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- ON ANNIVERSARIES FOR NEXT CONFERENCE.—T. H. Johnson, W. H. Thomas, A. R. Shockley.
- ON DELINQUENT MINUTE MONEY.—A. R. Shockley.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. *Who are received by transfer and from what Conference?*  
Wm. Fielder, from the Northwest Iowa Conference, Jordan Economoff, from the Newark Conference.
2. *Who are admitted on trial?*  
M. J. Hall, Vincent B. Wallace, King J. Still, Isaiah H. Johnson, Edward H. Webb, John H. Nutter, Silas E. Adams.
3. *Who remain on trial?*  
Daniel Brittingham, James K. Adams, J. H. Winters.
4. *Who are discontinued?*  
John H. Hughes, John W. Langford.
5. *Who are admitted in full connection?*  
John S. Holly, James H. Mason, Eben E. Parker, James H. Johnson, Joseph R. Waters.
6. *Who are re-admitted?*  
None.
7. *Who are received on credentials from other Churches?*  
Charles H. Hutchins, from the A. M. E. Church.
8. *What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?*  
James H. Johnson, M. J. Hall, Joseph R. Waters.
9. *What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*  
James H. Johnson, Joseph R. Waters.
10. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*  
John H. Davis, Edward H. Webb.
11. *What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*  
John H. Davis, Edward H. Webb.
12. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the first class?*  
James H. Johnson, Joseph R. Waters.
13. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the second class.*  
Arthur W. Hamilton, Benj. W. Allen, Matthias H. Horsey, Henry A. Moore, Thomas M. Hubbard, Thomas B. H. Coleman.
14. *What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*  
Wm. H. Thomas, Jordan Economoff.
15. *What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*  
W. H. Thomas.
16. *What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?*  
None.
17. *What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*  
None.
18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*  
None.
19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*  
Isaac Hinson, John W. Saunders, Benj. Gibbs, Simon Taylor, Wm. Phillips, Philip Kennedy, Charles Pollett.
20. *Was the character of each Preacher examined?*  
This was strictly attended to by the calling over of each name.
21. *Have any died?*  
James R. Webb, Fairmount, Md., Aug. 1st, 1880. John Tilghman, Bridgeton, N. J., Feb. —, 1881. David Eaves, near Cambridge, Md., — 1880. S. P. Marshall, Marion Station, Md., April 25th, 1881.
22. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?*  
M. J. Hall to Colorado Conference. Wm. Fielder to Northwest Iowa Conference. Jordan Economoff to the Newark Conference and Wm. H. Coffey to the Newark Conference.
23. *Have any withdrawn?*  
None.
24. *Have any been located at their own request?*  
None.
25. *Have any been located?*  
None.
26. *Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?*  
None.
27. *Have any been expelled?*  
None.
28. *Who are selected for triers of appeals?*  
W. J. Parker, A. Brown, W. F. Butler, H. Jolly, J. D. Elbert, W. Taylor, J. H. Pearce.
29. *What is the Statistical report?*  
(See General Statistics.)
30. *What are the claims on the Conference fund?*  
(See Stewards' report.)
31. *What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?*  
(See report of Committee on Conference Claimants and Conference Stewards' report.)
32. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*  
(See list of appointments.)
33. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*  
Centreville, Md.

# DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—JULY 21ST, 1881.

## MORNING SESSION.

The eighteenth session of the Delaware Annual Conference of the M. E. Church convened in Ebenezer M. E. Church, Snow Hill, Md. At nine o'clock Bishop William L. Harris, D. D., LL. D., took the chair and proceeded to open the Conference session. The Bishop read part of the twenty-second (22) chapter of Luke and announced the eight hundred and thirty-fourth (834) hymn, commencing,

"The King of Heaven his table spreads,"

which was sung. After which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders and the Elders present. At the close of the sacramental services, the Bishop directed George H. Waters, Secretary of the last Conference to call the roll, to which fifty (50) members of the Conference responded. Four, viz; James R. Webb, John Tilghman, David Eaves, and Samuel P. Marshall were reported to have died during the year. John W. Saunders was reported distant; Thomas H. Johnson sick; and eleven members were absent. George H. Waters was unanimously re-elected Secretary. L. Y. Cox and I. H. White were chosen assistants. W. M. Webb was elected Statistical Secretary with Wm. F. Butler, H. Jolly and Henry A. Monroe as his assistants. James A. Scott was elected Recording Secretary. The Conference resolved to meet daily at 8 A. M. and adjourn at 12 M. A draft was ordered on the Chartered Fund for thirty (30) dollars.

Bishop Harris presented a communication from Bishop Wiley presenting the name of M. J. Hall, (now laboring in the Montana Mission.) This brother having passed the necessary examination had been regularly recommended for admission on trial into the Colorado Conference, but in consequence of his papers failing to reach the seat of said Conference was not admitted into the same. Upon favorable recommendation from Bishop Wiley, the brother was received on trial in the Delaware Conference, and elected to Deacons' Orders under the North-west Iowa Conference, a deacon of the second class in connection with the favorable recommendations he was elected to Elders' Orders. The Bishop then announced William Fielder, a deacon of the second class in connection with the favorable recommendations he was elected to Elders' Orders. The Bishop then announced his re-transfer to the Northwest Iowa Conference.

The following visitors were introduced: Revs. J. E. Round, A. M., Principal of the Centenary Biblical Institute of Baltimore, Md., W. C. Dickerson of the Newark Conference, J. B. Quigg of the Wilmington Conference, and T. M. Williams, Presiding Elder of the Salisbury District of the Wilmington Conference. The bar of the Conference was fixed at the fourth bench from the altar. The Bishop then addressed the Conference with reference to the Centenary Biblical Institute. The twentieth question of the Discipline, viz: "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. J. E. Webb, Presiding Elder of the Philadelphia District was called, his character passed and he presented a written report of the work on his district. The characters of the following effective elders were passed and they reported their respective collections.

Wm. H. Coffey, P. Burrows, N. Morris, J. H. Pearce, W. J. Parker, L. Y. Cox, S. P. Whittington, W. F. Butler, W. Taylor, W. M. Webb, G. H. Waters, J. A. Scott, D. J. Waters, W. H. Johnson.

Joseph D. Elbert, Presiding Elder of Cambridge District was called, his character passed, and he then presented his report. The characters of the following brethren of the Cambridge District were passed and they reported their respective collections. J. S. Willis, C. Pollett, D. R. Dunn, T. H. Johnson, J. Q. Dennis, G. M. Landin, C. H. Ash, I. Broughton, J. W. Brown, H. Jolly, A. Brown, J. Brinkley, A. Lowber, A. Grinage.

John H. Holland, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District was called, his character passed, and he presented his report. The Conference resolved to meet at two o'clock to receive and correct statistical reports. The Bishop appointed W. J. Parker to preside at the afternoon session. The Sunday School anniversary was changed from the afternoon to the evening. Announcements were given, the Doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by J. E. Round.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

W. J. Parker in the chair. The devotional services were conducted by J. Brinkley. The afternoon was devoted to the collection of statistical reports. The doxology was sung, and benediction was pronounced by G. H. Waters.

SECOND DAY, JULY 22, 1881.

Conference re-assembled at 8 o'clock A. M., Bishop Harris in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by W. J. Parker. Roll of absentees of yesterday's session was called and the further calling of the roll dispensed with. The journal of yesterday's session was read, corrected and approved. The twentieth question was resumed. The names of J. C. Carroll and I. Broughton, (of the Cambridge District,) who were absent yesterday, were called, their characters passed, after which they presented their reports.

The characters of the following Elders of the Salisbury District were passed. S. G. Waters, N. Young, C. A. Horsey, G. W. Young, H. T. Rich, H. Morris, A. J. Handy, P. J. Adams, R. J. Waters, G. H. Washington, W. B. Green, C. Wing, F. J. Lea, A. R. Shockley, I. H. White; after which they reported their respective collections. The third question, viz., "Who remain on Trial," was taken up. The names of the first year's class were called. Daniel Brittingham was favorably reported by his Presiding Elder and the examining committee, and he was continued on trial. The name of J. K. Adams, who was absent owing to the illness of his wife, was passed over.

The fifth question, viz., "Who are admitted into full connection," was taken up. The following members of the second year's class were called before the altar and Bishop Harris addressed them on the nature and importance of the obligations which they were about to assume, and asked them the usual disciplinary questions, which were answered in a satisfactory manner. Each promising to abstain from the use of tobacco: they then reported their collections and retired.

The examining committee reported favorably; the presiding elders represented them; they were admitted into full connection and the following elected to Deacons' Orders: James H. Johnson, Joseph R. Waters. The following were admitted into full connection, having been previously ordained deacons: J. S. Holley, J. H. Mason, E. E. Parker. J. H. Winters having been reported deficient in his studies, was continued on trial.

John H. Hughs, being reported by the examining committee incapable of pursuing the course of studies prescribed by the Discipline, was discontinued by vote of Conference.

John W. Langford was discontinued at his own request.

Geo. H. Waters offered a resolution signed by himself and Dr. Butler, with reference to the attempted assassination of the President, whereupon the two above named brothers were appointed a committee to frame a resolution expressing the sympathies of the Conference with the heroic President and his noble family in this their hour of great trial and a nation's woe, a copy of which was ordered to be forwarded to his Secretary of State, James G. Blaine.

A paper was received from the Book Concern at New York with reference to the support of Bishops. This communication was read and referred to the committee on Episcopal fund. Two hundred and seventy-three dollars, (\$273,) which was assessed to the conference by the general book committee for the support of Bishops, was referred to the Presiding Elders to be apportioned by them among the three districts.

A circular from the Secretary of the Board of Education, also a letter, was referred to the committee on education.

The Annual Report of the Book Committee was read, showing that the net capital of the two Book Concerns is one million, three hundred fifty-five thousand, sixty-eight dollars and sixteen cents (1,355,068.16). The total sales for the fiscal year, ending with the month of January 1880, amounted to one million, five hundred seventy-six thousand, seven hundred eighty-three dollars and ninety-nine cents (1,576,783.99), showing a total increase in sales over the last year, one hundred eleven thousand, two hundred sixty-one dollars and twenty-eight cents (111,261.28). The total net profits, eighty-seven thousand, nine hundred eighty-one dollars and eighty-six cents. (87,981.86). The report was placed on file.

Rev. D. H. Carroll, D. D., of the Methodist Book Depository at Baltimore, was introduced and addressed the conference with reference to the publishing interests of the church.

The thirteenth question, viz., "Who are the deacons of the second class?" was taken up, and A. W. Hamilton, B. W. Allen, M. H. Horsey, H. A. Monroe, deacons of the first class were reported as having passed satisfactory examinations, and were represented by their Presiding Elders, reported their respective collections, and were passed to the second class of deacons.

