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A MATTER OF POPULAR INTEREST.

We condense from the *Lehigh Register* the substance of a conversation about Oak Hall, in Philadelphia, Wanamaker & Brown's "Largest Clothing House in America." A visitor and attendant were the speakers:

Visitor. "What corner is the Building on?"
 Attendant. "South-East corner of Sixth and Market. Please note the SIXTH, for some strangers seeking Oak Hall, have been misled by designing persons."

V. "It is perfectly colossal! Do you know its dimensions?"

A. "12,000 square feet—66 on Market, and 180 odd on Sixth, six stories high, has over three acres of flooring, and covers space once occupied by more than twenty different business places."

V. "Do you use steam-power?"
 A. "A giant young engine furnishes power for the freight and passenger elevators, and the boilers steam for heating, and the other operations of the house."

V. "What order do you take with goods?"
 A. "They are first opened and arranged in the basement, on long low counters, and taken thence on the freight elevator to the inspector's room on the seventh floor."

V. "Is inspecting the first operation?"
 A. "No, sir, measuring. The goods are first measured in the piece, then inspected. The cloth passes over rollers in the face of a strong light, and two men sit, one before and one behind the goods, watching with the eye of a hawk for the least pin-hole imperfection, and marking every flaw, so that the cutter may see and avoid it when he comes to cut the garments."

V. "You must employ an army of cutters?"
 A. "Come to our fifth floor and see! We keep 70 hands all the time cutting up the cloth into garments,—besides two machines that do a dozen men's work each at a stroke."

V. "Do you manufacture all your own goods?"
 A. "We do, and most carefully. Our examiners inspect every stitch and seam, and certify to every garment as extra-well made before we put our ticket on it, and become responsible for it."

V. "Your system must save you a great deal?"
 A. "In every direction, sir. It is the system and economy we practice all the way through, that enables us to put our prices down to the people as we do."

V. "After inspecting the work, what becomes of it?"
 A. "Before it goes into Stock it is ticketed. Every single garment has its number and other points noted on it, so that its entire history can be traced without fail, upon our books."

V. "You must have 30 or 40 salesmen?"
 A. "Why, sir, on busy days you may see 100 in the various rooms and suites of rooms, selling to the throngs of customers."

V. "Do you do an order business, by mail and express?"
 A. "Very great. All over the country. Our

perfect system and rules of self-measurement make it possible to please people 2,000 miles away just as perfectly as if they were here in person."

V. "I suppose you have at least half a dozen different departments?"

A. "My dear sir! we have more than twenty, each charged with its own business, and each thoroughly organized, a necessary wheel within the great wheel."

V. "Will you name a dozen or so of them?"

A. "With pleasure. The Custom Department, for those who prefer custom-made to ready-made. The Furnishing Department, with its immense stock of all underwear. The Shirt Factory, with its busy machines, making our own first-class shirts. The Trimming Department, itself as big as many a regular store. The Garment Stock Room. The Receiving Room. The Order Department, named before. The Special Uniforms Department. The Delivery Department, with its score of messengers. The—"

V. "Hold, hold! sir, enough!"

A. "I'm not half through! The Advertising Department, with its bill and sign distributors, editing and publishing a business and popular journal, circulating, free, 10,000 copies monthly (tell all your friends to send for it). The Men's Department, with its many rooms. The Boys' Department. The Youths' Department. The Children's Department, with its special entrance for ladies. The Telegraph Department. The Chief Clerk's Department, with its book-keepers and assistants. General Manager's Department; Financier's Office, and other offices of the firm—all busy as bees thinking, planning, executing, buying, making, registering, receiving, sending out, selling, and in a thousand ways joining their forces to carry on a business with the people amounting to between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 annually."

V. "S-t-u-p-e-n-d-o-u-s!"
 A. "Indeed it is! I forgot to name the Cashier's Department, which handles its \$25,000 of retail sales on some single days!"

V. "\$25,000! Immense! That's what enables the house to buy cheap and sell cheap!"

A. "Exactly! You have just hit it. The people throng here, knowing that we depend on low prices and immense sales."

V. "What are the 'FOUR RULES' I hear so much about?"

A. "Our system of business dealing—1. One price, no deviation; 2. Cash for everything; 3. A guarantee protecting the purchaser; 4. The money returned if the buyer can't otherwise be suited."

V. "Nothing could be fairer!"

A. "Nothing. And the people see it."

V. "Well, I thank you, sir, for your polite attention."

A. "Not at all. It's a pleasure to serve you. Call again; and be sure of the place—Wanamaker & Brown's Oak Hall, South-East corner Sixth and Market."

V. "Thank you! I shall be happy to do so. Good morning."

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To Preach Missionary Sermon.

D. C. RIDGWAY, W. I. BAIN, Alternate.

DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in its Eighth Session in the Union M. E. Church, Fifth and Washington streets, Wilmington, Del., on Wednesday morning, March 15th, 1876.

At 9 o'clock the Presiding Bishop, Levi Scott, read the 12th chapter of 1st Corinthians, and announced the 217th Hymn. J. Humphriss and J. Barton then led the Conference in prayer.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the preceding session, and 93 members answered to their names.

Thomas E. Martindale was re-elected Secretary, and J. D. Rigg, D. C. Ridgway and E. H. Nelson were re-elected assistants.

The hours of 9 A. M. and 12 M. were fixed for opening and adjournment.

The usual Standing Committees were appointed. (*See Standing Committees.*)

A Committee of nine on Memorials, &c., to the ensuing General Conference was appointed. (*See Special Committees.*)

The rules of the last Session were adopted for the government of the present Session.

A draft was ordered on the Chartered Fund for \$30.00.

Resolutions in reference to Ministerial subscriptions to the Wilmington Conference Academy were read and laid on the table for future consideration.

Four Ministerial Stewards were elected. (*See Board of Stewards.*)

The call of the Stewards was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning; to be followed by the call of the Committee on Finance.

A Committee was appointed on the proper observance of the National Centennial. (*See Special Committees.*)

Question 6th, "Who are the Deacons of the second class?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

Question 7th, "Who are elected to Elder's orders?" was also taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

Question 8th, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was then asked. (*See Disciplinary Questions*); also question 9th, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The Conference proceeded to the Examination of the character of effective Elders. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

D. R. Thomas was made Supernumerary, with work.

10 o'clock Friday morning was fixed for the election of Delegates to the General Conference.

Announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with Doxology and Benediction by W. B. Gregg.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Conference opened at 9 o'clock, Bishop Scott in the chair. I. T. Cooper led the Devotional exercises.

The roll was called and attendance noted.

On motion, the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The journal was read and approved.

Resolutions in reference to the rebuilding of the burnt Academy were read and laid on the table for future action.

Dr. Nelson, of the Book Concern, Dr. Reid, Missionary Secretary, Dr. Kynnett, Secretary of the Church Extension Society, and Revs. G. W. Lybrand, T. Simperts and A. Atwood, of the Philadelphia Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Reports of the Presidents of Wesleyan Female College, the Centenary Biblical Institute, and the visiting Committee to Dickinson College, were read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Resolutions in reference to Corporate rights of Trustees of church property were read and adopted.

T. J. Prettyman was admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders.

The call of the Stewards and the Committee on Finance was made.

A Draft was ordered for \$180.00 on the Centenary Fund, in favor of the Board of Stewards.

Papers relating to the life and character of Dr. W. Kenney, deceased, were referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

The Report of the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund of the Conference was presented and read.

A memorial respecting Quarterly Conferences and the Presiding Eldership was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

The examination of the character of effective Elders was resumed.

F. M. Chatham was granted a Supernumerary relation, without work.

Dr. Nelson addressed the Conference in relation to the Book Concern.

Dr. M. Sorin was introduced.

Notices were given, Doxology sung, and the Benediction pronounced by Dr. Sorin.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Conference assembled at 9 o'clock, the President in the chair.

The Religious Exercises were conducted by A. W. Milby.

The Journal was read and approved.

The pastors of Wilmington were appointed a Committee on a Centennial picture of the Conference.

Resolutions on the corporate rights of Trustees were re-considered and referred to a special Committee. (*See Special Committees.*)

A Committee was appointed to receive subscriptions and collect dues for the Conference Education Society. (*See Special Committees.*)

Rev. Mr. Duval of the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Dr. Hicks of the Central Conference, Ohio, Revs. T. B. Miller, T. B. Neeley, J. B. McCullough and S. W. Thomas, of the Philadelphia Conference, were introduced.

J. A. B. Wilson was announced as re-transferred to this Conference. W. L. S. Murray deposited his Certificate of election, and was also received.

The Conference proceeded to elect two delegates to the ensuing General Conference. J. E. Bryan, W. B. Gregg, J. B. Mann, and W. J. O'Neill were appointed Tellers, and G. R. Bristor to assist the Secretary in recording the ballot.

J. Humphriss and G. Barton were recommended to the Board of Stewards for an allowance.

The Examination of character was resumed.

The death of W. Kenney, D. D., was announced as having occurred June 24th, 1875.

Bishop Ames took the chair.

L. C. Matlack having received a majority of the votes cast on the second Ballot was declared elected a Delegate to the General Conference.

The Reports of the Trustees and the Principal of the Wilmington Conference Academy were read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The time was extended.

A Committee was appointed to nominate four ministers to fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Academy. (*See Special Committees.*)

Resolutions urging the Trustees to rebuild the Institution were taken from the table and adopted with a rising vote. (*See Resolutions.*)

W. E. England having received a majority of the votes cast on the fifth ballot was declared duly elected Delegate to the General Conference.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with benediction by J. D. Curtis.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock, the President in the chair.

The Devotions were led by J. H. Caldwell.

The Journal was read and approved.

Two papers on the Discipline, &c., were read and referred to the Committee on Memorials.

A Committee was appointed to consider the propriety of restoring the parchments of J. M. McCarter. (*See Special Committees.*)

Dr. McCauley, President of Dickinson College, Dr. Sheldon, Agent of the American Bible Society, Dr. Kidder, of Drew Theological Seminary, and Dr. G. D. Carrow, of the Philadelphia Conference, and Rev. Messrs. Bird, and Holliday, of the Baltimore Conference, were introduced.

The Board of Stewards made their report, which was adopted and the moneys distributed. (*See Steward's Report.*)

Resolutions respecting the claims of Effective Members were presented by the Board and referred to the Committee on Memorials.

W. L. P. Bowen, a Local Preacher, was elected to Deacon's orders.

D. A. J. Kynett, addressed the Conference.

The Committee reported \$130 00 raised for F. M. Chatham.

Report of the President of Dickinson College was read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

R. J. Jump, J. E. Ellegood, W. S. Sherman, L. A. C. Gerry, and J. F. Dawson, a Committee from the Lay Conference, appeared before the Conference and presented the following—

Resolved, That we desire to express our sincere love and reverence for the Bishops of the Church, and the brethren of the Wilmington Annual Conference, now in session, and do hereby tender to them our heartfelt sympathy in their labors and offer our earnest co-operation in every movement for the advancement of the cause of Christ and the interests of the church.

A fitting response was made by Bishop Ames.

The resolution was gratefully accepted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.

A resolution in reference to the Alumni of Dickinson College was referred to the Committee on Education.

The Report of visitors to the Centenary Biblical Institute was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was taken up and considered item by item.

The time was extended. The Report was laid on the table for future consideration.

Rev. L. Marks, of the Presbyterian Church, was introduced.

Resolutions in reference to the subscriptions to the Wilmington Conference Academy were read and adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

V. Smith and J. D. Curtis were appointed a Committee to audit the Missionary accounts of the Presiding Elder.

The Committee on Public Worship made their report for Sabbath Services.

Other notices were given, and the Conference adjourned with Benediction by Bishop Scott.

SIXTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Conference assembled at 9 o'clock, Bishop Scott in the chair.

The Religious services were conducted by W. B. Gregg.

The Journal was read and approved.

Dr. Sheldon spoke to the Conference in behalf of the American Bible Society.

A paper asking the establishment of a mission for English-speaking seamen, in the Port of New York, was read and referred to the Committee on Memorials.

A resolution concerning the distribution of Centennial offerings was referred to the Committee on Centennial services.

Dr. Reid addressed the Conference, respecting the Mission work.

A paper on Church Records was referred to Committee on Memorials.

The report of the Committee on National Centennial was made the order of the day, for to-morrow, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

Memorial services in respect to Dr. W. Kenney were arranged for at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

The name of S. S. Baker was directed to be entered on the Minutes as discontinued at his own request.

F. C. McSorley of the 3d year class was called, and his character passed.

A Memorial to the Commissioners of the Centennial Exhibition, concerning the sale of liquor upon their grounds, was read, and laid on the table for future action.

Question 2nd, "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up. Fifteen recommendations were read, and the brethren named, introduced to the Conference. Action was deferred for the present.

The Committee in the case of J. M. McCarter, reported that they do not recommend the restoration of his parchments.

The Committee on Education made their Report, pending which, Drs. McCauley and Kidder addressed the Conference. The Report was laid over till to-morrow.

The time having arrived for the delivery of Bishop Scott's Semi-Centennial Sermon, the 409th Hymn was announced by A. T. Scott, his son; and prayer was offered by Dr. M. Sorin, one of the few remaining members of the Philadelphia Conference of 1826.

After singing the 1002nd Hymn, Bishop Scott announced as his text the 10th verse, 7th Chapter of Ecclesiastes, "Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this." The Sermon was deeply interesting, and stirred the hearts of all who heard it.

"Jerusalem! my happy home," was then sung, and Conference adjourned to meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock to hear the National Centennial Sermon.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with Benediction by J. Wilson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met at 3 o'clock.

Bishop Scott presiding.

J. E. Smith read the 136th Psalm.

The 1028th Hymn was read by T. E. Martindale, and prayer offered by L. C. Matlack.

"My Country! 'tis of Thee" was sung, and Dr. G. A. Phœbus proceeded to deliver the National Centennial Sermon, from St. James, 2: 12, "So speak ye, and so do; as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty." The discourse was listened to with marked attention.

Announcements were made, the Doxology sung, and the Benediction pronounced by J. B. Quigg.

SEVENTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING.

The Conference assembled at 9 o'clock.

The President in the chair.

R. W. Todd conducted the Devotions.

The Journal was read and approved.

Dr. Rust of the Freedman's Aid Society was introduced. Papers in reference to the election of S. S. Superintendents, and Certificates of Church Membership, were referred to the Committee on Memorials.

The Report of the Committee on the Tract Cause was read and adopted.

(*See Reports.*)

Complimentary Resolutions in regard to the Sermons of Bishop Scott and G. A. Phœbus, were adopted with rising votes.

The Report of the Committee on National Centennial was read and adopted.

(*See Reports.*)

The Report of the Committee on Missions was re-committed, and four laymen added to the Committee, namely: A. Kelley, T. Mallalieu, G. Saulsbury, and A. Townsend.

A Resolution, approving the change of place for holding the General Conference, from St. Louis to Baltimore, was adopted by a count vote of 80 for, and none against.

A Resolution requiring Presiding Elders to reside within the bounds of their respective Districts, was read and adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

A Supplementary Report from the Committee on Education was read. J. Wilson, J. E. Rounds, and Dr. Rust addressed the Conference. The Report was adopted.

The sum of \$64.25 was collected for J. W. Hammersley.

Resolutions respecting the bonds of the Academy were read and adopted.

(*See Resolutions.*)

Rev. D. H. Carroll, of the Baltimore Conference, and Rev. Messrs. Cunningham, Gilroy, Karsner, Pierson, Gregg, Welch and Dyson, of the Philadelphia Conference, were introduced.

The time was extended.

It was resolved, that when we adjourn, it shall be to meet at 2½ o'clock this afternoon.

The Report of the Committee on National Centennial was re-considered, and on motion re-committed.

Notices were given, and the Benediction pronounced by T. E. Martindale.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met at 2½ o'clock.

J. D. Curtis in the chair.

The Religious Service was conducted by J. E. Bryan.

The Journal was read and approved.

Reports of the Committee on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Church Extension Board, were read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

R. W. Todd and T. S. Williams were appointed to collect money for the publication of the Semi-Centennial Sermon.

The services in memory of Dr. W. Kenney were opened with the 1076th Hymn. Prayer was offered by I. T. Cooper and C. Hill. The Obituary Report was read by W. H. Hutchin, and followed with interesting remarks by I. T. Cooper, G. A. Phœbus, C. W. Prettyman, E. Davis, J. Wilson and V. Smith. The Report was then adopted.

The Centennial Report was read, amended and adopted.

It was decided to hold a Session this evening at 7½ o'clock.

The Report of the General Conference Memorial Committee was made the order of the evening, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

The original Educational Report was taken up and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

The Conference adjourned with Benediction by H. S. Thompson.

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference met at 7½ o'clock.

I. T. Cooper in the chair.

A. D. Davis conducted the Devotional Exercises.

The Journal was read and approved.

A Resolution pledging our faith to the Wilmington Conference Academy was read and adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

The Report of the Committee on Corporate Rights of Trustees was taken up. The first resolution reciting that there is a "difference in the method of incorporating Boards of Trustees for Roman Catholic Churches from that of incorporating the Boards of other religious societies," was adopted; the remainder of the Report was laid on the table.

The Report of the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference was read and adopted.

A collection of \$30.40 was taken up for the sexton.

The Report on Temperance was again taken up. The 10th resolution was laid on the table, and the remainder of the Report adopted. (*See Reports.*)

It was resolved to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Conference adjourned with Benediction by J. T. Van Burkalow.

EIGHTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Conference met at 9 o'clock.

The President in the chair.

The Devotions were led by T. S. Williams.

The Journal was read and approved.

Question 2, "Who are received on trial?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The Committee to audit the Missionary Accounts of the Presiding Elders reported them correct and satisfactory.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

The Committee on Finance made its Annual Report. (*See Reports.*)

E. Stubbs and W. P. Davis were appointed to draft Resolutions of thanks.

The Examining Committees and other appointments were announced. (*See Examining Committees.*)

J. B. Quigg and J. H. Caldwell were declared elected Reserve Delegates to the General Conference.

J. B. Quigg and C. F. Sheppard were elected Trustees of the Wesleyan Female College.

The Presiding Elders were appointed a Committee to apportion the \$2,000 pledged to the Academy.

The moneys of the Finance Committee were distributed as follows:

Episcopal Fund, Tract and Sunday School Union collections, to J. M. Phillips, Methodist Book Concern.

Bible Collection in Maryland, to W. H. Cole, Treasurer of Maryland Bible Society.

Bible Collection in Delaware, to Treasurers of State and County Societies.

Church Extension Collection, to F. A. Ellis, Treasurer

Freedmen's Aid Collection, to W. J. Hooper, Baltimore, Treasurer.

Conference Academy Collection, to C. M. Wharton, Dover, Delaware.

Conference Educational Society Collection, to S. D. McGonigal, Dover, Delaware.

General Education Collection, to S. D. McGonigal, Dover, Delaware.

Children's Day Money to Rev. E. O. Haven, D. D.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to Treasurers of Philadelphia and Baltimore Branches.

General Conference expenses, to L. C. Matlack, D. D.

The Report on Sunday School cause was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

It was resolved that it is the sense of this Conference that brethren have no right to retain the moneys for the Conference Academy now in their hands.

Report of the Committee on Ladies and Pastors' Christian Union was read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

The relations of E. J. Way, J. L. Taft and J. Allen, were continued.

Joseph E. Smith and J. O. Sypherd, were appointed to reply to the letters of J. Allen and G. A. Campbell, just read.

J. D. Curtis was granted a Superannuated Relation, at his own request.

The Officers of the Church Extension Society were re-elected. (*See Officers.*)

The time was extended.

Officers of the Education Society were also re-elected. (*See Officers.*)

Hon. N. B. Smithers, and H. P. Hopkins, Esq., were appointed visitors to Dickinson College. (*See Visiting Committee.*)

Milford was fixed as the place for holding the next Annual Session.

The Statistical Secretary made his Annual Report. (*See Tables.*)

Various Resolutions of thanks were read and adopted by a rising vote. (*See Resolutions.*)

It was resolved that the Conference Education Society, be requested so to amend their Constitution, that all cases of beneficiaries desiring to labor in other Conferences, be referred to the officers of the Society for final decision.

The Minutes were read and adopted preparatory to adjournment. A hymn was sung, and prayer offered by J. D. Curtis.

Bishop Scott then announced the appointments. (*See List of Appointments.*)

The Conference finally adjourned with Doxology and Benediction by Bishop Scott.

Signed,

T. E. MARTINDALE, Secretary.

RULES

For the Government of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. The President shall call the Conference to order punctually at the time determined upon for the opening of its sessions, have each opened by appropriate devotional exercises, and see that all the business pertaining to the Conference shall be brought forward and transacted in a proper and orderly manner, according to the provision of the Discipline and the Rules of the Conference.
2. He shall preserve order in all of the proceedings, holding speakers strictly to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, violate the Rules of Order, or use any improper language.
3. He shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the Conference by any two members.
4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.
5. When two or more members claim the floor at the same time, he shall decide who is entitled thereto.

II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

1. The Secretary shall keep a fair and correct record of all the proceedings of the Conference, to be read at the opening of each session, subject to correction by the Conference.
2. He shall carefully preserve the journal and papers of the conference placed in his custody, and shall not allow any person but a member to examine the same, nor allow any one to take a transcript from either, without the permission of the Conference; he shall produce the journals and papers at each annual session, and see that the same be forwarded to General Conference.
3. In an appendix prepared for that purpose, he shall record all reports and documents ordered upon record by the Conference, and all documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal.

III. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

1. Each member of the Conference will be expected and required to be present at the opening of each session to participate in the devotional exercises, unless unavoidably detained; and no member may absent himself, without leave, from the seat of the Conference.
2. When a member would speak on any question, he shall arise in his place and respectfully address the President; refrain from all personalities and discourteous language; and no member shall speak more than once on the same question until every other member who so desires shall have spoken (except simply to explain when misrepresented (nor shall any one speak longer than fifteen minutes without the consent of the Conference).
3. When a member is called to order by the President, or by any member through him, he shall take his seat until the point of order is decided by the President.
4. Any member may call for the division of the question, which shall be granted when, in the judgment of the President, the same will admit of it.
5. When a question has been decided by a vote of Conference, any member who may have voted with the majority, may move for a reconsideration of the same.
6. It shall be in order for any member during the discussion of any proposition before the Conference, (except in the examination of character) to move the "previous question," and if such motion be seconded by a majority of the members present, the question shall be immediately put.
7. Any member may demand the "yeas and nays" upon any question, and if ONE-FIFTH of the members present and voting shall second such demand, the vote shall be taken.
8. Any member may object to the reading of a paper, and when such objection is made the reading shall be dispensed with, unless the Conference, without debate, shall otherwise order.
9. No motion, unless seconded, shall be entertained; and all motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing by the member presenting them, if so desired by the President, Secretary, or any member of the Conference.
10. When a motion is made, seconded and entertained by the President, it shall be in possession of the Conference, but it may be withdrawn at any time by the mover with the consent of the seconder, before a decision is had thereon or an amendment entertained by the President.
11. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when a member has the floor, when such a motion cannot be made without his consent.
12. In discussing the reports of committees, the chairman of the committee whose report is under consideration, or such member of the same as the committee may agree upon, shall be entitled to close the debate, (except when the previous question is ordered.)

IV. QUESTIONS TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT DEBATE.

- 1.—All motions simply to adjourn.
 - 2.—All motions to lay on the table.
 - 3.—Motions for the "previous question."
 - 4.—Demand for the "yeas and nays."
 - 5.—All appeals from decisions of the President.
 - 6.—All motions for extension of time, either of a member on the floor, or the session of the Conference.
 - 7.—All motions to re-commit.
 - 8.—All motions to place documents, reports, or other papers on record.
- All questions that may arise in the course of Conference proceedings, not determinable by these Rules of Order, shall be determined by the President, in accordance with established parliamentary law, subject to appeal to the conference.

PLANS OF EXAMINATION.

CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

- T. J. WILLIAMS—Discipline and History of Methodism.
 G. R. BRISTOR—Ancient and Sacred History.
 T. B. HUNTER—Common Branches of English Education.
 C. W. PRETTYMAN—Rhetoric and Logic.
 T. O. AYERS—History of United States and Modern Europe.
 Committee will meet candidates on Monday evening preceding Conference session.

FIRST YEAR'S CLASS.

- J. W. PIERSON—Plain account of Christian Perfection and Sermon.
 T. S. WILLIAMS—Theological Institutes, Part I.
 J. T. VAN BURKALOW—Psychology.
 W. F. TALBOT—Church History.
 W. H. HUTCHIN—Homiletics.

SECOND YEAR'S CLASS.

- J. B. MERRITT—Watson's Institute, Part II.
 V. SMITH—Hibbard on Baptism.
 W. URIE—Statement and proof of Bible Doctrine.
 G. W. BURKE—Written Sermon.
 E. G. IRWIN—Wayland's Moral Science.

THIRD YEAR'S CLASS.

- L. C. MATLACK—Watson's Institutes, Parts III and IV.
 T. H. HAYNES—Nast's Introduction.
 W. B. WALTON—Angus' Hand Book of the Bible.
 J. E. BRYAN—Whateley's Logic and Written Sermon.
 J. M. WILLIAMS—Butler's Analogy.

FOURTH YEAR'S CLASS.

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| A. W. MILBY—Section I. | J. H. CALDWELL, Section III, |
| J. L. TAFT—" II. | T. L. TOMKINSON, " IV. |
| E. B. NEWNAM, Section V. | |

TO EXAMINE LOCAL PREACHERS FOR DEACON'S ORDERS.

- W. I. BAIN—Discipline.
 W. R. MACFARLANE—Bible Doctrines and Sacraments.
 W. W. REDMAN—English Grammar, &c.
 J. W. WESTON—Watson's Institutes, &c.

TO EXAMINE LOCAL DEACONS FOR ELDER'S ORDERS.

- B. F. PRICE—Review of Previous Course.
 A. STENGLE—Bible History.
 S. T. GARDNER—Watson's Institute, Part III.
 J. FRANCE—Watson's Institute, Part IV.
 —Essay or Written Sermon.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Have any entered this Conference by Transfer or Re-Admission?*
W. L. S. Murray, J. A. B. Wilson.
2. *Who are Admitted on Trial?*
G. W. Townsend, J. E. Mowbray, J. McK. Brewington, T. A. H. O'Brien, E. C. Macnichol, W. L. P. Bowen, L. E. Barrett, G. L. Hardesty, W. F. Corkran, E. N. Kirby, J. M. Collins, E. L. Hoffecker, Thos. E. Terry, Albert Chandler.
3. *Who Remain on Trial?*
None.
4. *Who are Admitted into Full Connection?*
Thomas J. Prettyman.
5. *Who are the Deacons of the First Class?*
Thomas J. Prettyman.
6. *Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?*
F. C. McSorley, T. R. Creamer, R. Y. Roe, N. McQuay, Wm. M. Green, I. N. Foreman.
7. *Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders this year?*
J. D. Kemp, Jno. E. Smith, G. W. Wilcox, D. W. C. McIntyre, R. H. Adams, R. C. Jones.
8. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
J. L. Taft, J. Hubbard, E. J. Way, I. T. Cooper, G. Barton, J. Esgate, J. Allen, F. M. Chatham, (without work,) D. R. Thomas and T. E. Bell, (with work.)
9. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*
H. Sutton, J. L. Houston, J. D. Curtis.
10. *Was the Character of each Preacher examined?*
It was.
11. *Have any Located?*
None.
12. *Have any Withdrawn?*
None.
13. *Have any been Transferred? and to what Conference?*
None.
14. *Have any been Expelled?*
None.
15. *Have any Died?*
Wesley Kenney.
16. *What is the Statistical Report?*
(See Statistical Tables.)
17. *What are the Claims upon the Conference Funds*
(See Steward's Report.)

18. *What has been received on the foregoing Claims, and how has it been applied?*
(See Steward's Report.)
19. *Have any Local Preachers been Ordained?*
W. L. P. Bowen was ordained Deacon.
20. *Are any of our Literary or Theological Institutions under the Control and Patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?*
Drew Theological Seminary, Dickinson College, Wesleyan Female College, and Wilmington Conference Academy. (See Education Reports.)
21. *Who are the Conference Board of Church Extension?*
(See Officers of Conference Societies.)
22. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*
(See list of Appointments.)
23. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*
At Milford, Delaware. Time to be fixed by the Bishops.

APPOINTMENTS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

J. B. QUIGG, P. E.

Wilmington, Asbury.....	Geo. R. Kramer.
" St. Paul's.....	W. P. Davis.
" Union.....	T. E. Martindale.
" Scott.....	J. O. Sypherd.
" Grace.....	Joseph E. Smith.
" Epworth.....	Lewis E. Barrett.
" Madeley.....	J. E. Mowbray.
" Brandywine.....	J. W. Pierson.
" City Mission.....	H. Sanderson.
Mt. Salem.....	J. W. Weston.
Newport.....	H. S. Thompson.
Chester.....	E. H. Nelson.
Mt. Lebanon.....	to be supplied.
Mt. Pleasant.....	A. D. Davis.
Claymont.....	Geo. W. Townsend.
New Castle.....	J. B. Mann.
Red Lion and Glasgow.....	E. E. White.
Christiana.....	Geo. W. Burke.
St. George's and Port Penn.....	T. B. Hunter.
Delaware City.....	T. S. Williams.
Bethel and Summitt.....	Geo. R. Bristol.
Chesapeake.....	E. B. Newnam.
Manor and Port Hermon.....	to be supplied.
Newark.....	C. F. Sheppard.
Cherry Hill.....	John France.
Elkton.....	Geo. A. Phoebus.
North East.....	J. A. B. Wilson.
Elk Neck.....	Joseph Dare.
Port Deposit.....	J. D. Rigg.
Rising Sun.....	J. D. Kemp.
Zion.....	T. L. Tomkinson.
Charlestown.....	L. W. Layfield.

A. T. Scott, Professor in Wesleyan Female College, Member of Grace Quarterly Conference.

EASTON DISTRICT.

C. HILL, P. E.

Smyrna.....	E. Stubbs.
Smyrna Circuit.....	E. Davis.
Appoquinimink.....	J. Carroll.
Middletown.....	L. C. Matlack.

Odessa.....	J. B. Merritt.
Cecilton and St. Paul's.....	E. Miller.
Galena.....	E. G. Irwin.
Millington.....	W. M. Warner.
Still Pond.....	W. B. Gregg.
Massey's.....	to be supplied.
Chestertown.....	W. H. Hutchin.
Kent.....	T. B. Killiam.—One to be supplied.
Sudlersville.....	C. W. Prettyman, J. M. Collins.
Church Hill.....	W. R. McFarlane.
Centreville.....	A. W. Milby.
Queenstown.....	E. H. Miller.
Kent Island.....	J. W. Hammersley.
Easton.....	R. W. Todd.
St. Michael's.....	V. Smith.
Royal Oak.....	F. C. McSorley.
Talbot.....	T. E. Bell,—Supplied.
Trappe.....	R. H. Adams.
Hillsborough.....	W. J. Duhadway, A. Chandler.
Greensborough.....	B. F. Price.
King's Creek.....	N. McQuay.
Denton.....	E. P. Aldred, E. L. Hoffecker.
Marydel.....	E. H. Hynson.

DOVER DISTRICT.

