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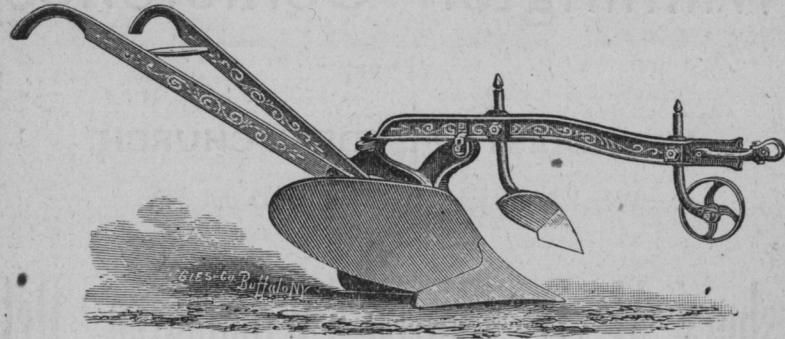
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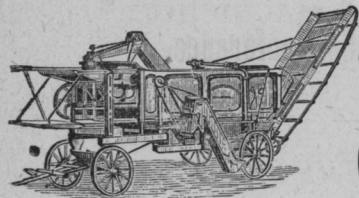
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DAILY PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The sixteenth session of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Asbury M. E. Church, Wilmington, Del., Wednesday morning, March 5, 1884, at 9 o'clock, Bishop W. L. Harris in the chair.

The Bishop read scripture lessons from the 62d chapter of Isaiah and the 2d chapter of the II Timothy, announced the 822d hymn, and the Conference was led in prayer by Valentine Gray and W. B. Gregg.

The Secretary of the last session called the roll of the Conference, and 101 members answered to their names.

An election by ballot for Secretary was had, resulting in the re-election of J. D. Rigg.

The Secretary nominated E. H. Nelson, E. P. Aldred and E. C. Macnichol as Assistant Secretaries and they were re-elected.

The standing committees were nominated and confirmed. (*See List.*)

Rev. J. P. Cook, fraternal delegate to the General Conference from the Evangelical Conference of France and Switzerland, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interests of evangelism in those countries, soliciting financial aid. A collection was taken for him, amounting to \$72.27.

A draft on the Chartered Fund, for \$30, was ordered in favor of the Stewards. Also, for \$160 on the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund for the Stewards.

Resolutions respecting financial aid for the Conference Academy during the centennial year were read and referred to the Committee on Education. (*See Resolutions.*)

L. C. Andrews was granted leave of absence.

The rules of last session were adopted.

John France, W. B. Walton, J. A. Brindle and Edward Davis were appointed as Ministerial Stewards.

W. Underwood and John R. Boyle, transferred to this Conference last year, were introduced to the Conference.

W. E. Tomkinson was announced as transferred to this Conference from the New York East Conference and was introduced to the Conference.

J. B. Young, Financial Agent of Dickinson College, and D. F. McFaul were introduced.

A statement of general Conference expenses, which should have been received at the last session, was presented, but a similar paper having been furnished during the year, the paper was filed.

A statement of the amount apportioned to this Conference for the Episcopal Fund was referred to the Presiding Elders for distribution among the various charges.

Educational documents from Boston University and Dickinson College were referred to the Committee on Education.

Papers respecting the observance of the centenary year were referred to the committee on that subject.

The hours of 9 a. m. and 12 m. were fixed for meeting and adjournment.

The annual statement of the Book Concern was presented, read and filed.

The call of the Stewards was made the order of the day at ten o'clock to-morrow.

J. O. Sypherd was appointed to audit the Church Relief accounts, (*See Sp. Com.*)

A statistical session was ordered for this afternoon at 2 o'clock, when the Centennial address ordered at the last session will be delivered.

L. E. Barrett was appointed Conference Post Master.

The monies collected in various appointments for founding and supporting a Zenana paper in India, were directed to be reported as so much additional money for the W. F. M. Society.

The report of J. S. Willis appointed at the last session to receive funds for the payment of the Metropolitan Church debt, was accepted, and directed to be a sufficient voucher for the Committee on Finance.

The 20th Question—"Who are the Effective Elders?" was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

It was directed that in reporting the Missionary Collections both the amount apportioned and the amount raised be given, and that the report should include the collection for the W. F. M. Society.