The fourteenth question, viz., "What traveling deacons have been elected elders?" was taken up. Wm. H. Thomas was reported by the examining committee as having passed an excellent examination. The Presiding Elder also reported favorably. He reported his collections and was elected to Elders' Orders. Thomas M. Hubbard and Thomas B. H. Coleman were reported deficient in their studies; the Presiding Elders represented them favorably; they reported their collections and were continued in the second class of deacons.

John Tilghman was reported to have died during the year.

The eighteenth question, viz., "Who are the supernumerary preachers?" was taken up. Philip Kennedy's character passed and relation changed to supernumerated.

The nineteenth question, viz., "Who are the superannuated preachers?" was taken up. The characters of I. Hinson, J. W. Saunders, S. Taylor, B. Gibbs and W. Phillips were passed and their relation continued. Charles Pollett was granted a superannuated relation.

Presiding Elder Holland made a statement concerning the embarrassed condition of our church at Seaford, Del., stating that if fifty dollars were not raised within a few days the building would be sold. A cash collection was taken amounting to fifteen dollars and twenty-one cents, (\$15.21), which was paid over to A. R. Shockley, pastor of said church.

The conference ordered the creation of the office of Conference Treasurer, and that each member of the conference be required to raise, annually, a per capita

of two cents per member in each of the several charges for the creation of a conference sustentation fund, said collection to be reported at each session of the Annual Conference in connection with the Benevolent collections, and also that monies received from the sales of Minutes be paid into the Conference Treasury.

Nathan Young was elected Conference Treasurer.

W. F. Butler, T. H. Johnson and I. H. White were appointed a committee on Conference Standard, with instructions to report at this session as to what, in their judgment, would further the interests of that paper. The conference ordered the publication of two thousand copies of the Annual Minutes to be sold at ten cents per copy. The Secretary and his Assistants were appointed the publishing committee.

The thirty-third question, viz.: "Where shall the next conference be held?" was taken up. Centreville, Md., being the only place named, was unanimously selected as the place for the seat of the next conference.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to nominate the Triers of Appeals. Conference ordered the Secretaries, hereafter to distribute the minutes among the members of the conference according to the number of members of their several charges, and that each preacher be required to pay for the number of Minutes he receives.

A. R. Shockley was appointed to collect delinquent Minute money.

Mr. Pond, a layman connected with the New York Methodist, was introduced and addressed the conference with reference to that paper.

On motion, Joseph R. Waters, E. Parker, M. H. Horsey, were appointed a committee on resolutions.

Ten o'clock Saturday morning was fixed as the hour for receiving the daughters of Conference.

The committee on Education was instructed to nominate the visitors to the Centenary Biblical Institute.

Notices were given, the Doxology sung, and the Benediction pronounced by D. H. Carroll.

### THIRD Day—Saturday 23rd, 1881.

#### MORNING SESSION.

Bishop Harris in the chair. The devotional services were conducted by L. Y. Cox. The journal of yesterday's session was read, corrected and approved. The Bishop announced the transfer of Jordan Economoff, (a native Bulgarian, now laboring in the Bulgarian Mission,) from the Newark Conference to this (Delaware) Conference. The brother above named being a deacon of the second class, and having passed the required examination, and being properly recommended, was elected to Elders' Orders. The Bishop then announced his re-transfer to the Newark Conference.

The third question, viz.: "Who remain on Trial?" was resumed. James K. Adams, being still absent, was required to pass his first year's examination at the next session of the Conference.

The tenth question, viz.: "What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?" was taken up. The following brothers having been duly recommended were elected, viz.: "John H. Davis, of the Philadelphia District Conference, and Edward H. Webb of the Quarterly Conference of Fairmount Circuit."

The second question, viz., "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up. The following having been duly recommended by their several District and Quarterly Conferences, favorably reported by the examining committee, the committee on qualifications and their Presiding Elders were admitted on trial. Vincent B. Wallace, King J. Still, Isaiah Johnson, Edward H. Webb, John H. Nutter and Silas E. Adams.

The seventh question, viz: "Who are received on credentials from other Churches?" was taken up. The credentials of Charles H. Hutchins, a traveling deacon of the A. M. E. Church, were presented and he was admitted as a deacon of the first class.

The following committees reported: Committee on Missions, Committee on Sunday Schools, and Committee on Education. H. Jolly and J. E. Round addressed the Conference on the subject of education.

Rev. A. Batts, Rector of the P. E. Church of Snow Hill, was introduced and addressed the Conference on its work and the future of the race of which the Conference was composed. A vote of thanks was tendered the reverend brother for his able address.

The order of the day, namely, the reception of the Daughters of Conference, was taken up. The sisters were introduced to the Bishop by Wm. Perkins, Esq., of Chestertown, Md., in a short but well chosen speech. The Bishop in reply spoke very encouragingly of woman's work in the church and bade the Daughters of Conference God speed in their work and labor of love. The address in behalf of the sisters was made by Mrs. Sarah A. Jenkins of Philadelphia, in her usual happy style. Miss Mary Brown read the annual report of the daughters of Conference and Mrs. Mary A. Webb made the annual presentation to the Conference. The amount presented was one hundred and thirty-five dollars and sixty-three cents, (\$135.63,) which amount was placed in the hands of the Board of Control of the Preachers' Aid Society. H. A. Monroe was then introduced and proceeded to deliver the annual address, which was an able effort. W. J. Parker also followed in an address giving a history of woman's connection with the church in various ages.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to appoint a brother, with an alternate, to address the Daughters of Conference at the next regular session of the Conference.

Report of Committees resumed. Committees on Tract Cause, Episcopal Funds, Auditing Accounts of Presiding Elders, Church Extension, Freedman's Aid, Temperance, Woman's Foreign Missions, Bible Cause, State of Church, reported, and their reports were adopted.

The Conference Stewards reported: report adopted. The time of the morning session was extended. Conference ordered a session for Sunday afternoon for the holding of a Memorial Service. Conference also ordered a session for three o'clock this afternoon. A committee of three, consisting of W. F. Butler, I. H. White, W. H. Thomas, was appointed to arrange for holding a Sunday School Convention.

A committee of five, consisting of G. H. Waters, H. A. Monroe, W. J. Parker, A. R. Shockley and H. Jolly, were appointed to devise a plan for the organization of a Conference Historical Society. The committee were instructed to report at next Conference.

Announcements were given, the doxology sung, and the benediction was pronounced by W. F. Butler.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Bishop Harris in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by A. Brown. The journal of the morning session was read, corrected and approved. Bishop presented the nominations for Conference Board of Church Extension and Trier's of Appeals. Nominations confirmed. The Examining Committee for the next session was announced. The committee to draw up a paper with reference to President Garfield reported. The committee on Minute Money reported, as also the committee on Conference Standard. H. A. Monroe, editor of the Conference Standard, addressed the Conference with reference to that paper. In his address he stated that the paper could not be what he desired it without the united co-operation of the members of the Conference, but that the prospects of the paper were much better than a year ago; that new interest was being taken on every side.

Dr. Butler offered a resolution with reference to the proper observance of the Sabbath.

A collection was taken for the sexton, amounting to four dollars and one cent. (\$4.01).

The Committee on delinquent minute money reported.

I. H. White offered a resolution with reference to the Missionary Sermon preached on Friday evening by W. H. Coffey.

Conference instructed the statistical secretaries that when they shall have finished their reports, to submit them to the Secretary.

Committee on Resolutions reported, and their report adopted.

Bishop Harris addressed the Conference with reference to its work during the coming year. Bishop announced the transfer of Wm. H. Coffey to the Newark Conference. W. J. Parker offered a resolution with reference to the transfer of said brother.

T. H. Johnson, A. R. Shockley and W. H. Thomas were appointed a committee to arrange a schedule of anniversaries for the next Conference.

The moneys for Mission, Tract Cause, Bible Cause, Sunday School Union, Episcopal Fund, Woman's Foreign Missions and Methodist Book Concern, were placed in the hands of the Bishop to be paid to the New York Book Concern for these several objects.

The moneys for Freedman's Aid and Education were paid to J. E. Round for the Centenary Biblical Institute.

The minute money was paid over to Nathan Young. Church Extension money was paid over to Wm. Perkins, Treasurer of the Conference Board of Church Extension.

A collection was taken up to aid John Hughes in moving to his home. The anniversary of the Freedman's Aid Society was fixed for 8 o'clock P. M. Doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by H. Jolly.

#### SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment. Bishop Harris in the chair. The devotional services were conducted by Wm. Phillips, who announced the 979th hymn, commencing,

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep."

A collection was taken for the church, after which the memorial services took place. An eulogy was delivered upon the life of James R. Webb by A. Brown. The memoir of Rev. John Tilghman was read by T. H. Johnson.

W. J. Parker delivered a very appropriate address. The memoir of D. Eaves was read by W. H. Coffey. The address was delivered by H. Morris. The memoir of S. P. Marshall was read by W. H. Coffey. The address was delivered by H. A. Monroe.

The memoir of Nancy A. Coleman, wife of Rev. T. B. H. Coleman, was read by T. H. Johnson. Remarks were made by John H. Nutter. The memoir of Mary C. Webb, wife of presiding elder, J. E. Webb, was read by W. H. Coffey.

Addresses by Nathan Young and Charles Pollett. The memoir of Delia Burrows was read by Thomas H. Johnson. Addresses by H. Jolly, after which the memoirs of the deceased brothers and sisters were adopted. Bishop Harris, assisted by several Elders, then proceeded to the ordination of Wm. H. Thomas to the office of Elder.

The ordination of deacons was performed at the morning service. The Bishop presented the secretary with the usual certificate of ordination. He then delivered a short but very impressive address and announced the appointments for the ensuing year. The doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by the Bishop, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

WILLIAM L. HARRIS, Presiding Bishop.

GEO. H. WATERS, Secretary.

### Anniversaries, Preaching Services, &c., during the Conference.

Thursday Evening July 21st, The anniversary of the Sunday School was held, Geo. H. Waters presided.

Addresses were delivered by S. P. Whittington, Eben E. Parker, I. H. White and M. H. Horsey.

The annual Missionary Sermon was preached on Friday Evening by Wm. H. Coffey.

W. J. Parker announced the 935th hymn. "Go ye messengers of God," and led in Prayer.

Hymn, "Forever here my rest shall be," was sung.

Wm. H. Coffey was then introduced and proceeded to deliver the Missionary Sermon from Mark 16: 15. "And he said unto them go ye into all the world and preach the gospel unto every creature." The sermon was one of the grandest ever preached before the Conference.

Saturday Evening, the anniversary of the Freedmen's Aid Society was held. Hooper Jolly, presided. Stirring addresses were delivered by H. A. Monroe and Wm. F. Butler, D. D.