J. HOUGH, P. E.

Dover.....	J. H. Caldwell.
Leipsic and Raymond's.....	W. T. Tull.
Camden.....	H. H. Bodine, E. C. Macnichol.
Wyoming.....	D. W. C. McIntyre.
Felton.....	H. Colclazer.
Felton Circuit.....	W. M. Green.
Frederica.....	J. E. Bryan.
Barratt's Chapel and Milford Neck.....	V. Cray.
Milford.....	T. H. Haynes.
Harrington.....	W. F. Talbot.—One to be Supplied.
Lincoln.....	I. N. Foreman.
Ellendale.....	A. A. Fisher.
Georgetown.....	W. B. Walton.
Milton.....	John E. Smith.
Lewes.....	C. M. Pegg.
Millsborough.....	W. W. Redman, W. F. Corkran.
Bridgeville.....	J. T. VanBurkalow, E. N. Kirby.
Seaford.....	T. J. Williams.
Federalsburg.....	I. Jewell, George S. Hardesty.
Galestown.....	T. H. Harding.
Dorchester.....	A. Stengle.—One to be Supplied.
Cambridge.....	W. L. S. Murray.
Beckwith and Speddin's.....	George S. Conaway.
Church Creek.....	Robert Y. Roe.
Woodlandstown.....	Thomas E. Terry.
Hooper's Island.....	Thomas J. Prettyman.

J. M. Williams, Principal of Conference Academy, member of Dover Quarterly Conference.

ANNUAL MINUTES OF THE
SALISBURY DISTRICT.

N. M. BROWNE, P. E.

Salisbury.....	William Urie.
Fruitland.....	J. W. Poole.
Delmar.....	T. R. Creamer.
Laurel.....	D. C. Ridgway.
Lewisville.....	George W. Wilcox.
Bethesda.....	to be supplied.
Parsonsburg.....	A. J. Crozier.
Gumborough.....	W. J. O'Neill.
Frankford.....	J. E. Kidney.
Roxana.....	James Conner.
Berlin.....	J. A. Arters.
Snow Hill.....	P. H. Rawlins, T. A. H. O'Brien.
Stockton and Chincoteague.....	J. McK. Brewington,—One to be supplied.
Newtown.....	T. O. Ayers.
Accomac.....	R. C. Jones.
Crisfield and Asbury.....	J. A. Brindle.
Annamessex.....	J. Shilling.
Westover.....	To be supplied.
Fairmount.....	W. E. England.
Princess Anne.....	W. I. Bain.—One to be supplied.
Deal's Island.....	S. T. Gardner.
Quantico.....	I. G. Fosnocht.
Sharptown.....	W. L. P. Bowen.

W. Merrill, Principal of Fairmount Academy, member of Fairmount Quarterly Conference.

Reports of the Presiding Elders.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

DEAR BRETHREN:—We are enabled to report a year of great prosperity on Wilmington District. We have occasion for heartfelt thanksgiving. Not less than 1500 persons have professed conversion on the District during the year. Fully one thousand of these have been added to our churches in this city of Wilmington.

Preachers and people have been laborers together with God, and God's building has enlisted a devotion, and zeal, which promises the grandest and best results. The church has been aroused to the importance and necessity of employing all her members, to do in the accomplishment of her mission what they can, and this is the spirit which is to secure the triumph of the Redeemer's cause everywhere.

We desire to bear testimony to the importance of revivals, and revival agencies, as it has been recently illustrated in the recovery of backsliders, the conversion of sinners and the sanctification of believers. No one can question any more the influence of these visitations, who sets any value upon the reformation and recovery of people from sin and misery. Of many who were covetous, drunkards, revilers, extortioners, it may now be said, "Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of God."

Ours is a revival church, and while we appreciate the work of instruction, and avail ourselves of every means to teach the people, it becomes us to seize every season of leisure to rally the people of God for those united, earnest movements, which arouse the lukewarm and careless, and confront the impenitent with their need, and lead them to the one fountain and only source of supply. Our preachers have done this, and the harvest of to-day is proof of their enterprise, religious spirit and devoted labor.

A majority of the Quarterly Conferences requested me to convene the District Conference. Accordingly, we gave notice, and held the first at North East, June 17; the second at Elkton, December 7. Both these Conferences were interesting and profitable occasions, and it was thought, contributed something to the belief among our people, that the District Conference must substitute the Quarterly Conference.

We sought at both meetings to arrange a plan for the systematic employment of the Local Preachers and Exhorters, but did not succeed. Very many of these are licensed to preach and exhort, who do no service entitling them to such official standing. We are persuaded that this great arm of influence and power is paralyzed for want of method in its use.

Our brethren attending the meetings of the Wilmington Preachers' Association have recently given some consideration to the question—how can we strengthen our connectional bonds, and develop our work in this city? A plan for the organization of a Board of City Mission and Church Extension has been reported and will probably be recommended to the churches of this city, by which we hope to enlist them in a general plan to extend the church, and maintain the progress always expected of Methodism.

It is my duty to report respecting the Wesleyan Female College, and I am happy to say, it does excellent work in the culture of young ladies. It still continues prosperous notwithstanding the depressed times through which the country is passing. The number of students enrolled the present year is 129. The average attendance last year was a very little better. The ornamental branches are in less demand these hard times. The pupils have been in excellent health. A number of conversions have taken place among the young ladies during the protracted meetings at Grace Church.

The Institution has been extending its influence, and now secures considerable local patronage as well, and commands in this city a measure of respect and confidence highly flattering to its President, Rev. John Wilson, his excellent lady, and the laborious faculty.

The time has come when the Church ought to contribute of its abundance toward improving and modernizing its buildings. Until then, it cannot present the attractions which the competition of the times demand.

The preachers have generally had excellent health. We have had two exceptions, Bros. David R. Thomas and G. W. Campbell, both of whom will ask super-numerary relations. Dr. Thomas retires, hoping a year's rest may enable him to resume his work with something of the vigor of his better days, and yet a little apprehensive that his work in the pulpit is done. He merits our sympathy and prayers.

Geo. W. Campbell is one of our young men. His failure is a serious loss to us, as he was one of our most devoted and useful ministers. We may pray for his recovery and trust that God will spare him to do much work for his cause.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. QUIGG, P. E.

EASTON DISTRICT.

In presenting this my fourth annual report for Easton District, I cannot forego the pleasure of recurring to that act of demonstration by the members of this Conference, four year ago, when my name was announced by Bishop Ames, for Easton District.

That act I have remembered gratefully, as an expression of your approbation; by it my heart was then deeply affected, and *now* the remembrance is as ointment poured forth, the fragrance of which has oft refreshed my spirit.

My Brethren, members of this Conference, and especially those of the Easton District, will now accept my grateful acknowledgments for your sympathy, co-operation and support, as I have gone in and out before you in my official relation, and be assured that the social intercourse I have enjoyed with you and your families, has been to me most pleasant and gratifying, as I have traveled from place to place in the discharge of my duty.

We have reason for thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church, for his gracious care over his Ministers, in preserving their health and lives. Not one of our number has fallen by death during the year; yet all have not been exempted from affliction.

Our Brother F. M. Chatham has suffered severely during a part of the year, and is now forced to retire from the effective ranks, a victim of paralysis, which has seriously injured his powers of speech. Bro. Hammersley has also suffered affliction in his family. I commend him to your sympathy and christian benevolence. He needs our aid, as his expenses are beyond his ability.

The preachers have been faithful in their work, and the Master has greatly blessed their labors. In some localities, the work has been remarkable. Those that have been favored most, are Smyrna, Middletown, Smyrna Circuit, King's Creek, Easton, Trappe, and Millington. While the number of probationers is quite large on the District for this year, yet it will scarcely reach the numbers reported or the years 1874 and 1875; for 1874, the minutes report 1090, for 1875, 1172 probationers.

The subject of Benevolent collections, has received attention both in the Quarterly Conference and public congregation. The result we cannot now report, but indulge the hope that it will surpass that of the previous year.

Our periodicals are highly appreciated by those who give attention to reading

them, but the ratio of subscribers, to the whole number of members, is vastly too small. The facts in relation to this statement are such, (if fully brought out) as to reflect seriously upon the reading habits of our people, especially in church literature.

In the District we have 83 Churches, 17 Parsonages, and 27 Appointments. Building and repairing churches have received some attention. The church at Cecilton has been re-frescoed, painted and furnished. At the village of Kenton, on Smyrna Circuit, a new church is in course of erection. At Chestertown a new and beautiful brick church, with basement and spire, costing about \$15,000, is nearly ready for dedication. Our church at Millington is yet unfinished, I commend it to the church at large for help. Those who contributed to its erection have done nobly, but they must have help to finish it. The church near Sudlersville, called Busick's, was finished and dedicated in the early part of the year. At Trappe a beautiful parsonage has been built through the untiring efforts of Brother R. H. Adams and the liberality of his people; the property is worth about \$3000.

Our Sunday schools have vigor and force. They are great auxiliaries to various church interests, and especially to the missionary cause; large contributions flow into the treasury through this channel; the membership of the church is also recruited, many of our children having come to know the Scriptures from their youth, and are early led to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Our camp meetings have come to be regarded by many of our thoughtful people, and most of our ministers, as great disorganizers. In some localities in our Conference, a succession of camp meetings from six to eight weeks, suspends nearly all our regular church services and Sunday school work, within a radius of twenty miles. In addition to these, the privileges allowed tend to desecrate the Holy Sabbath and demoralize our people. If some definite Conference action could be had in relation to this subject, great good might be accomplished.

JOHN HOUGH, P. E.

DOVER DISTRICT.

DEAR BISHOP AND BRETHREN:—My lamented predecessor, Dr. Wesley Kenney, fell at his post just at the close of the first quarter, and early in the second. I received my appointment from Bishop Janes, with instructions to take charge of the district at once. Since then, I have visited every charge at the appointed times, and performed the duties of the office.

The Ministers. I believe my brethren on the district have done what they could, and, as in the case of her of old, it shall be told as a memorial of them; for many who have been brought to Jesus through their instrumentality will hold them, not only in grateful, but everlasting remembrance. The financial pressure throughout the district has been great, and consequently in some cases much sacrifice has been necessary; and yet, so great has been the religious success, that I believe the finances, both in the matter of salaries and benevolent collections, will, finally measure up to, if they do not exceed, the footings of former years. This is largely due to the energy and concentrated zeal of my brethren.

Church improvement. One church on Camden Circuit has been refitted and reopened, free of debt. Two more, one on Millsboro circuit, and the church at Milford, are in process of erection. The latter is nearing completion. Two have been completed, one on Galestown circuit, and one on Federalsburg circuit. The latter is a model of chaste beauty. I am sorry to say, however, that, owing to a debt upon it, it has not yet been dedicated.

Revivals. The tidal wave of revival has rolled all over the district in reality. The rule has been a successful work of grace; the opposite, the exception. In

the midst of so much success it would be tiresome to enumerate all. Dover, Bridgeville and Seaford have, however, so far as I now know, enjoyed the most extensive work.

Sunday Schools. My opportunity to visit Sunday schools has been quite limited. Wherever I have visited them I have found the International lessons in use. In the country places, schools are generally closed during the winter. Indeed they do not recover from the interruption occasioned by the camp-meetings. I verily believe that camp meetings render the Sunday school work on our circuits, during three months in the year, almost futile. They also make serious inroads upon the work in stations.

Camp Meetings. With the exception of two places on the district, where I forgot it, I have asked the quarterly conferences to give me the average influence which the camp meetings of the past summer have exerted upon the different charges. During the discussion upon this subject, I have caught some brief sentence, which seemed to embody the average opinion of the entire Conference; and with their acquiescence I have written it down. By referring to these notes I find the following statistical summary:

1. No. of charges where the question was asked.....	22
2. No. of charges not affected either way.....	2
3. No. of charges where it was thought they did good in a greater or less degree.....	8
4. No. of charges where it was thought they did harm in a greater or less degree.....	12
	— 22

These statistics are well worthy of consideration.

Probationer Statistics.

1. Number of probationers at the beginning of the Conference year.....	587
2. Of these there have been	
(a.) Received into full connection.....	303
(b.) Dismissed by letter.....	2
(c.) Dropped.....	146
(d.) Died.....	2
(e.) Continued on trial.....	134
	— 587
3. During this year there have been received on probation on the entire district.....	1005

Wilmington Conference Academy. I refer to the report of the principal of the Wilmington Conference Academy for an account of the condition of that institution.

J. M. WILLIAMS, P. E.

REPORT OF SALISBURY DISTRICT.

In making this our first report of church work on Salisbury District, we gratefully recognize the hand of an all-wise Father, through whose blessing our brethren have enjoyed a good degree of prosperity in their labors during the year just closed.

The geographical position of our territory, I presume, is clearly defined in the minds of the members of this Conference, and therefore I need only touch the merest outline. The Nanticoke river on the west and north, running east by a line between Broad Creek and Nanticoke Hundred, taking the lower part of Dagsboro Hundred, and thence east to the sea coast, giving us three Hundreds and part of the fourth of Sussex county, Delaware, the three lower counties of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and Accomac and Northampton counties of Va., embracing a population of ninety-five thousand eight hundred and twenty-five.

Of this number we have in our church seven thousand. Allowing the number of persons under the influence of our church to equal three of membership, we are justified in claiming twenty-one thousand of the ninety-five thousand of population as dependent upon our church for religious care and instruction.

If we concede all other denominations to equal our own, it then leaves about one half, or forty-two thousand of population, without any church home. To feed the flock of Christ, and reach, and save, these thousands, is the legitimate work of the church and her ministry.

We have on Salisbury District eighty-eight churches, supplied by twenty traveling ministers and five assistants; an average of more than four churches and three hundred and fifty members to each pastor. There are, co-operating with these thirty-eight Local Preachers, one hundred and thirty-two exhorters, one hundred and fifty-four Class Leaders, and eighty Sunday School Superintendents. With such pre-eminent advantages in the number and location of church buildings, and such a host of Christian workers in official position, there is being done a grand work for God.

The facilities for intercourse with all parts of our territory, are equal if not superior to any part of our Conference work. There are two lines of rail road, extending to the extreme limits of the District, excepting one charge in Virginia. One line of road from Georgetown, Del., to Franklin, Va., upon the east side; and the main line from this city to Crisfield. Beside these roads running north and south, there are two roads crossing the District from east to west; one of these from Berlin to Salisbury, and the other leaving the Eastern Shore road two miles south of Princess Anne, running east as far as Newtown, Md., with a probability of extension to Chincoteague Bay. If, in other years with limited means of communication with our work, Methodism grew, with such superior advantages, multiplying each year, how rapid and permanent must be her future growth.

In church building and improvement, which has formed so prominent and interesting a feature in the reports from this District, in other years, we are glad to report no abatement the past year. The church at Parsonsburg, eight miles east of Salisbury, on the Wicomico and Pocomoke Rail Road, was dedicated September 26th. With the aid of three hundred dollars from the Church Extension Society, the entire indebtedness was provided for; and these people who have for years struggled to secure a house of worship, are, under the blessing of God, in possession of a good church.

The congregation at Rock Creek on Princess Anne Circuit, have built a new church, a much larger and more modern structure than the one formerly occupied, eligibly located, and meeting the demand of a large and growing society. This house will be dedicated, at an early day, free from debt.

The Enterprise at Asbury, on Crisfield charge, has, during the year, made commendable progress. The first floor, forty-five by eighty feet, a lecture room with two class rooms, was opened for worship November twenty-first, at which time an indebtedness of twenty-seven hundred and fifty dollars was liquidated, so that the building committee at the first opportunity can proceed to finish the audience room without carrying a burdensome debt. In all its appointments this church is first class, and when completed will be the best frame church building in the Peninsula.

The Society at Sinepuxent on Berlin circuit, that have worshiped many years in a small, dilapidated house, have, the past year, built and dedicated a good church, free from debt. This movement cannot fail to awaken a greater interest in church work through a large section of country.

There is one other church building in course of construction, which we hope to complete at an early day.

The entire indebtedness on the church property of the District, as reported in the minutes of last year, was five thousand two hundred and ninety dollars. There has been contributed and appropriated toward cancelling said indebtedness, this year, twenty-six hundred dollars, leaving a balance of only two thousand six hundred and ninety dollars due on the church property of the whole District, valued at one hundred and thirty-six thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

While we congratulate ourselves upon these evidences of material progress and prosperity, we know there has been no retrograde move, spiritually. In common with the churches in every direction, we have shared in the blessings which God has been scattering far and wide. At some points there have been the most remarkable awakenings, followed by the conversion of many souls. Among the places which have shared largely, are Emanuel, and Asbury churches of Crisfield Charge, Williams's on Newtown Circuit, White's on Annessex Circuit, Snow Hill, Delmar, Laurel and many others.

There is a very strong disposition upon the part of our Ministers and more intelligent laymen, to pursue a different policy from that followed in the past. If our revival seasons are to be productive of permanent as well as abundant results, there must be a proper basis upon which to construct the work, and instead of commencing at the top and working downward, the reverse can be the only hopeful course. Laying aside these features of our old methods, which have crippled our efforts, there opens a new and brighter era in the systematic study of the Scriptures in our Sunday Schools, which cannot fail to lay a broad and permanent foundation for christian character. Regarding, as we do, the Sunday School work as fundamental in all our efforts, and of vital importance in the success of the church, our Ministers, wherever they can, are taking the lead in teaching and directing the interest in this department, and the purpose is strong, to thoroughly identify the church and school.

The Temperance cause is at present claiming a large share of attention from our people, believing as they do, that no evil in all our land is so blighting as intemperance, no enemy so defiant and outspoken against God and humanity; and none raises a greater barrier in the way of church progress. The ministry and members who have opened their eyes to see this gigantic evil, stand firmly upon the platform of strict prohibition.

Our educational Institution, the Wilmington Conference Academy, with a brief but successful career, is taking a strong hold upon the affection of our people. Patrons from the southern part of our Conference have expressed unbounded confidence in the able and wise management of the Principal and his efficient corps of teachers. And as the tidings of our fearful loss reached us there was but one universal expression of sorrow and grief. May we not hope that this unexpected and sad calamity will awaken in the minds of our people a purpose to rear upon these smouldering ruins, during this Centennial year, a structure which shall stand as another proof of the zeal and benevolence of Methodism in the cause of education.

The financial depression which has been felt more or less everywhere, has pressed the people of our section, those especially who have been our most liberal contributors, from a lack of means have been compelled to forego the pleasure of making as large contributions as formerly, and it may be our benevolent collections will not be as large as we could desire, or as they certainly would have been under a more favorable condition of financial affairs.

None have fallen from our ranks during the year. Death came to the Parsonage at Delmar, and sister Burke, a devoted wife, and an intelligent and affectionate mother, who had shared the lights and shadows of her husband's itinerant life from the beginning, passed to a home in heaven followed in a brief time by two of her children. Brother Burke's cup has indeed been a bitter one, but God has sustained him in the sad bereavement.

We have, during the year, devoted our time and best energies to the interests of God and His Church. In our labors we have had the co-operation and sympathy of as true and noble a band of workers as ever toiled in God's vineyard, some of whom have struggled for success in face of discouragements and opposition, but like well trained warriors, have pressed with a faith and courage which has gained some of the grandest triumphs ever won on this classic ground of Methodism.

N. M. BROWNE, P. E.

Reports of Committees.

REPORT OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Missions met in the Bishop's room, in Wilmington, Del., March 21st, 1876, and organized by electing Rev. J. B. Quigg, chairman, and J. M. Williams, secretary.

The following appointments were constituted missions, and the following appropriations were recommended:

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.		DOVER DISTRICT.	
Brandywine.....	\$100 00	Felton.....	\$ 90 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	30 00	Felton Circuit.....	72 00
Claymont.....	50 00	Seaford.....	75 00
Red Lion and Glasgow.....	50 00	Cambridge.....	120 00
St. Georges and Port Penn...	50 00	Beckwith's and Speddens.....	150 00
Delaware City.....	100 00	Georgetown.....	96 00
Elk Neck.....	65 00	Millsborough.....	100 00
Charlestown.....	50 00	Hooper's Island.....	72 00
City Mission.....	100 00		
	<u>\$595 00</u>		<u>\$775 00</u>

EASTON DISTRICT.		SALISBURY DISTRICT.	
Galena.....	\$100 00	Berlin.....	\$120 00
Millington.....	125 00	Newtown.....	140 00
Church Hill.....	100 00	Lewisville.....	100 00
Sudlersville.....	105 00	Sharptown.....	140 00
Trappe.....	100 00	Delmar.....	100 00
Hillsborough.....	100 00	Accomac.....	200 00
Marydel.....	100 00	Salisbury.....	100 00
	<u>\$730 00</u>		<u>\$900 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Wilmington District.....	\$595 00
Easton.....	730 00
Dover.....	775 00
Salisbury.....	900 00
	<u>\$3,000 00</u>

I concur in the above appropriation.

L. SCOTT.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

In submitting for your consideration their Eighth Annual Report, the Board of Church Extension of the Wilmington Conference ask leave to state that, at the date of our last report, as will be remembered, there was in the hands of our Treasurer a balance of \$2.73. At the last Conference, March, 1875, he received from the Finance Committee, the sum of \$978.02 as the result of collections for Church Extension purposes reported at that session, making the sum to be accounted for \$980.75.

Of this amount the sum of \$913.18 was paid to the Treasurer of the Parent Board, and the sum of \$14.11 has been appropriated to the necessary expenses of the Conference Board, leaving at this date, in the hands of our Treasurer, the sum of \$53.46, to which is to be added the collections on Church Extension account, to be reported at this Conference not yet received.

During the year now closed we have recommended to the Parent Board a donation from the Church, subject to our draft, of \$300 in aid of the Church at Parsonsburgh on Salisbury District, which was paid to the trustees of that Church on the 2d of July, 1875.

The statement of the Secretary of the Parent Board, hereto annexed, exhibits the present condition of our account with that Board, and the amount now subject to our draft on recommendation of our Conference Board.

Balance to our credit at the close of the year 1874.....	\$391 22
Two-fifths of the sum, \$913.18, paid to that Board in 1875.....	365 27
	<hr/> \$756 49

1875.

Feb. 13. Disbursements to our order. Amount paid to the Church of Princess Anne as per former recommendation.....	\$200 00
July 2. Amount paid to the Church at Parsonsburgh....	300 00
	<hr/> 500 00

Balance to our credit at this date..... \$256 45
to which will be added two-fifths of such sum as shall be paid to the Parent Board from the balance now on hand, and from collections of Church Extension account as shall be reported and paid at this session, making up the amount which will be subject to the draft or recommendation of your Conference Board in aid of such church enterprises as come within the prescribed conditions properly authenticated, upon which alone assistance can be rendered.

In view of the great importance of the cause of Church Extension in the destitute portions of the land, and especially in consideration of the fact that there are still many weak points within our own territory, there being at this time two unsatisfied applications in our hands, we do earnestly commend to our brethren of the Conference and to the churches by them represented, a more favorable consideration and more liberal support of this branch of our church benevolence, second only to the great missionary cause which has taken such deep hold upon the affections and sympathies of our people.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The educational interest of the Conference assumes at present, a momentous importance and demands at the hands of every member, patient and prayerful thought. The Biblical Centenary Institute, Drew Theological Seminary, Wesleyan Female College, Dickinson College, and Wilmington Conference Academy, are the institutions whose interest challenges our attention. We will speak of them in the order named.

The Biblical Centenary Institute, located in the City of Baltimore, under the care of the Rev. J. Emery Round, is, we are happy to learn, doing a most excellent work. The design of the Institution is to train young men for the work of the christian ministry, and to qualify both male and female students for teachers; and nobly is the Institute accomplishing its end, considering the limited resources at command. That it may not in the future, as in the past, depend upon fluctuating annual collections, a liberal endowment should be provided.

The Committee most cordially commend the plan proposed by the Board of Trustees, to wit; to obtain subscriptions to the amount of fifty dollars and upwards, to be paid in five annual installments, without interest.

Your Committee believe the plan feasible, and indulge the hope that the friends of the Institute will show their interest in this substantial manner in their centennial offerings.

Therefore, Resolved, That the Biblical Centenary Institute has a warm place in our sympathies, and we most cordially recommend it to the liberality of our people.

Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, has had, as we learn through the Rev. Dr. Kidder, in an educational point of view, a very prosperous year. Notwithstanding the dropping off of one of the introductory classes, and arrangements to discontinue, at the close of the current term, all preparatory instruction, the number of students in attendance has been somewhat over one hundred.

These students represent nearly all parts of our country, and several foreign mission fields. As a rule, they have been deeply interested in their studies, and by faithfulness in prosecuting them, have made an encouraging degree of proficiency in the various branches of sacred learning. A spirit of deep and active piety has also characterized the students during the year.

Many of them have had ministerial charges within a radius of over one hundred miles, and many more have assisted in religious services in Madison, and numerous other places, with great advantage to the churches, in revivals. A wholesome missionary spirit has also pervaded the institution, supported not only by the presence of young men who are the fruits of our foreign missions, but by the correspondence of former students who are missionaries in various parts of the world.

While in the midst of this high degree of prosperity, a great financial calamity has suddenly befallen the Institution. To explain its exact nature and extent, it is necessary to state that the property of the Seminary, including ninety-five (95) acres of land and a complete outfit of buildings, properly and securely deeded to the Trustees, was the Centenary gift of one individual, who, in addition, gave his endowment bond for the sum \$250,000. On this bond he has paid interest regularly, and thus furnished the current support of the Institution from its opening till now. Mr. Drew has thus actually paid in an aggregate of \$400,000, while the church has not been called to contribute anything. But now, in an unfortunate moment, in feeble health, and at an advanced age, the liberal friend and founder has been compelled to go into bankruptcy, and with that act, the income of the Institution ceases.

The question now for the church to consider is, shall the Institution itself be closed and its great work cease, or shall we, by an adequate liberality, enable it to go on with even increasing efficiency? To this question but one answer can be given, viz; the institution *must* be sustained. To this time no definite plans have been devised, but the resolution has been definitely taken, that the Seminary shall go forward, and an appeal be made to the Church to sustain, and, in due time, re-endow it.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with the Trustees of Drew Theological Seminary in the financial calamity which has come upon them, and devoutly pray that they "bate not a jot of heart or hope, but keep right onward, and we do hereby most sincerely pledge ourselves to endeavor, in every possible way, to advance the interest of the Institution, and we do earnestly recommend those of

our communion whom the Lord has richly blessed, to remember in their charities this "school of the prophets."

The Wesleyan Female College in this city, under the fostering care of Rev. J. Wilson and his excellent lady, has enjoyed a year of unusual prosperity, considering the depressed condition of the country and the local causes which have so materially affected the business interests of the patronizing territory. We learn that the number enrolled since September is greater than the number for the same period last year, but the average attendance is not quite so large.

Resolved, That we have undiminished confidence in the management of Wesleyan Female College, and will promise to use our best endeavors to promote its interest throughout our territory.

Resolved, That we are highly gratified to hear of its success, and feel assured that its prosperity is indicative of the strong hold the college has upon the esteem and confidence of an intelligent christian public.

Dickinson College was represented by the President, the Rev. Dr. McCauley. Happy are we to say that the year has been one of unprecedented success in the internal workings of the Institution. Harmony has prevailed in the Faculty, order and sobriety among the students, and the committee are justified in declaring that the College was never in a better condition to impart high mental endowments. But we cannot close our eyes to the manifest fact of a want of sympathy, even among the more intelligent classes of the community, for the higher order of mental culture. While we have not one word to say against our public schools, or those colleges, so called, whose aim is to prepare young men for the common business of life, yet we are not oblivious to the fact that as the Lord was not in the wind, as the Lord was not in the earthquake, as the Lord was not in the fire, but in the still small voice, so does thought in peerless majesty rule in this lower world.

Resolved, That we re-affirm our esteem for the President of Dickinson College the Rev. Dr. McCauley, together with his co-laborers, and pledge him and them our best efforts to increase the number of students, and thus augment the usefulness of the College, and make it more and more a praise and glory in the land.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the charter of Dickinson College ought so to be changed, that the Alumni shall, in some way, *as such*, be represented in its Board of trustees.

The Wilmington Conference Academy is, to this Conference, the paramount enterprise. When first inaugurated, grave doubts were entertained, even by some of its friends, of ultimate success, though the edifice should be erected. But the experience of three years has dissipated all such doubts. The information before the committee gives the greatest possible assurance that the town of Dover is unquestionably an eligible location. The patronage has been liberal and constantly increasing, and had not the calamity overtaken the Academy, the Trustees were anticipating the pleasure of soon placing it before the Conference on a solid foundation.

In view of the plain and candid statement made by the Trustees of Wilmington Conference Academy, your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, The Providence of God has brought the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy to sustain the loss of the beautiful edifice erected for Academical purposes, and

WHEREAS, The said Board of Trustees, reviewing its financial condition, are clearly of the conviction that we can and ought to rebuild: therefore,

Resolved, The Conference concurring, we take immediate measures to rebuild our Institution.

The perpetuity of our Institutions, both in Church and State, demands that all classes should receive the benefits of education. As the colored population are now part of the body politic, and an element of no little importance in the Church, their education is as important as that of an equal number of the more favored race. We are gratified that the different States are providing, in some measure, for their education.

That this work may be done effectually, it is of the first importance that this people should be provided with suitable pastors and teachers of their own race. The Freedmen's Aid Society of our Church seeks to supply this want, and we believe that nothing is necessary to commend it to the favor of all our people, but to have its object and methods of operation fully understood.

The Centenary Biblical Institute of Baltimore has especial claims upon us. It was organized by our own resident bishop, many of its students come from within our own territory, and expect to labor among their people upon this peninsula. It depends entirely for its support upon the benevolence of this and the Baltimore Conference, and the two colored Conferences occupying the same territory. It ought to have larger buildings, and a suitable corps of instructors, and we ought to do our part in providing them.

Your committee cordially concur with the Committee on Education in recommending the endowment of this Institute as a suitable object for Centennial thank-offerings.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That our Freedmen's Aid Collections during the past year be paid to the Treasurer of the Centenary Biblical Institute, the Freedmen's Aid Society having expressed their approval of this disposition of the funds.
2. That we will take up a collection during the coming year either for the Freedmen's Aid Society or the Centenary Biblical Institute, as each Pastor may elect.
3. That the Presiding Elders be a Committee to apportion to the different charges, the sum of \$ 1800,00 which has been assigned to this Conference by the Freedmen's Aid Board, and that in view of the urgent needs of our own Institute, we will do our utmost to raise the amounts in full which may be apportioned to our several charges.

REPORT OF THE TRACT COMMITTEE.

The Committee on the Tract cause respectfully presents the following report:

The Wilmington Conference re-affirms its high appreciation of the tract cause, as one of the important and useful instrumentalities of the church, in prosecuting the work of religion and good morals in the world, and if it be faithfully attended to, will, by the blessing of God, accomplish much good in the future, as in the past.

The Tract cause is peculiarly adapted to a large field of usefulness in the work of evangelization, which cannot be effectually occupied in any other way. Therefore,

Resolved, That this conference recommend a persevering attention to all the usual methods of circulating our books and tracts.

Resolved, That the annual tract collection be taken in all our charges and appropriated as heretofore in procuring and circulating our tracts.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Conference Centenary fund is requested to procure certificates in his official name, of the stock subscribed by the conference in the Conference Academy, with our tract funds, and hold the same, subject to any order of the Conference in the future.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Your Committee, after due consideration, beg leave to make the following report.