The relation of John Shilling was changed from Effective to Supernumerary, and a collection was taken for him amounting to \$231.33.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction by H. Colclazer.

FIRST DAY—SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY AFTEROON.

Conference met at 2 o'clock, J. B. Quigg in the chair, by appointment of the Bishop. Devotional services were conducted by J. E. Smith. The roll was called, and the various Committees received the Conference reports and monies.

Isaac L. Wood, a candidate for admission on trial, being obliged to leave Conference, was introduced.

After singing, B. F. Price delivered an address upon the Centenary of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A vote of thanks was tendered for the address, with a request, that he furnish a copy for publication. Remarks upon the same subject were made by G. A. Phœbus and R. W. Todd. Conference then adjourned with the Doxology, and Benediction by T. S. Williams.

SECOND DAY—THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, the devotional services being led by C. F. Sheppard. The roll was called by seniority, and the attendance was noted.

The journal was read and approved.

A communication from Dr. R. S. Rust, Corresponding Secretary Freedmen's Aid Society was received and read; and with accompanying printed documents, was referred to the Committee on Freedmen's Aid.

Upon inquiry as to whether the Charter of the Wesleyan Female College was revoked, the matter was referred to the Committee on Education to nominate a committee to secure such legislation as may be necessary.

A communication from the Education Society was read, Dr. D. P. Kidder, Corresponding Secretary of that Society was introduced, and addressed the Conference respecting the interests of that Society, and urging the observance of "Children's Day." The communication and a copy of the yearly report were then referred to the Committee on Education.

Dr. John Miley, Professor in "Drew Theological Seminary was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interests of that institution."

A committee on arrangements for Memorial Service was appointed. (*See Special Committee.*)

A committee to nominate four Ministerial Trustees for the Conference Academy was appointed. (*See Special Committee.*)

The order of the day was taken up and the Board of Stewards made their annual call.

The case of John Shilling was referred to the Board of Stewards for favorable consideration.

W. C. Robinson and Cornelius Hudson of the Philadelphia Conference, Professor R. H. Skinner of the Conference Academy, and A. T. Melvin of the Methodist Protestant Church were introduced.

The 20th question was resumed. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The election of delegates to the General Conference was made the order of the day for ten o'clock to-morrow.

The action of the last session calling for a statement of Pastors' receipts as salary exclusive of house-rent, was rescinded.

L. P. Corkran was substituted for Geo. S. Conoway on the Committee on Missionary Statistics. Announcements were made and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, and Benediction by Dr. John Miley.

THIRD DAY—FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, devotional services in charge of J. H. Caldwell. The journal was read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Centenary Celebration was read and adopted. (*See Report.*)

The report of the Committee on Conference Historical Society was submitted, and a session of Conference was ordered at 2 o'clock this afternoon, to organize such society.

The 20th question was resumed. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

When the name of W. J. O'Neill was called the Presiding Elder presented charges and specifications. The charges were read and entertained. Brother O'Neill, through his counsel, pleaded "not guilty," and at his request the trial was ordered to proceed in open Conference. The Conference directed that a Commissioner be appointed to take testimony in the case and lay it before the Conference. A. W. Lightbourn was appointed as counsel for the Church.

W. Swindells, S. W. Thomas, W. J. Paxson, G. Cummins, I. R. Merrill, G. W. McLaughlin, M. A. Richards and Amos Johnson, of the Philadelphia Conference, and W. W. Bowdish, of the New York East Conference, were introduced.

The 5th question was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The bar of the Conference was fixed at certain ropes crossing the aisles at the seventh pew from the front.

The order of the day, the election of delegates to General Conference, was taken up. The Conference directed that the election should be by ballot, that a majority of the votes cast should elect, that any ballot containing more than three names should not be counted, and that the tellers should retire to count the ballots. Six tellers were appointed (*See Special Committee*) and a ballot was taken for three delegates.

W. C. Alexander, pastor of Forest Presbyterian Church of Middletown, Del., was introduced.

The committee to nominate four trustees for the Conference Academy presented the names of A. W. Milby, G. A. Phœbus, Thos. B. Hunter and W. L. S. Murray, and they were elected as such, the secretary casting the ballot of the Conference. (*See list of Officers.*)

The parchments of W. T. Tull and R. D. Bradley, local preachers, were surrendered and filed, they having withdrawn from the ministry and membership of the M. E. Church.