Sunday services. The services at Ebenezer M. E. Church began at 8 o'clock A. M., with an old fashioned love feast, conducted by N. Young and P. Burrows. The meeting was one of great power, and many warm testimonies were given as to the nature of God's goodness and grace, and his love for perishing sinners.

At 10.30, Bishop Harris preached a powerful and instructive sermon from Isaiah 63: 1, which was followed by the ordination of Deacons.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock Memorial services were held and addresses were made by W. J. Parker, H. Jolly and others. These services were followed by an ordination, at which time Wm. H. Thomas was ordained to the office of Elder; after which the Bishop made a brief address to the Conference and announced the appointments for the ensuing year. The evening sermon was preached by Rev. W. C. Dickerson of the Newark Conference, from Luke 24: 49.

10.30 A. M. At the Court House, W. F. Butler, D. D., preached a very instructive sermon to a large and appreciative audience, and at 3 o'clock P. M. Geo. H. Waters preached in the same place. The pulpit at Ebenezer mission was occupied as follows:

10.30 A. M., N. MORRIS,  
3 P. M., T. M. HUBBARD,  
8 P. M., T. B. H. COLEMAN.

The sermons by these gentlemen were very highly spoken of.

## PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

### PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—In making this my second annual report, I can say with gratitude to Almighty God, that peace and prosperity have prevailed through the District.

One of the Preachers, Rev. J. Tilghman who was appointed by Bishop T. Bowman to the Bridgeton Circuit N. J. has died this year. Mrs. Coleman the wife of Rev T. B. H. Coleman has passed from labor to reward. Mrs. Dealia Burrows the beloved companion of Rev. P. Burrows, after great suffering, died in peace, on the 27th of June, 1881. And also my own wife departed this life in the triumph of faith on the 4th of Sept. 1880. Of these, suitable memoirs will be prepared and presented to the Conference.

The District is composed of twenty-four Stations and Circuits, which lie in four States as follows:

In Pennsylvania, six Stations and one Mission; In New Jersey, four Circuits and two Stations; In Delaware, nine Circuits, two Stations and one Mission. In Maryland, one Circuit, which lies on the south-eastside of Susquehanna river, 70 miles from Philadelphia, Pa.

Great revival services on the District; have not been so many as in previous years, but the Churches are not stale nor stagnated; they have had small additions, and some of them have had large ingatherings of souls. Those that have enjoyed the rich effusion of God's grace, are Ezion, Wilmington, Del.; Scott Church, Camden N. J.; Odessa, Del.; Smyrna, Del.; this Circuit is in the midst of a great revival at this time. Salem Circuit, N. J., Class meetings: these are generally well attended and are very interesting. The prayer meetings are maintained with much zeal wherever practicable to have them, and are frequently visited by divine power.

The Sunday Schools, with the exception of some of our country appointments, are moving on grandly, and some of them are largely attended by both parents and children. The "Berean Lessons," are more universally used. Lyceums are being organized for the improvement of young ladies and gentlemen. Also the catechism is used in a majority of the schools. In some of our Churches where it was convenient, the Children's Day was observed with manifested interest. Our benevolent collections have received faithful attention: The Statistical report I think will show few, if any, blanks: the most of these collections have advanced from five to ten per cent. The brethren have unselfishly presented the claims to their congregations, and in some instances have met with much success. Necessitous will be fully met. I received a circular from Dr. A. S. Hunt requesting me to add twenty-five per cent. to the original apportionment for the support of the new Bishops, (elected,) which I did, and think that the Preachers have all attended to the collection of the same.

Now, in relation to the temporal department of the Church. We have lost West Philadelphia Mission; it was united to North Penn at the last session of the Conference and placed under the charge of Rev. James K. Adams. Brother Adams and myself did all we could to save it, but every effort proved a failure.

Port Deposit Circuit has purchased a Parsonage at the cost of \$175, and have re-seated the Cokesbury Church, and have raised and paid on Church and Parsonage property, \$207.

New Castle Circuit has been successful in paying off back rents on Parsonages, and keeping up their dues in the Building and Loan Association.

Zoar Church, Odessa Circuit. A beautiful lot has been bought on main street leading from Odessa to Middletown, to erect a new brick Church. Both Pastor and people are using every effort toward raising money for the new enterprise.

North Penn Mission is working on slowly; they have removed the old roof and put on a new one at the cost of \$30. Have paid part or all of the debt.

Laws M. E. Church, Frankford, had a little set-back in the early part of the year, but is now holding on her way, and has paid on the indebtedness, \$65,—has also furnished the parsonage with things that were needed, to the amount of \$25,—all paid.

James M. E. Church, Germantown, was sold by the Sheriff last January and purchased by the Trustees of Haines Street M. E. Church, at the price of \$770, and said Trustees agreed to turn it over to our people for the sum of \$500, if said sum be paid sometime during the present year; also said board agreed to be responsible for the pavement in front of the church pile on the premises, and repair the basement of said church. The people of Haines Street Church deserve much praise for their charitable act. Our people with the pastor are doing all they can to meet their promise; have raised and paid over to the treasurer \$200

Zoar, Philadelphia: This church has been burdened with debts for over forty

years, but through the untiring zeal of the Pastor and the co-operation of his people, succeeded in paying off the entire debt, and after a few weeks rest, they purchased a new set of chairs, stand to rest Bible upon, Baptismal Font, a new Bible and Hymn book, new carpet, &c, which they did at a cost of \$210, and this has nearly all been paid. It has also a very prosperous Mission at 20th and Oxford Streets, numbering about 42 members, with a good Sabbath School.

John Wesley: This Church, located on Bainbridge street, between 7th and 8th streets, cannot prosper where it is, and I have advised them to sell it, and purchase or build in some other locality, and I think the majority of the members and Trustees are in for the change, and both pastor and people are doing what they can to raise money for the above purpose: have raised and deposited in the hands of the parent board of the Church Extension Society, \$250. They have been offered \$300 for the old church.

Scott Church, Camden, N. J., is getting ready to build a new church; has bought a lot and paid for it.

Homesteadville Church, Mount Zion Circuit, has commenced and nearly completed a very neat and strong new Church of modern style, and have paid nearly up as far as they have gone.

Mount Zion, Cape May Circuit, is being rebuilt by the addition of 12 ft. in length and 4 ft. in height, and is ready for dedication.

The Seagrove Church of the same Circuit, is nearly finished, and they are paying as they go.

Mount Hope, Salem, N. J. This Church has been improved by removing the side galleries, remodeling the windows and putting patent ed stained glass, and also a new tin roof and a beautiful end gallery, at a cost of \$185.61, has paid on the same, \$800.06; it is a very neat edifice. This is a grand work for a small congregation.

Haven's Church, Salem Circuit, N. J. This Church has been newly seated at the cost of \$25; all paid.

St. Daniels, South Chester, Pa. The old debt on this Church has been reduced this year from \$1537 to \$562, leaving a balance due \$562. And they have 15 months to pay said balance without interest: also the current expenses are paid up to Monday in August next.

Whittington Chapel, South Whittington Circuit, Del. This Church has been newly seated and the pulpit remodeled at a cost of \$136, all paid. The entire debt on Simpson Church has been canceled.

Ezion, Whittington, Del. The strongest Church in the conference, and I don't know but what one of the most liberal, has been extending a helping hand to her two Chapels in paying off old claims; and to a number of needy Churches in Lees Chapel, Townsend Circuit, Del, is one of the oldest colored churches in New Castle Co., has been newly weather-boarded in front, a new recess pulpit and chancel-altar has been added to the improvement which cost \$68, half of said amount has been paid. The debt on the parsonage has been canceled. They have a very nice house and premises for the preachers on this Circuit, convenient to both Post Office and Rail Road station.

Centennial, Smyrna, Del. This Church is marching on toward the front. The congregation of the white M. E. Church showed much interest on the last Sunday in May, by raising us \$200, after listening to a sermon of great power by Bishop H. W. Warren, in the morning. In the afternoon and evening in the raising of finances, and succeeded in raising \$160, making up a total for the day, \$360, a good work for this Church. The floating debt which has been a great sore to the congregation has been liquidated.

Whatcoat, Dover, Del., is keeping up its dues with the Building and Loan Association, and is also meeting its payments on the parsonage property, when due.

John Wesley, Dover Cir. This Church has been newly seated and painted both

out and inside at a cost of \$100; paid on the same, \$32.98. A building lot near Camden has been purchased and paid for, to erect a Chapel upon. The present prospect of the new enterprise is not very flattering.

St. Paul's, Milford, Del. A new recess pulpit has been added, together with a new stand, a new floor, and very nice chandelier and lamps, also carpeting and painting, make it a very neat edifice. The cost of these improvements, which was \$225.84, has all been paid.

Lewis and Harmony Circuit, has built a new parsonage at a cost of \$250; paid on the same, \$220.

Dales Chapel, Middletown, Del. This Church is holding her own in spite of opposition.

Our Fourth District Conference convened in St. Daniels M. E. Church, South Chester Pa., June 7, 8, 9, 1881. The work of the Conference was fully attended to: five brethren were licensed to preach, one local preacher was recommended for Deacons' Orders, and four for admission on trial into the traveling connection. A motion for the discontinuance of the District Conference was adopted by the required two-thirds vote, and will be submitted to the Quarterly Conference. My time has been, during the year, continuously employed on the District, laboring both night and day for the upbuilding of beloved Zion. I have lost but one Sunday on account of sickness; my brethren have very kindly borne with me, and also the lady, from the refreshing presence of the Lord, and our motto is, "that we will toil on in Immanuel's field, until we shall hear him say, "it is enough, come home to rest."

With devout gratitude to Almighty God, through whose kind providence I have been able to finish the work of official labor, I submit this my fourth annual report.

While the year has been one of brightness and dream-  
in their midst, have been pressed down by the hand of affliction, yet they have been cheered by one like unto the son of God who has been  
witnessed for many years.

About one-third of the members or more, heretofore  
brethren and myself. We have worked together in union, and by understanding  
each other thoroughly, we have been able to carry forward the work of the master.  
Everywhere, I have been received with that hearty welcome which only members  
of the Christian church can extend to each other. I have been successful in meet-  
ings all my appointments regularly, held all the quarterly conferences with the ex-  
ception of two.

Then I was detained by a snow storm that hindered the trains  
to carry out the disciplinary plans according to my ability. I have endeavored  
to impress upon our Sunday school workers on my district, the importance of keep-  
ing our school in active operation during the year. The lives, and generally the  
health of the brethren and their families, have been preserved with the exception  
of one or two who have been painfully afflicted.

The Cambridge District extends from the lower part of Cecil county, embracing  
the counties of Queen Anne's, Caroline, and Talbot counties and a part of Dorchester  
county, Whittington Circuit consists of five churches and parsonage. Two of these  
churches have been repaired and arrangements have been made to pay off the  
The sabbath schools connected with this circuit are in a prosper-



ous condition. J. S. Willis has done a good work in building up the Lord's Zion. Still Pond Circuit consists of four churches and one parsonage. Two of these churches are in need of repairs. For one of them necessary arrangements are being made to rebuild, at a cost of \$800. C. Pollett, pastor, has worked faithfully for the rebuilding of the church. The sabbath schools connected with this circuit are in a flourishing condition.