Regarding the blessed Bible, as we do, a revelation from God to man, designed and well adapted to enlighten, and impress him, as to his moral condition, and needs; and holding it to be the undisputed authority for all religious truth, from whose Divine decisions there is no appeal; as the rule both of our faith and practice, and our Country's Magna Charta; therefore, resolved.

1st, That as a Conference we will do our part in placing the Bible within the reach of all, at home and abroad.

2nd, That we recognize as the greatest agency assisting us in this work of its diffusion, the well organized and world-renowned "American Bible Society," which forms the basis of all our Missionary work.

3rd, That we urge the reading of the Bible in our social and weekly Prayer Meetings, and especially in family worship, as well as in our Public Services on the Sabbath.

4th, That as this is our "Centennial year," and strangers from almost every land will visit ours, and behold the beautiful country which God has given us, and the works we have wrought; we desire, as we proudly point them to our Nation's flag, which has been waving for one hundred years, and is still waving over the "land of the free and the home of the brave," to point them to the Bible as the pedestal on which it stands and the great chief corner-stone of our social, civil and religious liberties.

5th, That we are in full sympathy with the efforts of the local Bible Societies within the limits of our Conference; especially in this, that while they are auxiliary to the "American Bible Society," they have largely supplied the Word of God to destitute families and individuals among us.

6th, That we will take up a collection in our several charges for the Bible Cause, and thereby aid in placing it not only in destitute families, but in our almshouses, railway stations, hotels, vessels sailing from our ports, and in our public schools.

7th, That we recognize the Rev. Dr. Sheldon, who has been engaged in the Bible Cause for 26 years, as the well accredited superintendent of the States of Delaware and New Jersey, and do hereby tender to him our hearty co-operation, and will give him a cheerful welcome whenever he may come among us.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee begs leave to submit the following report:

Acknowledging the Scriptures to be the only source from which a knowledge of eternal life may be obtained, we, therefore, appreciate every means used to secure this desirable end, and recognize the Sunday school to be one of the most efficient means and appropriate places where not only the children, but all our people may convene to diligently study the Word of God which is able to make them wise unto salvation. We most heartily indorse the prominence now being given to this department of church work, and we commend it as one of the ripest fields, promising an immediate and rich return to the Church.

We fully approve the system of uniform lessons now so generally used, as having many features calculated to awaken an interest in the Word of God upon the part of those who would not otherwise be interested. Yet we think it a matter of regret that our time-honored Catechism has almost, if not entirely, been abandoned, and recommend its introduction, and suggest that a short time imme-

diately after the opening exercises be devoted to catechetical recitations. We also advise that a closer supervision be exercised over the literature with which we supply our schools.

We finally recommend the adoption of the same resolution contained in the report of last year; viz: that the anniversary exercises of the Sunday School Union be under the control of the Conference Sunday School Society.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LADIES AND PASTORS' CHRISTIAN UNION.

The Committee on *The Ladies and Pastors' Christian Union* beg leave to make the following report:

Whereas, *The Ladies and Pastors' Christian Union* has been recognized by the General Conference as an organic appliance of the church, and, whereas, wherever it has been well tested, it has been eminently successful in promoting the work of God, therefore, be it resolved,

1. That as far as practicable we will organize auxiliary societies in all our charges.

2. That the secretaries of said auxiliary societies be requested to make monthly reports to the Leaders and Stewards' meetings of the several charges.

3. That the Pastors, having auxiliary societies on their charges, be requested to embody in their quarterly report, statements of the condition of said societies, together with a representation of the results of their operation.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on temperance present the following as their report:

WHEREAS,—We regard intemperance as the greatest moral evil of the age, the foulest blot on our national character, the most persistent enemy of the Christian religion, the destroyer of individual purity and virtue, transforming the peaceful domestic circle into an earthly hell, bringing reproach upon the fair fame of a free people and being the greatest obstacle in the way of the success of the Gospel of Christ. As christian ministers we cannot be indifferent to the great cause of temperance. For us there is no middle ground. We believe that all Christians especially, should be intensely radical on this great question of the day, and as christian ministers, we should be found in the van of this temperance reform, leading on the Lord's hosts to final victory. Therefore,

Resolved, That we not only regard the manufacture, sale, or the using of intoxicating drinks, as a beverage, morally wrong, but we also most earnestly protest against our members giving any countenance to the liquor traffic by signing petitions for license, by voting to grant licenses, by renting property for such purposes, or by directly helping in any other way to promote intemperance. Any one thus acting is guilty of unchristian conduct, and is subject to disciplinary action.

Resolved, That as ministers of Jesus Christ we will affectionately, but faithfully and fearlessly enforce the discipline in those cases where our members make, drink, sell or sign petitions for license for others to sell intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Resolved, That with the cause of temperance before us as the political, as well as the moral issue of the day, we view with distrust and disapprobation the

reticence and non-committal policy hitherto pursued by the great political parties of the country, upon this vital question, and that we owe it to ourselves, to humanity and to God, irrespective of party, to support for places of public trust and emolument, only such men as are known to be thoroughly and unequivocally committed to the interests of this cause.

Resolved, That we deprecate the course generally pursued by physicians in prescribing intoxicating liquors to their patients, believing that it has the tendency to produce drunkenness and moderate drinking, therefore we should give our influence against it.

Resolved, That the Woman's Temperance movement, so auspiciously begun and so successfully carried forward for the past two or three years, commends itself to our judgment, and we will pledge the noble christian women engaged in this most excellent work our cordial support.

Resolved, That we are more than ever opposed to the use of alcoholic and poisonous wines in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Resolved, That it is our duty as Pastors to keep the people under our charge, abreast of this reformatory movement by frequent sermons and addresses, and the dissemination of sound and healthy temperance literature.

Resolved, That having placed ourselves in the van of the Temperance army, we will not cease our efforts till the enemy is routed from every stronghold in the land.

Resolved, That a Temperance meeting be held the first evening of the next session of the Conference, and that Joseph Dare, C. M. Pegg and T. H. Haynes be a Committee to arrange for said meeting.

Your Committee also indorse and commend to your favorable consideration the accompanying *Prohibitory Pledge*, prepared by G. W. Wells and extensively signed by the voters of this city :

WHEREAS, The Constitution of our country was ordained to establish justice, domestic tranquility, and to promote the general welfare ; And,

WHEREAS, The Legislatures of our States are illegally protecting a portion of our people in an occupation that is a direct infringement of our constitutional rights, destructive alike to our domestic tranquility and general welfare ; Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the undersigned, believing the day has come when honor and manhood alike demand action at our hands, united action, to protect ourselves and society against the gross injustice of legalizing the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves and our sacred honor that we will sustain, with our vote, men and measures for the enactment of a law to punish the manufacture, sale and importation of intoxicating liquors as a crime.

THE CENTENARY OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of celebrating the Centenary of American Independence, submit the following :

The General Conference at its last session, provided, by resolutions, for the celebration of American Independence by all our churches and people, with devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, by special religious services, and liberal thank-offerings, and recommended that the gifts of our people shall be applied either to a local or a general object, the local object being the endowing or strengthening of educational institutions under the patronage of the Annual Conferences, and the general object being to aid needy young men called to the ministry, or needy young women called to the missionary work in our church, in preparing for their respective spheres of duty. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That special religious exercises in commemoration of the great event of American Independence shall commence on the first Sabbath in June next, and close on the fourth day of July following ; each particular charge, by its pastor and official board, may determine for itself the times, places, number and order of its special services, and, if deemed expedient, may unite with one or more other charges in celebrating some particular day within the time mentioned.

Resolved, 2. That in each locality appointed for the celebration, there shall be, in accordance with the programme prepared by the Bishops, a series of religious exercises conducted particularly with reference to the spiritual improvement of our people, especially by reviewing what God hath wrought for our nation, and by cultivating feelings of gratitude to Him for the benefits of civil and religious liberty,—the exercises of such occasion to consist of an experience meeting in which the people may give utterance to their sentiments of piety, patriotism and loyalty to the free institutions of our country,—the experience meeting to be followed by an appropriate sermon, and, in the afternoon or evening, a meeting specially for the children and youth in which they may freely express their religious and patriotic feelings.

Resolved, 3. That in connection with such exercises, wherever it may be practicable, a collection shall be taken up by subscription, as an appropriate expression of gratitude to Almighty God for his abundant goodness and mercy, which subscriptions shall be payable in equal instalments of one, two, three and four years.

Resolved, 4. That each contributor shall have the right to name the Institution or Institutions to which his money shall be applied ; and all unspecified sums shall be divided between the Conference Academy, Wesleyan Female and Dickinson Colleges.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY."

The "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society" was organized not a day too soon. Though in its infancy it is doing grandly, and is destined to be one of the mightiest agents under God for the conversion of the world. It meets a long felt need ; for while diplomacy lifted up the gates of China and of other nations for the march of the Truth, the *homes* of those nations are closed ; and not until the Bible is carried into the home-circle, placed in mother's hands, and becomes part of the instruction of youth, can we hope to see the spirit of christianity pervade the literature, laws and institutions of Heathen Lands, and their people brought to Christ.

This work largely devolves on woman : it is by woman only that heathen women can be reached and saved. The aim of the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society" is to secure this result. Therefore,

Resolved, That as a Conference we extend to it our unqualified approval and sympathy, and commend it to the support of our people.

Resolved, That we will organize, as far as possible, auxiliary societies in our several Churches in their Heaven-inspired work.

RESOLUTIONS.

CONFERENCE ACADEMY.

No. 1.

WHEREAS, our beautiful, spacious, and convenient Conference Academy building has been destroyed by fire, and,

WHEREAS, the loss which has fallen upon us, excites the sympathy of community generally, and we may reasonably expect some substantial evidence of the same, and,

WHEREAS, doubt may be entertained of our disposition and purpose, in view of the financial embarrassments we have encountered, therefore,

Resolved, That it becomes us to throw ourselves at once upon public sympathy, and announce our purpose to be the re-building of the Conference Academy, and we do now, here in Conference assembled, express to the Board of Trustees our hearty approval of the arrangements made to furnish temporary accommodation for the school, and we urge them to proceed at once to take such measures as may be necessary to the re-building of the burnt edifice.

No. 2.

WHEREAS, to relieve The Wilmington Conference Academy from pecuniary difficulties, bonds have been issued to the amount of \$20,000, of which a large amount have been taken by various individuals: Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That the faith of the Wilmington Conference is pledged that the interest accruing on said bonds shall be punctually paid, according to the tenor of said bonds, and that the principal shall be liquidated on their maturity.

2. That for the payment of said principal and interest, a fund shall be established by raising, through the action of this Conference, the annual sum of \$2,000, which shall be invested and appropriated to the payment of said bonds as they mature, and accruing interest, or to the purchase thereof when any such money shall be in hand.

3. That the sum named, (\$2,000) be apportioned to the charges of this Conference, and each pastor be, and is hereby, directed to use his best endeavor to raise the sum apportioned, and that this shall substitute the ordinary Education Collection.

4. That a committee of this Conference be appointed to make the said apportionment, and that the same be published in the Minutes.

5. That the Pastors of this Conference be and are, hereby, instructed to take this collection in the month of April, and to forward it immediately to the Agent of the Conference Academy.

No. 3.

We would hereby renew by special resolution, our purpose in good faith to sustain the Wilmington Conference Academy, by seeking for it patronage in the way of pupils, and in giving it financial support, by collecting or paying the full amount of our respective subscriptions heretofore made to said Academy.

No. 4.

WHEREAS, some of the subscriptions made at our last session for the relief of our Academy, were with the understanding that such sums were collectable from former unpaid subscriptions. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That all brethren who so understood the representations made at

the last session of our Conference, shall be permitted to credit their subscriptions made at that time, with all old subscriptions paid in, through them, since the last Annual Conference.

BISHOP SCOTT'S SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.

WHEREAS, We, as a Conference, have heard with great pleasure and profit the Semi-Centennial Sermon of Rev. Bishop Scott, D. D. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference are hereby tendered, by rising vote to him for his instructive and valuable production.

Resolved, That as a Conference, we join our prayers to the great Head of the Church for the preservation of his health and life, long in our midst.

Resolved, That he be requested to furnish a copy of the sermon for publication in the Minutes.

PRESIDING ELDERS.

Resolved, That each Presiding Elder be required to reside within the bounds of his District.

NATIONAL CENTENNIAL SERMON.

WHEREAS, This Conference has listened with pleasure to the Centennial Sermon of Rev. G. A. Phœbus, and,

WHEREAS, Its early publication is very desirable; Therefore, be it

Resolved, That Dr. Phœbus be requested to furnish a copy of his sermon to the Secretary of this Conference, and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to forward the same immediately, to the Editor of the Christian Advocate, with an expression of the desire of this Conference for its publication.

CHANGE OF PLACE FOR HOLDING GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That the Wilmington Conference in Conference assembled, hereby approves of the change of place for holding the ensuing General Conference from St. Louis, Mo., to Baltimore, Md.

THANKS.

Resolved, That the presence of our beloved Bishop Scott, as the Presiding Officer of this Conference Session, has been a great gratification to its members, and that the best thanks of this body be, and are, hereby presented to him, for the able and genial manner in which he has conducted our Conference business, and that we hereby pledge to him our christian sympathy, and our earnest prayers for his continued life and usefulness.

Resolved, That the Conference hereby expresses its hearty thanks for the efficient manner in which the Secretaries have discharged their arduous duties.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be, and are, hereby, tendered to the trustees of this church for its use during this Conference session: to the choir for their excellent music, and to the Methodist pastors of the city of Wilmington for the arrangement made for the accommodations of the preachers and their friends.

Resolved, That the Conference hereby expresses its appreciation of the kindness and hospitality of the people of Wilmington in providing so generally for its entertainment.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the Railroad companies who have favored the Conference by a reduction of fare.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. WESLEY KENNEY, D. D.

Dr. Kenney died at his home in Smyrna, Del., June 24th, 1875. He was born May 8th, 1808, in Washington Co., Pa., and hence was when he died, sixty-seven years, one month and sixteen days old. His parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

In his nineteenth year he was converted, and united with the church of his parents, on the first Sabbath of Jan. 1827. He was licensed to preach August 13th, 1831, on Brownsville Circuit, Pittsburgh Conference; was admitted on trial in that Conference in 1832, and served as Junior Preacher on Connellsville Circuit in 1832-33. He was ordained Deacon in 1834 by Bishop Soule, in Washington, Pa., and was admitted to full connection. In 1834-35, he was stationed in Washington, Pa. He was ordained Elder in 1836, and stationed at Liberty St., Pittsburgh, to which place he was re-appointed in 1837. His subsequent years were passed as follows: 1838-39, Wheeling, Va.; 1840, Agent for Alleghany College, which was then in financial difficulty; 1841-42, Smithfield St., Pittsburg; 1843-44, Beaver St., Alleghany City; 1845, Wheeling; 1846-47, Presiding Elder of Barnsville District in Ohio. In 1848, he located and accepted the position of Secretary of the Western Sabbath Union, with his office at Cincinnati. Preferring the itinerant work he was re-admitted in 1849, and stationed at Washington, Pa., where he returned in 1850. In 1851, he was Secretary of the Pittsburgh Conference, and was stationed at Chaplain St., Wheeling. At the close of that year, he was transferred to Newark Conference, and stationed in 1852-53, at Central Church, Newark, N. J. In 1854 Clinton St., Newark. In 1855, he was transferred to the Philadelphia Conference, and stationed in 1855-56, at Trinity Church, Philadelphia; 1857-58, Wharton St., Philadelphia; 1859-60, Asbury, Wilmington, Del.; 1861-62, Fifth St., Philadelphia; 1863-64-65, St. Stephen's, Germantown. His health having failed through a stroke of paralysis, he had no appointment in 1866. In 1867 he resumed work; 1867-68-69, Easton, Md.; 1870-71-72, Odessa, Del.; 1873-74, and until his death in 1875, he was Presiding Elder of Dover District, Wilmington Conference.

His ministerial connection with the church, running through forty-three years and three months, was thus divided: On Circuit and Stations, thirty-six years; Agent, one year; located, one year; supernumerary, one year; Presiding Elder, four years and three months.

He was a member of the General Conference of 1848, from the Pittsburg Conference, and of 1872 from the Wilmington Conference.

Dr. Kenney was enthusiastically devoted to the development of the Wilmington Conference. A paper read by him at the "Peninsula Convention" of 1870, on "Denominationalism" was an eloquent and forceful plea for conservative progressiveness in the Methodist Episcopal Church of the Peninsula. In and out of Conference, he was a working member, and this is the first session of the Wilmington Conference, in which his voice has not been heard.

As a preacher, Dr. Kenney excelled. Those who heard him only in his later years could form but an imperfect idea of his former pulpit power. He was no stranger to the graces of oratory and the embellishment of language, and many of his sermons were models in their chasteness, pathos,

beauty, clearness, instructiveness and deep spirituality. His ministrations were blessed with many revivals.

As a pastor he was active, visiting much, feeling and showing an interest in the home-life of his people, gaining and holding their love. The family altar in many a household burns with a brighter flame to-day because Dr. Kenney fanned it with the breath of earnest, soul-felt, trustful prayer.

Dr. Kenney was well educated, although he had not a collegiate training. The degrees of A. M., and D. D., were conferred on him by Alleghany College. On account of his superior preparation he was received into the Pittsburgh Conference as a married man, though at that time it was customary to receive only single men. He was an advocate of thorough mental culture for both sexes, and the established educational institutions of the church he loved, received his earnest support. He spurned indignantly the charge, always, at least in late years, made either thoughtlessly or in malice, that the Methodist Episcopal Church educational advantages were inferior to those offered in the schools of other denominations.

Our own Wesleyan Female College he declared to be "the peer of any kindred institution of like grade in the land." His lack of enthusiasm in regard to our Conference Academy, in the last year of his life, was due, in a large measure, to his feeble health, which disinclined him from taking part in the struggle which he foresaw as necessary before it could be permanently and profitably established. And yet his contributions to the enterprise were far in excess of his proportion. In his report of his District at the Conference of 1875, he says of this Academy: "We most earnestly commend this Institution to the favorable, immediate and practical support of our preachers and people within the bounds of our Conference. Its success will be our honor and blessing, its failure will be our disgrace."

Although a warm lover of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a devoted adherent to her polity, and possessed of what he termed the "Church *esprit du corps*" in an eminent degree, he, yet, by his broad catholicity, attached to him very many ardent friends in the ministry and membership of other denominations. He had the instincts of a gentleman, and these, developed and beautified by Christianity, made him ever welcome and gave him power in the best social and intellectual circles.

Dr. Kenney was married to Miss Eliza Ruble, in April, 1829, in Washington Co., Pa. In his home, he exemplified the Christian graces. With patient love and with womanly tenderness he watched over his dear wife in her long and severe affliction. Him she now mourns. A band of ministers knowing how heavily the burden of the itinerancy rests upon the itinerant's wife, will not withhold from her whom Dr. Kenney loved so long and so well, hearty sympathy in her bereavement and in her continued ill health. May the loving presence of the Comforter soothe her anguished heart, mollify her pain and cheer her with the prospect of rest and re-union.

The later years of Dr. Kenney's life were passed in physical weakness, but his mind was clear and strong to the last. He never entirely recovered from the paralytic stroke of 1865, and a subsequent attack during his pastorate at Easton threatened to remove him entirely from the effective ranks. Partial recovery, however, permitted him to attend to his duties until his appointment as Presiding Elder in 1873. After this, each subsequent month seemed to mark more clearly, the debilitating influence of the severe attacks to which he had been subjected. During the last year of his life he was quite frequently unable to preach. Early in May, 1875, he was prostrated and never rose again. During all his illness his faith in Jesus was firm and unwavering, and he looked confidently and joyously for a glorious resurrection. His remains rest in Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Philadelphia.

MRS. NELLIE PATTERSON BURKE.

Mrs. Nellie Patterson Burke died at the Delmar M. E. Parsonage, Aug. 26th, 1875, aged 34 years, 4 months and 12 days.

At a camp meeting held in the Concord grove, Caroline County, Md. during the month of August, 1869, in her nineteenth year, while on a visit from Cambridge, Md., she bowed a troubled and anxious penitent at the altar, and experienced soon thereafter, God's pardoning and comforting grace; and throughout her subsequent lifetime, though constitutionally unobtrusive in her christian deportment, she gave amplest proof of genuine conversion in her subsequent exemplary living. She at once united in fellowship with the M. E. Church, and always delighted in all the various means of grace, especially our class meetings, where she always bravely witnessed for her Savior, and was always present, unless prevented by unavoidable hindrances.

But in the home circle, as wife and mother, did those sterling traits which so strongly and beautifully marked her character, appear to best advantage. As a wife, she was unselfishly pains-taking, faithful and loving, and always made home cheerful and delightful. As a mother, she was self-sacrificing, indulgent and affectionate; but withal, held her children under the check of a discipline which for effectiveness is rarely excelled. Their moral and religious training received the greatest share of her anxious attentions; and secured by the force of exemplary deportment, and by precepts imparted in most persuasive and simplest wording, cannot fail of the fruitage so earnestly and prayerfully sought.

From early childhood her health had been delicate; but her death to all, save to herself, was wholly unexpected. She was impressed from the first that out of this illness she would not rally; but she was ready when the Master summoned. An hour before her death, with eyes earnestly fixed upward, and with a countenance which bespoke most intense longings for the joys of the heavenly hereafter, she earnestly ejaculated, "*Oh, for rest!*" Her husband said, "you will soon be at rest, Nellie." She then became calm; and, shortly after, in full assurance of the "rest remaining to the people of God," her spirit took its departure to be "forever with the Lord;" leaving a husband with five orphans to provide for, and a large circle of kinsfolk and acquaintances to mourn her sudden end. Two children soon followed; and the eldest has united in church fellowship on probation, since her translation. Truly may it be said of the saintly dead, "her works do follow her."

MRS. CAROLENE R. SMITH.

This estimable lady was born April, 19th, 1833, in Cecil Co., Md. Subsequently, her parents removed to the City of Wilmington, where, at the early age of sixteen, her heart embraced the saving truths of our holy religion, under the ministry of Rev. Dr. T. J. Thompson, at the Asbury M. E. Church.

On the 13th, day of May, 1852, she was married to Rev. Joseph. E. Smith, and from that hour, both in private life and in the more public work of the Christian Ministry, she stood by his side, faithful and self-sacrificing, till the shadow of the valley fell between, and separated, them.

If a true and earnest help-mate is needed in the ordinary struggles and varied engagements of secular work; much more is such an one needed in the sacred and difficult labor of the itinerant preacher. In this relation, for nearly nineteen years, Mrs. Smith did her work grandly and well. Her husband's success in preaching Jesus, was the crowning care of her life, and she sought lovingly to remove all that tended to hinder it, frequently overtaxing her own energies that his might be the more entirely given to his holy avocation.

The lustre of many a star in the waiting crown of the Pastor, is shared by the already crowned Pastor's wife, for her sympathy and encouragement have helped him to win the souls that hereafter shall arise to call him "Blessed."

The piety of our lamented friend was not so much demonstrative as steady and retiring. Her religious life, sounded no trumpet before it, but quietly bloomed and exhaled for the Master's eye and pleasure. Toward life's close, however, her experience was wondrously intensified and quickened. At night, when sleep was denied her, she would arise and spend whole hours in earnest prayer, speaking with God and triumphing in his love. Leaving home to visit a physician who was intimate with the family, she said to the loved ones—"If I do not return, do not be uneasy, I shall go home to heaven. I have no fear of death."

After years of suffering, the end finally came. It was sudden, and comparatively unexpected. Still at the home of her medical friend, at Magnolia, Kent Co., Del., the messenger summoned her, and on the 30th day of January, 1876, amid the holy quiet of the Sabbath twilight—she passed beyond, into the endless Sabbath of heaven.

Her remains rest in hope, in Mt. Moriah Cemetery, near the city of Philadelphia.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Episcopal Fund.....	\$623 37
Bible Collection, (Maryland).....	199 74
“ “ (Delaware).....	591 47
Tract “.....	320 03
Sunday School Union Collection.....	309 94
Church Extension “.....	882 16
Freedmen's Aid “.....	359 44
Conference Academy “.....	326 21
“ Educational Society Collection.....	30 50
General Education “.....	320 88
Woman's Foreign Missions “.....	728 14
General Conference Expenses.....	412 14
Total	\$5,374 02

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1876.

In presenting their report to this eighth session of the Wilmington Annual Conference, the Board of Stewards are glad to be able to say that a majority of the Charges have raised the full amounts assessed them; and the following charges deserve special and honorable mention as having exceeded their apportionment, viz: St. Paul's, Grace, Union, Mt. Salem, Newport, Port Deposit, Frederica, Millsboro', Federalburg, Smyrna Circuit, Odessa, Cecilton, Galena, Church Hill, Sudlersville, Annemessex, Crisfield, Chincoteague and Roxana. Chincoteague, having exceeded the apportionment by the largest per. cent., is entitled to be considered the *banner* Charge; while St. Paul's, Galena and Annemessex stand close beside her.

The following appointments have failed by less or greater sums, to contribute the full amounts expected of them, viz: Asbury, Mt. Pleasant, Christiana, Claymont, Charlestown, Leipsic and Raymond, Wyoming, Felton, Felton Circuit, Milford, Harrington, Lincoln, Ellendale, Milton, Lewes, Seaford, Galestown, Beckwith and Spedden, Church Creek, Appoquinimink, Millington, Still Pond, Chestertown, Talbot, Trappe, Hillsborough, Greensborough, Denton, Sharptown, Quantico, Princess Anne, Deal's Island and Gumborough. While there may be, in a few instances, circumstances that extenuate this failure, we are convinced, that, in most cases, the amounts apportioned might have been reached, had the claims of this collection, upon the conscience and sympathy of the Church, at those points, received that attention its great importance demands.

The Districts report as follows:

	Apportioned.	Raised.	Deficit.
Wilmington	\$1,360 00	\$1,345 35	\$14 65
Easton	1,000 00	907 73	92 27
Dover	925 00	773 52	151 48
Salisbury.....	615 00	574 75	30 25
	\$3,900 00	\$3,601 35	\$298 65

Total from Collections.....	\$3,601 35
Chartered Fund.....	30 00
Centenary Fund.....	180 00
Interest on Riddle Fund.....	120 00
Interest on Mortgage.....	141 00
Brought over from last year.....	25 33
Total.....	\$4,095 68
Expenses.....	14 95
Total for Distribution.....	\$4,080 63
Distributed last year.....	3,879 86
Excess over last year.....	\$200 77

The above has been distributed, after patient, thoughtful and prayerful investigation of the several cases before us to, two superannuated preachers; two supernumerary preachers; one effective preacher, and twelve widows of deceased preachers.

We are pleased to acknowledge, in this public manner, the promptness of the preachers in responding to the Steward's call, *not one* having failed to hand in his collection at the proper time, a thing having rarely, if ever, occurred in the history of any Conference. The brethren also deserve our thanks for their attention to our request heretofore made concerning fractional currency. We request that hereafter the indorsements upon the envelopes containing money for the Stewards be with ink, and not in pencil marks, which are frequently almost illegible, and occasion us mistakes and trouble.

During the past year, Sister Grace, heretofore a claimant upon our fund has passed peacefully away to her reward. She was a most estimable christian lady; long a great sufferer, but now rests from all her labors and sorrows.

We report two additional claimants upon our bounty, the esteemed widows of our late beloved fellow-workmen, Drs. Thompson and Kenney.

The claims of effective men upon the money at our disposal, though legal and often very meritorious, seriously embarrass us in our work, and we fear, when allowed, exercise an unfortunate influence upon the minds of some of our lay brethren who may not understand the law and the exigencies of the case, and yet we have felt constrained, in view of the peculiar and pressing circumstances surrounding one of our brethren, to make an appropriation for his relief.

As the representatives of the claimants on this fund, we thank you for your manifest interest in this collection, and request that when you come to renew your applications to your people for their annual contributions to this cause, you will bear to them our grateful greetings for their generous response to our former appeals.

With this report, the Board of Stewards respectfully submit to the Conference for its adoption, the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we recommend this collection as having the strongest claims on the benevolence and sympathy of our people; and that we will do our utmost to raise the full amounts severally apportioned to our charges.

Resolved, That the preachers in charge be required to report their collections on the second day of the next session; said collections to be in checks or notes of as large a denomination as possible, and stating at the same time, both the amount apportioned and the amount collected.

The report of the amounts collected and disbursed, and the apportionment for the ensuing year, will be found in the tables herewith presented.

COLLECTIONS.

Wilmington District.				Easton District.			
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Am't Collected this year.	Apportionment next year.	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Am't Collected this year.	Apportionment next year.
" St. Paul's...	125 00	155 00	125 00	Smyrna Circuit	40 00	42 00	45 00
" Union	75 00	80 00	75 00	Appoquinimink	25 00	15 00	25 00
" Scott	25 00	25 00	25 00	Middletown	45 00	45 00	50 00
" Grace	235 00	250 00	250 00	Odessa	50 00	52 00	50 00
Brandywine	20 00	20 00	20 00	Cecilton and St. Paul's	50 00	52 50	40 00
Mt. Salem	35 00	36 00	35 00	Galena	35 00	14 65	35 00
Newport	35 00	36 50	40 00	Millington	35 00	30 00	35 00
Chester Circuit	25 00	25 00	25 00	Still Pond	75 00	56 00	75 00
Mt. Lebanon	25 00	19 00	25 00	Chesterstown	50 00	55 32	60 00
Mt. Pleasant	20 00	14 00	20 00	Kent	55 00	55 00	55 00
Claymont	15 00	5 00	20 00	Church Hill	20 00	25 00	25 00
New Castle	25 00	25 00	20 00	Sudlersville	40 00	50 00	45 00
Red Lion and Glasgow	20 00	10 00	20 00	Centreville	30 00	30 00	30 00
Christiana	25 00	10 00	20 00	Queenstown	10 00	10 00	10 00
St. George's & Port Penn	25 00	25 00	25 00	Kent Island	35 00	35 00	35 00
Delaware City	20 00	20 00	20 00	Easton	40 00	40 00	40 00
Bethel and Summit	75 00	75 00	75 00	Talbot	85 00	15 00	20 00
Chesapeake	20 00	20 00	20 00	Trappe	30 00	26 00	30 00
Manor & Port Hermon	5 00	5 00	5 00	Hillsboro	30 00	21 00	30 00
Newark	30 00	30 00	30 00	Greensborough	40 00	10 00	30 00
Cherry Hill	30 00	30 00	30 00	Denton	50 00	40 00	55 00
Elkton	65 00	65 00	65 00	Marydell	20 00	20 00	25 00
North East	35 00	35 00	35 00				
Elk Neck	5 00	5 00	5 00				
Port Deposit	75 00	87 35	75 00	St. Michael's		47 35	50 00
Rising Sun	45 00	45 00	45 00	King's Creek		3 25	10 00
Zion	50 00	50 00	50 00	Royal Oak		17 66	20 00
Charlestown	25 00	20 00	25 00				
	\$1360 00	\$1345 35	\$1380 00		\$1000 00		

Dover District.				Salisbury District.			
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Am't collected this year.	Apportionment next year.	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Apportionment last year.	Am't collected this year.	Apportionment next year.
Camden	40 00	40 00	40 00	Lewisville	5 00	5 00	10 00
Leipsic and Raymond	35 00	24 00	30 00	Delmar	15 00	15 00	15 00
Wyoming	25 00	12 00	25 00	Sharptown	10 00	6 00	10 00
Felton	25 00	21 75	25 00	Quantico	35 00	27 00	35 00
Felton Circuit	5 00	2 00	5 00	Salisbury	25 00	25 00	25 00
Frederica	45 00	50 00	45 00	Fruitland	15 00	15 00	15 00
Barrett's & Milford Neck	10 00	10 00	10 00	Princess Anne	75 00	70 00	75 00
Milford	75 00	60 00	75 00	Deal's Island	50 00	30 00	50 00
Harrington	60 00	50 00	60 00	Fairmount	50 00	50 00	50 00
Bridgeville	100 00	100 00	100 00	Annamessex	35 00	50 00	40 00
Lincoln	25 00	7 50	25 00	Crisfield and Asbury	50 00	51 25	50 00
Ellendale	25 00	10 00	20 00	Newtown	25 00	25 00	25 00
Georgetown	30 00	30 00	30 00	Accomac & Norampton	35 00	35 00	35 00
Milton	35 00	15 00	35 00	Chincoteague	5 00	8 50	10 00
Lewes	35 00	30 50	35 00	Snow Hill	35 00	35 00	35 00
Millsborough	20 00	20 50	20 00	Berlin	15 00	15 00	20 00
Seaford	30 00	25 00	30 00	Frankford	25 00	25 00	25 00
Federalsburg	40 00	40 91	40 00	Roxana	25 00	27 00	30 00
Galestown	10 00	6 00	10 00	Gumborough	25 00	15 00	25 00
Dorchester	60 00	60 00	60 00	Parsonsbury	5 00	5 00	10 00
Cambridge	40 00	40 00	40 00				
Beckwith & Spedden's	25 00	8 00	20 00				
Church Creek	30 00	10 36	30 00				
Rehoboth							
Airey's							
	\$925 00	\$773 52	\$910 00		\$615 00	\$574 75	\$630 00

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Apportionment last year.	Collected this year.	Apportionment next year.
Wilmington	\$1360 00	\$1345 35	\$1380 00
Dover	925 00	773 52	910 00
Easton	1000 00	907 73	1025 00
Salisbury	615 00	574 75	630 00
	\$3900 00	\$3601 35	\$3945 00
Brought over from last year		23 33	
Centenary Fund		180 00	
Chartered Fund		30 00	
Interest on Mortgage		141 00	
Interest on the Riddle Legacy		120 00	
Total for distribution		\$4095 68	

DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE FUNDS, MARCH, 1876.