The Bishop addressed the Conference felicitously respecting his early associations in the ministry with H. Colclazer, who then addressed the Conference, reciting briefly his fifty-six years' of continuous work in the itinerancy, leaving his relation to be fixed by the Conference. His relation was then changed from effective to supernumerary without work.

The tellers reported the first ballot, votes 113, necessary to a choice 57. J. H. Caldwell, having received 78 votes, was declared elected. A ballot was then ordered for two delegates.

A collection as a testimonial, to H. Colclazer, was ordered, amounting to \$111.81, and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards for favorable consideration.

A committee to express the esteem of the Conference for Bro. Colclazer was appointed, consisting of T. E. Martindale, J. B. Quigg and John Allen.

S. T. Gardner addressed the Conference respecting a claim upon the Board of Stewards, and after discussion, his case was referred to the stewards for favorable consideration. The tellers reported the second ballot—votes cast 110, necessary to a choice 56. No one having received that number, no election was declared. A third ballot was ordered.

J. B. Quigg was appointed as Commissioner to take testimony in the Case of Wm. J. O'Neill.

Tellers reported the third ballot—votes cast 105, necessary to a choice 53. Chas. Hill having received 57 votes was declared elected.

The time was extended. The tellers reported the fourth ballot—votes cast 108, necessary to a choice 55. No one having received that number, no election was declared.

The 20th question was resumed. The name of Louis C. Andrew was called. Chas. Hill, Presiding elder, presented charges against him, and his case was referred to a select number of fifteen for trial. C. W. Prettyman was appointed Counsel for the church in his case, and H. Colclazer was appointed to preside at the trial.

G. W. McLaughlin, Sec'y Pennsylvania Seamans' Friend Society, addressed the Conference respecting the interests of that institution.

The tellers reported the fifth ballot—votes 106, necessary to a choice 54. No one having received that number, no election was declared.

Rev. R. Wendell was introduced, and addressed the Conference respecting the claim of the Students' Revised New Testament.

The tellers reported the sixth ballot—votes 105, necessary to a choice 53. No one having received that number, no election was declared.

They reported the seventh ballot—votes 104, necessary to a choice 53. No one having received that number, no election was declared.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, on motion, with the Doxology, and Benediction by John Allen.

THIRD DAY—FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference met at 3 o'clock, J. H. Caldwell in the chair by appointment of the Bishop. W. Underwood led the devotional services. J. P. Otis read the Constitution and By-Laws for the Conference Historical Society, which, after discussion and amendment were adopted.

A committee was appointed to nominate a Board of Managers for that Society. (*See Special Committee.*) The Constitution and By-Laws were ordered to be printed in the Minutes. It was ordered that a meeting of the Board of Managers be called on Monday at 4 o'clock. Conference adjourned with the doxology and benediction by B. F. Price.

FOURTH DAY—SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, the devotions in charge of Dr. A. S. Hunt, Secretary of the American Bible Society. The journal was read and approved. The memorial service was fixed as the order of the day at 11 o'clock. 10 o'clock was fixed as the hour for resuming the election of delegates to the general Conference.

W. F. Talbot asked that his relation be changed from effective to supernumerary, which was granted.

A committee to invite the Lay Conference to a meeting for fraternal greetings was appointed. (*See Special Committee.*) That body was duly received, and the President, H. F. Pickels, was introduced, who addressed the Conference, and was responded to by Bishop Harris.

Dr. A. S. Hunt, Secretary American Bible Society, was then introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of that institution.

A joint resolution respecting fidelity to the itinerant system, and the cause of temperance was read, and approved by a rising vote. (*See Resolutions.*)

A resolution requesting the publication of the address of H. F. Pickels, was read and adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

The order of the day, the election of delegates to the General Conference was taken up, a ballot was taken for one delegate, and the tellers retired.

C. C. McCabe, Secretary Church Extension Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference respecting the claims of Salem Church, Oregon.

N. M. Browne and J. W. Deifendorf were elected trustees of the Centenary Fund.

The tellers reported, votes 105; necessary to a choice, 53. J. B. Quigg having received 56 votes was declared elected. A vote for two reserve delegates was ordered.

The 14th Question was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The 10th Question was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The tellers reported the first ballot for reserve delegates—votes 100—necessary to a choice 51. T. E. Martindale having received 53 votes was declared elected, and a ballot was ordered for another reserve delegate.