Sassafras circuit consists of three churches. One, very unfortunately, was destroyed by fire in the month of February. J. H. Johnson pastor and congregation, with renewed energy, have rebuilt it. There are two sabbath schools on this circuit, if properly managed, good results will grow therefrom. There have been good revivals on this charge; many have been brought into the fold of Christ. This charge has two churches and one parsonage. The sabbath schools connected with charge are largely attended and promise a bright future.

Chestertown charge, T. H. Johnson, pastor, has done a good work. Fairlee circuit consists of six churches, D. R. Dunn pastor. This circuit has had an attack made upon it by another denomination, yet, through the earnest effort of the pastor and people, have been successful in regaining their members and congregation, and have purchased a lot, paid for it, secured the deed and built a commodious little church at the cost of \$700. The sabbath schools connected with this circuit bid fair for a glorious future.

Crumpton circuit consists of five churches. Two in a good condition. One they are making arrangements to rebuild. Subscriptions have been taken to the amount of \$90.00. They have labored under a financial cloud, which seemed to have darkened their way. J. Q. Dennis, pastor, is a good financier, he has worked with his people and has brought them to discern some distant light. The sabbath schools connected with this circuit are in a moderate condition.

Marydel circuit, J. C. Carroll pastor, has five churches. One was burned down in the month of March. The membership and congregation being so very small, they concluded not to rebuild. The ground was only given to them so long as they keep a church on it for worship. Two of these churches are in a very good condition, while the other two are very much dilapidated. For the want of a lot, and a new church is now being erected. They have not made as much progress as they might have done, or the church would have been completed. Two sabbath schools are connected with this circuit and are in a promising condition.

Centreville circuit consists of six churches and one parsonage lot, purchased and partly paid for. They have four sabbath schools on this circuit in a growing condition. G. M. Landin, pastor, has had a gracious revival, many have been brought from darkness into light, and many added to the church. This circuit is very large and ought to be divided, yet the people will not consent to do so.

Kent Island circuit, C. H. Ash, pastor, has four churches, two newly built, all in a good condition. One of these churches has a small indebtedness. At one of the churches they have had a rebellion: part of the members have left and joined other denominations. They did think to have carried the church with them, but to their great surprise were sadly disappointed. The church is in a better condition now, both spiritually and temporally, than before. The sabbath schools connected with this circuit are in a growing condition.

Hillsborough Circuit, I. Broughton pastor, has five churches with a good and cheerful membership. One parsonage. The sabbath schools connected with circuit are marching on to victory.

Denton circuit consists of four churches with five appointments. One worshipping in a school house. They have purchased a lot for a new church. The parsonage once owned by them has, by some means, been taken out of their hands. J. W. Brown, pastor. This circuit consists of five churches and one parsonage. The sabbath schools are in a good

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condition and promise future success. They have paid off their church indebtedness.

St. Michael's, H. Jolly, pastor. The circuit consists of three churches and one parsonage. The sabbath schools connected with this circuit are in a good condition. On this circuit they had good revivals throughout. Quite a number has been united to the church.

Talbot circuit consists of five churches in a moderate condition. One of these is being thoroughly repaired and made as new. E. E. Parker has done a good work. The sabbath schools connected with circuit are very encouraging.

Trappe circuit has two churches. J. Brinkly, pastor, and people have contemplated on building a new church in Oxford.

Easton circuit consists of two churches and one parsonage. The sabbath schools connected with this circuit are in a good condition. Through the earnest and continued effort of A. Brown, pastor, and congregation, have been able to remove the financial cloud off one of the churches, and the light of freedom from Cambridge is being discovered.

Cambridge charge has two churches and one parsonage. The sabbath schools connected with charge are in a flourishing condition. W. H. Thomas, pastor, and members, have succeeded in paying off indebtedness: held a jubilee and shouted over a financial freedom.

Church Creek circuit consists of four churches of modern style, and one parsonage. The sabbath schools connected with this circuit are coming along nicely.

Tobaccostick circuit consists of six churches. Three are in a very good condition for worship, the others' arrangements are being made for repairs. A. Grin- age, pastor, with congregation, are laboring to bring them on a parallel basis with those which have better appointments. Bishop and brethren, I have given you a brief detail of the condition of material and work on Cambridge District as far as I have a knowledge. It is true I have not given you all the figures of the amount of indebtedness on church and parsonage property. The pastors and members are faithfully at work endeavoring to pay off all their indebtedness so as to be free from all financial embarrassments. Now may the blessing of God the great head of the church, keep, protect, and guide us through coming time and bring us to the saints' rest.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ELBERT, P. E.

#### SALISBURY DISTRICT.

In presenting this, my first Annual report of the condition of the Churches on Salisbury District, I desire to acknowledge with fervent gratitude, the goodness of the Lord, and His benediction upon the labors of the year.

My time and my heart have been given to the responsible work assigned me, and I have been enabled to meet all my engagements with one exception, which I have prevented from keeping by the heavy snow at the time appointed. Yet I have visited every charge four times, held the Quarterly Conference, preached one hundred and eight sermons, and labored as opportunity afforded in revivals and other services throughout the district.

Notwithstanding the long and cold winter that we have passed through, the Lord has blessed me with good health, and as a rule, with few exceptions, the health of the ministers and of their families, has been good.

Rev. J. R. Webb, who was assigned to Fairmount Circuit, was taken very ill before leaving the seat of Conference, and after lingering five days departed this life in peace, and went to reap his reward in Glory.

On the 25th of April, Rev. S. P. Marshall passed peacefully away into the arms of Jesus. He had just completed a noble edifice for the service of Almighty God, and was making the arrangements for the dedication, when it pleased the Lord to call him up higher.

Rev. G. W. Young and his dear wife have had cause to mourn the loss of their elder son who was about nine years of age. We are happy to think our loss is the infinite gain of the dear departed.

Whilst we cannot state as large an increase as has been realized in the past, yet gracious outpourings of the spirit have come upon many of the charges, especially Pocomoke City, North Berlin, South Berlin, Snow Hill Circuit, Chincoteague Island, Manokin Circuit, Drummondtown, Union, Friendship, Horntown, Laurel, Green Hill, Fairmount, Princess Anne, Salisbury and Vienna. There is still a progressive work going on and the spiritual outlook, at this time, is very encouraging. The material condition of the district is steadily improving as will be seen from the following exhibit.

Notwithstanding we met with a sad misfortune in the loss of a Church on the South Berlin Circuit by fire on the 2nd of December, which was known as St. John's, yet, Rev. A. Handy, their pastor, having exhorted them to hold together and work, and having worked himself in the lead, has succeeded in getting all the material on the ground and paid for, for the erection of a new church, which, when completed, will be worth, it is supposed, about \$800. This circuit is composed of three other Churches, splendid Sabbath Schools, and a commodious parsonage, which brother Handy has succeeded in freeing from an indebtedness of \$57.00.

Rev. D. Brittingham, pastor of North Berlin Circuit, has been doing a good work there. He has paid an old church debt of \$223, and purchased a lot 55 ft. x 55 ft. in Delaware, for the site of a new church. At this last place there is already organized an excellent Sabbath School and the prospect is very encouraging for a good congregation.

The Snow Hill Circuit, Rev. H. Morris pastor, has not made much material improvement, though there has been a marked improvement, spiritually. The Sabbath Schools are well attended and are carried on with great interest.

Snow Hill Station, Rev. H. T. Rich, pastor, is in a good condition and clear of debt.

Stockton Circuit, Rev. W. B. Green, pastor, is in good order and clear of debt. Rev. J. W. Langford, who was assigned to Chincoteague Island, Accomac Co., Va., vacated his appointment in September and went to the Biblical Institute in Baltimore. I was compelled to supply the charge with Rev. S. E. Adams, a young man, and he has proven very acceptable to that people. He has succeeded in placing seats in the church, as well as shutters on the outside, and has thereby greatly improved and beautified the building. The cost was \$45, which has been paid.

Horntown Circuit, Rev. P. J. Adams, pastor, has a small debt of \$60 on one of the churches. The pastor and Trustees have purchased a lot, and are having a neat parsonage built.

Rev. G. H. Washington when appointed to Pocomoke City Circuit, found an indebtedness of \$408.92. He has put improvements on the churches to the amount of \$160.05, and has paid \$209.04 which leaves the total indebtedness of \$359.93.

Drummondtown Circuit, under Rev. R. J. Waters, pastor, has greatly improved the past year. He has made his churches much more commodious by putting recess pulpits in them, and repairing the seats, at a cost of \$210, which has been provided for. The Circuit is out of debt. Bro. Waters has a very large Sabbath School both on the border of Northampton County and at a place known as Big Woods. At the latter place he has already a fine mission, and a good prospect of one at the former. There is room for two circuits in that part of Accomac instead of one.

Union Circuit was under the pastoral charge of Rev. S. P. Marshall. He

was permitted to labor nine months with the exception of a few days, during which time he accomplished a wonderful work. The frame of a new house of worship at Crisfield was raised, and weather-boarded, and seats made. After completing the house he made all the arrangements for the dedication, which was to take place on the 24th of April. On the 18th he was taken with a severe chill, on the 24th the house was dedicated, and on the 25th, Bro. Marshall closed his eyes and went home to Glory. The entire indebtedness was \$1200, which was provided for on the day of dedication.

When Brother Marshall died a great man did fall in Israel that day. I supplied that work with a local preacher of that circuit by the name of George Handy to serve until the Annual Conference. He has held the fort and got along very well. The cry and request of the people is, Bro. Holland, please send us another man in the possession of the spirit that Marshall had. The circuit is clear of debt.

Fairmount Circuit was supplied with Rev. J. R. Webb, but before leaving Dover, the seat of Conference, having finished his work in the church militant, he was called to the church triumphant, on the 1st of August.

I was compelled to supply the place by a young man named Edward Webb, who has proved himself to be both a preacher and a pastor. Bro. Webb has no indebtedness, but is engaged in raising funds for the improvement of Maddock Chapel.

Green Hill Circuit, Rev. H. A. Monroe, pastor, which has had an old indebtedness of \$75.00 standing against the Mormusco Church, has paid it this year. Bro. Monroe has also put Waters' Chapel through a thorough repair, at a cost of \$90.00, which sum has been paid. The Circuit is in good condition and all the churches are free from debt.