Date of Claim.	Term of Service.	Name and Post-office of Claimant.	Estimates of Quar- terly Con- ferences.	Amount received by each Claimant.
SUPERANNUATED.				
1859	24yr	Henry Sutton, Dover, Del.	\$550 00	\$500 00
1875		James L. Houston, Wilmington, Del.	400 00	400 00
SUPERNUMERARY.				
1847	12yr	George Barton, Church Hill, Md.	300 00	225 00
1872	43yr	Joshua Humphreys, No. 225 Washington Avenue, Philadelphia.	400 00	230 73
WIDOWS.				
1842	6mo	Hester A. Henderson, Philadelphia, Pa.	250 00	225 00
1844	3yr	Drucilla Willett, Berlin, Md.	100 00	100 00
1848	13yr	Adeline Spry, Crumpton, Md.	250 00	225 00
1857	19yr	Mary Hazzard, Lewes, Del.	200 00	100 00
1864	9yr	Eliza J. Magee, Church Creek, Md.	400 00	400 00
1865	10yr	Carrie B. Dennison, Wilmington, Del.	250 00	150 00
1876	15yr	Rosa B. Quinn, Newtown, Md.	400 00	200 00
1868	2yr	Martha J. Purner, Salisbury, Md.	300 00	225 00
1873	46yr	Anna P. Massey, Royal Oak, Md.	400 00	400 00
1873	14yr	Rebecca M. Brandreth, Philadelphia, Pa.	100 00	100 00
1876		E. W. Thompson, Smyrna, Del.	350 00	300 00
1876		Mrs. Dr. Kenney		
EFFECTIVE.				
		H. Saunderson		100 00
		Bill of Expenses		14 95
		Total		\$4095 68

EASTON DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 1.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.										CHURCH PROPERTY.																
	Probationers.	Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars 15 yrs & over.	Scholars Infant Class.	Scholars under 15.	Scholars in Int. Class.	Average attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	Library Books.	Total expenses of the Schools this year.	S. S. Advocates taken.	Picture Les'n Papers.	S. S. Journals.	Officers & Teachers Ch. Members or Probationers.	Scholars Ch. Members or Probationers.	Conversions.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Amt. raised for building and improving Churches.	Indebtedness on Ch's.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Amt. raised for bld'g & improv'g Par'ses.	Indebtedness on Parsonages.					
Smyrna.....	430	12	14	14	1630	131	331	122	40	52	20	60	170	58	2	122	100	60	44	50	170	15	2	2	10,000	\$1,800	60	1	2,500	40	10,000				
Smyrna Circuit.....	274	2	7	4	67	300	95	255	45	230	579	40	00	30	15	4	40	52	20	60	30	15	4	3	10,000	\$1,800	60	1	2,500	40	10,000				
Appoquinimink.....	8	220	1	8	120	45	58	31	95	205	58	37	25	18	20	4	58	37	25	20	18	20	4	3	8,000	925	75	1	4,000	50	8,000				
Middletown.....	59	186	1	18	260	130	100	60	200	514	60	75	20	30	104	30	60	75	20	30	104	30	1	1	8,500	925	75	1	4,000	50	8,500				
Odessa.....	6	162	1	16	163	76	45	42	121	708	222	00	40	20	24	38	2	40	20	24	38	2	1	1	8,000	500	421	70	1,000	50	8,000				
Cecilton and St. Paul's.....	15	180	3	13	150	35	10	110	450	217	75	00	50	6	28	10	50	50	6	28	10	8	3	7,000	500	2,000	1	2,000	50	7,000					
Millington.....	65	135	3	24	181	25	96	80	170	58	00	20	28	25	20	3	60	20	28	25	20	3	3	10,000	475	310	00	1,500	50	10,000					
Still Pond.....	32	185	3	24	141	50	152	39	225	340	111	42	80	28	29	36	29	42	28	29	36	29	2	12,500	400	5,000	1	5,000	50	12,500					
Chestertown.....	34	136	2	14	141	50	152	39	225	340	111	42	80	28	29	36	29	42	28	29	36	29	2	17,500	13,000	1,500	38	00	50	17,500					
Kent.....	33	213	3	10	353	100	253	440	105	67	80	40	61	28	7	6	40	61	28	7	6	4	1	14,000	900	1,500	38	00	60	14,000					
Church Hill.....	50	160	2	6	250	100	150	240	600	150	00	50	20	73	65	45	8	73	65	45	8	5	4	10,000	900	1,500	38	00	60	10,000					
Sudlersville.....	12	175	7	25	210	103	69	178	309	77	64	92	30	12	26	54	6	30	12	26	54	6	2	5,000	400	2,000	200	200	50	5,000					
Centreville.....	15	100	1	12	30	103	30	40	24	75	160	10	00	25	20	1	10	00	25	20	1	3	2,000	100	2,000	12	00	1	2,000						
Queenstown.....	18	170	3	9	17	94	59	40	24	75	160	10	00	25	20	1	10	00	25	20	1	3	2,000	100	2,000	12	00	1	2,000						
Kent Island.....	58	156	1	11	135	59	31	45	106	200	67	00	40	25	18	48	33	40	25	18	48	33	1	15,000	50	2,700	2,000	75	00	15,000					
Easton.....	15	840	1	10	32	275	68	80	97	120	300	125	00	80	30	32	91	5	14	10	12	5	2	4,000	17	2,000	75	00	201	4,000					
St. Michael's.....	12	81	1	10	16	58	33	25	550	355	355	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	4,000	17	2,000	75	00	201	4,000					
Royal Oak.....	47	200	1	20	44	225	65	147	13	165	600	30	00	30	15	7	48	30	15	7	48	30	4	5,500	1,600	3,000	2,200	00	45	5,500					
Talbot.....	5	200	2	15	6	127	20	100	50	150	205	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	4,000	130	2,000	600	00	4	4,000					
Trappe.....	13	123	1	11	125	12	37	59	26	77	45	00	21	25	21	33	41	4	25	21	33	41	4	4,000	200	2,000	4,000	00	600	4,000					
Hillsborough.....	90	47	2	6	124	478	212	266	374	1228	145	00	40	25	10	113	90	21	6	10	113	90	21	18,000	200	600	2,000	00	50	18,000					
Greensborough.....	50	46	2	6	124	478	212	266	374	1228	145	00	40	25	10	113	90	21	6	10	113	90	21	18,000	200	600	2,000	00	50	18,000					
King's Creek.....	58	228	4	20	290	109	337	69	474	51	82	1034	5314	1581	2200	633	110,410	1879	53	765	516	435	877	1088	400	81	845	600	20,476	14	19,329	17	17,500	3,597	10,840
Denton.....	58	228	4	20	290	109	337	69	474	51	82	1034	5314	1581	2200	633	110,410	1879	53	765	516	435	877	1088	400	81	845	600	20,476	14	19,329	17	17,500	3,597	10,840
Marydel.....	58	228	4	20	290	109	337	69	474	51	82	1034	5314	1581	2200	633	110,410	1879	53	765	516	435	877	1088	400	81	845	600	20,476	14	19,329	17	17,500	3,597	10,840

EASTON DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 2.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	ESTIMATES.			RECEIPTS.			MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
	Presiding Elder.	Senior Preacher.	Junior Preacher.	Presiding Elder.	Senior Preacher.	Junior Preacher.	Amount raised for Bishops.	From Church.	From S. School.	Total.	Conf. Claimants.	Raised for Parsonage Rent.	From Church.	From S. School.	Total.	Women's For. Miss. Socy.	Board of Church Extensions.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Freemen's Aid Soc.	Education.	Bible.	Gen. Conference.			
Smyrna.....	59	1,200	54	716	59	200	10	48	210	375	42	00	59	210	90	05	20	100	100	2	00	5	24	10		
Smyrna Circuit.....	54	740	54	716	59	200	10	48	210	375	42	00	59	210	90	05	20	100	100	2	00	5	24	10		
Appoquinimink.....	3	00	46	750	00	110	16	25	200	48	15	00	30	200	00	1	3	00	6	50	5	3	11	26		
Middletown.....	16	1,000	65	1,000	00	1,000	16	83	187	260	45	00	80	180	60	58	13	00	6	50	13	3	20	3		
Odessa.....	14	34	72	750	00	650	14	77	48	22	52	00	80	200	60	51	20	00	3	00	5	5	26	9		
Cecilton and St. Paul's.....	3	15	64	800	00	62	3	39	77	39	14	65	3	100	00	10	10	19	00	3	00	3	01	2		
Millington.....	16	00	70	900	00	130	16	73	00	73	30	00	43	00	00	3	00	3	30	3	00	5	00	2		
Still Pond.....	64	800	62	650	00	130	16	73	00	73	30	00	43	00	00	3	00	3	30	3	00	5	00	2		
Chestertown.....	13	50	75	900	00	110	13	20	00	140	56	00	12	00	10	10	10	00	0	60	3	00	13	00		
Kent.....	16	00	60	782	00	110	13	20	00	140	56	00	12	00	10	10	10	00	0	60	3	00	13	00		
Sudlersville.....	4	00	50	753	50	551	4	45	75	34	25	55	00	3	00	3	00	3	00	2	00	2	00	4		
Church Hill.....	50	700	50	700	00	25	00	60	00	60	25	00	60	00	60	00	3	00	1	00	1	00	1	00		
Centreville.....	54	700	50	700	00	25	00	60	00	60	25	00	60	00	60	00	3	00	1	00	1	00	1	00		
Queenstown.....	3	00	30	277	50	10	00	9	30	11	10	00	11	00	11	00	2	30	2	50	3	73	1	78		
Kent Island.....	2	90	30	700	00	60	00	46	00	46	35	00	46	00	46	00	2	83	2	40	2	60	1	00		
Easton.....	55	1,000	55	1,000	00	1,000	55	16	00	69	40	00	80	48	00	6	00	2	00	3	00	2	00	4		
St. Michael's.....	70	1,200	70	1,000	00	1,000	70	31	00	80	40	00	80	48	00	11	00	5	00	6	00	5	00	5		
Royal Oak.....	24	300	24	292	00	150	24	25	00	15	00	15	00	15	00	3	00	3	00	1	00	2	00	4		
Talbot.....	30	500	30	400	00	100	30	14	20	14	15	00	15	00	14	20	3	00	1	00	1	00	1	00		
Trappe.....	64	800	64	700	00	100	64	30	00	30	20	00	30	00	30	00	4	00	1	00	1	00	1	00		
Hillsborough.....	50	600	50	575	00	170	50	26	00	26	00	26	00	26	00	4	00	4	00	2	00	2	00	2		
Greensborough.....	1	50	50	800	00	100	1	13	00	1																

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 1.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.										SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.										CHURCH PROPERTY.										
	Probationers.	Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Schools & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars 15 yrs & over.	Scholars under 15, except Infant Class.	Scholars in Inf. Class.	Average attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	Library Books.	Total Expenses of the Schools this year.	S. S. Advocates taken Picture Les'n Papers.	S. S. Journal.	Officers & Teachers. Ch. Members or Probationers.	Scholars Ch. Members or Probationers.	Conversions.	Churches.	Probable value.	Amt. raised for building and improving Churches.	Indebtedness on Chs.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Amt. raised for rebuilding and improving Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Parsonages.				
Laurel.....	65	175	1	5	16	9	1	25	128	10	31	47	135	160	75	24	24	10	20	20	1	11,000	180	1	1,000	50	0	0			
Lewisville.....	60	278	1	5	16	3	4	43	273	37	127	60	280	500	14	33	33	10	50	5	6,000	180	1	2,500	50	0	0				
Delmar.....	30	200	2	3	22	12	4	43	275	109	140	20	280	300	5	6	37	70	25	4	4,400	325	1	500	33	55	0				
Sharptown.....	25	238	2	1	29	3	3	35	108	1	102	145	5	0	0	32	21	1	4	4,400	85	1	1,200	23	15	0	0				
Quantico.....	29	219	2	5	8	3	4	40	250	81	165	100	100	100	10	15	17	40	17	1	5,000	100	1	3,500	23	15	0				
Salisbury.....	10	161	2	1	1	15	95	50	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	15	17	50	4	7	5,250	100	31	1,200	23	15	0				
Fruitland.....	18	272	3	3	9	2	5	51	234	92	103	28	150	440	18	4	60	50	2	7	10,000	1,000	700	2,000	345	0	0				
Princess Anne.....	64	541	7	5	85	3	7	65	340	100	195	45	290	250	10	4	60	80	2	7	2,000	39	55	1,200	345	0	0				
Deal's Island.....	15	215	2	2	7	2	2	26	175	50	115	110	115	140	45	15	15	25	4	2	16,000	1,000	1,000	1,200	345	0	0				
Fairmount.....	10	235	1	1	8	1	1	12	100	20	50	30	60	200	25	0	40	50	7	8	10,000	3,000	1,500	500	0	0	0				
Annamessex.....	71	430	2	6	32	1	5	45	200	100	100	100	100	100	50	23	40	50	2	2	10,000	3,000	1,500	500	0	0	0				
Crisfield and Asbury.....	150	360	3	30	4	2	43	300	63	251	145	375	350	110	50	50	32	32	8	8	9,500	150	100	2,500	145	37	0				
Newtown.....	58	320	2	3	35	7	4	50	343	139	176	28	258	312	35	6	4	7	10	1	7,000	425	150	1,200	145	37	0				
Accomac and Northampton.....	43	340	1	3	15	1	1	17	80	12	56	12	30	0	0	60	4	1	1	2,500	425	100	2,500	145	37	0	0				
Chincoteague.....	10	63	2	2	1	1	1	6	28	19	125	45	200	623	152	21	60	4	7	7,500	1,000	200	1,000	350	0	0	0				
Snow Hill.....	70	420	1	2	39	5	6	67	289	119	125	25	150	200	12	0	45	33	5	4	1,500	1,000	200	1,000	350	0	0				
Berlin.....	11	231	2	2	23	1	3	32	200	100	75	25	150	200	10	0	70	170	10	3	6,500	45	0	1,000	350	0	0				
Frankford.....	24	414	1	3	28	2	4	80	250	95	155	170	107	21	0	5	70	170	10	4	6,500	45	0	1,000	350	0	0				
Roxana.....	25	602	1	5	10	1	4	74	400	150	180	60	300	1000	10	0	70	170	10	4	6,500	45	0	1,000	350	0	0				
Gumborough.....	23	278	1	8	13	3	5	52	207	118	69	52	150	85	25	0	40	40	10	4	5,000	45	0	1,000	80	0	0				
Parsonsburg.....	24	193	1	7	18	2	2	22	175	112	35	28	130	25	0	0	19	110	10	6	2,700	1,000	400	80	0	0	0				
Total	835	6,485	37	67	434	57	75	872	4,487	1,601	2,081	782	3,370	5,152	\$35	75	315	182	240	710	1,122	300	88	\$133,550	\$8,277	55	\$3,314	12	\$18,900	\$1,214	07

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 2.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																						
	Amount raised for Bishops.	Presiding Elders.	Senior Preachers.	Junior Preachers.	Presiding Elders.	Senior Preachers.	Junior Preachers.	Raised for Parsonage Rent.	Conf. Chairmen.	From Church.	From S. Schools.	Total.	Women's For. Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Freedmen's Aid Soc.	Education.	Bible.	General Conference Expenses.													
Laurel.....	8	00	1000	00	1000	00	115	40	00	00	54	00	30	00	5	00	2	00	2	00	6	00											
Lewisville.....	2	00	40	530	00	50	80	15	00	00	30	00	30	00	3	45	1	00	1	00	4	00											
Delmar.....	5	00	50	700	00	40	50	00	00	00	67	00	19	00	5	00	1	00	2	00	1	00											
Sharptown.....	1	00	55	675	00	35	50	00	00	00	27	00	1	00	3	00	1	00	2	00	2	00											
Quantico.....	5	00	65	800	00	80	27	00	00	00	40	00	40	00	5	00	4	00	3	00	6	00											
Salisbury.....	8	00	85	800	00	80	00	00	00	00	50	00	10	00	5	00	2	00	5	00	6	00											
Fruitland.....	10	00	85	800	00	80	00	00	00	00	55	00	6	00	5	00	1	00	2	00	5	00											
Deal's Island.....	7	00	800	00	80	00	00	00	00	00	50	00	6	00	5	00	2	00	2	00	5	00											
Fairmount.....	10	00	85	800	00	80	00	00	00	00	55	00	6	00	5	00	2	00	2	00	5	00											
Annamessex.....	13	00	75	800	00	80	00	00	00	00	55	00	6	00	5	00	2	00	2	00	5	00											
Crisfield and Asbury.....	5	00	60	1000	00	60	00	00	00	00	111	75	00	10	00	3	00	4	00	3	00	6	00										
Newtown.....	6	00	80	750	00	75	00	00	00	00	45	00	45	00	6	00	4	00	4	00	4	00	6	00									
Accomac and Northampton.....	1	30	40	500	00	40	500	00	00	00	11	15	19	60	2	00	1	50	1	00	1	50	5	00									
Chincoteague.....	9	20	80	800	00	80	00	00	00	00	40	00	40	00	4	75	3	00	3	00	3	00	5	00									
Snow Hill.....	3	00	50	750	00	50	750	00	00	00	37	02	37	02	5	00	1	00	1	00	2	00	2	00									
Berlin.....	5	00	60	750	00	60	750	00	00	00	20	00	20	00	6	00	1	00	1	00	2	00	2	00									
Frankford.....	5	00	60	750	00	60	750	00	00	00	20	00	20	00	6	00	1	00	1	00	2	00	2	00									
Roxana.....	3	00	55	700	00	55	700	00	00	00	13	00	13	00	4	00	1	00	1	00	2	00	2	00									
Gumborough.....	8	00	20	600	00	20	600	00	00	00	5	00	5	00	3	00	1	00	1	00	1	00	1	00									
Parsonsburg.....	109	50	1265	14,680	975	1190	14,779	17,935	80,615	539	75	900	01	447	81	137	82	39	85	92	15	37	71	38	90	16	17	48	11	106	68	83	30

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.—No. 1.

DISTRICTS.	MEMBERSHIP.										SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.										CHURCH PROPERTY.																			
	MEMBERSHIP.					BAPTISMS.					SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.					MEMBERSHIP.					BAPTISMS.					SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.					CHURCH PROPERTY.				
	Probationers.	Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Advs.	Schols.	Officers & Teachers.	Schols of all ages.	Scholars 15 years and over.	Scholars under 15.	Sch except Inf. Class.	Sch sin Inf. Class.	Ave age attend'g.	Teachers & Schols.	Library Books.	Total Expenses of Schools this year.	S. S. Advoc. taken.	Pict. Les. Papers.	S. S. Journals.	Offs. & Tech's Ch. Mem's or Prob's.	Scholars or Mem's or Prob's.	Conversions.	Churches.	Probable value.	Amount raised for building & improv'g Churches.	Indebtedness on Churches.	No of Parsonages.	Probable value.	Amount raised for building & improv'g Churches.	Indebtedness on Parsonage.									
Wilmington.	1645	385	47	77	542	232	64	1127	7276	2455	2423	1510	5236	33063	13063	3905	955	571	403	955	1725	577	47	612,000	20,946	79,700	12	41,300	1,530	41,300	4,000									
Easton.	1069	537	69	474	51	82	1034	5314	1811	2200	682	3351	10410	1799	33	795	516	435	877	1088	400	81	245,000	20,600	16,329	17	47,500	3,597	47,500	4,000										
Dover.	1202	561	43	78	406	80	94	1297	7141	2363	2709	1069	4855	11990	1746	34	501	492	309	932	1012	437	94	215,200	10,605	7,865	11	23,700	211	23,700	1,350									
Salisbury.	835	618	37	452	57	872	4827	1601	2081	782	3370	5152	835	75	31	182	182	240	710	1122	320	88	133,500	8,277	3,134	10	18,200	1,214	18,200	1,050										
Total this year.	4751	2380	147	201	1964	440	315	4130	2458	8000	4222	4043	16812	41455	8367	75	2566	1761	1507	3474	4947	1734	310	1,206,350	46,395	104,208	52	110,700	6,572	110,700	13,420									
Total last year.	4708	2328	139	319	2327	409	332	5563	24474	7807	9011	4111	15939	46556	9566	86	3057	1561	1508	3449	4337	1340	309	1,211,150	55,985	112,396	31	133,460	7,148	133,460	10,016									
Increase.	649	752	8	82	363	31	17	1233	1084	193	411	68	873	5101	1199	11	461	200	1	1	1	1	1	5,800	9,680	8,188	31	2,760	576	2,760	3,404									
Decrease.																																								

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.—No. 2.

DISTRICTS.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																													
	ESTIMATES.					RECEIPTS.					BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.					MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.																								
	Amount received for Bishops.	Presiding Elder.	Senior Preacher.	Junior Preacher.	Age Rent.	Raised for Parson.	Junior Preacher.	Senior Preacher.	From Chs.	From S. Sch's.	Total.	Woman's For. Mis. Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	S. S. Union.	Freeman's Aid Soc.	Education.	Bible.	Cen. Conference.																					
Wilmington.	\$275	88	\$1547	00	\$20200	00	868	00	\$22063	30	\$800	00	\$2812	00	\$340	35	\$1593	78	\$3386	66	48	00	\$41	63	71	\$597	18	153	42	\$128	87	\$232	91	\$216	49	\$235	59	\$166	60	
Easton.	126	04	1501	00	18940	00	625	00	1364	23	18446	23	675	00	1364	00	1923	33	1833	85	2246	18	144	14	79	79	70	34	63	08	217	27	154	75	105	03				
Dover.	101	35	1412	00	16639	00	1250	00	1003	59	15334	25	1106	00	773	02	1479	09	393	47	1861	56	56	25	137	20	53	36	27	38	98	71	268	86	45	93				
Salisbury.	109	30	1265	00	14680	00	975	00	1190	00	14779	17	935	80	539	75	900	01	427	82	1327	82	37	71	38	90	16	17	48	11	106	98	83	30						
Total this year.	612	87	5725	00	76459	00	3650	00	4986	50	70223	01	3463	30	5408	00	3509	85	5164	21	5251	79	10216	00	716	14	880	07	324	28	309	94	360	44	580	58	705	84	400	83
Total last year.	628	48	5388	00	74910	00	3250	00	4883	75	70317	57	4541	96	4957	00	3417	79	5799	78	4886	53	10686	32	432	02	1005	16	393	39	340	74	336	05	838	31	893	43		
Increase.	15	61	137	00	1549	00	1600	00	102	75	305	44	1078	66	751	00	92	06	635	57	365	26	270	32	284	12	124	19	69	11	30	80	257	73	57	59				
Decrease.																																								

Apportionment for Missionary, and other Collections.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Wilmington District.					Dover District.				
	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freemen's Aid.	Conf. Acad'y Bonds.	Episcopal Fund.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freemen's Aid.	Conf. Acad'y Bonds.	Episcopal Fund.
	Wilm'ton, Asbury.	800	124	00	96	00	35	15	00	200
St. Paul's	800	124	00	96	00	32	15	00	15	10
Union.	600	93	00	72	00	32	15	00	20	10
Scott.	250	30	00	30	00	20	10	00	16	8
Grace.	1,500	233	00	180	00	50	20	00	16	6
Epworth.						10	5	00	2	3
Madeley.						10	5	00	2	3
City Miss'n						10	5	00	2	3
Brandywine	60	9	50	7	20	15	10	00	4	7
Mt. Salem.	250	39	00	30	00	20	10	00	18	7
Mt. Lebanon.	60	12	50	9	60	18	10	00	12	6
Newport.	100	15	50	12	00	18	10	00	14	10
Chester.	80	12	50	9	60	16	10	00	12	15
Mt. Pleasant.	80	12	50	9	60	15	10	00	20	12
Claymont.	30	4	65	3	60	10	5	00	23	8
New Castle.	100	15	50	12	00	20	10	00	25	20
Red Lion & Glasgow	70	11	50	9	00	15	10	00	18	12
Christiana.	75	11	50	9	00	15	10	00	23	12
St. George's & P. Pe'n	75	11	50	9	00	15	10	00	12	5
Delaware City.	50	7	75	6	00	16	10	00	25	12
Bethel & Summit.	125	19	50	15	00	25	10	00	16	10
Chesapeake City.	100	11	50	9	00	18	10	00	16	8
Newark.	150	23	25	18	00	17	10	00	15	10
Cherry Hill.	75	11	50	9	00	17	10	00	12	10
Elkton.	300	46	50	36	00	20	10	00	6	10
North East.	200	31	00	24	00	20	10	00	12	10
Elk Neck.	30	4	65	3	60	12	5	00	12	10
Port Deposit.	350	54	00	42	00	25	10	00	18	10
Rising Sun.	100	15	50	12	00	18	10	00	16	10
Zion.	200	31	00	24	00	25	10	00	12	10
Charlestown.	100	15	00	12	00	16	10	00	12	10
Total.	\$9,710	\$988	\$980	\$1,014	\$99	\$2,940	\$500	\$384	\$629	\$254

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Easton District.					Salisbury District.				
	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freemen's Aid.	Conf. Acad'y Bonds.	Episcopal Fund.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freemen's Aid.	Conf. Acad'y Bonds.	Episcopal Fund.
	Smyrna.	400	36	00	24	00	30	25	00	20
Smyrna Circuit.	100	20	00	14	00	18	11	00	25	12
Appoquinimink.	75	18	00	12	00	18	10	00	15	10
Middletown.	225	30	00	20	00	25	16	00	3	5
Odessa.	225	30	00	20	00	25	16	00	15	5
Cecilton & St. Paul's	150	27	00	18	00	23	15	00	16	10
Galena.	100	24	00	16	00	20	13	00	10	5
Millington.	100	24	00	16	00	20	13	00	15	15
Massey's.	25	4	00	4	00	4	4	00	7	5
Still Pond.	200	30	00	20	00	25	16	00	12	12
Chester town.	200	30	00	20	00	25	16	00	25	15
Kent.	175	30	00	20	00	20	16	00	25	12
Church Hill.	75	20	00	14	00	20	10	00	25	15
Sudlersville.	100	30	00	20	00	25	14	00	25	15
Centreville.	100	24	00	16	00	20	14	00	20	10
Queenstown.	20	6	00	6	00	10	6	00	15	5
Kent Island.	60	2	00	14	00	18	12	00	6	8
Easton.	251	30	00	20	00	25	16	00	17	10
Talbot.	50	8	00	5	00	10	5	00	18	8
St. Michael's.	101	22	00	15	00	25	10	00	7	10
Royal Oak.	40	8	00	5	00	10	5	00	3	10
Trappe.	75	21	00	14	00	15	13	00	10	5
Hillsborough.	125	30	00	20	00	23	14	00	15	15
King's Creek.	25	4	00	4	00	5	5	00	15	15
Greensborough.	125	30	00	20	00	25	15	00	25	15
Denton.	75	18	00	12	00	15	12	00	10	12
Total.	\$3,235	\$998	\$400	\$525	\$336	\$1,670	\$341	\$151	\$408	\$205

ALPHABETICAL ROLL OF MEMBERS,

WITH THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

[The letters designate the present relation. P., Probationers; D., Deacons; E., Elders; Sp., Supernumerary; S., Superannuated. The figures in the first column indicate the time of admission on trial. Those in the last column, the year of appointment.]

Bishop LEVI SCOTT, D. D., Odessa, Delaware.