Leave to retire was granted the Committee on Finance.

The order of the day, the memorial service, was taken up. T. E. Martindale read a replete and well conceived analysis of the character of Lucius C. Matlack. The Bishop announced an appropriate hymn, and remarks were made by J. H. Caldwell, G. A. Phœbus, C. F. Sheppard, A. D. Davis, V. Gray, J. Allen. The memoir was then adopted by a rising vote.

B. F. Price read the memoir of Caroline T. Kemp, and W. F. Corkran read that of J. Emma Baker, and they were both adopted.

J. H. Caldwell was directed to prepare a brief memoir of Ann Sutton for the minutes.

Dr. J. H. Nixon, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, in this city, G. W. Lybrand, J. F. Crouch, H. T. Quigg and S. N. Chew of the Philadelphia Conference were introduced.

A resolution respecting the death of J. S. Inskip was adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund was read and filed. A draft on the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund for \$180 was drawn in favor of the Board of Stewards.

W. M. Frysinger, President Centenary Biblical Institute, addressed the Conference respecting the claims of that institution during Centennial year. The time was extended.

The Presiding Elders were made a Committee on Missions.

The tellers reported—votes—92—necessary to a choice 47. J. A. B. Wilson having received 52 votes was declared elected.

A. J. Kynett, Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced and briefly addressed the Conference.

The Bishop, on behalf of the ministers and laymen of Easton District, presented to T. E. Martindale, retiring Presiding Elder, a purse of money with which to provide himself a set of Lange's Commentary, to which a touching response was made by Bro. Martindale.

Announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, and Benediction by D. Kynett.

FIFTH DAY—SEVENTH SESSION.

MONDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, the devotions being led by H. Colclazer. The journal was read and approved. H. Colclazer, President of the Select number in the case of L. C. Andrew, submitted the report of the Committee.

The Bishop presented the certificate of ordination of Deacons and Elders.

A resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote tendering Bro. Andrew the sympathy of the Conference. (*See Resolutions*) The character of Louis C. Andrew was then passed.

The Committee on Testimonial to H. Colclazer reported and the resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote. (*See Resolutions.*)

The action by which the character of James Conner was passed, was reconsidered, charges and specifications were presented, his case was referred to a select number of fifteen, and T. E. Terry was appointed counsel for the church. The Presiding Elders were directed to present the names of brethren who should compose the committee, and submit them to Bro. Conner. The stewards presented their annual report, which was read and adopted. The moneys were then disbursed. (*See Report.*)

A resolution asking for a Conference Stewards' Anniversary at our next session, was read and adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

The 3d question was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Question*)

Alvin W. Holt was discontinued at his own request. (*See Dis. Quest.*)

The 13th question was taken up. (*See Dis. Questions.*)

Sewell N. Pilchard was not able to be present because of personal sickness. J. S. Willis reported that the examination ordered in case of Bro. Pilchard at the last session was attended to, his character passed, and he was continued in the first class of Deacons, with the privilege of passing two years' studies at the next session.

The 18th question was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The relation of A. Chandler was changed from supernumerary to effective.

Wm. P. Davis of N. Jersey Conference, and W. J. Parker of Delaware Conference were introduced.

Question 19 was taken up. (*See Disciplinary questions.*)

Vaughn Smith addressed the Conference tendering his withdrawal from the ministry of the M. E. church.

The Conference, by a rising unanimous vote, requested him to recall his purpose of withdrawal, and further consideration of his case postponed. The Finance Committee were directed pay the various benevolent collections to the agents representing the respective causes.

The Bishop announced the names of the select number in the case of J. Conner, and they were confirmed by the Conference.—(*See Special Committee.*)

The case of the Church against W. J. O'Neill was called. A. W. Lightbourn, Counsel for the Church, addressed the Conference, and the Commissioner began the submission of the testimony taken in the case.

A session of Conference was ordered at two o'clock this afternoon.

Pending the case of the church against O'Neill, the Conference adjourned with the Doxology and Benediction by J. H. Caldwell.

FIFTH DAY-EIGHTH SESSION.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Conference met at 2 o'clock, devotions led by T. S. Williams.—Reading of the journal was deferred until to-morrow a. m.

A resolution of sympathy with I. T. Cooper in his illness was adopted, and a copy was ordered to be sent to him. (*See Resolutions.*)

A copy of the testimonial to H. Colclazer was also directed to be furnished him.

