25 00	\$50 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	
Snow Hill Circuit.....	13	1	1	11	1	1	18	7	23	1	23	1	4	218	\$330 00	\$20 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	
North Berlin.....	4	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	251	\$25 00	\$55 00	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	2 75	
South Berlin.....	4	1	1	3	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	253	\$65 00	\$119 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 00
Hortonville.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	317	\$90 00	\$200 00	36 00	36 00	36 00	36 00	36 00	36 00	36 00	36 00	36 00	36 00	36 00	36 00	36 00	36 00	36 00
Hammonds.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	310	\$40 00	\$80 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00
Beacon City.....	28	2	6	20	6	20	30	3	10	3	10	8	8	288	\$71 00	\$24 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00	28 00
Stocked.....	6	1	2	3	1	3	8	16	2	2	2	2	2	100	\$25 00	\$60 00	13 50	13 50	13 50	13 50	13 50	13 50	13 50	13 50	13 50	13 50	13 50	13 50	13 50	13 50	13 50
Leg.....	6	1	1	4	1	1	3	12	6	6	6	6	6	322	\$50 00	\$20 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00
Princess Anne.....	6	1	1	4	1	1	3	12	6	6	6	6	6	322	\$50 00	\$20 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00
Friendship.....	6	1	1	4	1	1	3	12	6	6	6	6	6	322	\$50 00	\$20 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00
Green Hill.....	6	1	1	4	1	1	3	12	6	6	6	6	6	322	\$50 00	\$20 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00
Federalburg.....	20	4	6	10	4	12	10	25	20	4	10	6	4	270	\$400 00	\$70 00	44 00	44 00	44 00	44 00	44 00	44 00	44 00	44 00	44 00	44 00	44 00	44 00	44 00	44 00	44 00
Vienna.....	25	2	6	14	1	12	10	25	20	4	10	6	4	385	\$365 00	\$80 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00
Washington.....	15	1	1	13	1	1	21	1	21	1	1	1	1	362	\$300 00	\$80 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00
Lewis & Harmony.....	23	1	1	21	1	1	21	1	21	1	1	1	1	362	\$300 00	\$80 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00	32 00
Chincoteague.....	242	15	32	205	34	233	303	19	340	15	75	101	96	3596	\$744 00	\$282 00	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	
Total.....	977	30	56	921	64	637	1246	108	1041	90	163	379	311	13730	\$2313 00	\$351 65	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	

RECAPITULATION.

Philadelphia.....	368	11	53	304	12	178	533	69	332	37	42	208	76	3101	\$683 00	\$82 00	867 00	867 00	867 00	867 00	867 00	867 00	867 00	867 00	867 00	867 00	867 00	867 00	867 00	867 00
Cambridge.....	367	4	11	352	22	348	391	368	38	52	70	130	130	3190	\$846 00	\$107 65	1088 75	1088 75	1088 75	1088 75	1088 75	1088 75	1088 75	1088 75	1088 75	1088 75	1088 75	1088 75	1088 75	1088 75
Salisbury.....	242	15	32	205	34	233	303	19	346	15	75	101	96	3596	\$744 00	\$282 00	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40	667 40
Total.....	977	30	56	921	64	637	1246	108	1041	90	163	379	311	13730	\$2313 00	\$351 65	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15	2943 15