1872	Adams, R. H.	E.	Trappe, Talbot County, Md.	2
1864	Aldred, Edward P.	E.	Denton, Caroline County, "	3
1841	Allen, John	Sp.	Newark, New Jersey	
1870	Arters, J. A.	E.	Berlin, Worcester County, Md.	2
1870	Ayers, T. O.	E.	Newtown, " " "	1
1869	Bain, Wm. I.	E.	Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md.	3
1835	Barton, George	Sp.	Church Hill, Queen Anne " "	
1859	Bell, Thomas E.	Sp.	St. Michael's, Talbot " "	
1854	Bodine, Henry H.	E.	Camden, Kent County, Del.	1
1843	Brindle, Jas. A.	E.	Crisfield, Somerset " Del.	2
1871	Bristol, Geo. R.	E.	Chesapeake City, Cecil County, Md.	2
1860	Browne, N. M.	E.	Salisbury, Wicomico " "	2
1857	Bryan, Jas. E.	E.	Frederica, Kent County, Del.	1
1865	Burke, Geo. W.	E.	Christiana, New Castle Co., Del.	1
1876	Bowen, W. L. P.	P.	Sharptown, Wicomico " Md.	1
1876	Brewington, J. McK.	P.	Chincoteague Island, Va.	1
1876	Barrett, L. E.	P.	Wilmington, Delaware	1
1845	Caldwell, J. H.	E.	Dover, Kent County, Delaware	2
1871	Campbell, Geo. A.	Sp.	Frankford, Sussex County, Del.	
1865	Carroll, James	E.	Townsend, New Castle Co., Del.	1
1868	Chatham, F. M.	Sp.	Smyrna, Kent " "	
1868	Conner, Jas.	E.	Roxana, Sussex " "	2
1862	Conaway, Geo. S.	E.	Church Creek, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
1835	Cooper, I. T.	Sp.	Camden, Kent County, Del.	
1828	Colclazer, Henry	E.	Felton, " " "	1
1873	Creamer, T. R.	D.	Delmar, Sussex " "	1
1870	Crozier, A. J.	E.	Parsonsbury, Wicomico Co., Md.	1
1837	Curtis, John D.	S.	Wilmington, Delaware	
1876	Corkran, W. F.	P.	Millsborough, Sussex County, Del.	1
1876	Collins, J. M.	P.	Sudlersville, Queen Anne Co., Md.	1
1876	Chandler, Albert	P.	Hillsborough, Caroline Co., Md.	1
1854	Dare, Joseph	E.	North East, Cecil County, Md.	1
1860	Davis, A. D.	E.	Wilmington, Delaware	1
1869	Davis, Edward	E.	Smyrna, Kent County, Del.	2
1869	Davis, W. P.	E.	305 W. 7th St., Wilmington, Del.	1
1871	Duhadway, W. J.	E.	Hillsborough, Caroline Co., Md.	2

1845	England, W. E.	E.	Fairmount, Somerset County, Md.	3
1866	Esgate, James	Sp.	Boston, Massachusetts	
1859	Fisher, A. A.	E.	Ellendale, Sussex County, Del.	2
1873	Foreman, I. N.	D.	Lincoln, " " "	2
1868	Fosnocht, I. G.	E.	Quantico, Wicomico " Md.	2
1856	France, John	E.	Cherry Hill, Cecil " "	2
1859	Gardner, S. T.	E.	Deal's Island, Somerset Co., Md.	3
1839	Gray, Valentine	E.	Frederica, Kent County Del.	1
1857	Gregg, Wm. B.	E.	Still Pond, " " Md.	2
1873	Green, Wm. M.	D.	Felton, " " Del.	1
1851	Hammersley, J. W.	E.	Broad Creek, Queen Anne Co., Md.	2
1871	Harding, Thos. H.	E.	Galestown, Dorchester " " "	1
1848	Haynes, Thos. H.	E.	Milford, Kent " Del.	2
1845	Hill, Charles	E.	Smyrna, " " " "	1
1848	Hough, John	E.	" " " " "	1
1833	Houston, J. L.	S.	Wilmington, Delaware	
1859	Hubbard, James	Sp.	Felton, Kent County, Del.	
1829	Humphriss, Joshua	Sp.	225 Washington Ave., Philadelphia	
1869	Hunter, T. B.	E.	St George's, New Castle Co., Del.	3
1868	Hutchin, Wm. H.	E.	Chestertown, Kent County, Md.	1
1859	Hynson, E. H.	E.	Marydel, Caroline " "	2
1876	Hardesty, Geo. L.	P.	Federalburg, Caroline Co., Md.	1
1876	Hofecker, E. L.	P.	Deaton, " " "	1
1857	Irwin, E. G.	E.	Galena, Kent County, Md.	1
1870	Jewell, Isaac	E.	Federalburg, Caroline Co., Md.	1
1872	Jones, R. C.	E.	Onancock, Va.	3
1872	Kemp, John D.	E.	Rising Sun, Cecil County, Md.	3
1869	Kidney, J. E.	E.	Frankford, Sussex " Del.	1
1850	Killiam, T. B.	E.	Edesville, Kent " Md.	1
1859	Kramer, Geo. R.	E.	222 Walnut St., Wilmington, Del.	2
1876	Kirby, Ed. N.	P.	Bridgeville, Sussex County, Del.	1
1871	Layfield, Levin W.	E.	Charlestown, Cecil County, Md.	
1858	Mann, J. B.	E.	New Castle, Delaware	3
1864	Martindale, T. E.	E.	502 Washington St., Wilmington, Del.	3
1840	Matlack, L. C.	E.	Middletown, Delaware	3
1859	Merrill, Wm. B.	E.	Fairmount, Somerset Co., Md.	
1853	Merritt, J. B.	E.	Odessa, New Castle " Del.	1
1868	McFarlane, W. R.	E.	Church Hill, Queen Anne Co., Md.	2
1872	McIntire, D. W. C.	E.	Wyoming, Kent " Del.	1
1843	Milby, A. W.	E.	Centerville, Queen Anne " Md.	1
1834	Miller, E.	E.	Cecilton, Cecil " " "	2
1869	Miller, E. H.	E.	Queenstown, Queen Anne " " "	1
1873	McSorley, F. C.	D.	Royal Oak, Talbot " " "	1
1873	McQuay, Newton	D.	Easton, " " "	2
1876	Mowbray, John E.	P.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1876	Macnichol, E. C.	P.	Camden, Kent County, Del.	1
1876	Murray, W. L. S.	D.	Cambridge, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
1870	Nelson, Edwin H.	E.	Booth's Corner, Del. Co., Pa.	2
1866	Newnam, E. B.	E.	Chesapeake City, Cecil Co., Md.	2

1859	O'Neill, Wm. J.	E.	Gumborough, Sussex County, Del.	1
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	P.	Snow Hill, Worcester County, Md.	1
1864	Pegg, C. M.	E.	Lewes, Sussex County, Del.	3
1853	Phœbus, Geo. A.	E.	Elkton, Cecil " Md.	2
1836	Pierson, J. W.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1870	Pool, J. W.	E.	Fruitland, Wicomico County, Md.	3
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	E.	Sudlersville, Queen Anne " "	2
1874	Prettyman, T. J.	D.	Fishing Creek, Dorchester " "	1
1836	Price, B. F.	E.	Greensborough, Caroline " "	2
1850	Quigg, John B.	E.	4th and Jefferson, Wilmington, Del.	2
1899	Rawlins, P. H.	E.	Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Md.	3
1858	Redman, W. W.	E.	Millsborough, Sussex County, Del.	1
1863	Ridgway, D. C.	E.	Laurel " " "	2
1867	Rigg, J. D.	E.	Port Deposit, Cecil " Md.	1
1873	Roe, Y. Robert.	D.	Church Creek, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
1845	Sanderson, H.	E.	Washington St., below 5th, Wil., Del.	2
1858	Scott, A. T.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1859	Sheppard, C. F.	E.	Newark, Del.	2
1869	Shilling, John.	E.	Hopewell, Somerset County, Md.	3
1840	Smith, Vaughan.	E.	St. Michaels, Talbot " "	1
1872	Smith, John E.	E.	Milton, Sussex " Del.	2
1870	Stengle, Adam.	E.	E. New Market, Dorchester Co., Md.	2
1866	Stubbs, Enoch.	E.	Smyrna, Del.	2
1851	Smith, Joseph E.	E.	1210 Delaware Ave., Wilmington, Del.	3
1835	Sutton, Henry.	S.	Dover, Kent County, Delaware.	1
1862	Sypherd, J. O.	E.	813 Lombard St., Wilmington, Del.	3
1833	Taft, John L.	Sp.	Norristown, Pa.	1
1857	Talbot, W. F.	E.	Harrington, Kent Co., Del.	3
1845	Thomas, D. R.	Sp.	Wilmington, Delaware.	1
1853	Todd, R. W.	E.	Easton, Talbot County, Md.	2
1860	Tomkinson, T. L.	E.	Zion, Cecil " "	3
1860	Tull, W. T.	E.	Leipsic, Kent " Del.	2
1873	Thompson, H. S.	E.	Newport, New Castle County, Del.	1
1876	Terry, Thos. E.	P.	Lakesville, Dorchester Co., Md.	1
1876	Townsend, G. W.	P.	Claymont, New Castle " Del.	1
1832	Urie, William.	E.	Salisbury, Wicomico County, Md.	1
1859	Van Burkalow, T. J.	E.	Bridgeville, Sussex " Del.	1
1847	Walton, W. B.	E.	Georgetown, Sussex County, Del.	2
1853	Warner, W. M.	E.	Millington, Kent " Md.	2
1840	Way, Elon J.	Sp.	53 E. Broadway, Baltimore, " "	1
1862	Weston, J. W.	E.	Wilmington, Delaware.	2
1866	White, E. E.	E.	Red Lion, New Castle County, Del.	1
1872	Wilcox, G. W.	E.	Lewisville, Sussex " " "	2
1868	Williams, Jas. M.	E.	Dover, Kent " " "	1
1857	Williams, T. S.	E.	Delaware City, Del.	2
1857	Williams, T. J.	E.	Seaford, Sussex County, Del.	1
1869	Wilson, J. A. B.	E.	North East, Cecil " Md.	1

Local Preachers.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

The figures in the first column indicate the date of License. The letters indicate the present relation—D. for Deacon; E. for Elder; L. for Licentiate. The last column indicates the Post-Office.

1866	L. Brickley, William	Zion, Cecil co., Md.
1871	L. Bosee, Alfred	Chesapeake City, Md.
"	L. Boggs, Henry	Madison, N. J.
1855	E. Curtis, John	Wilmington, Del.
"	L. Cann, John	Lewisville, Chester Co., Pa.
1855	E. Davis, Henry	Wilmington, Del.
1870	L. Ewing, John W.	Lewisville, Chester Co., Pa.
1871	L. Ellis, F. A.	Elkton, Md.
"	L. Ford, John	North East, Md.
1871	L. Flynn, G.	Newport, Del.
1860	L. Fryer, Thomas	Cherry Hill, Md.
1866	L. Green, Daniel	Newport, Del.
1871	D. Grant, Charles	North East, Md.
1871	L. Grant, W. J.	Cherry Hill, "
1875	L. Hyers, T. J.	Principio, Cecil Co., Md.
1874	L. Hudson, Jabez	Wilmington, Del.
"	L. Hendrickson, W. H.	Red Lion, Del.
1848	Jenness, David	Wood Lawn, Md.
1852	L. Kershaw, W.	Elkton, Md.
"	L. Kane, John W.	Summit Bridge, Del.
1832	E. Kennard, E.	Wilmington, Del.
1866	Lampugh, Thos.	"
"	Logan, Samuel	Charlestown, Md.
1862	L. Mendenhall, Eli	Wilmington, Del.
"	L. Miller, W. T.	Mechanic's Valley, Md.
"	L. Miller, Joseph	"
1868	D. McGaw, J. M.	Wilmington, Del.
"	Mulford, R. W.	Summit Bridge, Del.
"	Moore, Charles	Wilmington, Del.
1859	E. Plummer, Thomas F.	"
1870	L. Smith, W. H.	McClellandsville, Del.
"	L. Scott, J. T.	New Castle, Del.
"	L. Smith, R.	Rockland, "
"	L. Smith, R.	Wilmington, "
1855	E. Simmons, J. E.	"
"	L. Stimmel, W. E.	"
"	L. Taylor, W. L.	Bancroft's Mill.
1871	L. Vanhorn, W. H.	Elkton, Md.
"	D. Wilson, John	Wilmington, "
"	L. Weldin, Geo.	"
"	L. White, John	"
"	D. Booth, M. A.	"

EASTON DISTRICT.

- 1857 L. Baker, C. H. Chestertown, Kent co., Md.
 1858 L. Benson, E. T. Royal Oak, Talbot co., "
 E. Burton, T. Chestertown, Kent co., Md.
 1870 Christopher, J. Easton, Talbot " co., "
 1850 E. Clark, J. M. Slaughter, Kent co., "
 D. Dill, J. R. Templeville, Queen A. co., "
 1876 L. Dunbracco, I. M. Crumpton, Queen Anne co., Md.
 E. Hazzard, R. B. Greensboro, Caroline " "
 L. Horney, I. E. Smithville " "
 L. Kendal, James. Fairlee, Kent co., "
 D. Leary, George. Ediesville, Kent co., "
 L. Mullikin, C. R. Trappe, Talbot co., Md.
 L. Morris, C. R. Sassafras, Kent co., "
 1846 D. Numbers, Thomas. Millington, Kent co., "
 1872 L. Plummer, R. Greensboro, Caroline co., "
 1847 L. Price, D. A. Millington, Kent co., "
 1856 L. Perkins, J. A. Chestertown, Kent co., "
 1870 L. Riday, C. S. Marydel, Caroline co., "
 D. Rich, James H. Denton, Caroline co., "
 L. Raughley, W. B. Marydel, Caroline co., "
 L. Sparks, Solomon. Crumpton, Queen A. co., "
 1865 D. Smith, J. V. Smyrna, Kent co., Del.
 1867 E. Weist, George. Millington, Kent co., Md.
 1870 L. Walker, Wilson W. Odessa, New Castle co., Del.
 Ward, Robert. Federalsburg, Caroline co., Md.
 1875 L. Willey, John H. Madison, New Jersey.

DOVER DISTRICT.

- L. Bell, B. H. Galestown, Dorchester co., Md.
 1869 D. Brace, G. V. Milford, Sussex co., Del.
 E. Bradley, R. D. Vienna, Dorchester co., Md.
 1868 L. Clifton, G. W. Lincoln, Sussex co., Del.
 1869 L. Connelly, J. H. Laurel, " "
 L. Conaway, B. Harrison, Dorchester co., Md.
 L. Creamer, V. Cambridge, " "
 L. Crouch, E. Dover, Kent co., Del.
 1870 L. Cahoon, Wm. R. " "
 L. Collins, S. M. Little Creek Landing, Kent, Del
 1856 L. Dawson, E. Camden, Kent co., Del.
 D. Downham, J. W. Canterbury, Kent co., Del.
 1871 D. Donoho, S. Y. Bishop's Head, Wi'co co., Md
 1867 D. Dodd, D. Georgetown, Sussex co., Del.
 1820 L. Evans, Wm. Lewes, " "
 1856 D. France, W. W. Milford, " "
 1875 L. Gullet, Wm. Cowgill's Corner, Kent " "
 D. Harris, Wm. Bridgeville, Sussex co., Del.
 1863 L. Hall, H. Milton, " "
 1833 L. Hazzard, Wm. Seaford, " "
 L. Hudson, J. Millsborough, " "
 L. Hammond, Wm. Dover, Kent co., Del.
 L. Hubbard, E. L. " "
 D. Johnson, L. E. Woodlandtown, Md.

- 1875 L. Johnston, N. P. Millsboro, Sussex co., Del.
 Jump, A. Milford, Kent co., Del.
 1860 D. Kenny, J. L. Federalsburg, Caroline co., Md.
 1870 D. Morgan, W. W. Concord, " "
 1854 L. Minner, Samuel. Harrington, Kent co., "
 1873 L. Millman, J. Ellendale, Sussex co., Del.
 L. Price, R. J. Vienna, Dorchester co., Md.
 1872 L. Roach, E. I. Georgetown, Sussex co., Del.
 1870 L. Roop, F. A. Galestown, Dorchester co., Md.
 1872 D. Straughan, D. Cambridge, Dorchester co., Md.
 1874 D. Simmons, C. E. Felton, Kent co., Md.
 E. Straughan, C. E. Cambridge, Dorchester co., Md.
 1870 L. Wright, A. I. Dover, Kent co., Del.
 E. Williams, R. W. Connersville, Md.
 1870 D. Wright, D. R. Preston, Md.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

- Avery, Walter E. Madison, New Jersey.
 1862 L. Beauchamp, John. Fairmount, Somerset co., Md.
 1861 D. Bowen, Zac. Dame's Quarter, " "
 1867 L. Betts, W. H. Gumborough, Sussex co., Del.
 E. Brinkley, J. H. Fruitland, Wicomico co., Md.
 1876 L. Brewington, J. R. Tyaskin, " "
 1846 D. Covington, G. W. Crisfield, Somerset co., Md.
 Conner, J. W. Christfield, Somerset co., Md.
 L. Conner, N. C. Marion Station, Somerset co., Md.
 Connelly, I. H. Laurel, Sussex co., Del.
 1864 D. Devereaux, Joseph. Snow Hill, Worcester co., Md.
 1860 L. Foxwell, Benjamin H. Princess Anne, " "
 1848 L. Hitch, Elijah. Delmar, Sussex co., Del.
 1875 L. Hill, M. M. " "
 D. Hayman, W. W. Fruitland, Wicomico co., Md.
 1867 Hodson, Thomas S. Crisfield, Somerset co., Md.
 Hudson, George. Monie, Somerset co., Md.
 1858 L. Jones, Jeremiah. Gumborough, Sussex co., Del.
 1871 L. Kenney, I. T. Chincoteague Island, Va.
 1856 E. Lewis, Joseph. " "
 1864 D. Lawson, Hance. Crisfield, Somerset co., Md.
 D. Leatherbury, P. A. Onancock Accomac co., Va.
 Lecates, J. D. Princess Anne, Somerset co., Md.
 1851 D. Miller, James. " "
 D. Mann, J. H. Sharptown, Wicomico co., "
 1858 E. Reed, I. T. Frankford, Sussex co., Del.
 1867 L. Reed, S. P. Berlin, Worcester co., Md.
 1858 L. Scott, James H. Mt. Vernon, Somerset co., Md.
 1858 D. Tabbs, W. R. Roxana, Sussex co., Del.
 1863 D. Tilghman, N. J. Tyaskin, Wicomico co., Md.
 1871 L. Tindal, W. J. Georgetown, Sussex co., Del.
 L. Tyler, John. Smith's Island, Md.
 1852 L. White, H. P. Salisbury, " "
 1868 L. White, Q. S. Dame's Quarter, " "
 1859 L. Wilson, Isaac. Monie, Somerset co., "
 1874 L. Williams, C. H. Berlin, Worcester co., "
 Webb, Samuel. Fruitland, Wicomico co., Md.

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of the
Wilmington Conference,

For the Promotion of Foreign and Domestic Missions,

IN ACCOUNT WITH GEORGE W. SPARKS, TREASURER.

MARCH 20th, 1876.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Received from REV. CHARLES HILL,	Port Deposit,	210 68
" " " T. S. WILLIAMS,	Delaware City,	50 00
" " " GEORGE R. BRISTOR,	Bethel and Summit,	138 50
" " " H. H. BODINE,	Red Lion and Glasgow,	71 30
" " " E. B. NEWNAM,	Chesapeake City,	100 00
" " " D. R. THOMAS,	North East,	40 40
" " " GEORGE A. PHŒBUS,	Elkton,	300 00
" " " EDWIN H. NELSON,	Chester,	81 00
" " " J. E. MOWBRAY,	Mt. Lebanon,	46 75
" " " L. LAYFIELD,	Elk Neck,	30 00
" " " J. E. KIDNEY,	Mt. Pleasant,	50 00
" " " HENRY S. THOMPSON,	Charlestown,	18 00
" " " A. J. CROZIER,	Christiana,	25 00
" " " J. B. MERRITT,	St. Paul's, Wilmington,	465 56
" " " GEORGE R. KRAMER,	Asbury, "	686 75
" " " J. B. MANN,	New Castle,	100 00
" " " A. W. MILBY,	Brandywine,	31 00
" " " JOHN FRANCE,	Cherry Hill,	80 00
" " " T. E. MARTINDALE,	Union, Wilmington,	466 36
" " " J. OWEN SYPHERD,	Scott, "	80 00
" " " T. B. HUNTER,	St. George's & Port Penn,	30 00
" " " W. L. S. MURRAY,	Claymont,	30 00
" " " J. D. KEMP,	Rising Sun,	43 16
" " " JOSEPH E. SMITH,	Grace, Wilmington,	1277 68
" " " T. L. TOMKINSON,	Zion Circuit,	171 00
" " " J. W. WESTON,	Mt. Salem,	170 75
" " " C. F. SHEPPARD,	Newark,	101 10
" " " JOHN D. RIGG,	Newport,	112 00
		\$5006 99

EASTON DISTRICT.

Received from REV. WM. R. MCFARLANE,	Church Hill,	60 00
" " " L. C. MATEACK,	Middletown,	246 00
" " " VAUGHAN SMITH,	Centreville,	160 43
" " " WM. B. GREGG,	Still Pond,	140 00
" " " T. B. KILLIAM,	Appoquinimink,	45 30
" " " E. DAVIS,	Smyrna Circuit,	48 50
" " " JOHN D. CURTIS,	St. Michael's,	111 00
" " " H. COLCLAZER,	Galena,	43 00
" " " E. L. HOFFECKER,	Royal Oak,	40 00
" " " J. W. HAMMERSLEY,	Kent Island,	46 00
" " " WM. M. WARNER,	Millington,	73 00
" " " C. W. PRETTYMAN,	Sudlersville,	112 15
" " " VALENTINE GRAY,	Queenstown,	11 00
" " " R. H. ADAMS,	Trappe Circuit,	30 00
" " " ROBERT W. TODD,	Easton,	85 00
" " " ENOCH STUBBS,	Smyrna,	375 06
" " " J. T. VANBURKALOW,	Kent Circuit,	80 00
" " " E. H. HYNSON,	Marydel,	28 25
" " " E. P. ALDRED,	Denton,	47 00
" " " THOMAS E. BELL,	Talbot Circuit,	14 20
" " " ELIJAH MILLER,	Cecilton and St. Paul's	100 00
" " " N. MCQUAY,	King's Creek,	36 30
" " " J. E. BRYAN,	Odessa,	200 60
" " " W. J. DUHADWAY,	Hillsboro,	37 00
" " " F. M. CHATHAM,	Chestertown,	161 37
" " " B. F. PRICE,	Greensboro,	20 00
Additional Collected by T. M., to make up deficiency,		34 00
		\$2385 16

DOVER DISTRICT.

Received from REV. W. J. O'NEIL,	Federalsburg Circuit,	\$77 50
" " " WM. F. TALBOT,	Harrington "	103 28
" " " JAMES CARROLL,	Bridgeville "	415 35
" " " JOHN E. SMITH,	Milton "	40 00
" " " W. B. WALTON,	Georgetown,	60 00
" " " ADAM TENGLE,	Dorchester Circuit,	48 00
" " " WM. T. TULL,	Leipsic and Raymond,	73 00
" " " ISAAC JEWELL,	Millsboro,	60 00
" " " J. H. CALDWELL,	Dover,	361 49
" " " WM. P. DAVIS,	Frederica,	136 50
" " " CHAS. E. SIMMONS,	Felton Circuit,	4 00
" " " I. N. FOREMAN,	Lincoln,	20 00
" " " A. A. FISHER,	Ellendale,	45 19
" " " E. E. WHITE,	Felton,	25 00
" " " JOS. DARE,	Wyoming,	30 00
" " " E. G. IRWIN,	Camden,	83 35
" " " T. H. HAYNES,	Milford,	138 25
" " " E. H. MILLER,	Barrett's & Milford Neck,	25 00
" " " T. J. WILLIAMS,	Cambridge,	35 00
" " " T. H. HARDING,	Church Creek,	30 00
" " " C. M. PEGG,	Lewes,	54 50
" " " W. H. HUTCHIN,	Seaford,	102 20
" " " T. J. PRETTYMAN,	Galestown,	2 00
" " " W. W. REDMAN,	Beckwith & Spedden's,	20 00
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SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Received from REV. P. H. RAWLINS,	Snow Hill,	\$60 85
" " " J. A. BRINDLE,	Asbury and Crisfield,	65 82
" " " ISAAC G. FOSNOCHT,	Quantico,	40 00
" " " WM. E. ENGLAND,	Fairmount,	113 10
" " " WM. I. BAIN,	Princess Anne,	140 00
" " " JOHN W. POOLE,	Fruitland,	55 00
" " " JOHN SHILLING,	Annamessex,	111 75
" " " JAMES CONNER,	Roxana,	60 00
" " " GEORGE W. WILCOX,	Lewisville Circuit,	30 00
" " " JOHN W. PIERSON,	Newtown,	45 00
" " " D. C. RIDGWAY,	Laurel,	54 00
" " " WM. URIE,	Salisbury,	50 00
" " " G. S. CONAWAY,	Gumboro'	22 00
" " " J. A. ARTERS,	Berlin,	37 02
" " " R. C. JONES,	Accomac,	108 48
" " " T. R. CREAMER,	Parsonsborg,	13 00
" " " S. T. GARDNER,	Deal's Island,	148 20
" " " T. O. AYRES,	Frankford Circuit,	50 00
" " " J. M. MCCARTER,	Chincoteague,	19 60
" " " D. W. C. MCINTIRE,	Sharptown,	27 00
" " " G. W. BURKE,	Delmar,	67 00
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Proceedings of the Electoral Conference.

The Electoral Conference of Laymen of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, met at Wilmington, Delaware, March 17th, 1876.

R. H. McDaniel of Wilmington, called the Conference to order, at 10½ o'clock, A. M., and proposed R. J. Jump of Denton, as temporary Chairman, and I. T. Matthews of Snow Hill, as temporary Secretary. The Conference was then opened with prayer by Rev. John Wilson of Wilmington. After which, on motion of C. C. King, the Chairman appointed the following as a Committee on Credentials, to wit: C. C. King, W. Spry Sherman, Walter Thompson and J. E. Ellegood.

On motion of Rev. John Wilson, the following were appointed a Committee on permanent organization. Rev. John Wilson, P. F. Causey, J. W. Brown, W. M. Schoolfield and W. W. Sharp.

While waiting for the action of the Committees, Bishop Ames was introduced to the Conference, and in a few remarks expressed his pleasure in meeting the Body.

The Committee on permanent organization reported the following, who were confirmed by the Conference.

President,—R. J. JUMP, of Denton, Maryland.

Vice President,—JABEZ HODSON, of Wilmington, Delaware.

Secretaries,—I. T. MATTHEWS, Snow Hill, Md., and J. H. BELL, of Galestown.

While further waiting for the report of the Committee on Credentials, the President suggested that the time be occupied by the members in reporting the condition of the Church in their respective localities, to which suggestion there were several responses, and many interesting and heart-cheering statements were made. The Committee on Credentials reported the following as members of the Conference. "See roll of members." On motion of D. H. Crane, a Committee, consisting of the President of the Conference, and one from each District, was appointed to report resolutions. D. H. Crane, John F. Dawson, Rev. John Wilson, J. E. Ellegood and President Jump, constituted the Committee. After which, on motion, it was resolved that the election of delegates to the General Conference be made the order of business for 2½ o'clock, P. M., and the Conference took a recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Conference re-convened and was opened with prayer by Rev. Joshua Humphriss. The hour having arrived for which it had been made the order of business, the Conference proceeded to the election of two delegates to the General Conference.

Nominations were made and the Chairman appointed the following to act as tellers; J. E. Mowbray, E. T. Benson, A. P. Griffith and T. W. Eliason. Upon the first ballot no election was made, no person having received a majority of the votes cast. Rev. John Wilson, R. J. Jump and I. T. Matthews, who had been

nominated, severally declined. A second ballot was then made, which also resulted in a failure to elect. W. W. Sharp moved that all candidates be dropped, except the four who had received the greatest number of votes, which motion being adopted, the Conference proceeded to ballot again, and Hon. John F. Williamson, of Newark, Delaware, having received sixty seven votes, and Thomas Mallalieu, Esq., of Millington, Maryland, having received forty-five votes, were declared elected. After which, the Conference proceeded to the election of Alternates, and W. J. Jones, Esq., of Elkton, was elected as an Alternate for Hon. John F. Williamson, and Doctor George C. Tyler, of Accomac, Virginia, for Thomas Mallalieu, Esq.

A majority of the Committee on Resolutions submitted a report recommending the adoption of the 4th and 5th resolutions, as adopted by the Electoral Conference of Laymen, held at Laurel, February, 1872, which are as follows:

Resolution 4. That in our judgment it is the part of wisdom to rest from the agitation of fundamental changes in church polity, to the end that the energies of the church may be given, without distraction, to its primary work of seeking the lost, and of increasing its spiritual life and power, as well as to the larger development and greater efficiency of our denominational agencies, particularly the Educational, Missionary, Church Extension, Publishing and Sunday School interests.

Resolution 5. That we hold firmly to a stable and independent Episcopacy, as being essential to the peculiar economy of Methodism, which seeks to maintain the unity, health and prosperity of the entire body of the church. That our connectional interests, and the itinerant work require, in the intervals between the sittings of the General Conference, the care and supervision of a select body of men trained to their work by much experience, identified with it by long sympathy and association, and, above all, removed from sectional or partisan influences. We, therefore, feel it to be a duty to advise our delegates in the ensuing General Conference, to oppose, steadfastly, any proposition for a modification of the Episcopal office by shortening the term of service, or abridging its present constitutional powers.

After some discussion, the report was received and the Committee discharged, and the Conference adjourned till 7½ o'clock, P. M.

At the appointed hour the Conference re-assembled, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Perry Leatherbury.

C. C. King, Esq., offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the Wilmington Annual Conference be requested to have published, as an appendix, the proceedings of the Electoral Conference of Laymen, in the minutes of its eighth annual session.

On motion of W. W. Sharp, Esq., a Journal was ordered to be procured, in which the proceedings of the first and of the present Electoral Conference shall be recorded.

Doctor McCauley, President of Dickinson College, being then introduced, addressed the Conference for a few moments, in a most happy manner. After which, on motion, the Conference took up the report of the Committee on resolutions. D. H. Crane, Esq., one of the Committee on resolutions, offered the following as a substitute for the report.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Conference, that it would be to the interest of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the cause of Christ, to substitute District Conferences with proper checks and guards in the place of the present system of Presiding Eldership, and that our delegates be requested to vote in accordance with these views.

2. That the change in the term of appointment of preachers to stations or charges, be so altered that no preacher shall be returned the third consecutive year, unless he be asked for by two-thirds of the official membership belonging to such

station or circuit, at a meeting called for that purpose. An animated discussion then took place, participated in by Messrs. D. H. Crane, William R. Cahoon, Thomas Moore, R. H. McDaniel, C. S. Riday, I. E. Ellegood, W. W. Sharp, and Rev. John Wilson. The substitute was finally adopted in lieu of the report. William R. Cahoon, Esq., moved to amend by striking out the first resolution and inserting the following, to wit:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Conference of Laymen, that District Conferences ought to be established in each District of the Wilmington Conference, and the Secretary is hereby requested to send a copy of this resolution to the Presiding Elders of the respective Districts.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Conference, that the districts should be greatly enlarged, so that the Presiding Elders should visit each station or circuit twice a year instead of quarterly.

Walter Thompson, Esq., moved as a substitute for the whole matter, the memorial as presented to the Annual Conference from Easton, which motion was lost.

T. W. Eliason, moved further to amend, by adding thereto "Resolution 5th" as reported by the Committee on resolutions. After further discussion, the amendments were adopted.

The resolutions as amended were adopted.

Conference adjourned till Saturday morning, nine o'clock.

Conference re-assembled at the hour to which it had adjourned, and was opened with prayer by W. W. Sharp.

L. A. C. Gerry, Esq., offered the following resolutions, which were adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That we appreciate the courtesies of our kind hosts in Wilmington, and hereby convey to them our thanks for the generous hospitality and uniform kindness they have manifested towards us during our session.

Resolved, That our thanks are hereby expressed to the Trustees of the Union Methodist Episcopal Church, for the use of their Lecture-room by our Conference.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to our Chairman, R. J. Jump, Esq., and our Secretary, I. T. Matthews, Esq., for the faithful and satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their duties. A collection was then taken up for the benefit of the sexton. On motion of J. E. Ellegood, Esq., President, R. J. Jump, J. E. Ellegood, L. A. C. Gerry, John F. Dawson, and W. Spry Sherman, were appointed as a Committee to present the resolutions adopted by the Electoral Conference, to the Annual Conference, and also to prepare and present resolutions of respect and sympathy and love toward the Bishops and Members of the Annual Conference.