Manokin Circuit, Rev. G. W. Young, pastor. The church on Deal's Island has been thoroughly repaired at a cost of \$50.00, which has been paid. The church at Dames Quarter, usually occupied by the white Methodists, has been purchased for the use of our congregation at that place, for the nominal sum of \$60.00. Bro. Young is now making arrangements to change the parsonage from Deal's Island to Manokin.

Princess Anne station, Rev. C. Wing, pastor, is clear of debt and arrangements are being made to build a new church at Unionfield.

On Friendship Circuit, Rev. J. R. Waters, pastor, the indebtedness of Fruitland church has been reduced to \$60.00, and arrangements are being made to build a parsonage.

Quantico Circuit, Rev. C. Horsey, pastor, has been cleared of its entire indebtedness on churches and parsonages.

On Parsonsburg Circuit, Rev. J. H. Hughs, pastor. There has been quite an improvement made at Leatherbury Chapel by moving it out on the road leading to Salisbury, and by completing it, all at a cost of \$80.00, which is nearly all provided for.

Salisbury station, Rev. N. Young, pastor, has raised \$429.62 of the indebtedness on their church, and have been enabled to complete the basement and make it comfortable for worship. The house is clear of debt as far as they have gone. The audience room is to be completed as soon as possible, and arrangements are being made to complete the whole structure as soon as \$800.00, the estimated cost, can be raised.

Laurel Circuit, Rev. S. G. Waters, pastor, has paid off the debt on its parsonage. Mount Calvary has a small debt upon her which they anticipate in removing soon. The remainder of the churches, on this circuit, are clear of debt.

Vienna Circuit, Rev. M. H. Horsey, pastor, has nearly completed a very nice parsonage. Christ church and the church at Vienna have each a small indebtedness, but arrangements are being made to wipe it out at each place. Arrangements are also being made to repair the Salem church.

Rev. I. H. White, pastor of Washington Circuit has done a noble work in build-

ing a beautiful church, 30 ft x 50. He has dedicated the basement and proposes to dedicate the audience room on the 17th instant.

Federalburg Circuit, Rev. F. J. Lea, pastor, is in good condition, with no indebtedness.

Bridgeville Circuit, Rev. A. R. Shockley, pastor. Bro. Shockley when appointed here found a new church commenced at Seaford, with an indebtedness of \$565.00 and only 8 members. He has since completed the church, which is an honor to the Delaware Conference, and there is now only an indebtedness to be provided for, of \$76.00. The membership is increasing, and, I believe, will, in a short time, be the leading church on the circuit. The other churches are free from debt. There are many other minor improvements on this circuit.

Our brothers generally seem to be fully alive to the importance of the Missionary and other benevolent collections. At some points there will be a gratifying advance over last year, while at some others there may be a falling off, occasioned, may be, by the scarcity of work in the neighborhood. The amount estimated for Ministerial support has been paid promptly, only a few of the brethren have come short of the amount apportioned them.

The attendance upon class has been fairly good, and a careful examination of the reports reveals the fact that about two-thirds of our members regularly attend, and about the same number contribute to the support of the gospel. It also reveals that of the heads of families in our church, at least three-fourths observe family worship.

Special attention has been given to the Sunday School work. Many of the scholars have been converted and are members of the church. The Berean system is used in a large number of our schools, and the Catechism is also extensively used.

Personally, the year past has been one of earnest labor and much looking to God in prayer, and my faith has been strengthened in Him. Many undeserved acts of kindness from the brethren, both of the Ministry and the Laity, have been shown toward me, which will not soon be forgotten. Out of it all, as we look back upon it, there ariseth cause for rejoicing and praise to God, as well as inspiration for better, truer, diviner work in the future.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. H. HOLLAND, P. E.

HISTORY OF THE DELAWARE CONFERENCE,  
ORGANIZED A. D. 1864.

SESSION.	YEAR.	NAME OF CHURCH.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1st.	1864	John Wesley, Phila.	Edmond S. Janes.	Wilmore S. Elsey.
2nd.	1865	Ezion, Wilmington.	Levi Scott.	John G. Manluff.
3rd.	1866	J. Wesley, Salisbury.	Matthew Simpson.	Wesley J. Parker.
4th.	1867	Janes, Chestertown.	Edmond S. Janes.	Wesley J. Parker.
5th.	1868	Zoar, Philadelphia.	Edmond S. Janes.	William Phillips.
6th.	1869	—, Milford.	Edmond S. Janes.	William Phillips.
7th.	1870	Waugh, Cambridge.	Levi Scott.	Wesley J. Parker.
8th.	1871	Mt. Hope, Dover.	L. Scott, E. R. Ames.	Wesley J. Parker.
9th.	1872	Whatcoat, Dover.	L. Scott, E. G. Andrews	Hooper Jolly.
10th.	1873	Asbury, Easton.	Edmond S. Janes.	Hooper Jolly.
11th.	1874	Ezion, Wilmington.	Matthew Simpson.	Hooper Jolly.
12th.	1875	Ebenezer, Snow Hill.	Edmond S. Janes.	Wesley J. Parker.
13th.	1876	Zoar, Philadelphia.	Edmond S. Janes.	Wesley J. Parker.
14th.	1877	Janes, Chestertown.	Levi Scott.	George H. Waters.
15th.	1878	Union, St. Michael's.	William L. Harris.	George H. Waters.
16th.	1879	Waugh, Cambridge.	Levi Scott.	George H. Waters.
17th.	1880	Whatcoat, Dover.	Thomas Bowman.	George H. Waters.
18th.	1881	Ebenezer, Snow Hill.	William L. Harris.	George H. Waters.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR 1882.

For admission on trial : T. H. Johnson, Hooper Jolly, G. W. Young.  
 First year : William Johnson, A. R. Shockley, Charles Wing.  
 Second year : J. Q. Dennis, F. J. Lee, P. J. Adams.  
 Third Year : J. D. Elbert, J. A. Scott, I. H. White.  
 Fourth year : W. J. Parker, G. H. Washington, W. H. Thomas.  
 Local Preachers for Orders : Abraham Brown, Peter Burrows, D. J. Waters.  
 To Preach the Missionary Sermon : W. H. Thomas. Alternate, W. M. Webb.  
 To deliver the annual address to the Daughters of Conference : Wm. F. Butler.  
 Alternate, T. H. Johnson.  
 Board of church extension : President W. J. Parker : Vice-President, A. Murray : Secretary, J. D. Elbert : Treasurer, William Perkins : Additional members, J. H. Pearce, W. F. Butler, F. J. Nichols, J. A. Watts.  
 Triers of Appeals : W. J. Parker, Abraham Brown, W. F. Butler, Hooper Jolly, J. D. Elbert, William Taylor, J. H. Pearce.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your committee believing that the church was divinely instituted, commissioned and inspired for the propagation of the gospel throughout the world as the means designed for the salvation of immortal souls,  
 Resolved, That it is a matter of profound gratitude to Almighty God that the church has been so widely extended, and that the nations of the earth are so wonderfully moved under its benign influence and power.

*Resolved*, That notwithstanding the various institutions for the spread of civilization, we recognize the church of our Lord Jesus Christ as the only efficient and sufficient instrumentality and organization for the ultimate reformation and salvation of the world.

*Resolved*, That the efficiency of the church in the accomplishment of her glorious mission is absolutely dependent upon the presence and power of the Holy Ghost in her midst.

*Resolved*, That we, the ministers of the Delaware Annual Conference, do pledge ourselves to renewed consecration to our great work, that thereby we may be better prepared to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom in our own bounds.

J. R. WATERS,  
A. W. HAMILTON,  
C. POLLETT.  
*Committee.*

## DEATH ROLL

OF THE

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

NAME.	RECEIVED.	DIED.	RES. AT TIME OF DECEASE.
Wilmore S. Elsey,	1864	1867	Cambridge, Md.
Jas. Davis,	1864	1871	Philadelphia
Frost Pollett,	1864	1872	Salisbury, Md.
Samuel Dale,	1864	1872	Middletown, Del.
George W. Freeland.	1871	1873	Chestertown, Md.
Harrison Smith,	1864	1874	Wilmington, Del.
Solomon Cooper,	1869	1877	Wilmington, Del.
John G. Manluff,	1864	1879	Centreville, Md.
Stephen Johns,	1867	1879	Berlin, Md.
Handy Long,	1867	1879	Pocomoke City, Md.
Jas. R. Webb,	1869	1880	Fairmount, Md.
John Tilghman,	1877	1881	Bridgeton, N. J.
David Eaves,	1867	1880	(near) Cambridge, Md.
Samuel P. Marshall,	1869	1881	Burnettsville.

We have done our best to give a list of the members deceased, since the organization of the Conference; certainly there are imperfections in this list that will be corrected in the future. *Secretary.*

## MEMOIRS.

The Committee beg leave to submit the following:

REV. J. R. WEBB,

was born in Caroline Co., Md., April—1828, and departed this life August 1st, 1880, in the triumphs of faith. He was licensed to preach in 1865, and was taken up by the Presiding Elder in 1867, and in 1868 he joined the Conference. His long and useful labor in the cause of Christ, and his honorable identification with our own beloved Zion from the time of his conversion until his death, especially his position as traveling Elder, was highly appreciated by his brethren. He served with great acceptability the following charges:--Bethel, Pocomoke City, St. Michael's, Easton, Chestertown, Snow Hill, and Fairmount.

REV. JOHN TILGHMAN,

was born in Newport, Del. 1814, and died in Bridgeton N. J. in 1881. At an early age his heart embraced the saving truths of our holy religion. He felt that he was called of God to preach the gospel, and therefore was licensed to preach by a Society known as the United Brethren of the first African M. E. Church in America, and after thirty years of labor in that Church, he united with the M. E. Church, and remained with us until his death. He was beloved by all who knew him.

REV. DAVID EAVES,

was born in 1812, and departed this life with a hope of a better one. His religious character was excellent, and while in the ministry he labored hard for the up-building of the kingdom of Christ. God blesses the faithful servant.

REV. S. P. MARSHALL,

was born in Accomac Co., Va., 1816, and he fell conquered conquerer April 25th, 1881. He was converted when quite young and entered the ministry in 1857. He was a good preacher and a christian gentleman, believed in an educated ministry, and did all he could to encourage the young men of the Conference. He served with great credit, the following charges: Drummondtown, Princess Anne, John Wesley, Milford, Fairmount and Union.

MRS. NANCY C. COLEMAN,

the wife of Rev. T. B. H. Coleman, was born near upper Trappe, Wicomico Co., Md, Oct. 7th, 1857, and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus Nov. 22nd, 1880. She was truly a christian lady and it was her delight to serve God.