Philadelphia District.—General Statistics, No. 3.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.														
	No. Sunday-schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars 15 years old and over.	No. of Scholars under 15 years old except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance Teachers & Scholars.	No. Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	S. S. Advocates.	S. S. Class-mates.	S. S. Journals.	Officers & Teachers, Ch. Mem's or Prob's, Scholars, Ch. Mem-bers or Prob'rs.	No. of Conversions	
Zoar, Philadelphia.....	1	23	185	107	10	68	160	100	160	00	.....	31	21	47	19
Dover.....	12	15	178	48	112	48	118	100	25	00	.....	24	14	50	28
Milford.....	5	48	250	70	38	40	156	500	15	00	.....	1	36	15	11
Chester.....	1	16	115	35	68	15	60	180	40	00	.....	.....	5	5	1
E Zion, Wilmington.....	1	32	310	200	60	52	245	100	125	00	.....	35	32	210	33
Snyrna.....	2	16	159	96	63	22	81	54	16	80	.....	9	12	75	16
Middletown.....	1	11	89	73	9	7	42	381	9	18	.....	8	6	29	.....
Salom.....	2	15	80	25	20	35	45	126	16	00	200	2	8	18	6
Gorintown.....	1	7	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Frankford.....	1	8	23	12	7	4	13	70	2	57	.....	7	7	5	.....
J. Wesley & Centreville.	2	30	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Port Deposit.....	2	14	131	51	45	55	86	150	6	00	.....	6	12	30	3
Odessa.....	2	25	117	81	25	15	80	78	18	00	.....	7	21	93	8
North Penn.....	1	6	16	10	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	12	.....	.....
Cape May.....	2	16	68	25	37	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	20	.....
Mount Zion Ch.	5	30	150	100	30	20	75	300	15	00	.....	.....	20	25	7
Salom.....	2	12	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	225	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bridgeton.....	2	10	60	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Snyrna.....	2	15	60	20	37	.....	.....	50	10	00	.....	.....	10	30	.....
New Castle.....	2	7	70	58	.....	12	.....	124	10	00	.....	1	7	27	.....
Wilmington.....	3	15	152	130	16	7	70	300	15	00	.....	62	14	160	28
Dover.....	3	15	58	58	.....	27	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	.....
Total.....	45	384	2476	1199	614	437	1376	3268	468	55	200	196	267	817	162
Cambridge District.															
Millington.....	5	20	180	95	50	35	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	.....
Still Pond.....	4	20	190	65	50	75	150	165	10	.....	.....	.....	15	60	16
Sassafras.....	2	12	100	60	28	12	55	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
Fairlee.....	6	90	400	125	75	.....	300	150	25	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chestertown.....	2	37	242	90	100	52	167	337	26	50	.....	39	27	20	11
Templeville.....	5	25	100	50	30	20	95	.....	4	00	.....	.....	25	20	21
Crumpton.....	4	20	145	40	48	48	135	175	22	75	.....	.....	20	.....	55
Centreville.....	6	35	225	150	50	40	25	330	6	00	.....	.....	20	12	15
Kent Island.....	4	33	205	.....	.....	.....	150	250	8	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hillsborough.....	5	44	281	85	35	61	125	400	7	35	.....	.....	12	.....	35
Denton.....	5	20	219	.....	.....	78	70	90	10	00	.....	.....	15	50	17
Greensborough.....	5	25	160	85	35	30	110	207	2	56	.....	.....	25	35	10
St. Michael's.....	3	17	138	46	48	44	96	636	9	00	.....	12	16	19	2
Talbot.....	5	29	116	33	41	41	70	355	11	10	.....	.....	4	21	15
Easton.....	2	28	240	60	180	15	200	100	10	00	.....	.....	12	18	23
Trapp.....	2	18	70	35	.....	12	10	.....	6	00	.....	.....	20	6	5
Cambridge.....	2	30	275	200	20	55	135	682	40	00	.....	.....	12	29	40
Church Creek.....	4	40	280	120	100	60	120	340	5	06	.....	.....	29	10	4
Tobaccostick.....	6	25	215	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	77	668	3770	1348	890	678	2138	4298	192	36	.....	99	291	251	107

Salisbury District.—General Statistics, No. 3.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CIRCUITS & STATIONS.	SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.														
	No. Sunday-schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars 15 years old and over.	No. of Scholars under 15 years old, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance Teach'rs & Scholars	No. Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	S. S. Advocates.	S. S. Classmates.	S. S. Journals.	Officers & Teachers, Ch. Mem's or Probs. Scholars, Ch. Members or Probats.	No. of Conversions.	
Laurel.....	2	20	103	20	40	43	75	175	\$5 00				12	12	
Salisbury.....	1	17	112	22	29	30	75	180	12 67			100	8	18	
Quantico.....	4	20	75	25	25	25	50						20	16	
Union.....	3	22													
Fairmount.....	2	26	222	111			100	206	12 73				21	46	
Manokin.....	6	40	225	175	40	10	175	250	9 00		20		34	13	
Snow Hill.....	12	12	142	48	28	25	80	250	3 75				8	10	
Snow Hill Circuit.....	9	30	12	18			25	48	3 98						
North Berlin.....	3	25	144	75	40	28	120						64	39	
South Berlin.....	4	20	200	120	60	20	100	220	7 00				19		
Horntown.....	3	6	65					130	1 85				6		
Drummondtown.....	2	18	92	35	10	47	110	55					18	55	
Pocomoke City.....	4	30	200	100	50	50	150	500	20 00			6	30	50	
Stockton.....	3	25	179				183	31	3 85			1	26	45	
Parsonsburg.....	4	16	115	25	75	15	70	150				15	12	2	
Princess Anne.....	2	10	200	70	30	100	110	250	25 00			72	10	10	
Friendship.....	3	30	155	81	74		68	200	5 00				25	20	
Green Hill.....	3	15	150	40	70	50	100	200	11 00				12	27	
Federalsburg.....	5	30	160	75	55	30	75	200	7 00				50	20	
Vienna.....	6	30	220	100	100	20	150	186	6 00				20	25	
Washington.....	6	25	180	65	85	30	140	29 00				14	17	32	
Lewes & Harmony.....	5	25	144	26	20	98	65	164	5 00				8	29	
Chincoteague.....	1	5	30	18	12		25	35	10 00				3	13	
Total.....	74	477	3152	1243	936	688	2116	3430	177 83			288	432	453	284
RECAPITULATION.															
Philadelphia.....	45	381	2476	1199	614	437	1376	3268	468 55	200		196	267	817	162
Cambridge.....	77	568	3770	1348	890	678	2138	4298	192 36			99	291	251	197
Salisbury.....	71	477	3152	1243	936	688	2116	3430	177 83			288	432	453	284
Totals.....	196	1429	9398	3790	2140	1803	5630	10996	838 74	200		583	900	1521	613
Last Year.....	189	1357	8470	3770	2371	1461	4977	11618	870 00			606	1001	1789	1031
Increase.....	7	72	928	20	60	342	653					200			
Decrease.....								622	32 26			23	11	265	388

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