After singing the doxology, and benediction by Rev. J. E. Mowbray, Conference adjourned, *sine die*.

I. T. MATTHEWS, } Secretaries.
J. H. BELL. }

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions adopted by the Electoral Conference of Laymen, held at Wilmington, March 17, 1876, and ordered to be presented to the Annual Conference by a Committee appointed for that purpose.

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ROLL OF MEMBERS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Rev. Charles Moore,	J. H. Calder,
“ John Wilson,	George W. Craig,
“ Jabez Hodson,	Thomas Cavender,
Robert H. McDanel,	J. H. Brooks,
L. T. Grubb,	Joseph Miller,
Eli Mendenhall,	T. C. Creuch,
Rev. John E. Mowbray,	W. G. Grant,
“ G. W. Weldin,	Adam Dayett,
John S. Miller,	C. C. King,
Hon. T. J. Clayton,	George Simcoe,
A. E. Davidson,	William J. Merry,
Lewis Weldin,	William McMullen,
Abraham Cannon,	L. A. C. Gerry,
Abner Vernon, Jr.,	J. W. McCullough.

EASTON DISTRICT.

William J. Price,	A. P. Griffith,
Thomas Mallalieu,	Henry Davis,
Elijah Price,	Isaac Staats,
H. P. Hopkins,	W. F. Harmon,
W. H. Thompson,	Richard Simmons,
James Benson,	J. F. Dawson,
D. H. Crane,	T. W. Eliason,
R. J. Jump,	John K. Skinner,
H. H. Appleton,	I. H. Baker,
J. F. Mullikin,	I. F. Wilson.
E. T. Benson,	H. C. Layman.

DOVER DISTRICT.

W. R. Cahoon,	John Elliott,
James P. Lamb,	I. W. Linch,
John T. Jakes,	W. C. Prettyman,
E. Bailey,	T. E. Ricords,

I. A. Masten,
James B. Conner,
Joshua Bennett,
Joseph Burchinal,
William T. Sharp,
P. F. Causey,
I. H. Clendaniel,
James Houston,

W. W. Sharp,
Jacob Williams,
J. W. Brown,
J. H. Bell,
W. S. Sherman,
D. Straughn,
R. W. Williams,
Samuel Donohu.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

E. J. Pusey,
T. B. Moore,
W. M. Schoolfield,
Charles H. Williams,
James E. Ellegood,
I. T. Matthews,
William B. Records,
D. J. Fooks,
George B. Truitt,

N. S. Smith,
James G. White,
Joseph H. Mann,
Perry Leatherbury,
John H. Beauchamp,
H. P. White,
Jacob Knowles,
Willam H. Holland.



SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON

OF

BISHOP LEVI SCOTT, D. D.,

Delivered before the Conference, Mar. 20th, '76.

 The Philadelphia Conference of 1826, and its Growth and Development in the last Fifty Years.

"Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this." Eccl. 7: 10.

The weakness here censured is common to all ages and all people. It affects mainly, it is presumed, persons advanced in years who have failed to keep even pace with the progress of their times and who being therefore out of harmony with the people and circumstances around them, and unable to appreciate the beneficial changes which have occurred within their own days, look back to "the former days" of their early years as to a kind of golden age in comparison with which the passing days are regarded with dissatisfaction and complaint. This I have called a weakness—perhaps it is not a sin, yet it discovers a lack of wisdom and a want of trust in the overruling Providence of God, and cannot fail to impair and damage both comfort and usefulness. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," applies with equal pertinence and justness to all days whether former or current, and the truly good man who "redeems the time because the days are evil," will find in all days more occasions for gratitude and thankfulness than for murmuring and complaint. "A good man," says Solomon, "shall be satisfied from himself"—he has in himself a source of satisfaction which is not materially affected by the times.

Closing in a few days my fiftieth year in the itinerant ministry of the M. E. Church, and being in the 74th year of my life, I can, without sensitiveness, be placed in the category of aged men, being indeed more aged than any of my living colleagues, or any of my deceased colleagues, except Bishops Whatcoat, McKendree and Morris; yet I felicitate myself with the thought that I am touched but slightly, if at all, with the weakness criticised by the sacred writer. I do not indeed regard change as synonymous with progress, and do, on the contrary, think that some changes are not for the better but for the worse, yet I recognize, with devout gratitude to Almighty God, the great fact that there has been, in the last fifty years, a

real and wonderful progress, not only in general society and in the Protestant churches generally, but also, and especially in the church of my earliest and latest fellowship, the Methodist Episcopal church.

This last point I at first thought I would make the subject of this discourse and made some preparations accordingly. But I soon found that it was too large in all its dimensions to be treated with any satisfaction in the brief space of one hour. I have therefore adopted a subject less imposing indeed, and of narrower limits, but yet full of interest and encouragement to all concerned—The Philadelphia Conference of 1826 and its growth and development in the last 50 years.

It may not be out of place to premise that the first conference of Methodist itinerants ever convened in this country was held in Philadelphia, July 14th, 1773. It consisted of ten preachers, representing 1160 members. The preachers were all of English birth, except William Waters, who was born in Baltimore County, Md., Oct. 16th, 1751. He was the first native American Itinerant Methodist preacher in America. This small conference of ten preachers, with 1160 members, grew in 52 years, according to the minutes of 1825, into 15 Annual Conferences, and with 1314 preachers and 341,114 members, and in 102 years, according to last year's minutes, into 81 conferences in this and other lands, besides large and flourishing missions, with 10,923 preachers and 1,580,550 members, after having been depleted by four secessions, the last of which alone carried off about 800 preachers and more than half a million of members. Looking at these facts, who can help exclaiming, "What hath God wrought!" I turn now to my subject.

The Philadelphia Conference of 1826 was held in the upper room of a small building, still standing, in the rear of Union church, then more generally called the Academy, on 4th St., Philadelphia. I was not present. Full of painful doubt as to whether it was the will of God that I should become a traveling preacher, I remained at home making provisional arrangements to go, should I be received, immediately to my work. Bishops George and Hedding presided alternately, a practice quite common in those days.

The territory of the Conference of 1826 embraced the states of New Jersey and Delaware, the eastern shores of Maryland and Virginia, and so much of Pennsylvania as is now embraced in the present Philadelphia Conference, together with Harrisburgh. This territory was divided into five Districts, the Philadelphia, the Chesapeake, the Delaware, the West and the East Jersey districts, and these were subdivided into 51 pastoral charges, mostly four weeks' circuits, and on these districts and other charges were stationed 96 preachers, sixteen of whom were supernumeraries, for all supernumeraries in those days were assigned to fields of labor—indeed, Ezekiel Cooper, then a supernumerary, was appointed to West Jersey district as Presiding Elder, with, as it would seem, Jos. Osborn, also a supernumerary, as assistant. The statistics of that conference report 103 traveling preachers and 36,655 members, and nothing more. To say that the statistical tables of that day were defective as compared with our present tables is not surprising. There has of course been progress in the last fifty years in the clerical work of collecting and arranging the statistics as in other things, and our present full and beautiful tables are the result of very gradual progress under the direction of many capable minds. But the statistics of 1826 are defective as compared with

the then current facts. They report traveling preachers and members, but are silent about deaths, baptisms, local preachers, churches and parsonages, Sunday schools and benevolent collections. And yet there were deaths in those days, and baptisms, and local preachers, and churches and parsonages, yes, and benevolent collections, at least, for conference claimants and for missions. It would be interesting to know the facts in all these particulars. But whence is this knowledge to be derived? We know indeed, from other sources, that the Missionary societies of the M. E. Church had been organized seven years before, in 1819—and that \$4,140 were collected for the Missionary cause in the whole church in 1825, and we do not doubt that the Philadelphia conference contributed her full share of that amount. And we know, too, that the Methodists in this country from the very beginning of their work, cherished a lively interest in the religious cultivation of the children, and that the first Sunday school in this country was formed by Mr. Asbury himself in the house of a Mr. Crenshaw, in Virginia, so early as 1786. But the statistics of those days are silent.

One item in the scanty statistics of 1826 is noticeable and suggestive. The members are reported in two columns, one of white and one of colored members. This practice began in 1786, and was discontinued in 1860. It brings to mind an incident, belonging to the same category, which occurred under my own observation, in a session of the Philadelphia Conference, in 1838, at Asbury Church in this city. A young man in the full vigor of youthful life was recommended to be received on trial. It was whispered about in the Conference, that that young man was an abolitionist of a very pronounced type, that he not only indulged free thought on the vexed question, but free speech also, and sometimes in public places, and it was felt that it would not do to admit him into the Conference, even on trial, unless he would give a pledge to, at least, restrain his utterances. A committee of three was appointed of the best men in the Conference to wait on him and to get from him, if practicable, this pledge. But the young man was firm, was stubborn, it was thought, and promptly refused to give any pledge, and so he was not admitted.

Now need I ask, what is the explanation of these strange procedures, reporting the colored members of the church in a separate column, and refusing to admit a young man of fair promise on trial in the Conference because he was an abolitionist? Those were "slavery times," as the colored people down South would say, times when the system of slavery in this country dominated the minds of even good men, when it could not control their persons and services, and these questionable procedures were deemed only prudent recognitions of its dominance. But a change has occurred, a progress has been achieved, in a way, too, which we knew not. The column of colored members has disappeared from the minutes, and that very man who was denied admission to probation in the Conference because he was an abolitionist, is now, with unchanged, though quiescent, convictions, an unchallenged and honored member of this Conference. The tragic story is soon told. The Slave-Power, grown impatient of criticism, not by the Federal government, but by individuals in and out of congress and by voluntary associations, appealed to the sword to establish slavery forever in this country as the corner stone of a christian government and a christian civilization, and to place it beyond

the reach of annoying criticism. But that dreadful power proved to be wayward and would not obey the behests of those who made the appeal, but turning upon its employers, it mercilessly abolished the slave-power and destroyed slavery forever! January first, 1863 is epochal. Abraham Lincoln is immortal, by the issue on that day, as a war measure, of the Proclamation of Emancipation. We can now sing, as never before

"The star spangled banner,
O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free
And the home of the brave."

I was not present, as I have said, at the session of 1826. I met the Conference for the first time, in Smyrna, in 1827. It held its session in the Friends' meetings house, a small, plain building, in the out-skirts of the village, the church being reserved for religious services. Assembled in a plain house, they appeared a grave and plain body of men, not rude, but plain—plain in dress, plain in speech, plain in manners. They were the representatives of plain churches and a plain people. Not one of them had ever sat on a cushioned seat, or walked on a carpeted aisle, or stood on a carpeted platform, or kneeled on a cushioned kneeling-stool in a methodist house of public worship. They were clad, almost to a man, in what has been called "the methodist preacher uniform" of that day. The broad brimmed hats did not, of course, appear, as they were in conference session. But their coats were either straight or round breasted or a modification between the two, single breasted, also, that would button to the chin. Their neck dress consisted of a plain white cravat, with or without stock, concealing the collar of the shirt, and presenting in front a plain smooth surface, or a single or double bow according to the varying tastes of the parties. The hair betokened nothing in its adjustment, but the most modest and natural plainness, being combed down smoothly over the forehead, and their cleanly shaven faces exhibited neither mustache, goatee, or any other fanciful arrangement now so popular even among ministers. As to the hair, indeed, there were some noticeable exceptions. Solomon Sharpe, a most venerable but eccentric man, wore his parted in the middle and hanging in heavy ringlets upon his broad and massive shoulders. Lawrence McCombs wore his combed smoothly back, revealing a noble forehead, while Lawrence Lawrenson, a gifted man but uncomfortably low in self-appreciation, presented a bold and martial aspect, his rather short, steel mixed hair standing plumb upright on his head.

Young as I was and inexperienced in conference business, I soon detected the Leader of this body—the man with a wen—a large wen pendent from the right jaw and resting in the wide fold of an enormous white cravat, a deformity, it would have been in another, but in him, distinctive, and even comely. It was Ezekiel Cooper, now sixty-four years of age. The words of Job might be fitly applied to him, only changing the first person to the third. "Unto him men gave ear, and waited and kept silence at his counsel." He was the masterly unraveller of tangled and confused discussions, weighty in counsel, mighty in debate, and in earlier life, and even still, occasionally, a preacher of great and almost resistless power.

There were, however, other representative men in that body only less distinguished. I may name Lawrence McCombs, Thomas Morrell, Thomas Ware, Henry Boehm—the centenarian so lately gone to heaven—Solomon Sharpe, Henry White, David Dailey, Joseph Lybrand, Lawrence Lawrenson and Charles Pitman, just rising into prominence. Such was the Philadelphia Conference of 1826.

The growth and development of this body in the last 50 years may be presented in a nut shell. The Conference of 1826 was divided into five districts and 51 charges, mostly four weeks' circuits; reporting 103 traveling preachers and 36,655 members. Now that our Conference has developed into 5 conferences, and a small fraction of a sixth, divided into 24 districts and 764 pastoral charges, mostly stations, and reporting in last year's minutes, 770 traveling preachers and 153,402 members and probationers. The minutes of 1825 reported no local preachers, no baptisms, no churches and no parsonages, no Sunday school scholars and no benevolent collections, though it is certain that there were then local preachers, baptisms, churches and parsonages, Sunday school scholars and benevolent collections, though the parsonages were then probably all rented, and both they and the churches were such as we would judge to be very inferior in style and finish and comfort, and the Sunday schools were few and small, and confined probably to the large cities, and the collections, both for the Conference claimants and the missionary cause were very inconsiderable. Now, the minutes for the 5 conferences report 903 local preachers, 1,301 churches as, probably, worth \$9,631,736, 356 parsonages, probably worth \$1,331,660; 14,862 baptisms, 148,630 Sunday school scholars, \$26,231.80 for conference claimants, \$92,401.10 for the missionary cause. Moreover, the minutes now report for causes which have come up in the progress of the church since 1825, \$2,802.25 for the Sunday School union, \$3,585.59 for the Tract society, \$10,591.37 for the Church Extension society, \$4,235.25 for the Women's Foreign Missionary society, \$4,984.89 for Freedman's Aid society, and \$3,570 for the Education Board. These facts and figures show a most encouraging growth and outspread of that old Mother Conference of 1826.

Suppose now we take up some special lines of illustration selected from this general exhibit—we shall find the result ever the same. Whether we take the general improvement of the Ministry, or the Membership, or the Sunday Schools, or the Churches, or the Parsonages, the watchword emblazoned every where is Onward! Let us take the instance of the Church edifices. In 1826 we had, in this city, two small, unsightly and but moderately comfortable churches, known as the Old Asbury, and the Old E. Zion. Now we have six large and beautiful church edifices in good style and finish. One costly and elegant, and all with suitable accommodations for prayer and class meetings and for Sunday Schools, besides two or three neat and comfortable Mission Chapels. In Philadelphia we had nine churches, arranged in three Pastoral charges, all of inferior quality, the best being, perhaps, Old St. George's before its later improvements. Now, we have in that city, some 68 Church edifices, all of them more or less in the modern style of church architecture and some of them large and elegant, and all of them provided more or less perfectly with the modern accommodations for church work. In Camden, N. J., we had, in 1826, one small church, very inferior in every respect. Now, we have, in that city, eight churches,

generally large, commodious, and beautiful. In Trenton we had one small, very plain church, now we have eight, all of modern build, and some of them large and elegant. In Newark N. J. we then had one small church in better finish indeed, than was usual in that day. Now we have ten, many of them large and elegant. But let us turn our eyes Southward. New Castle, Odessa—then called Cantwell's Bridge—Middletown, Smyrna, Frederica, Milford, Seaford, Laurel, Salisbury, Fairmount, Cambridge, Easton, St. Michael's, Centreville, Chestertown, Still Pond, Elkton, Newport and Newark, all then belonged to four weeks' circuits, with small, unsightly churches. Now they are all stations having their own pastors, and have neat, commodious, and handsome church edifices. Indeed, the whole face of Methodism, within the territory of the old Conference, is dotted over and beautified, even in rural districts, with neat and comfortable houses of public worship, many of them with spires pointing upward to the Pilgrims' Home. But, above all, we must not omit to note, with adoring gratitude, that we have in our churches a blessed and efficient evangelism. Our Pastors and Teachers have not forgotten that they are Evangelists also, disciplining men as well as baptizing and teaching them. And God has graciously given us powerful and wide-spreading revivals of primitive Christianity in very many of our churches, and the Evangelism of the churches, combining with the Evangelism of Moody and Sankey, and others, is spreading the holy fire all around. And let it spread.

Let me now add that the growth and progress of the Philadelphia Conference of 1826 is a fair type of the growth and progress of the whole M. E. Church in the last 50 years. Confined in 1826 to a narrow strip along the Atlantic Coast, she has followed the lines of settlements East, North, West, and South, until now, her Conference districts, and pastoral charges, are spread out over all the States and most of the Territories of the Union. They span the vast swell of the Rocky Mountains and deploy over the broad slopes of the Pacific Coast. Nor has she stopped there, but has gone abroad to distant and heathen lands, and has Conferences in Africa, India and Germany, and vigorous and flourishing missions in Mexico, South America, China, Japan, and Scandinavia, Bulgaria, and even in Italy, and under the shadow of the Vatican.

I will now close with dwelling for a few minutes on two solemn and suggestive facts which have been brought to mind in the progress of this discourse. One is, the members of the Conference of 1826 have all been gathered to their fathers, except seven. These survivors are Bartholomew Weed, Matthew Sorin, Anthony Atwood, James H. Dandy, Thomas B. Sergeant, Pharaoh A. Ogden and myself. Bartholomew Weed is 83 years of age, has been 59 years in the itinerant ministry, resides in Newark N. J., sustains a supernumerary relation to the Newark Conference, but, practically, is effective, preaching once every Sabbath afternoon to the prisoners in Essex Co. prison, and often, also, morning or evening, in some one of the city churches. He is in good health and spirits, writes with a steady mind and steady hand, is happy in his domestic relations, and is enjoying the sweet, mellowed scenes of life's setting sun, peacefully awaiting the call of the Master. Matthew Sorin is in his 75th year, has been 53 years in the itinerant field, resides in South Chester, and is doing earnest and

efficient service in South Chester charge. His health is good, and his natural force but slightly, if at all, abated. He is calmly looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life, hoping to finish his labor and his life in the Conference of his early fellowship, and in the presence of his brethren. Anthony Atwood is in the 75th year of his life and the 51st of his itinerant ministry. He resides in Philadelphia, is in good health and vigor of body and of mind, and though nominally a supernumerary, is really effective, doing, perhaps, as much work for God in the church as any Pastor in that great city. He is comfortably provided for, and in happy association with the wife of his youth he is peacefully enjoying the serene evening of a lengthened and well spent life. James H. Dandy was born in Ireland in 1798, and united with the Philadelphia Conference in 1825. He resides in Rahway, has been superannuated several years, greatly broken by inflammatory rheumatism, but is now in better health and able to get about a little in good weather. He is comfortable in his circumstances, happy in his domestic relations, and living in joyous hope of eternal life. He lost his youngest son while storming Fort Gregg, before Petersburg, the day before the fall of Richmond. Another son is a graduate of West Point, a major and Quarter Master in the regular army, stationed at Buffalo, is wealthy, and happy in his family. Thomas B. Sergeant was born March 30th, 1805, admitted on trial in the Philadelphia Conference in 1825. He has been since 1866, an honored member of the M. E. Church, South, lives in Baltimore, was superannuated in 1872, and has since ranged abroad over the Southern States and the Pacific Coast, doing what he could. He is now prostrated with, as he says, "acute chronic disease," writes little and with difficulty though formerly a ready and beautiful scribe, and served the General Conference of our church in three sessions, 1836, '40 and '44 as secretary. He writes that "his flesh and heart are failing," and asks prayer "that God may be the strength of his heart and his portion forever." Pharaoh A. Ogden was born July 28th 1799, and joined the Philadelphia Conference in 1828. He is a supernumerary in the Cincinnati Conference, and resides at Sidney, Ohio. He says, "I am what the people call a well preserved old man. My health has been remarkably good. My natural force is not much abated. My eye is not yet dim. I have never used spectacles and now read the finest print with as much ease as when but twenty years of age. I can preach twice a day without more than ordinary fatigue. Pulpit labors are to me both a pleasure and a profit, and my desire is to cease, at once, to work and live."

As to the seventh member of this small remnant of the Conference of 1826 I need say little. He is before you and you know him. His health, never vigorous since 1829, is now, perhaps, quite as good as it has been for many years, and his thirstings for God, for the living God, were never stronger than they are now.

How striking and appropriate in this whole connection are the words of the Poet.

"Like leaves on trees,
The race of men is found,
Now green in youth,
Now withering on the ground;
So generations in their turn decay,
So flourish these when those have passed away."

The generation of Methodist preachers of 1826 is now nearly all passed away, and the few who remain give unmistakable attestations of the great fact so beautifully formulated by Isaiah, "We do all fade as a leaf."

The other fact to which I alluded is still more touching, especially to me. Of my own class of 1826, only two remain, J. H. Dandy and myself. Geo. G. Cookman, Joseph Iliff, Robert Gerry and Thomas J. Thompson are gone to their heavenly homes. Joseph Iliff was the eldest member of the class and finished his work first. He was born in Bucks County, Pa., December 15th, 1789, and died in Centreville, Md., August 8th, 1830. He was a good man and an acceptable and useful preacher.

George G. Cookman was born in England, Oct. 21st, 1800, and came to this country in 1825. His career as an itinerant minister was short and brilliant. In 1839 and 40, he was chaplain to the U. S. Senate. March 11th, 1841 he took passage on board the ill-fated ocean steamer, President, for England, intending to return in a few months. That is the last entry in the known history of his life. A profound silence, unbroken by a single utterance broods over the dreadful catastrophe in which he perished with all his fellow voyagers. "He was not, for God took him." Robert Gerry was born January 30th, 1799, and died in this city May 9th, 1856, in the fifty-seventh year of his age. His record is honorable. His last charge was Asbury in this city. He sleeps in Jesus. Thomas Jefferson Thompson was born March 13th, 1803, and died November 29th, 1874, in the seventy-second year of his life, and the forty-ninth of his itinerant ministry. In 1828 he and I were thrown together as junior preachers in St. George's charge, Philadelphia, and in the course of that year a friendship grew up between us which death has not severed, for death has no power over christian friendship. He was a good man, an able though not a popular preacher, a wise counsellor, an excellent conference business man, an admirable administrator of church law. His record is honorable throughout. He was the living embodiment of the twelve rules of a Methodist preacher. Dilligent, but never fussy—serious, never sour, avoiding lightness, jesting and foolish talking, prudent in his intercourse with all, free from suspicion and evil speaking—tender of the reputation of others—kind and faithful to those under his care, ashamed only of sin and meanness, punctual, a man of one work and a true son in the gospel, asking nothing, declining nothing, and doing in good faith the work assigned him. He passed to his rest through a strait gate of unutterable sufferings. Peace to his memory!

And now, our classmates gone, brother Dandy and I have advanced to the front, and stand side by side on the bald, bleak bluff of the cold river. Yet, thanks be to God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! we do not dread its chilling waves, upborne and enraptured with the prospect beyond "the land of Beulah and the Delectable mountains."

May the admonition of our Lord, "Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh," be ever sounding in our ears until our work is done and we are safe at home!

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WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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Rev. Geo. R. Kramer.....10	James Moore.....1	Mary E. Kilvington.....1
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Henry J. Frank.....2	Mrs. Henry Faust.....1	Cash Subscriptions.....35
Frederick Myers.....2	William D. Wilson.....1	Basket Collection.....05
James Shakespeare.....2	Elizabeth Foulke.....1	Total.....\$252 70
Bennett Matlack.....2	Margaret Hand.....1	
William F. Robinson.....2	Mrs. Thos. Drein.....1	

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT.

MORNING SESSION.

Missionary name of Class.	Name of Teacher.	
Excelsior.....	Geo. F. Hartman.....	\$8 87
Golden Rule.....	W. W. Sharp.....	3 10
Light of Love.....	Mary Cook.....	28
Rev. G. R. Kramer.....	Jacob Elliott.....	5 09
Gentle Lambs.....	W. T. Kirkley.....	2 80
Mary Fletcher.....	Sarah E. Wright.....	2 60
Buds of Promise.....	Edward Dixon.....	2 50
Little Pilgrims.....	Eliza R. Mynich.....	3 01
Rev. John Kenneday.....	Geo. S. Hagany.....	53 27
Rock of Ages.....	Rebecca Matlack.....	1 75
Bright Jewels.....	Wm. C. Shaw.....	4 55
May Flowers.....	Wm. D. Wilson.....	28
Rev. E. Stubbs.....	Chas. G. Betelle.....	19 20
Lilies of the Valley.....	Elzy R. Shaw.....	5 62
		\$112 92

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Rev. Jos. Lybrand	Addie Urmy	\$14 54
" Wesley Kenney	Lydia A. Sparks	15 19
Siloam	Jacob Williams	5 25
Living Hope	Wm. D. Lowden	5 82
Independent	Phebe Snell	6 73
Peace	Wm. D. Wilson	1 66
Hope	Thompson Corson	9 08
Youthful Workers	Martha Thomas	2 15
Bible Students	Robt. B. Flick	24 91
Gatherers of Fragments	Thomas Drein	14 72
Dews of Hermon	John T. Mortimer	8 11
Rock of Ages	M. R. Lincoln	12 61
Rev. Alfred Cookman	E. R. Mynich	26 52
Tree of Life	Hugh H. Ferguson	11 83
Rev. John Wesley	Rev. Geo. R. Kramer	26 52
Fountain of Life	J. J. McMullin	44 87
Centennial	Wm. B. Genn	3 49
Wm T. Groves	Rebecca Matlack	2 93
Rev. Chas. Hill	Jennie V. Kramer	5 86
E. H. Spencer	J. R. Outten	6 89
Emma Scott Mitchell	M. A. Austin	8 67
Rock	Augustus Dennis	3 91
Onward and Upward	John L. Gouley	10 09
Buds of Promise	Wm. H. Nowell	81
Rev. Enoch Stubbs	Priscilla Uber	4 74
Busy Bees	Wm. T. Kirkley	5 10
W. Ashley Simpson	Elisha Cole	7 86
Willing Workers	E. McIntire	5 98
Lilies of the Valley	M. W. Hargis	3 15
Loving Kindness	Mary A. Stille	5 08
Rev. Geo. R. Kramer	Elizabeth B. Dean	10 20
		\$289 73
Infant Department		31 40

RECAPITULATION.

Afternoon Session	\$289 73
Morning Session	112 92
Infant Department	31 40
Total	\$434 05
Church Contributions	\$252 70
Sabbath School Contributions	434 05
Total from Charge	\$686 75

St. Paul's, Wilmington—J. B. Merritt, Pastor.

From Sabbath Schools	\$306 53
From Church	171 92
Total	\$488 45

Union, Wilmington—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.

MORNING SCHOOL.

Jas. Showalter	\$1 42	Solomon Hersey	6 08	Mary Bolden	1 51
Jno. Crossley	8 41	Mary Hazlett	2 79	Sallie Wells	35
R. H. McDanel	1 36	Mary Wells	2 26	Infant Department	6 54
Jas. C. Hinckson	7 17	Sarah J. Pierson	1 32		
C. Sentman	2 58	Lizzie Robb	1 56	Total	\$50 33
W. Buzine	8	Jennie Bolden	1 27		
Clara Findley	2 93	Kate Wells	2 70		

AFTERNOON SCHOOL.

Wm. Morton	\$4 39	Solomon Hersey	14 78	Sallie Moss	2 64
Jas. Hendrickson	3 30	Maggie Cheers	7 79	Jennie Bolden	2 56
Maria Jeffries	1 79	Maggie Harris	11 00	Jane R. Walls	9 93
Jno. S. Crossley	12 48	Wm. Johns	6 69	Sophia Dick	8 40
Florence Kershaw	2 59	Euphemia Spencer	5 11	Julia Wells	3 01
Olevia Canby	75	Lydia Poinsett	10 08	Hannah Foord	3 93
Anna M. Curry	39	Wm Pickels	12 45	Pastor's class	18 38
Jno. M. Cook	9 24	Johana Gordon	8 64	Infant Department—Boys	11 58
R. H. McDanel	13 23	Mary J. Lowe	5 26	" —Girls	14 47
Maggie Davis	16 16	Lizzie Dickerson	2 39	M. McDanel (in memory)	1 21
Laura McCormick	11 62	Mary Hazlett	7 09		\$387 29
Charles Sentman	8 45	Mary Temple	3 53	Anniversary	7 64
Wm. Sheppard	2 92	Isaiah Thomas	7 77		
H. Alexander	15 25	Ella Armstrong	2 30		394 93
Wm. Sincow	12 19	Ida Armstrong	3 85	Church Collection	71 23
Jas C. Hinckson	6 20	Mary Wells	1 91	Total	\$466 16
Jno. C. Kelley	8 82	Mrs. Ruth	7 31		
Lizzie Hollowell	9 80	Rebecca Whitcraft	3 33		

Scott Church—J. Owen Sypherd, Pastor.

Sunday School Missionary Collection	\$80 00
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Grace Church—Joseph E. Smith, Pastor.

Church	\$287 92
Sunday School	989 76
Total	\$1277 68

Brandywine Charge—A. W. Milby, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$31 00
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Mount Salem—J. W. Weston, Pastor.

MOUNT SALEM Sabbath School	\$79 00
McDOWELLVILLE Sabbath School	8 50
RIDDLE'S CHAPEL	54 15
Congregation	19 10
	\$160 75
A Friend	10 00
Total	\$170 75

Newport—John D. Rigg, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$112 00
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Chester Station—Edwin H. Nelson, Pastor.

E. H. Nelson and Family	\$10 00	Mrs. Ann Zimmer	\$1 00	Mary Talley	50
Mrs. Ann Clayton	5	E. Eva Morrow	1	John Peters	50
Judge Clayton, for Home Missions	3	Julia E. Grubb	1 00	Mrs. George K. Mousley	50
Sarah J. Clayton, for Home Missions	3	Emma Bates	50	Clara Mousley	50
Samuel L. Clayton, for Home Missions	3	Charles Talley	50	Richard F. Harrison	50
E. E. Kirke	2	Curtis Maxwell	50	Hannah Prince	50
Brinton L. Talley	1	Hannah A. Maxwell	50	Mrs. S. Foulk	50
Samuel M. Talley	1	M. E. Barlow	50	W. T. Galbreath	75
James Leach	1	Sarah E. Talley	50	Wm. H. Smith	75
Thomas S. Talley	1	Elizabeth L. Pierce	50		
		Rebecca Talley	50	Smaller sums	4 15
		Sarah A. Talley	50	Total from Church	\$47 25
		S. B. Pennington	50		

SABBATH SCHOOL.

Class.	Teachers.	
Pearl Gatherers.....	Mrs. Mary Ayars.....	\$4 22
Busy Bee.....	Miss Annie Kirke.....	1 75
Youthful Gleaners.....	" Sue Foulk.....	3 11
Buds of Promise.....	" Lizzie Kirke.....	2 91
Volunteers.....	Mrs. E. H. Nelson.....	4 30
Try Class.....	J. M. Clair.....	3 30
Cheerful Givers.....	Wm. Zebly.....	2 77
Sisters in Israel.....	Mrs. Ann Clayton.....	1 46
Wayside Gleaners.....	Wm. C. Weer.....	99
Collection for School.....		5 79

Total from School.....	\$30 60
ODD FELLOWS UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL,—Mrs. Grubb, Collector.....	3 25
Total from Charge.....	\$81 00

Mount Lebanon—John E. Mowbray, Pastor.