The case of the church vs. W. J. O'Neill was resumed, and the reading of the testimony was proceeded with.

After able and exhaustive discussion, the case was submitted to the Conference in a resolution exonerating him from malicious intent (*See Resolution*). His character was then passed and he reported his Missionary Collection.

C. F. Sheppard was made assistant Secretary, and assigned to the select number in the case of Jas. Conner.

Dr. J. M. Reid, Missionary Secretary, and Dr. Parker of India, were introduced.

Conference then adjourned with the Doxology, and Benediction by Dr. Reid.

SIXTH DAY—NINTH SESSION.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, devotions in charge of J. B. Quigg. The journal of both sessions of yesterday was read, amended and approved.

The statistical report was read by Conference aggregates and adopted. (*See Tables.*)

A resolution was adopted calling for the collection of reports, &c., at 11 o'clock on the first day of the next session, and that those not then reporting should have an opportunity next day to explain their failure to report. (*See Resolutions.*)

The 33d question was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

Alfred T. Melvin, an Elder in the Methodist Protestant Church, presented his credentials, asking reception into this Conference. He was admitted as an Elder, and his credentials were filed, being substituted by parchments from the hand of the Bishop.

The 2d question was taken up. (*See Disciplinary Questions.*)

The recommendation of D. F. McFaul, having been ordained in the Roman Catholic Church, was presented as being a suitable person to be recognized as an Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, by virtue of his ordination, and the Bishop made the following decision in his case:—That the phrase, "other evangelical churches," 11 sec, par. 155 of the Discipline, does not recognize or include the Roman Catholic Church, and ministers coming from that Church are not to be considered eligible to be recognized as ordained ministers.

The Bishop and his counsel were requested to nominate the Triers of Appeals.

H. Colclazer, President of the Select Number in the case of James Conner, reported the case dismissed for want of evidence, and his character was passed. (*See Reports.*)

The case of Vaughn Smith was recalled. He expressed no inclination to reconsider his proposition to withdraw from the Church. His formal resignation from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church was then read and accepted, and ordered to be so entered upon the journal.

Dr. J. A. McCauley, President of Dickinson College, was introduced.

The report of the Trustees of the Conference Academy was read and filed.

The Committee on Education reported. Dr. McCauley addressed the Conference, and that part of the report referring to Dickinson College was adopted. Special resolutions referred to the Committee on Education on the first day of the session, were read and adopted. The resolution respecting a subscription for the Conference Academy was reconsidered, making the subscription binding only in case the whole amount asked for shall be secured. (*See Resolutions.*)

The subscription was then taken, amounting to \$3,030. The time was extended, and a session of Conference was ordered at 2½ o'clock this afternoon. J. B. Merritt was added to the Committee on Centenary Arrangements, and the committee was continued with power to act.

A resolution respecting financial aid to Dickinson College during the Centennial year was adopted. (*See Resolutions.*)

The relation of Robert Roe was changed from Effective to Supernumerary. The conference directed that the session finally adjourn with this afternoon's session.

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

The parchments of Wm. M. K. Brewington were deposited with the Conference, he having withdrawn from the ministry of the M. E. Church.

A Committee on thanks was appointed (*See Special Committee.*)

The Conference bar was modified for the afternoon session.

Announcements were made, and Conference adjoined with the Doxology and Benediction by N. M. Browne.

SIX DAY-TENTH SESSION.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Conference met at 2 o'clock. T. H. Haynes in the chair by appointment of the Bishop. The devotions were led by J. E. Bryan.

The report on the Committee on Freedmen's Aid was read and adopted (*See report*).

The report on Education was resumed, and the remainder of the report was adopted. (*See report.*)

The report of the Board of Church Extension was read and adopted. (*See report*).

The report of the President of the Conference Education Society was read and filed.

A change in the constitution of that Society was advised, so that any persons receiving aid from the Society may be excused from the four years' service in this Conference if they feel called to enter the Foreign Missionary field during that time.

W. W. Wilson was requested to furnish a copy of his address on Freedmen's Aid to Dr. Fryinger for publication. (*See Resolutions*)

The report of the Committee on Finance was read and filed.