MRS. MARY C. WEBB,

the wife of our beloved brother, Rev. J. E. Webb (and daughter of Robert and Milly Parker who were very pious parents and taught their children the fear of the Lord with delight, and thank God that their labor was not in vain) was born in Dorchester Co., Md. about two miles below Vienna, Oct. 27th, 1840, and died in peace at the residence of her husband, 1633 Darien Street, Philadelphia, Sept. 4th, 1880, at 8:21 P. M. She was converted in the fifteenth year of her age and joined John Wesley M. E. Church near Vienna. She was married to Rev. J. E. Webb, Nov. 22, 1862, and was a loving and faithful wife and an excellent mother. She truly was a preacher's wife, and had a smile and kind word for all. She won and held the confidence of all who shared her acquaintance. She was sweet in spirit, pure in life and profession. As a christian she ever maintained a consistent life and profession. She was modest, thoughtful, and faithful. Bro. Webb has been separated from a priceless jewel, an invaluable helpmeet, a true friend and a trusty counselor. As a heroine of the cross of Christ, she looked upon her husband and six children and gave them her dying counsel and then departed. She died as she had lived, a noble christian woman. Well done thou good and faithful servant.

MRS. DELIA BURROWS,

the beloved and faithful wife of Rev. P. Burrows, departed this life June 27th, 1881, in a full hope of a blessed immortality. She was a consistent christian, and a faithful and kind neighbor. When the sands of life were passing out, she sang "Rock of ages cleft for me." They rest from their labor.

SYMPATHIES OF THE DELAWARE ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO  
PRESIDENT JAS. A. GARFIELD.

HON. J. G. BLAINE, *Secretary of State*,  
The Delaware Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, consisting of eighty-one ministers and fourteen thousand church members, in common with the American people generally, have been much distressed by the lawless attack made upon the person of our beloved President. We are devoutly thankful to Almighty God that success has thus far attended the efforts of his medical attendants, and we will continue to pray that he may speedily be restored to his former health and vigor. Please express to the President and his family our deepest sympathies.

G. H. WATERS,  
W. F. BUTLER.

Snow Hill Md. July 25th, 1881.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

*To the Bishop and Members of the Delaware Annual Conference.*  
DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee on education beg leave to submit the following report: That after a careful consideration of the subject of education they have reached the conclusion that this subject has not yet been fairly and squarely set before our people, nor has its claims been sufficiently urged upon their attention. We, therefore, recommend,

1st, That the Presiding Elders be requested to present, at their several quarterly conferences, this subject in as forcible a manner as possible, urging upon the young, especially, the great need of a due preparation for the responsible duties which await them.

2nd, That the pastors of our several charges preach a special sermon upon the subject, and by the formation of Church Lyceums endeavor to awaken a deeper interest therein.

3rd, That we regard the Centenary Biblical Institute as an institute that will, ere long, be second to none in the thoroughness of the instruction therein imparted, and we would earnestly request the pastors to urge upon their people the necessity for renewed effort in the future, until the present indebtedness incurred by the erection of the new building, corner of Fulton St. and Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore, be liquidated.

4th, We further recommend that the Board of Education at New York be informed that the Delaware Conference has voted all moneys for educational purposes to the Centenary Biblical Institute, Baltimore.

5th, We still see the great need of an educated ministry among our people, and we would recommend that the committee on examination of candidates for admission on trial, pass no candidate who does not give entire satisfaction upon the course of studies prescribed for them.

6th, That we recommend as far as practicable the observance of the children's day.

7th, That we recommend that Rev. W. F. Butler, D. D., H. A. Monroe and Abram Murray Esq. as a committee to visit the Centenary Biblical Institute.

Received for education from Philadelphia District.....	\$49 50
Cambridge.....	78 20
Salisbury.....	24 90

Total.....  
Respectfully submitted,

S. P. WHITTINGTON.  
A. R. SHOCKLEY.  
ABRAM MURRAY.  
WM. H. THOMAS.  
T. M. HUBBARD.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We believe that in the institution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, God designed to accomplish a great work, and the success so far achieved by the society, (in its efforts to save the perishing,) gives us every reason to believe that through it God intends to do a great work in the destruction of sin and the exaltation of righteousness. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we continue to aid in the carrying forward of this work by urging upon our people to contribute to the society.

MONIES RECEIVED THIS YEAR.

Philadelphia District.....	\$12 00
Cambridge District.....	16 50
Salisbury District.....	11 45
Total.....	39 95

W. H. JOHNSON,  
J. C. CARROLL,  
P. J. ADAMS.  
*Committee.*

CHURCH EXTENSION.

Dear Brethren: Your committee on church extension beg leave to submit the following report After having under consideration the work accomplished by the board of church extension of the M. E. Church, and its needs for future usefulness, do hereby recommend,

1st, That pastors urge upon their several congregations to give more liberally to this worthy object.  
2nd, That wherever convenient, the collection for this purpose be taken separate from the other benevolent collections.

3rd, That special sermons be preached upon the subject by our pastors.

Received from Philadelphia District.....	\$56 40
“ “ Cambridge.....	48 85
“ “ Salisbury.....	36 25
Total.....	141 50

W. J. PARKER,  
J. S. WILLIS,  
GEORGE W. YOUNG.  
*Committee.*

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The committee to audit the accounts of the Presiding Elders have examined the accounts and find them correct. The amounts apportioned to the several missions have been paid and properly receipted for.

D. J. WATERS,  
A. BROWN,  
G. H. WASHINGTON.  
*Committee.*

TRACT COMMITTEE.

We, the committee on tracts, beg leave to submit the following: As the circulation of tracts, through the blessings of God is accomplishing much good in conveying to perishing millions the light of the blessed Gospel,

Resolved, The we, as ministers of Christ Jesus, labor more earnestly than ever to collect funds to aid in their publication, in order that through their instrumentality the glad tidings of salvation may go forward till the world is saved for Christ.

Philadelphia District	\$10 00
Cambridge	9 20
Salisbury	7 87
Total	27 07

T. B. H. COLEMAN,  
M. H. HORSLEY,  
A. LOWBER.  
*Committee.*

TEMPERANCE.

Whereas, after having considered the great evil brought upon the country by the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor, we are more than ever convinced of the corrupting influence of intemperance,  
Resolved, That we, the members of the Delaware Annual Conference preach this often upon the subject of temperance and use every possible means to banish this great evil from our country.

T. M. HUBBARD,  
J. R. WATERS,  
E. E. PARKER.  
*Committee.*

BIBLE CAUSE.

We esteem the bible cause one of the greatest for which we labor. The Bible is the chart directing us the way to the heavenly land, the lamp to the feet and the light on the pathway of the christian.  
Resolved, That we, as pastors, impress upon our people the necessity of continuing the circulation of this great book among the masses, and as this cannot be done without money from some source,  
Resolved, That we use our best endeavors to increase the collections for this worthy object.  
Resolved, That, as ministers, we will use every possible means in our ministerial relations both public and private, to indent its great truths upon the hearts of our people.

Philadelphia District	\$9 50
Cambridge	12 50
Salisbury	10 75
Total	32 75

N. MORRIS,  
D. R. DUNN,  
J. R. WATERS.  
*Committee.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

We the committee on Sunday School Union beg leave to submit the following. Whereas, The Sunday School Union is one of the great and successful auxiliaries of the church of our Redeemer, which he came to earth to establish, amount heretofore collected, and that we will use every possible means to raise more than to impress our people of its importance.

COLLECTED THIS YEAR AS FOLLOWS.

Philadelphia District	\$15 01
Cambridge	19 33
Salisbury	23 68
Total	58 02

B. W. ALLEN,  
C. A. HORSLEY,  
J. H. JOHNSON.  
*Committee.*

REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND SECRETARY OF THE DEL-AWARE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.  
DR.  
Received from T. M. Hubbard, Chairman of the committee on minutes,  
To Geo. H. Waters, For incidental expenses. For 1881.....\$17 24  
On printing minutes &c. for 1881.....100 00  
Total amount paid out.....117 24  
Balance in hand.....\$27 04

NATHAN YOUNG Treasurer.  
GEO. H. WATERS, SEC.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED.

Philadelphia District	\$116 00
Cambridge District	47 50
Salisbury District	60 96
Chartered Fund	30 00
Total	\$254 46

DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS.

To Isaac Hinson	\$50 00
" Benjamin Gibbs	50 00
" Simon Taylor	50 00
" Widow Taylor	14 72
" (Handy) Long	17 46
" (Stephen) Johns	12 00
" (Perry W.) Pipes	12 00
" (John G.) Manly	12 00
" (Samuel P.) Marshall	12 00
" (James R.) Webb	12 00
" (John) Tilghman	12 00
William Phillips	12 00
Total	\$254 18

Dear Fathers and Brethren : We, the undersigned, beg leave to submit the following:

The above financial report will show you that an increased interest has been taken in this deserving cause during the past year both upon the part of pastor and people, yet the amount raised is far below what ought to be raised in order to afford even a partial support to the claimants upon this fund, especially our fathers who have worn themselves out in the cause. While we rejoice in the advancement made during the past year we still appeal to our people through the pastors to continue in this good cause until, annually, a sum shall be collected sufficient to meet the needs of these worthy claimants.

D. J. WATERS,  
JOSHUA BRINKLY,  
NATHAN YOUNG,  
*Stewards.*

CONFERENCE STANDARD.

It is essential to the success of our work in the Delaware Conference, that we have a newspaper, terse in its editorials, pointing out our failures and commending our faithfulness, we therefore recommend to you the Conference Standard, edited by our brother H. A. Monroe, as a paper meeting all the necessary requirements. We promise to do all we can to stimulate the members and well-wishers of our church, that new zeal may be manifested by them in order that, by their combined sympathy, the paper in the future may have a success that will exceed the past.

W. F. BUTLER,  
I. H. WHITE,  
T. H. JOHNSON,  
*Committee.*

REPORT OF MINUTE MONEY FOR 1881.

Wm. H. Coffey.....	\$5 00	John W. Brown.....	2 00
Noah Morris.....	2 50	John H. Winters.....	4 00
Peter Burrows.....	2 00	Hooper Jolly.....	4 00
Benj. W. Allen.....	1 00	Eben E. Parker.....	1 80
Jas. K. Adams.....	1 00	Abraham Brown.....	2 00
Daniel L. Washington.....	60	Joshua Brinkley.....	2 00
Wesley J. Parker.....	3 60	Wm. H. Thomas.....	3 20
Jehu H. Pearce.....	3 50	Albert Lowber.....	4 50
Louis Y. Cox.....	2 36	Asbury Grinage.....	2 00
Jno. S. Holly.....	1 00	Nathan Young.....	2 90
Wm. F. Butler.....	7 00	Charles A. Horsey.....	1 20
Thos. M. Hubbard.....	1 50	Geo. Handy (for S. P. Marshall.).....	1 00
Wm. Taylor.....	4 75	Ed. H. Webb (for J. R. Webb.).....	2 00
Thos. B. H. Coleman.....	1 50	George W. Young.....	1 50
Arthur W. Hamilton.....	3 00	Harrison T. Rich.....	1 50
Wm. M. Webb.....	2 00	Henry Morris.....	1 90
George H. Waters.....	3 00	Daniel Brittingham.....	1 00
Jas. H. Mason.....	1 00	Aaron J. Handy.....	2 50
Jas. A. Scott.....	3 00	Peter J. Adams.....	4 40
Daniel J. Waters.....	3 00	Jos. R. Waters.....	1 40
Wm. H. Johnson.....	1 90	Geo. H. Washington.....	2 75
John S. Willis.....	2 75	William B. Green.....	2 00
Charles Pollett.....	2 50	Charles Wing.....	2 00
Jas. H. Johnson.....	2 00	Henry A. Monroe.....	3 00
Daniel R. Durn.....	2 50	Fredrick J. Lee.....	5 40
Thos. H. Johnson.....	5 00	Matthias H. Horsey.....	2 00
John C. Carroll.....	2 25	Isaac H. White.....	2 00
John Q. Dennis.....	2 40	Alfred R. Shockley.....	2 00
Gilford M. Landin.....	3 00	Samuel G. Waters.....	2 00
Isaiah Broughton.....	2 00		

The following have not paid:—Charles H. Ash, Stephen P. Whittington, John H. Hughes, Robert J. Waters.