From Church.....	\$20 34
From Sunday School.....	20 41
Total.....	\$46 75

Mount Pleasant—J. E. Kidney, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Male Bible Class.....	\$16 08	Young Missionaries.....	8 16	Less Expenses.....	\$2 07
Devotion.....	11 50	Lily of the Valley.....	60		
Buds of Promise.....	6 00	Collections.....	4 53		\$50 00
Young Pilgrims.....	1 85				
Patience.....	3 35	Total.....	\$52 07		

Claymont—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.

From Church.....	\$20 00
From Sunday School.....	10 00
Total.....	\$30 00

New Castle—J. B. Mann, Pastor.

Church.....	\$100 00
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Red Lion and Glasgow--H. H. Bodine, Pastor.

RED LION.—EMMA CLEAVER, Collector.

Peter Cleaver.....	\$2 50	Mrs. H. H. Bodine.....	\$1 00	Mrs. Cleaver.....	\$1 00
H. Silvers.....	2 00	J. Hastings.....	25		
A. Benson.....	1 00	J. Stafford.....	25	Total.....	\$9 00
Ruth Goodall.....	1 00				

LAURA FAULKNER, Collector.

Dr. R. Sutherland.....	\$1 50	Wm. M. Prettyman.....	50	S. Stewart.....	50
S. P. Roberts.....	50	S. Silver.....	50	Small Sums.....	2 80
E. Sterling.....	50	L. Faulkner.....	2 00		
W. Hendrickson.....	50	J. H. George.....	50	Total.....	\$10 30
W. H. Voshell.....	50				
Red Lion Sunday School.....					13 00

Whole amount from Red Lion.....	\$32 30
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GLASGOW.

LIDIE BOYS, Collector.

Jos. Sapp.....	\$1 00	Geo Lindall.....	50	J. McCoy.....	50
Henrietta Thornton.....	1 00	Mrs. Sapp.....	50	Small Sums.....	1 50
Elizabeth Sapp.....	1 00	Mr. Boys.....	50		
A Dayett.....	50	Mrs. Harris.....	50	Total.....	\$8 00
Wm. T. Dayett.....	50				

GLASGOW SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Miss Mary Crawford's Class.....	79	Miss Addie Lindell's class.....	\$1 00
" Kate McMullin's ".....	34	Infant class.....	1 55
" Lidie Boys' ".....	69		\$6 00
" M. Cunningham's ".....	63		14 00
Whole amount from Glasgow.....			25 00
Kirkwood Sunday School.....			\$71 30

Total amount.....

RECAPITULATION.

Red Lion Church.....	\$19 30
Red Lion Sunday School.....	13 00
Glasgow Church.....	8 00
Glasgow Sunday School.....	6 00
Kirkwood Sunday School.....	25 00
Whole amount.....	\$71 30

Christiana—A. J. Crozier, Pastor.

CHRISTIANA.....	\$5 16
EBENEZER.....	3 25
SALEM.....	16 59
Total.....	\$25 00

St. George's & Port Penn—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.

Church Collection.....	\$11 00
Sunday School.....	19 00
Total.....	\$30 00

Delaware City—T. S. Williams, Pastor.

Church.....	\$13 20
School.....	36 80
Total.....	\$50 00

Bethel and Summit—George R. Bristor, Pastor.

BETHEL.

Church Collection.....	\$86 00
From Sunday School.....	11 00
Total from Bethel.....	\$97 00

SUMMIT.

Church Collection.....	\$41 00
From Sunday School.....	1 50
Total from Summit.....	\$42 50
Less Expenses.....	\$139 50
Net Total.....	\$138 50

Chesapeake City—E. Beverly Newnam, Pastor.

Wesley Clayton.....	\$3 00	Miss Maggie Smack.....	\$1 00	Mrs. Chas. Buckworth.....	\$ 50
Wm. Lindsay.....	1	E. P. Bowen.....	1	Wm. Coleman.....	50
Joseph Brooks.....	1	Mrs. L. A. Hughes.....	1	Mrs. W. J. Barwick.....	50
James E. Taylor.....	1	Rome Eliason.....	1		\$22 00
Mr. A. E. Bennett.....	1	Sadie May.....	1	Sundries.....	3 00
Wm. T. Reed.....	1	Jas. T. Houck.....	1		\$25 00
Dr. W. C. Karsner.....	1	E. B. Newnam.....	1		
Irvin G. Griffith.....	1	Hanson Knore.....	50		
Mrs. Mary Vandegrift.....	1	Chas. Buckworth.....	50		
Waitman Smithers.....	1	Jas. Walters.....	50		
To make the Choir a Life Member.....					75 00
Sunday School Collection.....					\$100 00
Total.....					\$100 00

Newark--C. F. Sheppard, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$100 00
Prof. Jeffers.....	1 00
W.....	10
Total.....	\$101 00

Elkton M. E. Church--G. A. Phoebus, Pastor.

T. C. Crouch and Family.....	\$10 00	Mrs. M. J. Alexander.....	\$ 1 00	Mrs. Brock.....	\$ 25
W. J. Jones and Family.....	10 00	Mrs. H. Evans.....	1 00	J. W. Freeman.....	25
Mrs. Ann Hewitt.....	5 00	Dr. J. Chamberlain and wife.....	1 50	Mrs. Freeman.....	25
Daniel Harvey and Family.....	7 00	Dr. R. H. Tuft and wife.....	1 00	Mrs. E. Morgan.....	25
Missionary.....	5 00	Jas. Thompson and wife.....	1 05	H. Morgan.....	25
Mrs. V. C. Phoebus.....	2 00	Jno. Wilkinson.....	1 00	Isaac Thomas.....	25
Joseph Wells and Family.....	3 50	Edward Warner.....	1 00	S. H. Miller.....	25
Wm. J. Alrich and Family.....	2 00	Chas. Peacock.....	1 00	Mrs. Lockard.....	25
Benj. Wells and Family.....	2 00	Matthias Egner.....	1 00	R. C. Porter.....	25
Jas. Merry and Family.....	5 00	Mr. & Mrs. Pluck.....	1 50	Mrs. Woodrow.....	25
Miss Kate Johns.....	2 00	N. F. Johnson and family.....	70	W. R. Nelson.....	25
H. C. Hurn.....	2 00	Sarah Alexander.....	50	Wm. Brown.....	25
Jos. Hinchliff and wife.....	1 00	Sarah France.....	50	Mrs. R. Cantwell.....	25
S. J. Keys and wife.....	1 00	S. Hitchens.....	50	Mrs. K. Wilson.....	25
J. N. Davis and wife.....	1 00	G. S. Pearce.....	50	W. R. Misel.....	25
A. Misel and wife.....	1 00	W. O. Gilmour.....	25	Mrs. Sarah Cosden.....	50
Wm. Torbert.....	1 00	Mrs. Gilmour.....	25		
Mrs. A. M. Torbert.....	1 00	B. Brock.....	25		\$85 65

SABBATH SCHOOL.

Class.	Teacher.	Class.	Teacher.
No. 1.....	F. A. Ellis.....	No. 14.....	Miss Ella Lort.....
" 2.....	W. J. Jones.....	" 15.....	Miss Lizzie Walmsley.....
" 3.....	Henry Vinsinger.....	" 16.....	Miss Mary Walmsley.....
" 4.....	Mrs. Ellis.....	" 17.....	Mrs. Jones.....
" 5.....	Mrs. Smith.....	" 18.....	Infant Class.....
" 6.....	Miss Mary Biddle.....		
" 7.....	Miss Mary Ash.....		
" 8.....	Miss Hattie Lort.....		
" 9.....	Miss Sadie Strickland.....		
" 10.....	Miss Jane Torbert.....		
" 11.....	Mrs. Crouch.....		
" 12.....	Mrs. Mahan.....		
" 13.....			

Cherry Hill--John France, Pastor.

Collection.....	\$80 00
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North East--D. R. Thomas, Pastor.

Church.....	\$15 15
Sunday School.....	25 25
Total.....	\$40 40

Elk Neck Circuit--L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

HART'S CHURCH.

Church Collection.....	\$15 00
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WESLEY.

Contribution.....	\$15 00
Total.....	\$30 00

Port Deposit--Charles Hill, Pastor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL--Female Classes.

Name.	TEACHER.	AMOUNT.
Shield of Faith.....	Miss C. L. McCullough.....	\$9 73
Rose of Sharon.....	Mrs. C. J. Vanneman.....	9 61
Lily of the Valley.....	Miss Fannie W. Orr.....	2 70
Amethyst.....	" Emma V. Vandiver.....	26 90
Faith.....	" L. E. Rawlings.....	7 50
Diamonds.....	" Laura V. Johnson.....	8 71
Lovers of Truth.....	" Emma J. Wilson.....	6 30
Rubies.....	" Emma Gilmore.....	9 74
Little Pearl Seekers.....	" Eva S. Nesbitt.....	7 61
Spring Blossoms.....	" Annie W. Hill.....	4 41
Little Offerings.....	" M. E. Vannort.....	3 45
Total by Female Classes.....		\$96 66

MALE CLASSES.

NAME.	TEACHER.	AMOUNT.
Emerald.....	Thomas C. Bond.....	\$24 49
Fidelity.....	John N. McClenahan.....	22 15
Youthful Volunteers.....	E. P. Brickley.....	20 65
Good Intentions.....	Z. T. Stephenson.....	14 35
Bright Jewels.....	Miss Emma Wilson.....	5 37
Young Watchmen.....	" Ida E. Gerry.....	11 14
May Flowers.....	" Fannie D. Wilson.....	3 89
Olive Branches.....	" Maggie S. Hill.....	4 16
Total by Male Classes.....		\$106 20
" Female Classes.....		96 66
Bible Class--Rev. Chas. Hill.....		14 11
Infant " Mrs. C. R. Cook.....		16 48
Total amount by the School.....		\$233 45
Reserved for School as per Resolution, July 1875.....		87 22
		\$146 23
		64 45
Collection in Church.....		\$210 68

Rising Sun Circuit--J. Dennie Kemp, Pastor.

Rising Sun Church.....	\$7 90
Hopewell ".....	12 00
Rowlandville ".....	3 96
Mt. Pleasant ".....	3 00
Total.....	\$26 86
Rising Sun Sunday School.....	7 10
Hopewell ".....	9 20
Total.....	\$16 30
Whole total.....	\$43 16

Zion Circuit--T. L. Tomkinson, Pastor.

Ebenezer Sunday School.....	\$6 50
" Church.....	20 32
Total.....	\$26 83
St. Johns' Sunday School.....	\$4 50
" Church.....	26 50
Total.....	\$31 00
Zion Sunday School.....	\$12 00
" Church.....	26 00
Total.....	\$38 00
Union Sunday School.....	\$25 17
" Church.....	50 00
Total.....	\$75 17
Total.....	\$171 00

ANNUAL MINUTES OF THE
EASTON DISTRICT.

Asbury, Smyrna—E. Stubbs, Pastor.

Samuel S Reynolds and wife	\$2 00	Sabra Hoeffcker	1 00	S. E. Wilson	50
William Nelson	5 00	J. E. Tygert	5 00	Catharine Wilson	50
A. P. Griffith	5 00	J. W. Webb	1 00	G. C. Nailor	50
Isaac H. Faries	1 00	Henry Anthony	1 00	P. S. Collins	1 00
Rev. Enoch Stubbs and Family	10 00	Mary Clifton	1 00	William Money	1 00
Thomas James	5 00	William Stevens	1 00	Joseph Reynolds	1 00
F. W. Parsons	2 00	William B. Collins, Jr.	5 00	John Young	1 00
J. Wesley Jones	1 00	Herman Tygert	3 00	Isaac Wilson	50
A. H. Wilson	50	John Roberts	5 00	Jno. A. Brown	50
Eliza Carr	2 00	J. Walraven	1 00	Joseph V. Smith	1 00
J. S. Huffington and wife	2 00	Dr. B. S. Gootee	5 00	Mary J. Davis	2 00
Jno. L. Bilderback	1 00	E. C. Faries	1 00	Mrs. V. n. Winkle	1 00
James C. Fassell and wife	2 00	A. L. Hudson and wife	2 00	John M. Voshell	1 00
Isaac Pennewill	50	Abel Riggs	1 00	William Waters	1 00
T. B. Megear	1 00	Samuel Taylor	1 00	William Miller	1 00
Kate Sharp	1 00	W. A. Faries	1 00	J. H. Jefferson	5 00
W. R. Dixon	50	Geo. W. Cummins, Jr.	1 00	Saml. Roberts	1 00
James Cotton and wife	5 00	Thomas Jackson	25	Levi Anthony	1 00
Eliza Riley	50	George Moffitt	1 00	Rachel Sylvester	1 00
J. W. Denney	3 00	Chas. E. Hazell	1 00	John H. Hoeffcker	1 00
W. R. Davis	1 00	W. F. C. Golt	50	Joseph V. Hoeffcker	1 00
J. L. Becket	1 00	James D. Wilds	1 00	B. V. Weldon	1 00
Geo. D. Collins	5 00	Miss Elizabeth Cloak	1 00	Mrs. Jos. W. Mariner	50
Jno. Cosden	1 00	William M. Bell	1 00	Lovica Deakyne	25
William P. Smithers and wife	2 00	Geo. W. Tilghman	50	William Sharp	25
Jno C. Bailey	2 00	Thomas Bostic	10	Cash and Basket Collection	25 33
Henry Curry	1 00	Jno. H. Cathcart	50	" " " "	1 32
Joseph Faries	1 00	R. H. Oliver	2 00		
James Downs	1 00	Elizabeth Wilds	2 00		
		Dr. J. E. Clawson	1 00		
				Total from Church	\$165 00

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Name of Class.	Teacher.	Amount.
Always Something	Miss Mollie Thompson	\$4 75
Bishop Scott	" Annie Doughten	8 09
Beulah Wolston	" Annie W. Sutton	1 33
Bow of Promise	John B. Cooper	15 00
Busy Bees	Miss Lizzie McDowell	4 30
Rev. J. F. Clymer	" Mollie Peaky	3 48
Dew Drop	Infant Department	18 00
Earnest Workers	Miss Maggie Thompson	2 80
Golden Links	Miss Mary L. Hough	4 25
Golden Sheaves	Mrs. Alice Hoeffcker	20 05
Golden Grains	Miss Salie T. Dunn	5 72
Little Flock	J. E. Clawson, M. D.	1 54
Little Missionary	Mrs. M. E. Smithers	3 11
Lovers of the Heathen	Miss Mollie Doughten	3 50
Little Gleaners	Joseph E. Williams	3 85
Annie Gracey	Miss Sallie Megear	1 20
Rev. S. L. Gracey	Wm. P. Legg	4 36
Bishop Foster	Mrs. T. J. Lambden	3 77
Little by Little	John E. Phillips	4 22
Auntie Jones	W. T. Collins, M. D.	12 51
Olive Branch	Mrs. Sallie E. Paggs	6 89
Pearl Gatherers	Joseph V. Hoeffcker	10 00
Star of Bethlehem	Miss Maggie A. Hill	4 25
Sunbeams	" Sue R. Golt	7 94
Treasure Seekers	" S. B. Faries	2 03
Young Volunteers	Frank Raymond	10 10
Young Beginners	Miss Sue R. Griffin	2 18
Young Pilgrims	" Irene Roberts	2 35
Rev. G. A. Phoebus	Herman Roe	1 35
Mrs. V. C. Phoebus	Benton V. Welden	4 58
Young Reapers	Miss Jennie V. Walters	8 73
Young Ladies Bible Class	I. D. Hamilton	10 21
Threads of Gold	Miss Clara Bewley	7 15
Mrs. H. H. James	Mrs. H. H. James	1 29
Rev. E. Stubbs (new class)	O. B. Voshell	1 36
Mrs. L. E. Clymer	Miss Laura Doughten	3 22
Total		\$210 06

RECAPITULATION.

From Church	\$165 00
From Sabbath School	210 06
Total from Smyrna Station	\$375 06

Smyrna Circuit—E. Davis, Pastor.

Kenton, W. S. Jones, Collector	\$20 00
*Central, A. H. Moore, Collector	7 20
Bethel, Miss Mary Smith, Collector	19 30
Severson, Public collection	2 00
*Mr. John Lee made Life Member. Total	\$48 50

Appoquinimink Circuit—T. B. Killiam, Pastor.

TOWNSEND SABBATH SCHOOL.

Name of Class.	Teacher.	Amount.
Cheerful Givers	John Atwell	\$1 18
Charity	Mrs. S. Townsend	1 08
Always Something	Mrs. D. Salmon	1 25
Busy Bees	Miss Lida Hess	83
Morning Star	Geo. M. D. Hurt	98
Little Workers	Mary Atwell	93
Immanuel	Thos. Maloney	1 21
Buds of Promise	Annie Latomus	98
Dew Drops	Ella Bramwell	88
Tree of Life	Katy Lynam	78
T. B. Killiam		5 00
Richard Townsend		5 00
Total		\$20 00
\$20 to make Townsend M. E. S. School, Life Member of Parent Society at New York.		

FRIENDSHIP.

Miss Sarah E. Rickards, Collector	\$10 00
" Adalade Deakyne	8 00
" Euphemia Johnson	7 30
Whole amount from Circuit	45 30
\$10 to make Miss Sarah E. Rickards a Life Member of the Wilmington Conference Missionary Society.	

Middletown—L. C. Matlack, Pastor.

M. D. Wilson	\$20 00	Kate E. Roberts	\$1 00	Mrs. A. West	\$1 00
M. V. Wilson	1 00	F. Peach	1 00	Cash	1 00
A. M. Vail	7 00	R. Ratledge	1 00	Cash	1 00
M. H. Davis	5 00	J. J. Brown	1 00	Lydia Garey	1 00
N. Burris	2 00	R. B. McKee	1 00	M. W. Hayes	1 00
Jas. Jarrel	3 00	J. Culbertson	1 00	J. T. Hays	50
M. J. Burris	1 00	L. Cannon	1 00	Hon. H. Davis	5 00
S. B. Gunn	2 00	R. Walmsly	50		
T. E. Hurn	1 00	G. W. Merrit	50	Total	\$62 50
R. Redmile	1 00	Laura Roberts	1 00		

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Class.	Teacher.	Amount.
Bible Students	Pastor	\$ 30 00
Always Something	Mrs. A. G. Cox	26 23
Golden Key	Mrs. Matlack	15 00
Excelsior	Mrs. Ellis	11 85
Heathens' Friend	J. M. Cox	11 22
Wayside Gleaners	Mrs. Lingo	11 16
Dew Drops	W. J. H. Lingo	10 35
Wesley Boys	T. Massey, Jr.	7 61
Cheerful Givers	Lou. Cox	6 49
Little Workers	P. D. Riley	6 20
Little Pilgrims	Emma Merritt	6 10
Cross Bearers	Mrs. Barnes	5 85
Sparkling Rubies	Mrs. A. Walker	3 56
Tendrils	Mrs. Lou. Moore	3 37
Little Reapers	Miss Vandegrift	3 16

Helping Hands.....	Anna Cox.....	2 90
Morning Star.....	W. H. Moore.....	2 90
Busy Bees.....	W. B. King.....	2 75
Chosen Friends.....	Harry Riley.....	2 50
Young Watchman.....	M. B. Burris.....	2 33
Little Gleaners.....	Miss French.....	2 30
Bright Jewels.....	Mrs. C. J. Smith.....	2 08
Golden Chain.....	Miss V. Lake.....	2 00
Buds of Promise.....	Miss Coverdale.....	96
Collection.....		4 63
Total—Sunday School.....		\$183 50
Total—Church.....		62 50
Whole amount.....		\$246 00

The personal contributions of the S. S. Officers and Teachers are equal to any and larger than any named.

Odessa Station--J. E. Bryan, Pastor.

Church Collection.....	\$ 83 00
Sunday School collection.....	117 60
Total.....	\$200 60

Cecilton and St. Paul's--E. Miller, Pastor.

Cecilton, Miss A. Magee, collector.....	\$30 65
" E. T. Crookshank, collector.....	35 00
" Sabbath School.....	22 52
St. Paul's public collection.....	11 83
Total.....	\$100 00

Galena Circuit--H. Colclazer, Pastor.

Galena Sabbath School.....	\$10 61
Chesterville Sabbath School.....	23 42
Sassafras public collection.....	8 97
" M. P. S. School.....	5 00
Total.....	\$48 00

Church Hill Circuit--Wm. R. McFarlane, Pastor.

Church Hill Circuit.....	\$60 00
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Sudlersville Circuit--C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Sudlersville.....	\$30 00
Crumpton.....	27 75
Rossville.....	10 60
Beaver Dams.....	7 00
Pippins.....	13 50
Busicks.....	7 95
Double Creek.....	7 35
Dudley's.....	8 00
Total.....	\$112 15

Chestertown--F. M. Chatham, Pastor.

Church.....	\$20 00
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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Name of Class.	Teachers.	Amount.
Kingsley.....	Rev. F. M. Chatham.....	\$13 00
Rev. A. W. Milby.....	Dr. T. J. Twilley.....	9 65
Bishop Janes.....	T. W. Eliason, Jr.....	1 98
Gleaners.....	R. K. Pipdin.....	76
Mite.....	W. W. Parks.....	4 34
Soldiers for Jesus.....	James W. Stoops.....	2 74
Little Workers.....	Mrs. E. H. Baker.....	4 38
Soldiers of the Cross.....	A. J. Cahall.....	2 41
Busy Bees.....	Miss A. E. Leaverton.....	5 42
Star of Hope.....	Miss W. A. Lambert.....	4 13
Cheerful Givers.....	Miss E. Voss.....	2 69

Young Disciples.....	Mrs. M. Burton.....	1 55
Dew Drops.....	Miss Ruth Moody.....	5 13
Olive Branch.....	Mrs. L. J. Davis.....	50 00
Rebecca Milby.....	Miss S. M. Smith.....	3 01
Earnest Workers.....	Miss Addie Burchinal.....	5 79
Hester Ann Rogers.....	Mrs. Mary Brown.....	15
Vigilant.....	Miss Nannie Bordley.....	2 31
Faith.....	Miss Nanie Brown.....	25
Helping Hands.....	Mrs. Miffin Thomas.....	2 00
Gems of the School.....	Miss Maggie Parks.....	10 55
Collection.....		\$132 44
Total from Sunday School.....		8 90
Total from all Sources.....		\$141 34
Total from all Sources.....		\$161 34

Millington Circuit--W. M. Warner, Pastor.

Thomas Mallalieu.....	\$25 00	Mrs. Mary E. Blackiston.....	\$2 00	Henry Tonkins.....	\$1 00
Mary Mallalieu.....	5 00	Miss Mary E. Blackiston.....	1 00	William Simmons.....	1 00
Joseph Mallalieu.....	5 00	James A. Edwards.....	1 00	Thomas R. Quinby.....	1 00
James M. Mallalieu.....	3 00	Thomas A. Meredith.....	1 00	Mary Hopkins.....	50
Maria L. Mallalieu.....	3 00	Mary Hurtt.....	1 00	Henry Cook.....	50
Joseph Mallalieu.....	1 00	Harry Hurtt.....	1 00	Lewis Cole.....	50
Charles Mallalieu.....	1 00	David Townsend.....	1 00	Thirteen twenty-five cent	
Thomas A. Mallalieu.....	1 00	William E. Sparks.....	1 00	Subscription.....	3 25
Mary E. Mallalieu.....	1 00	John Bottomly.....	1 00	Basket Collection.....	5 75
William Greenwood.....	1 00	Dr. T. H. Crane.....	1 00	Total.....	\$73 00
Thomas Winterbottom.....	1 00	John Reese.....	1 00		

Still Pond--W. B. Gregg, Pastor.

H. T. Jump.....	\$ 6 00	Mrs. Vandyke.....	1 00	J. Frank Wilson and wife.....	10 00
Wm. Watts.....	21 00	Mrs. M. J. Moffitt.....	50	C. B. Krusen.....	1 00
Miss Addie Simpers.....	5 00	Mrs. A. Howard.....	2 00	Geo. G. Roeder.....	1 00
H. L. Crew and wife.....	2 00	Daniel Crew.....	2 00	Wm. T. Hepbron.....	1 00
Thos. Raisin.....	1 00	J. H. Clinton.....	2 00	J. P. Vandyke.....	50
Thomas Raisin, Jr.....	1 00	G. W. Harper and wife.....	2 00	Gulie Clark.....	1 00
Mary J. Raisin.....	1 00	A. R. Parks.....	10 00	Georgiana Norris.....	1 00
Wm. Raisin.....	1 00	G. W. Davis and wife.....	5 00	Miss Essie Jump.....	1 00
Rena Raisin.....	1 00	A. R. Parks.....	10 00	R. J. Lusby.....	2 00
Jennie Servison.....	1 00	G. W. Howard and wife.....	2 00	Cash.....	17 00
Thos. Raisin, Sr., for grand children.....	1 25	J. C. Pigeon.....	1 00		
James Hepbron.....	5 00	J. H. Kelley.....	1 00		
Wm. Ayars.....	5 00	Miss Mary Hepbron.....	1 00		
George E. Casey.....	2 00	Sallie F. Parks.....	50		
James S. Harris.....	2 00	Mrs. Jones.....	1 00		
Dr. W. S. Maxwell.....	1 00	Mrs. Robinson.....	5 00		
		Mrs. Webb.....	50		
		W. S. Harper.....	50		
		UNION.			
Wm. V. Lucas.....	1 00	James Beck.....	2 00	Smaller sums.....	75
Edward Plummer.....	1 00	Milicent Beck.....	1 00		
Hyland P. Smith.....	50	Joseph Porter.....	50		
Robert L. Usilton.....	50	J. L. Crew.....	1 00	Still Pond.....	\$130 75
Wm. N. Sherwood.....	1 00				
					\$140 00

Twenty dollars of the above to make Rev. Mrs. Gregg a Life Member.

Easton Station--Robert W. Todd, Pastor.

Amount received from Church.....	\$26 00
Amount contributed by Sunday School.....	69 00
	\$85 00

Talbot Circuit--T. E. Bell, Pastor.

Bay Side Church.....	\$5 00
Chatham's Chapel.....	2 00
Tilghman's Island.....	3 60
Broad Creek Neck.....	3 60
Total.....	\$14 20

Kent Circuit—J. T. Van Burkalow, Pastor.

BOND CHAPEL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Young Bereans.....	\$ 8 05	Jewels.....	\$ 2 05
Excelsior.....	2 31		
Buds of Promise.....	4 91		\$33 54
Living Hope.....	10 95	General Fund.....	12 21
Pearls.....	4 78		
Earnest Workers.....	49	Total.....	\$45 75

HYNSON'S CHAPEL.

Mrs. Saleno Jessup.....	\$ 5 00	Mrs. Caroline Crew.....	\$ 50
J. T. Van Burkalow.....	5 00	Wm. H. Lecompt.....	50
Mrs. P. E. Van Burkalow.....	5 00	Joshua Copper and others.....	1 00
J. Welch Crew.....	1 00		
G. H. Leaverton.....	1 00		\$19 00

SALEM.

Wm. C. Crow.....	\$ 1 00	Rev. Geo. Leary.....	\$ 1 00
Samuel Shuster.....	50	Mrs. Emily Leary.....	1 00
James Kendal.....	50	Mrs. Sarah Coleman.....	1 00
Emma Blackiston.....	50	Wm H. Coleman.....	50
Small sums.....	1 75	James M. Downing.....	50
		John B. Lowe.....	50
Total.....	\$4 25	Samuel Joiner.....	50
Ten Small Sums.....	2 00	Small Sums.....	3 50
Stanley Bryan.....	50		
Wm. S. Kelley.....	1 00	Total.....	\$11 00
Total on Circuit.....			80 00

Centreville Charge—Vaughan Smith, Pastor.

Ebenezer.....	\$23 22
Centreville.....	31 56
	\$54 78
Centreville Sunday School.....	112 85
	\$167 63
Less, Expenses.....	7 20
Total.....	\$160 43

Queenstown Charge—V. Gray, Pastor.

Queenstown Public Collections.....	\$ 6 05
Cash.....	1 00
Sunday School.....	70
	\$7 75
Piney Neck.....	2 25
Sunday School.....	1 00
Total.....	\$11 00

Kent Island Charge—J. W. Hammersley, Pastor.

Collected by Miss Mollie Bryan.....	\$13 20
Miss Mollie Tolson, Sadie Tolson, Ella Price, Laura Bright, Allie Carville, and Mrs. Hellie Bright.....	32 80
Total.....	\$46 00

St. Michael's Station—J. D. Curtis, Pastor.

Church Collection.....	\$31 00
S. School Collection.....	80 00
Total.....	\$111 00

Royal Oak Charge—E. L. Hoffecker, Pastor.

Terry Neck Collection.....	\$25 00
Royal Oak Collection.....	15 00
Total.....	\$40 00

Trappe Circuit—R. H. Adams, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....	\$30 00
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Hillsborough Circuit—W. H. Duhadway, Pastor.

Missionary Collection.....	\$37 00
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Greensborough Station—B. F. Price, Pastor.

Public Collection.....	\$13 00
S. School.....	7 00
Total.....	\$20 00

Marydel Circuit—E. H. Hynson, Pastor.

Marydel Public Collection.....	\$11 65
Templeville Public Collection.....	9 65
Thomas' Chapel Public Collection.....	3 65
Hawkins Chapel Public Collection.....	2 55
Total.....	\$27 50

King's Creek Circuit—N. McQuay, Pastor.

MILES RIVER NECK.

MRS. MOLLIE TODD, Collector.

Thos. R. Todd.....	25	Geo. F. Smith.....	25	Wm. Clough.....	25
John B. Todd.....	25			Total.....	\$1 00

MISS PHENIE KIRBY, Collector.

James Clough.....	25	Chas. Chance.....	25	Frank Todd.....	25
Greenbury Marshall.....	25	Nicholas Marshall.....	50	Cash.....	10
Chas. Harper.....	25	William Clough.....	25	Total.....	\$2 85
Samuel Brown.....	50	John Bailey.....	25		

MISS ROSA OLDFIELD, Collector.

C. Moran.....	50	James Clough.....	25	Greenbury Marshall.....	25
Chas. Chance.....	25	Robt. McQuay.....	25	Sallie Wrightson.....	25
Wm. Dalin.....	25	S. Benson.....	25	W. H. Kirby.....	25
Joseph Cooper.....	25	James Burns.....	50	M. E. Price.....	25
Frank Wilson.....	25	Phil. Alvater.....	35	Small Amounts.....	85
Walter Kirby.....	25	Rev. N. McQuay.....	1 00	Total.....	\$6 45
Nicholas Marshall.....	25				

CHAPEL.

MISS ANNIE STOOPS, Collector.

Mrs. H. Cox.....	25	John B. Parker.....	25	Wm. G. Stoops.....	25
H. C. Harrington.....	25	J. A. Shannahan.....	25	John Lee.....	25
S. E. Stoops.....	25	T. Edwin Browne.....	25	Edw. T. Roe.....	25
A. E. Stoops.....	30	John Straughn.....	25	Small Amounts.....	30
W. T. Parker.....	25	John S. Griffith.....	25	Total.....	\$4 35
G. W. Christian.....	25	Chas. A. Stoops.....	25		
Daniel H. Cox.....	25				

MISS HATTIE WARNER, Collector.