The report on Tract, Bible and Sunday Schools were read and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

The report on Temperance was read, amended and adopted. (*See Reports.*)

The Conference ordered the organization of a Conference Temperance Society, and a committee was appointed to nominate a Board of Managers for said Society, composed of 13 ministers and 13 laymen. (*See List of Officers.*)

The Committee on thanks reported. (*See Resolutions.*)

The officers and managers of the Sunday school and other existing societies of the Conference were nominated and confirmed. (*See List of Officers.*)

The committee on auditing Church Relief accounts reported, and the report was filed.

B. F. Price's address on the Centenary of the M. E. Church was ordered to be deposited with the Custodian of the Historical Society at the Conference Academy.

The report of the Committee on Women's Foreign Missionary Society was read and adopted. (*See reports.*)

The names of the Board of Managers of the Temperance Society were read and confirmed. (*See list.*)

A Committee was appointed to publish the Centenary address of B. F. Price, and present the bill to the next Conference.

A collection for the sexton was taken, amounting to \$50.83.

John O'Neil of the Philadelphia Conference, and Carl O'Carlson of the Swedish Mission in this city, were introduced.

The Committees of Examination, the Board of Church Extension, and the Triers of Appeals, were submitted and confirmed. (*See list.*)

The Presiding Elders were made a Committee on reduced fare to next Conference. They were also requested to nominate two laymen on the Finance Committee for next session.

Dr. J. M. Reid, Missionary Secretary addressed the Conference respecting his work.

The appointments were read and Conference finally adjourned with the Doxology and Benediction by Bishop Harris.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify, that in the city of Wilmington, Delaware, on the 9th day of March, 1884, the following persons were by me ordained to the order of Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, namely:—Benjamin C. Warren, Charles H. Williams, Vaughan S. Collins, George L. Hardesty, Joseph H. Bell, and John Tyler.

And in the same city on the same day, several Elders assisting in the service, the following persons were ordained to the order of Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church, namely:—Frederick J. Cochran, Samuel M. Donahoe.

Given under my hand, at Wilmington, Delaware, this 10th day of March, A. D. 1884.

WILLIAM L. HARRIS.

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.

Catechism and Discipline of the M. E. Church,.....	W. F. CORKRAN.
Compendium of Methodism }	J. E. SMITH.
History of Methodism }	J. E. SMITH.
Scriptural History.....	J. WARTHMAN.
History of the United States, common Eng. branches,...	A. W. LIGHTBOURN.

FIRST YEAR.

Compendium of Christian Theology.....	ALFRED SMITH.
Ancient History.....	C. A. HILL.
Plain account of Christian perfection.....	C. A. GRICE.
Rhetoric.....	I. JEWELL.
Introduction to the Holy Scriptures.....	R. W. TODD.
Sermons to be read before the Committee.	

SECOND YEAR.

Biblical Theology.....	T. S. WILLIAMS.
Systematic Theology.....	T. H. HAYNES.
Sacraments, (1 Baptism; 2 Lords Supper).....	J. A. BRINDLE.
History.....	R. K. STEVENSON.
Logic.....	W. E. AVERY.

THIRD YEAR.

Church History.....	J. D. C. HANNA.
Harman's Introduction and Miley's atonement.....	T. B. HUNTER.
Intellectual Science.....	E. E. WHITE.
Pope's Theology.....	G. S. CONWAY.
Homiletics and Sermons.....	ED. DAVIS.

FOURTH YEAR.

Harman's Introduction.....	JAMES CONNER.
Watson's Institutes (Part II.).....	N. MCQUAY.
Butler's Analogy.....	W. L. S. MURRAY.
"God's Written Word".....	J. M. LINDALE.
Written Sermons.....	J. P. OTIS.

TO EXAMINE LOCAL PREACHERS FOR ORDERS.