DELINQUENT MINUTE MONEY 1880.

The Committee, appointed to collect delinquent minute money from last year, would respectfully report, that all brethren acknowledging the accounts made against them have have paid except two, viz: N. Morris and A. Lowber. The amount of money received is.....\$4 08.

A. R. SHOCKLEY.

(The above brethren promise to remit at an earley date.)—*Secretary.*

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES.

Adams, P. J.....	20	Landin, G. M.....	35
Ash, C. H.....	20	Morris, H.....	15
Allen, B. W.....	15	Morris, N.....	25
Adams, J. K.....	15	Monroe, H. A.....	10
Adams, S. E.....	10	Mason, J. H.....	20
Brown, A.....	40	Nutter, J. H.....	100
Broughton I.....	25	Parker, W. J.....	40
Brinkley, J.....	25	Pearce, J. H.....	30
Burrows, P.....	20	Parker, E. E.....	25
Brown, J. W.....	25	Rich, H. T.....	25
Butler, W. F.....	100	Scott, J. A.....	20
Brittingham, D.....	20	Shockley, A. R.....	20
Carroll, J. C.....	25	Still, K. J.....	30
Coleman, T. B. H.....	25	Taylor, W.....	30
Dennis, J. Q.....	25	Thomas, W. H.....	15
Dunn, D. R.....	30	Whittington, S. P.....	40
Elbert, J. D.....	40	Washington, G. H.....	20
Green, W. B.....	20	Waters, S. G.....	20
Grinage, A.....	20	Waters, D. J.....	40
Handy, A.....	20	Waters, G. H.....	20
Horsey, C. A.....	30	Waters, R. J.....	30
Hubbard, T. M.....	25	Waters, J. R.....	20
Horsey, M. H.....	40	Wallace, V. B.....	30
Hamilton, A. W.....	30	Webb, W. M.....	30
Holly, J. S.....	25	Webb, E. H.....	30
Hutchins, C. H.....	20	Willis, J. S.....	70
Johnson, T. H.....	50	White, I. H.....	20
Johnson, W. H.....	20	Wing, C.....	20
Jolly, H.....	40	Winters, J. H.....	30
Johnson, J. H.....	20	Young, N.....	20
Johnson, I. H.....	15	Young, G. W.....	40
Lee, F. J.....	40	Jacob Cook.....	20
Lowber, A.....	35	Thomas Pinket.....	20

REPORT OF THE DAUGHTERS OF CONFERENCE.

The Daughters of Conference met at Snow Hill, Md., July 22, at the Covington House. The meeting was opened in due form. Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President, MRS. HESTER JOLLY.  
Secretary, MISS MARY E. BROWN.  
Treasurer, MRS. MARY A. WEBB.

Delegates were present from the following appointments :  
 Denton, MARY E. BROWN.  
 St. Michael's, CATHARINE CHAINEY.  
 Dover, JULIA HARPER.  
 Hillsboro, ELIZA EMORY.  
 Manokin, FRANCES DASHIEL.

Reports were called for and submitted as follows :

Chestertown.....	\$10 00	Friendship .....	\$2 00
Oliver Chapel.....	12 00	Mt. Pisgah.....	5 61
Washington Circuit.....	1 00	Easton.....	5 00
Salem.....	3 00	Hillsboro.....	3 75
Dover Station.....	10 00	Centreville.....	9 00
Salisbury.....	8 00	Princess Anne.....	10 00
N. Berlin.....	3 00	Cambridge.....	30 00
Asbury, Fairlee.....	5 00	St. Michael's.....	4 41
Manokin Circuit.....	9 05	Trappe.....	3 00
Denton.....	3 00		

After the reading of the financial report, the board of control, for the coming year, was elected as follows: Francis Dashiel, Susan Homyer, Susan Hewston, Charlotte Chaney and Mary E. Russ. Sarah A. Jenkins of Philadelphia was re-elected patron.

HESTER JOLLY, *President*.

MARY E. BROWN, *Secretary*.

The Eighth Annual Report of Secretary of the Preachers' Aid Society of the Delaware M. E. Church, Snow Hill, Maryland, July 22nd, 1881.

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July 23, Cash in hands of Treasurer.....	\$ 729 62
" 26, Dues of members.....	93 00
" " Minute money.....	111 20
" " Daughters of Conference.....	182 50
" 31, Minute money from I. H. White.....	4 50
1881, July 20, Interest on \$ 629 63.....	37 78
Total receipts to date.....	\$1,158 60

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1880, July 26, For Conference claimants.....	\$ 50 00
" " For Patron of Daughters of Conference traveling expenses.....	15 00
Aug. 13, For funeral of Rev. J. R. Webb.....	40 00
Oct. 5, For minutes and stationery.....	121 90
Nov. 17, Rev. H. T. Rich, sick dues.....	4 00
Dec. 14, For Rev. Simon Taylor, Donations.....	15 00
" " To Rev. Isaac Hinson, ".....	6 00
" " To Rev. W. H. Coffey, sick dues.....	4 00
1881, Jan. 20, To Rev. N. Morris sick dues.....	8 00
Mar. 17, To Rev. I. Hinson sick dues.....	40 00
" " Funeral expenses of Rev. John Tilghman.....	6 00
April 26, To Rev. W. J. Parker sick dues.....	42 00
July 20, Funeral expenses and one weeks sick dues of Rev. Samuel P. Marshall deceased.....	2 20
" " For stationery and stamps.....	8 04
" " For a claim of Rev. G. H. Waters against the Board of Control.....	\$ 377 14
	781 49
July 20, Balance in hand.....	\$ 1,158 60

L. Y. COX, Secretary. Snow Hill, Maryland, July 22nd, 1881.

The following officers of the board of control of the Preachers' Aid Society were duly elected as follows:—For President, Rev. J. H. Pearce, Vice-President, J. D. Elbert, Secretary, L. V. Cox, Assistant, A. R. Shockley, Treasurer, William Perkins.

REV. D. J. WATERS,  
 " T. H. JOHNSON,  
 A. MURRAY, Esq.,  
 T. GOULD,  
 C. W. MOORE, "  
*Managers.*

## RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, Our beloved Bishop, William L. Harris D.D. LL. D., has presided over this conference, we gratefully submit the following resolutions.

1st. That by his uniform urbanity, gentleness, and impartiality, he has been a presiding officer of unquestionable fairness, who has won our perfect confidence and respect, and by his self-possession amid the various discussions that have taken place; his felicitous repartees; his diffusion of calmness in the preservation of order; his spiritual and earnest evangelical utterances by which the religious life has been cultivated in each of us, he has imbued us with a measure of his own, entire consecration to Christ, and we hereby record our gratitude to God for all the blessings which have been so richly bestowed upon our beloved bishop, making him a blessing to the church of Christ in all his personal and official life. We therefore commend him to the keeping and most efficient care of Almighty God, as one of His most successful instruments in the great work of saving the world.

WHEREAS, We are nearing the closing hour of our Conference session, and we are soon to separate from each other and from the kind friends among whom we have spent so pleasant a time; and

WHEREAS, we owe it to them and to ourselves to give some expression to our feelings of gratitude and regard; therefore,

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this conference are due and are hereby tendered to the pastor, trustees, members and kind friends of Snow Hill for their warm and generous hospitality, and we earnestly pray and devoutly trust that the blessings of God may rest upon them and that the pleasant friendship may continue on earth and be perpetuated in Heaven.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are heartily accorded to the secretary of the conference and his assistants for such a performance of their duties as makes their work eminently satisfactory to this body.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered the sexton for his earnest labors in making arrangements for our comfort and convenience, and that a collection be taken up for the same.

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the different railroad and steamboat companies for their liberal arrangements for the transportation of ministers and others attending the conference session.

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WHEREAS, Our great Country has not yet recovered from the shock thrown upon it by the attempted assassination of the President, James A. Garfield; and, have been offered to God for the President's recovery and their sympathies have been and are being tendered to the great hero and his family amid their deep afflictions, and to the Country in its unparalleled distress.



*Resolved*, That we, the members of the Delaware Annual Conference, in Conference assembled, do tender to the President and his family our deepest sympathies, and we assure them that our earnest prayers will be continually offered to God for his recovery.

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to draw up a suitable paper expressive of the feelings of the conference to be forwarded to the White House.

G. H. WATERS,  
W. F. BUTLER.

#### ON THE TRANSFER OF W. H. COFFEY.

WHEREAS, We have heard of the transfer of our brother, William H. Coffey from this to the Newark Conference, and of his appointment to St. John's M. E. Church in the city of Newark; and

WHEREAS, We have always highly appreciated the services of our brother since his admission into the conference; and

WHEREAS, He has sustained himself as a christian gentleman and faithful minister of the Lord Jesus Christ; therefore,

*Resolved*, 1st, That we take great pleasure in recommending him to the highest confidence of the members of the Newark conference and to the members of St. John's M. E. Church which he has been appointed to serve.

2nd, That we will ever pray that Heaven's richest blessings may rest upon himself and his work, and that God's spirit may go with him in the great work of the church,

3rd, That should it please any one of our Bishops at any time to re-transfer him to us, we will gladly receive him and extend to him a hearty welcome.

W. J. PARKER.

#### SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

*Resolved*, That while we consider that campmeetings, properly conducted, are a source of much spiritual profit, we declare that we are strongly opposed to Sunday excursions, or the sale of watermelons, ice cream, &c., on the Lord's day, and to confectionery tents, &c., which tends to lower the proper regard for the Sabbath.

W. F. BUTLER.

#### MISSIONARY SERMON.

Having listened with great pleasure to the very able, eloquent and instructive missionary sermon preached last night by our brother, W. H. Coffey,

*Resolved*, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the brother for his able discourse.