Rev. N. McQuay.....	\$1 00	Nehemiah Greenhawk.....	25	Eliza Warner.....	25
Wm. Warner.....	25	Chas. Brown.....	25	Edw. Roe.....	25
L. O. Warner.....	50	Emily Warner.....	25	Small Amounts.....	1 00
Edw. Casson.....	25	Edw. Spurry.....	25	Total.....	\$5 25
Martha Warner.....	50	Alex. Brown.....	25		

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KING'S CREEK.

MISS LOULIE HOPKINS, Collector.

H. P. Hopkins.....	\$2 00	J. Rickards.....	25	Andrew Towers.....	25
Frank Wilson.....	25	W. Sewell.....	25	Mrs. Saulsbury.....	25
Wm. Gealon.....	25	G. Buckley.....	25	Mr. Jamar.....	30
Joe Shaw.....	50	Loulie Hopkins.....	50	J. Sullivan.....	25
T. Dudley.....	50	J. Phil. Reese.....	50	Chas. Todd.....	25
Z. Reynolds.....	25	John Simons.....	25	Annie E. Roberts.....	50
W. Barwick.....	25	John Barwick.....	50		
Total.....					\$8 50

MISS A. TRYPHENA ROE, Collector.

Rev. N. McQuay.....	\$1 00	J. F. Saulsbury.....	50	W. F. Gealon.....	25
C. P. P. Mathews.....	1 00	Jesse Middleton.....	50	T. Smith.....	25
Lucinda Matthews.....	50	G. Buckley.....	25	C. W. Sullivan.....	25
Willie Matthews.....	25	J. Symons.....	25	A. Barwick.....	25
A. Tryphena Roe.....	1 00	Z. Reynolds.....	25	Small Amounts.....	15
J. P. Reese.....	50	W. G. Stoops.....	25		
J. Shaw.....	50			Total.....	\$7 90
Total from Circuit.....					\$36 30

Denton—E. P. Aldred, Pastor.

DENTON.

Miss Laura Melvin, Collector.....	\$15 00
Miss Lizzie Jump.....	5 64
Total.....	\$20 64

CONCORD.

Collection.....	\$9 58
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BLOOMERY.

Miss J. Pennypacker, Collector.....	\$3 30
Miss Sallie Adams.....	3 30
Collection.....	1 84
Total.....	\$8 44

HARRIS' CHAPEL.

Miss Emma Collision, Collector.....	\$1 35
Collection.....	2 36
Total.....	\$3 71

WESLEY.

Miss Laura Thawley, Collector.....	\$3 28
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SHEPPARD'S CHAPEL.

Miss Laura Roe, Collector.....	\$1 35
Total.....	\$47 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Dover---J. M. Caldwell, Pastor.

Mary N. Cowgill.....	\$25 00	Ann Burnett.....	2 00	Mrs. P. L. Fountain.....	1 00
Rev. J. M. Williams.....	10 00	Miss M. A. Saulsbury.....	2 00	W. R. Cahoon, Jr.....	1 00
Dr. Isaac Jump and wife.....	10 00	J. D. Boggs.....	10 00	Mrs. H. A. Atkinson.....	1 00
Wm. H. Hobson.....	10 00	C. M. Wharton.....	1 00	Mrs. A. F. Roderfield.....	1 00
Wm. R. Cahoon, Sr.....	5 00	W. L. Caldwell.....	1 00	S. D. McGonigal.....	1 00
Severin Taylor.....	5 00	Wm. H. Hobson.....	1 00	Cash.....	2 25
Alex. Goodwin.....	5 00	Miss F. A. Smith.....	1 00	Basket collections.....	5 72
Eliz. C. Pennewill.....	5 00	J. S. Moore.....	1 00	Total.....	\$122 97
A. J. Wright and wife.....	4 00	H. Krichbaum.....	1 00	Expenses.....	4 00
Mrs. Anna Sutton.....	3 00	B. B. Bennett.....	1 00		
Peter L. Cooper.....	3 00	Eliz. Harper.....	1 00		
James Cowgill.....	3 00	W. D. Clark.....	1 00	Sunday School Collection.....	118 97
Lewis Geiser.....	3 00	W. H. Clark.....	1 00		242 52
Geo. W. Baker.....	2 00	Henry E. Moore.....	1 00	Total.....	\$361 49
Total.....					

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Miss Addie Bice.....	\$5 30	Rev. J. H. Caldwell.....	\$15 00	Mr. W. Gordy.....	\$17 03
Miss Mary Smith.....	4 00	Mrs. Louderbough.....	20 00	Miss A. Day.....	2 20
Mr. A. Cowgill.....	15 00	Miss Lizzie Harper.....	5 10	Mr. H. R. Bennett.....	2 60
Miss Mansfield.....	3 00	Mr. F. Burgess.....	6 00	Miss Mary Cannon.....	8 20
Mrs. Truax.....	7 25	Mr. R. H. Skinner.....	15 00	Mr. E. M. Stevenson.....	5 50
Mr. Elias Baker.....	15 00	Mr. J. M. Flinn.....	10 00	Mrs. W. L. Cannon.....	13 55
Mr. J. H. Bateman.....	5 00	Miss Rose Saulsbury.....	5 86	Infant School.....	37 00
Miss M. E. Saulsbury.....	7 35	Mrs. Chas. Fenn.....	5 00	Total.....	\$242 52
Miss Annie Comegys.....	6 00	Mr. Kirby.....	6 58		

Camden Circuit---E. G. Irwin, Pastor.

Public Collection.....	\$27 65
Sunday School.....	21 71
Total.....	\$49 36

CANTERBURY.

Public Collection.....	\$2 03
Sunday School.....	12 97
Total.....	\$15 00

LITTLE CREEK LANDING.

Congregation.....	\$20 00
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LEBANON.

Congregation.....	\$8 99
Total.....	\$83 35

Lincoln Circuit---I. N. Foreman, Pastor.

Lincoln Circuit.....	\$5 00
I. N. Foreman.....	5 00
Mrs. I. N. Foreman.....	10 00
Total.....	\$20 00

Church Creek Circuit---T. H. Harding, Pastor.

Church Creek.....	\$10 00	Elliott's Island.....	3 05
Ebenezer.....	6 86		
Wesley.....	10 09	Total.....	\$30 00

Wyoming Circuit---J. Dare, Pastor.

ASBURY Church.....	\$3 36
ASBURY Sunday School.....	1 17
Sarah J. Rash.....	50
Total.....	\$5 03

UNION---J. Leager.....	50
" C. Gooden.....	50
" Sunday School.....	1 01
Total.....	\$2 01

WILLOW GROVE.

Henry Draper.....	\$1 00	Thomas Kemp.....	50	WILLOW GROVE S. School..	\$1 00
Wm. L. Clough.....	1 00	Angeline Kemp.....	50	Church Collection.....	3 00
John Cook.....	1 00	Martha H. Billings.....	50	Total.....	\$10 00
Unity Stubbs.....	1 00	Ezekiel Sherwood.....	50		

WYOMING.

Wm. R. Garton.....	\$1 00	Bivin Kane.....	50	Mary H. Dare.....	\$1 00
Caleb Jackson.....	1 00	Sarah L. Hubbard.....	50	Willie R. Dare.....	71
James H. Evans.....	1 00	WYOMING Sunday.....	4 25	Total.....	12 96
J. E. Hubbard.....	50	Joseph Dare.....	1 00		
Wm. B. Wheatley.....	50	Carrie Dare.....	1 00	Total from Circuit.....	\$30 00

Felton---E. E. White, Pastor.

James B. Conner.....	\$ 5 00	Smaller Sums.....	\$ 1 00
Mrs. E. E. White.....	1 00	Total from Church.....	\$9 00
John Green.....	50	From Sunday School.....	16 00
Mrs. M. M. Stevenson.....	50	From Church and Sunday School.....	\$25 00
Harry Baxter.....	50		
Lewis Shavenger.....	50		

Frederica---William P. Davis, Pastor.

Rev. Wm. P. Davis.....	\$10 00	Wm. E. Knowles.....	\$ 4 00	John Harrington.....	\$ 1 00
Wm. Townsend.....	10 00	Mary J. Davis.....	3 00	Wm. A. Conner.....	1 00
John W. Hall.....	10 00	Robt. Parkinston.....	3 00	Wm. E. Knowles, Jr.....	1 00
Paris T. Carlisle.....	10 00	Thomas Wingate.....	2 00	Jas. Wooters.....	50
R. W. Reynolds.....	5 00	Jas. T. Sipple.....	2 00	Edwin Wood.....	50
Margaret Reynolds.....	5 00	John Emerson.....	2 00	Elizabeth Lowber.....	50
Joseph Berchenal.....	5 00	John Artis.....	2 00	Cash.....	1 25
Dr. Thos. Cahall.....	5 00	Geo. W. Anderson.....	1 00	Basket Collection.....	1 98
Jas. T. Postles.....	5 00	Mrs. G. W. Anderson.....	1 00	Sabbath School.....	31 77
Jas. B. Anderson.....	5 00	Henry Carter.....	1 00	Total.....	\$104 73
Thos. J. Davis.....	5 00	William Barcus.....	1 00		31 77
Sabbath School.....				Whole Total.....	\$136 50

Barratt's and Milford Neck---E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Barratt's Chapel.....	\$ 6 50
Milford Neck.....	18 50
Total.....	\$25 00

Harrington Circuit---Wm. F. Talbot, Pastor.

Harrington.....	\$ 15 15	White's Chapel.....	\$7 00
Prospect.....	5 90	Williamsville.....	14 25
Laws' Chapel.....	20 15	Masten's.....	2 45
Todd's.....	19 70	Total.....	\$103 28
Farmington.....	18 68		

Milford---T. H. Haynes, Pastor.

Mrs. Wm. Prettyman.....	\$1 00	Hon. J. W. Causey.....	\$3 00	Mr. Mark H. Davis & wife..	\$2 00
Col. C. S. Watson.....	10 00	Mr. Wm. Pierce.....	1 00	Mr. John Oliver.....	1 00
Mr. Wm. N. Powders.....	1 00	Mrs. Wm. Pierce.....	1 00	Mr. John Satchem.....	1 00
Dr. W. W. France.....	1 00	Mrs. P. F. Causey.....	5 00	Miss - Henderson.....	1 86
Mr. Reynear Williams.....	1 00	Miss Virdie Causey.....	1 50	Mr. J. S. Sammons.....	1 00
Mr. Geo. S. Grear.....	1 00	Miss Lillie Causey.....	1 50	Smaller Amounts.....	10 10
Dr. J. S. Prettyman.....	10 00	Miss Jennie Causey.....	1 00	Amount from Sunday Schools	214 64
Mr. Lemuel Draper.....	1 00	Master P. Foster Causey.....	1 00	Total.....	\$288 60
Mr. A. B. Cooper.....	1 00	Mr. W. N. W. Dorsey & wife	5 00		
Mrs. Dr. Clark.....	5 00	Mr. John C. Hall.....	1 00		
Mr. Rob. H. Williams.....	2 00	Mr. Hiram Snell.....	2 00		

Of this amount \$150.00 was contributed for a Home Mission.

Ellendale Circuit---Alfred A. Fisher, Pastor.

COKESBURY.

Public Collection.....	\$11 38
Collected by Miss Nina Smith.....	3 34
Collected by Miss Catharine J. Willey.....	3 28
Total.....	\$18 00

NEW MARKET.

Public Collection.....	\$17 75
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McCOLLEY'S.

Public Collection.....	\$3 00
Collected by Mrs. Emma Waite.....	3 10
Total.....	\$6 10

UNION.

Public Collection.....	\$3 34
Whole Amount.....	\$45 19

To make Mrs. Frances J. Wilson, Miss Nina Smith, Miss Catharine J. Willey, and Miss Mary E. Shockley, Life Members of the Wilmington Conference Missionary Society.

Georgetown---W. B. Walton, Pastor.

Georgetown.....	\$43 45
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ST. JOHN'S.

Mrs. Mary P. Wilson, Collector.....	10 00
Miss Matilda A. Dodd, Collector.....	6 55
Whole amount.....	\$60 00

Milton Charge---Jno. E. Smith, Pastor.

From Churches.....	\$25 00
" Sabbath School.....	15 00
Total.....	\$40 00

Millsboro' Circuit---I. Jewell, Pastor.

Collection from Church.....	\$10 16	Collection from Bethesda.....	\$5 00
" Sunday School.....	5 10	" Zoar.....	3 00
" Connelly.....	13 25	" Hill.....	3 06
" Unity.....	8 20	Whole amount from Circuit.....	\$60 00
" Central.....	12 23		

Cambridge Station---T. J. Williams, Pastor.

Church.....	\$30 00
Sabbath School.....	5 00
Total.....	\$35 00

Leipsic and Raymonds Appointment--Wm. T. Tull, Pastor.

LEIPSIC.

MARTHA CAMBELL, COLLECTOR.

Andrew N. Harper.....\$ 5 00	Andrew Speare.....\$ 50	Aram Foxx.....50	
Rev. Wm. T. Tull.....1 00	Kate Speare.....50	Jefferson Cambell.....25	
Silas Snow.....1 00	Manlore Palmatory.....50	Jacob Farrow.....50	
Thos. R. George.....1 00	Alex. Moore.....50	Charles Padley.....50	
C. F. Harper.....1 00	Elizabeth Moore.....50	Henry Harper.....50	
James Boggs.....1 00	A. Moore.....25	Jas. Jackson.....25	
Sarah E. Hamon.....1 00	Harry Raymond.....25	J. Padley.....25	
A Friend.....50	M. Conway.....25		
W. H. Hopkins.....50	Ezekiel Clark.....25	Total.....\$24 50	
Thos. Kirkley, Jr.....50			

ANNIE P. GREASLEE, COLLECTOR.

Thos. Kirkley.....\$ 5 00	Annie P. Greaslee.....\$ 25	Eliza Maclary.....25	
R. O. P. Wilson.....1 00	Sallie Voshell.....25	Sadie Talor.....25	
Prof. D. J. Qumby.....50	Henry K. Hazel.....2 50	Mary C. Freeston.....25	
Sarah E. Lamb.....1 00	Mrs. J. C. Wilson.....50	Ella Snow.....25	
Rebecca Farrow.....50	Sarah Clark.....25	Mary J. Jackson.....25	
Master Tasewell Kirkley.....50	Kate Tucker.....25	Lizzie Vane.....25	
Alabeda B. Kirkley.....50	James P. Lamb.....50		
Rachel Hutchenson.....50	Lidia Hazel.....50	Total.....\$16 00	
Mary Slaughter.....25			

LILLIE PADLEY, COLLECTOR.

John C. Wilson.....\$ 3 00	Herman Bessey.....\$ 25	Morgan Truax.....\$ 25	
James Kirkley.....2 00	Wm. Raughley.....25	Wm. S. Crouse.....25	
Dr. A. L. H. Bishop.....1 00	David Maclary.....25	Maggie A. Tull.....1 00	
Wm. Hazel.....1 00	J. W. Smith.....25		
David Hoeffcker.....1 00	B. F. Hamm.....25	Total.....\$11 25	
Wm. H. Hoeffcker.....50			

LEIPSIC SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Collected by Lidie Mattiford.....\$ 1 42	
" " Caddie Adams.....1 75	
" " John White.....1 00	
" " Wm. Kirkeley.....1 99	
Small amounts.....68	
	\$6 75
Sunday School.....54 32	

Total from Leipsic.....\$55 00

RAYMOND'S.

ANNIE ALLEE, COLLECTOR.

J. R. Allee.....\$1 00	Mrs. Collins.....\$ 15	James Price.....\$ 50	
John Poor.....1 00	A. Allee.....25	J. W. Mitchell.....1 00	
A. J. Snow.....1 00	Mrs. Herd.....25	Wm. H. Hoeffcker.....1 00	
Henry Slaughter.....1 00	Andrew Speare.....50		
James Starling.....1 00	Wm. Raughley.....50	Total.....\$10 65	
Thos. Kirkley, Jr.....1 00	Matthew Hutchenson.....50		

MARY STARLING, COLLECTOR.

Rev. Wm. T. Tull.....\$1 00	J. F. Denney.....\$ 50	A. P. Snow.....\$ 25	
N. J. P. Tull.....25	James Snow.....50	John Farrell.....50	
Eva Cowdright.....25	Lidia Johnson.....25	John Fennimore.....25	
Mrs. Clendaniels.....25	Sallie D.....25	Herman Bessay.....25	
M. E. Hoeffcker.....25	Rob. Raughley.....50	Dr. Bishop.....35	
Wm. Sylvester.....50	Rob. Jones.....20		
C. J. Collins.....25	Thos. Kirby.....25	Total.....\$8 55	
Enoch Kickards.....25	John Raughley.....25		

Total from Raymond's.....\$19 20	
Leipsic Church.....\$48 93	
" Sunday School.....6 75	

Total from Leipsic.....\$55 68

Raymonds.....19 20

Whole amount from Charge.....\$74 88

Bridgeville Circuit--J. Carroll, Pastor.

TRINITY.

Lewis N. Wright.....\$100 00	Samuel W. Kinder.....2 00	C. P. Swain.....50
Jacob Kinder.....10 00	Miss J. F. Richards.....2 50	Wm. J. Coats.....1 00
Mary Kinder.....2 00	Sallie Wilson.....1 00	L. J. Haws.....50
John Kinder.....5 00	T. B. Swain.....1 00	Isaac Kinder.....1 75
George Culiver.....50	M. A. Coates.....3 00	Sallie Kinder.....1 00
Mr. Melson.....50	Mattie Kinder.....50	Isaac K. Wright.....3 00
Lewis W. Kinder.....1 00	John Kinder, Jr.....50	Nancy R. Wright.....1 00
John W. Kinder.....1 00	Maria Kinder.....1 00	J. E. Richards.....2 00
C. D. Hill.....50	Sina Wright.....1 00	Small Sums.....3 25
Robert Phillips.....50	Kate Kinder.....50	Collected by A. Robins.....1 75
Edward Wright.....1 00	David Kinder.....1 50	
Sallie Cannon.....50	John Ward.....1 00	Total for Trinity.....\$154 25

CONCORD.

S. M. Morgan.....\$3 00	Jacob Jones.....1 00	Richard Darrah.....1 00
Cash.....3 00	Samuel Jones.....1 00	William Simpson.....1 00
John J. Morgan.....1 00	George T. Phillips.....1 00	Isaac Morgan.....2 00
William W. Morgan.....4 00	T. B. Spicer.....1 00	Thos. P. Rodney.....3 00
Frank Morgan.....1 00	G. J. Daughters.....50	Eunice Morgan.....2 00
John Prenable.....1 00	Samuel Simpson.....1 50	Isaac Cannon.....1 00
Thos. L. Rawlins.....4 00	Henry H. Morgan.....1 50	Smaller Sums.....50
R. T. Phillips.....1 00	Maggie Smith.....50	Public Collection.....40
L. E. Waller.....50	Mr. Smith.....1 00	Total for Concord.....\$40 40
E. H. Jones.....1 00	Mrs. Graham.....1 00	
William Shiles.....1 00	Pheobe A. Jones.....1 00	

CHAPLIN'S CHURCH.

Miles Messick.....\$5 00	Jonathan Mechlin.....50	Joseph Isaacs.....50
William W. Sharp.....5 00	Mr. Radcliff.....50	Chas. Rawlins.....1 00
Thomas Cannon.....1 00	Mrs. Radcliff.....50	Samuel H. Messich.....1 00
Nehemiah Mechlin.....50	George W. Mechlin.....1 00	Miss Prettyman.....1 00
Margaret Mechlin.....50	Amelia Welch.....1 00	Small Sums.....4 10
Theophiles Sharp.....50	Miss Annie Owens.....50	Total for Chaplin's.....\$24 60

ST. JOHNSTOWN CHURCH.

MISS A. V. HURST, COLLECTOR.

Miss A. V. Hurst.....\$ 50	Jas. Lord.....50	Small Sums.....8 00
C. W. Jones.....50	Jos. Woodruff.....50	Amount.....\$12 50
J. W. Morris.....50	A friend.....2 00	

MISS MARY E. BARWICK, COLLECTOR.

Jas. H. Willey & Wife.....\$5 00	J. C. Harrington.....50	Small Sums.....2 94
Abel Spence.....1 00	H. C. Lord.....50	Amount.....\$12 44
J. E. Willey.....1 00	E. P. Willey.....1 00	
Jos. Woodruff.....50		

BY THE CHURCH.

J. M. Hollis.....\$2 00	Mr. Lloyd.....50	Jas. Willey.....1 00
John Wrouten.....1 00	Robert Owens.....2 00	Small Sums.....1 75
J. H. Lyons.....2 00	Mr. Barwick.....50	
Jabez Willey.....50	Fred Jones.....50	Total for St. Johnstown.....\$ 37 69
Mr. Morey.....50	William J. Carlyle.....50	

MIDDLEFORD CHURCH.

MISS ALICE RAWLINS, COLLECTOR.

James Rawlins.....\$1 00	Hester Collins.....50	John Willey.....50
George Stewart.....50	E. Rawlins.....50	Small Sums.....1 20
Benjamin Collins.....50	Ida B. Rawlins.....50	
James Rawlins.....50	Alice Rawlins.....50	Total for Middleford.....\$6 20

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Laurel Station—D. C. Ridgway, Pastor.

Laurel Methodist Episcopal Sunday School..... \$54 00

Lewisville Circuit—George W. Wilcox, Pastor.

LEWISVILLE.

(Collectors) Isabella Insley..... \$10 00
 " Ann M. D. Baker..... 10 00

MOUNT ZION.

Julia Moore..... \$5 00

BLADESVILLE.

Nancy Outten..... \$5 00

Total..... \$30 00

Delmar—G. W. Burke, Pastor.

G. W. Burke and Family... \$8 00 J. W. Calloway..... \$1 00 In Smaller Sums..... \$2 40
 E. Freney and Family.... 2 00 (Collected by Miss Sallie Sabbath Schools..... 25 00
 M. M. Hill..... 1 00 Dunlap..... 10 65

Total..... \$50 05
 For Woman's Missionary Society..... 19 00

Whole Amount..... \$69 05

MOUNT PLEASANT.

Dollie Walston, (Collector)..... \$8 00
 Minnie Collins..... 7 00

Total..... \$15 00

HEPBURN'S.

Sallie King, (Collector)..... \$3 10
 Ida King..... 3 10

Total..... 6 20

Mary Bacon (Collector)..... 75

Total from Delmar Circuit..... \$91 00

Less Expenses..... 5 00

Amount Net..... \$86 00

Sharptown Circuit—D. W. C. McIntyre, Pastor.

Sharptown—Miss Laura Robinson, Collector..... \$11 35
 " Miss Alezine Robinson, "..... 7 00
 " Public Collection..... 4 90

Spring Grove..... 2 75

Covington's..... 1 00

Total..... \$27 00

Quantico—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.

Collections from Churches..... \$40 00

To make Misses Bettie Brewington, Georgia A. Wainwright, Aubernia Willing and Mary Moore, Life Members of the Wilmington Conference Missionary Society.

Salisbury—W. Urie, Pastor.

Sunday School..... \$50 00

Fruitland Circuit--John W. Poole, Pastor.

Ebenezer..... \$18 45
 Fruitland..... 10 95
 Upper Zion..... 12 25

LOWER ZION.

Miss Jennie Pusey, Miss Emma S. Morris and Miss Ella O. Hayman, Collectors..... 13 35

Total for Circuit..... \$55 00

Princess Anne.—W. I. Bain, Pastor.

Princess Anne..... \$30 56
 John Wesley..... 8 00
 Asbury..... 22 50
 St. Peter's..... 37 59
 Dame's Quarter..... 19 00
 Rock Creek..... 22 35

Total..... \$140 00

Deal's Island—S. T. Gardner, Pastor.

Deal's Island Sunday School..... \$131 45
 Jabob Parks..... 10 00
 Holland's Island..... 16 75

Expenses..... 158 00

Paid Treasurer..... 10 00

Total..... \$148 20

Fairmount and Union—W. E. England, Pastor.

R. H. Jones..... \$15 00	Mrs. Avery..... \$	50 Dr. Dickerson..... \$	50
Rev. Wm. Merrill..... 8 00	Susie Maddox.....	50 H. C. Tull.....	50
Henry Davey..... 5 00	Sarah Maddox.....	50 Dr. Miller.....	25
R. T. Miles..... 5 00	P. Mac. Namara.....	50 Thos. Ford.....	25
Jno. H. Ford..... 5 00	Mariah Muir.....	50 Mrs. Lizzie Waters.....	25
Tubman Hall..... 50	Mary E. Waters.....	50 Emma Waters.....	25
Noah Thomas..... 1 00	Luther Catlin.....	50 Wesley Ford.....	25
Jno. Thomas..... 2 00	Thos. Walson.....	50 Cash.....	83
A. Whittington..... 1 00	Wesley Landon.....		
Susie Miles..... 1 00	Saml. Adams.....		53 08
Capt. Avery..... 1 00	Mrs. Rittie Dyse.....		
Union, (name not given).....			9 23

Sunday School..... \$62 11

Total..... \$113 10

Annessex—John Shilling, Pastor.

ST. PETERS..... \$23 00
 SMITH'S ISLAND..... 56 50
 QUINDOQUA..... 19 25
 WHITE'S..... 7 75
 CURTIS CHAPEL..... 4 25
 KINGSTON..... 1 00

Total..... \$111 75

Newtown—John W. Pierson, Pastor.

Amount of collections from the several appointments..... \$40 00

Rev. John W. Pierson..... 5 00

Total..... \$45 00

Crisfield and Asbury—James A. Brindle, Pastor.

CRISFIELD.

Rev. J. W. Conover..... \$5 00	David Byrd.....	50	Mary A. Aspril.....	\$ 50
Rev. James A. Brindle..... 4 00	William Long.....	50	Edward Shilling.....	50
James Richardson..... 2 00	Annie Vincent.....	50	Frances A. DeCoursey.....	50
C. C. Green..... 1 00	John Hayman.....	50	Emma L. Pruss.....	50
E. S. Greenly..... 1 00	John Davis.....	50	Wesley Miligan.....	50
Charlotte Somers..... 1 00	Bro. Hine.....	50	Elmer Greenly.....	1 00
William Ford..... 1 00	John Wilson.....	50	Mr. Coburn.....	50
Cyrus Ballard..... 1 00	Maggie Carmine.....	50	Public Collection.....	18 50
Martha Gardner..... 1 00	James Dixon.....	50		
Hiram Dryden..... 50	Martha Gardner.....	50		
M McCullough..... 50	James Simonson.....	50		
Samuel Ford..... 50	Charles B. Aspril.....	50		
			Total for Crisfield....	\$47 00

ASBURY.

Wm. C. Sterling..... \$1 00	George B. Sterling.....	50	Mrs. Simonson.....	50
Rev. James A. Brindle..... 1 00	A. L. Nelson.....	50	L. T. Wilson.....	50
John Sterling..... 1 00	Elizabeth Davy.....	50	Public Collection.....	7 82
Rev. Hance Lawson..... 1 00	Noah Sterling.....	50		
Albert Sterling..... 1 00	William Sterling.....	50		
Hpy. Lawson..... 50	E. L. Hyne.....	1 00		
William Taylor..... 50	J. H. S. Sterling.....	50		
			Total.....	\$18 82

Total for Crisfield and Asbury..... \$65 82
 To make Abraham Somers, John Wilson, and John Miller, Life Members of the Wilmington Conference Missionary Society.

Accomac Circuit—R. C. Jones, Pastor.

ONANCOCK.

Rev. P. A. Leatherbury..... \$5 00	Julia Russel.....	\$ 1 00	Esther Window.....	\$ 50
Mrs. L. A. Leatherbury..... 5 00	J. L. Ward.....	1 00	G. Spence.....	50
Mary S. Russel..... 5 00	William Mears.....	1 00	Luther Hurst.....	50
G. W. Mason..... 5 00	T. R. Ayers.....	1 00	William F. Knock.....	50
John D. & M. Tyler..... 5 00	Thomas P. Watson.....	1 00	Margaret Mears.....	50
Capt J. N. Marsh..... 2 50	E. Thomas West.....	1 00	Charles Hill Window.....	35
L. T. James..... 2 50	E. J. Window.....	1 00	Smaller sums.....	35
J. E. T. Window..... 2 00	Vaughan Rew.....	1 00		
Dr. George C. Tyler..... 2 00	Capt. Edward Evans.....	1 00		
Mrs. R. C. Jones..... 2 00	Triphena Evans.....	1 00		
Francis Window..... 1 00	Mary Evans.....	50		
			Total.....	\$50 70

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Bible Students..... \$1 00	Try Company.....	1 25	Little Lambs.....	4 46
Mercy and Truth..... 50	Others.....	23		
Treasures of Heaven..... 70			Total for Onancock.....	\$58 84

AYERS' CHAPEL.

Church.....	\$ 1 63
Sunday School.....	3 01
Total for Ayers.....	\$ 4 64

TANGIER ISLAND.

Church and Sunday School.....	\$ 45 00
Total for Accomac Circuit.....	\$ 108 48

Snow Hill Circuit—P. H. Rawlins, Pastor.

Snow Hill Sabbath School.....	\$20 40
“ Church.....	14 17
Total.....	\$34 61
Girdle Hill.....	10 09
Bowen's.....	3 00
Wesleyville.....	2 15
Conner's.....	11 00
Total for Snow Hill Circuit.....	\$60 85

Berlin Circuit—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

BERLIN.

Annie Arters, Collector.....	\$10 79
Clara Wise, “.....	10 23

POPLARTOWN.

Nettie Mumford Collector.....	\$ 2 40
Laura Hastings, “.....	7 60

FRIENDSHIP.

Public Collection.....	6 00
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Total from Berlin Circuit..... \$37 02
 To make Annie Arters, Clara Wise and Laura Hastings, Life Members of the Wilmington Conference Missionary Society.

Frankford Circuit—T. O. Ayers, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$38 00
Sunday Schools.....	20 00
Total.....	\$58 00
Less Expenses.....	8 00
	\$50 00

Roxana Circuit—Rev. Jas. Conner, Pastor.

Roxana.....	\$30 00
Ebenezer.....	10 00
Sound Church.....	10 00
Bethel.....	10 00
Total.....	\$60 00

To make Mrs. Brasure, Mrs. Maria Wilgus, Joseph Davidson, Elijah Rian, James Brazure and John B. Short, life-members of the Wilmington Conference Missionary Society.

Gumboro Charge—Rev. G. S. Conaway, Pastor.

JONES'.

Miss Rebecca Jones, Collector.....	\$6 75
Miss Alice Short, “.....	3 25
Total.....	\$10 00

LINE.

Miss Sallie E. Smith, Collector.....	2 57
Miss Amelia H. McPadel “.....	2 47
Total.....	\$5 04

BETHEL.

Miss Martha J. Lowe, Collector.....	3 05
Miss Mary E. Mitchell, “.....	2 46
Total.....	\$5 51

MELSON.

Miss Lizzie Parker.....	1 45
Total from Gumborough Charge.....	\$22 00
To make Miss Rebecca Jones a life member of the Wilmington Conference Missionary Society.	

Parsonburg—T. R. Creamer, Pastor.

Parsonburg.....	\$13 00
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