I. H. WHITE.

#### DAUGHTERS OF CONFERENCE.

WHEREAS, The Daughters of Conference, this year, find a general failure in their work, owing to the vast amount of discouragement arising from misunderstanding or disinterestedness on the part of the ministry; therefore

*Resolved*, That we ask the Delaware Annual Conference to unite with us in bringing about a reaction in the interest of this great work.

M. GRIFFIN,  
S. A. JENKINS,  
M. BROWN,  
WM. PERKINS.

### APPOINTMENTS.

[These appointments are all in the State of Delaware except as otherwise indicated.]

#### PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT—J. E. WEBB, P. E.

(P. O. 1633 Darien St. Philadelphia, Pa.)

Bridgeton, (N. J.)—K. J. Still.  
Cape May, (N. J.)—J. K. Adams.  
Chester, (Pa.)—J. H. Pearce.  
Dover—W. M. Webb.  
Dover Circuit—Joshua Brinkley.  
Homesteadville, (N. J.)—V. B. Wallace.  
Lewes and Harmony—Wm. Johnson.  
Middletown—Charles Wing.  
Milford—J. D. Elbert.  
Mount Zion, (N. J.)—T. B. H. Coleman.  
New Castle—William Taylor.  
Odessa—A. W. Hamilton.  
Phila. (Pa.)—Frankford, —Isaiah Johnson.  
" Germantown—B. W. Allen.

Phila. John Wesley—Noah Morris.  
" North Penn to be supplied.  
" Twentieth and Oxford Sts.—  
A. R. Shockley.  
" Zoar—W. F. Butler.  
Scott, (N. J.)—J. S. Holley.  
Port Deposit, (Md.)—T. M. Hubbard.  
Salem, (N. J.)—W. H. Thomas.  
Salem Circuit, (N. J.)—S. P. Whittington.  
Smyrna—G. H. Waters.  
Townsend Circuit—J. H. Mason.  
Wilmington Zion church—W. J. Parker.  
Wilmington Circuit—to be supplied.

#### CAMBRIDGE DISTRICT—L. Y. COX, P. E.

(P. O. Milford)

Cambridge, (Md.)—H. A. Monroe.  
Centerville, (Md.)—G. M. Landin.  
Chestertown, (Md.)—T. H. Johnson.  
Church Creek, (Md.)—Albert Lowber.  
Crumpton, (Md.)—J. Q. Dennis.  
Denton, (Md.)—J. W. Brown.  
Eadesville, (Md.)—C. H. Hutchins.  
Easton, (Md.)—Abraham Brown.  
Fairlee, (Md.)—D. R. Dunn.  
Greensborough, (Md.)—to be supplied.

Hillsborough, (Md.)—Isaiah Broughton.  
Kent Island, (Md.)—C. H. Ash.  
Madison, (Md.)—J. H. Johnson.  
Marydel, (Md.)—J. C. Carroll.  
Millington, (Md.)—E. E. Parker.  
Saint Michael's, (Md.)—Hooper Jolly.  
Sassafras, (Md.)—J. H. Winters.  
Still Pond, (Md.)—J. S. Willis.  
Talbot Circuit, (Md.)—Asbury Grinage.  
Trappe, (Md.)—D. J. Waters.

#### SALISBURY DISTRICT—J. H. HOLLAND, P. E.

(P. O. Federalsburg, Md.)

Chincoteague, (Va.)—S. E. Adams.  
Custis Neck, (Va.)—to be supplied.  
Deal's Island, (Md.)—G. W. Young.  
Drummondton, (Va.)—R. J. Waters.  
Fairmount, (Md.)—E. H. Webb.  
Federalsburg, (Md.)—F. J. Lee.  
Friendship, (Md.)—J. R. Waters.  
Green Hill and Kingston, (Md.)—Aaron Handy.  
Laurel, (Va.)—to be supplied.  
North Berlin, (Md.)—S. G. Waters.  
Parsonsburg, (Md.)—Dan'l Brittingham.  
This is to certify that in Snow Hill, Maryland, on the 24th day of July, 1881, the following persons were by me ordained to the order of Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, namely: James H. Johnson, Joseph R. Waters, John H. Davis, and Edward H. Webb; and in the same place, on the same day, several Elders assisting in the service, William H. Thomas was ordained to the order of Elders in the same church.

Pocomoke City, (Md.)—G. H. Washington.  
Princess Anne, (Md.)—Charles Horsey.  
Quantico, (Md.)—H. T. Rich.  
Salisbury, (Md.)—Nathaniel Young.  
Snow Hill, (Md.)—J. A. Scott.  
Snow Hill Circuit, (Md.)—J. H. Nutter.  
South Berlin, (Md.)—W. B. Green.  
Stockton, (Md.)—Henry Morris.  
Union, (Md.)—Peter Burrows.  
Vienna, (Md.)—Matthias Horsey.  
Washington, (Md.)—I. H. White.

Given under my hand this 24th day of July, 1881.

WILLIAM L. HARRIS.

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.	Parsonsborg, Md.	1
1872	Ash, C. H.	E.	Kent Island, Md.	3
1878	Allen, B. W.	D.	Germantown, Pa.	1
1880	Adams, J. K.	P.	Cold Spring, N. J.	2
1881	Adams, S. E.	P.	Chincoteague, Va.	2
1864	Brown, A.	E.	Easton, Md.	2
1864	Broughton, I.	E.	Hillsboro, Md.	1
1864	Brinkley, J.	E.	Dover, Del.	1
1865	Burrows, P.	E.	Burnettsville, Md.	2
1871	Brown, J. W.	E.	Denton, Md.	1
1871	Butler, W. F.	E.	645 Hedding St., Philadelphia, Pa.	3
1880	Brittingham, D.	E.	Berlin, Md.	2
1869	Carrroll, J. C.	P.	Marydel, Md.	1
1867	Cox, L. Y.	E.	Milford, Del.	1
1877	Coleman, T. B. H.	P. E.	Haddonfield, N. J.	2
1865	Dennis, J. Q.	D.	Merickton, Md.	2
1874	Dunn, D. R.	E.	Fairlee, Md.	1
1865	Elbert, J. D.	E.	Milford, Del.	1
1864	Gibbs, B.	E.	210 W. Twelfth St., Wilmington Del.	1
1867	Green, W. B.	S.	Berlin, Md.	1
1866	Grinnage, A.	E.	Royal Oak, Md.	2
1866	Holland, J. H.	E.	Federalsburg, Md.	1
1871	Handy, A.	P. E.	Westover, Md.	1
1869	Horse, C. A.	E.	Princess Anne, Md.	1
1865	Hinson, I.	E.	Haddonfield, N. J.	2
1877	Hubbard, T. M.	S.	Port Deposit, Md.	3
1878	Horse, M. H.	D.	Vienna, Md.	1
1878	Hamilton, A. W.	D.	Odessa, Del.	1
1879	Holly, J. S.	D.	8th Ward, Camden, N. J.	2
1881	Hutchins, C. H.	D.	Eadesville, Md.	2
1872	Johnson, T. H.	E.	Chestertown, Md.	3
1875	Johnson, W. H.	E.	Lewes, Del.	1
1867	Jolly, H.	E.	St. Michael's, Md.	1
1879	Johnson, J. H.	E.	Madison, Md.	2
1881	Johnson, I. H.	D.	Frankford, Pa.	2
1865	Kennedy, P.	P.	Marydel, Md.	2
1869	Lee, F. J.	S.	Federalsburg, Md.	2
1876	Lowber, A.	E.	Church Creek, Md.	1
1877	Landin, G. M.	E.	Centreville, Md.	2
1865	Morris, H.	E.	Girdletrichill	1
1866	Morris, N.	E.	1020 Rodman St. Philadelphia, Pa.	3
1878	Monroe, H. A.	E.	Cambridge, Md.	1
1879	Mason, J. H.	D.	Townsend, Del.	1
1881	Nutter, J. H.	D.	Snow Hill, Md.	1
1864	Parker W. J.	P.	209 E. 13th St. Wilmington Del.	1
1864	Pearce, J. H.	E.	Chester, Pa.	1
1865	Phillips, W.	E.	Fowling Creek, Md.	1
1864	Pollett, C.	S.	Centreville, Md.	1

1879	Parker, E. E.	D.	Millington, Md.	1
1866	Rich, H. T.	E.	Quantico, Md.	1
1864	Saunders, J. W.	S.	Peru, Ind.	1
1877	Scott, J. A.	E.	Snow Hill, Md.	1
1877	Shockley, A. R.	E.	1018 Arch St. Philadelphia, Pa.	1
1881	Still, K. J.	P.	Bridgeton, N. J.	2
1864	Taylor, S.	S.	Cold Spring, N. J.	2
1878	Taylor, W.	E.	New Castle, Del.	2
1877	Thomas, W. H.	E.	Salem, N. J.	1
1864	Whittington, S. P.	E.	Salem, N. J.	2
1872	Washington, G. H.	E.	Pocomoke City, Md.	2
1864	Waters, D. J.	E.	Trappe, Md.	1
1874	Waters, S. G.	E.	Laurel, Del.	3
1876	Waters, G. H.	E.	Smyrna, Del.	3
1879	Waters, R. J.	E.	Onancock, Va.	3
1881	Waters, J. R.	D.	Fruitland, Md.	2
1870	Wallace, V. B.	P.	Merchantsville, N. J.	1
1875	Webb, J. E.	P. E.	1633 Darian St. Philadelphia, Pa.	3
1881	Webb, W. M.	E.	Dover, Del.	1
1873	Webb, E. H.	P.	Fairmount, Md.	2
1874	Willis, J. S.	E.	Still Pond, Md.	1
1865	White, I. H.	E.	E. N. Market, Md.	2
1879	Wing, C.	E.	Middletown, Del.	1
1874	Winters, J. H.	P.	Sassafras, Md.	1
1876	Young, N.	E.	Salisbury, Md.	2
1876	Young, G. W.	E.	Manokin, Md.	2

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF LOCAL PREACHERS,

Who are supplying charges in the Conference.  
Cook, Jacob, Greensboro, Md.

POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF THE BISHOPS.

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 Thomas Boman, D. D. LL. D., 3029 Washington Ave., St. Louis, Mo.  
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# 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, shall 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 be, at any time, 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 sum 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, 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 appropriation 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."

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**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 fact 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. 1.

Table with columns for MEMBERSHIP, CHURCH PROPERTY, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS, and MINISTERIAL SUPPORT. Rows include various churches and stations like Philadelphia, Dover, Milford, etc.

PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 2.

Table with columns for PROBATIONERS, MEMBERS, MINISTERIAL SUPPORT, BISHOPS, CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS, and STATIONS. Rows include various churches and stations like Zoar, Philadelphia, Dover, etc.









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