W. UNDERWOOD,	G. W. WILCOX,	W. B. GREGG.
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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are received by transfer, and from what Conference?*
William E. Tompkinson, New York East Conference.
2. *Who are admitted on trial?*
William A. Wise, Isaac L. Wood, William F. Dawson, Wilmer Jagard,
Daniel F. McFaul, Emerson P. Roberts, Robert A. Tuff, Edmund H. Derrickson,
George P. Smith.
3. *Who remain on trial?*
William B. Guthrie, Alpheus S. Mowbray, Vaughn S. Collins, George L.
Hardesty.
4. *Who are discontinued?*
Alvin W. Holt.
5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*
Benjamin C. Warren, Allison C. Prettyman, Charles H. Williams.
6. *Who are re-admitted?*
None.
7. *Who are received on credentials from other Churches?*
Alfred T. Melvin.
8. *What traveling preachers have been elected Deacons?*
None.
9. *What traveling preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
None.
10. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*
Vaughn S. Collins, Geo. L. Hardesty, Joseph H. Bell, John Tyler.
11. *What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
Vaughn S. Collins, Geo. L. Hardesty, Joseph H. Bell, John Tyler.
12. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the first class?*
Sewall N. Pilchard.
13. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?*
Isaiah D. Johnson, Charles S. Baker, Lewis P. Corkran.
14. *What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*
Frederick J. Cochran.
15. *What traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
Fred. J. Cochran.
16. *What Local Preachers have been elected Elders?*
Samuel M. Donahoe.
17. *What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
Samuel M. Dohahoe.

18. *Who are the supernumerary Preachers?*
J. Hubbard, I. T. Cooper, G. Barton, James Esgate, J. L. Taft, Wm.
Merrill, H. Sanderson, J. Allen, W. W. Redman, George A. Phœbus, A. T.
Scott, S. T. Gardner, H. Colclazer, W. F. Talbot, John Shilling, Robert Roe.
19. *Who are superannuated Preachers?*
J. L. Houston, E. J. Way, V. Gray, A. A. Fisher.
20. *Was the character of each preacher examined?*
This question was disposed of by calling the name of each preacher in
open Conference.
21. *Have any died?*
Lucius C. Matlack, D. D.
22. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?*
None.
23. *Have any withdrawn?*
Vaughn Smith.
24. *Have any been located at their own request?*
None.
25. *Have any been located?*
None.
26. *Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?*
None.
27. *Have any been expelled?*
None.
28. *Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?*
N. M. Browne, J. W. Hammersley, J. T. Van Burkalow, E. H. Hynson,
J. O. Sypherd, J. E. Bryan, W. B. Walton.
29. *What is the Statistical Report?*
(See Tables.)
30. *What are the claims on the Conference Funds?*
\$7,500.
31. *What has been received on these claims?*
(See report of Conference Stewards.)
32. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*
(See list of Appointments.)
34. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*
Snow Hill, Md., the time to be fixed by the Bishops.

APPOINTMENTS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

CHARLES HILL, P. E.

(P. O. Wilmington.)

Bethel and Glasgow, Md.	E. C. ATKINS.
Charlestown, Md.	E. E. WHITE.
Cherry Hill, Md.	C. A. HILL.
Chesapeake City, Md.	T. A. H. O'BRIEN.
Chester.	L. W. LAYFIELD.
Christiana.	W. M. GREEN.
Claymont.	To be supplied by JNO. W. RAWLINS.
Delaware City and Port Penn.	T. B. HUNTER.
Elk Neck, Md.	L. C. ANDREW.
Elkton and Crouch's Chapel, Md.	C. F. SHEPPARD.
Hockessin.	To be supplied by W. R. SEARS.
Mount Lebanon.	To be supplied.
Mount Pleasant.	J. W. HAMMERSLY.
Newark and Wesley.	T. H. HAYNES.
New Castle.	N. M. BROWNE.
Newport and Stanton.	E. H. NELSON.
North East, Md.	R. W. TODD.
Port Deposit, Md.	R. C. JONES.
Red Lion.	JULIUS DODD.
Rising Sun, Md.	JOSEPH ROBINSON.
Saint George's and Summit.	F. J. COCHRAN.
Wilmington: Asbury.	W. L. S. MURRAY.
" Brandywine.	E. L. HUBBARD.
" Epworth.	W. B. GREGG.
" { Grace Church.	J. R. BOYLE.
" { Madely.	B. F. PRICE.
" Mount Salem.	J. E. SMITH.
" Saint Paul's and Kingswood.	R. H. ADAMS and W. A. WISE.
" Scott.	T. R. CREAMER.
" Swedish Mission.	To be supplied.
" Union.	C. W. PRETTYMAN.
Zion Circuit.	JOHN FRANCE.

EASTON DISTRICT.

J. H. CALDWELL, P. E.

(P. O. Smyrna.)

Appoquinimink.	D. F. WADDELL.
Cecilton, Md.	J. T. VAN BURKALOW.
Centerville, Md.	T. E. TERRY.
Chestertown, Md.	E. P. ALDRED.
Church Hill, Md.	W. J. O'NEILL, one to be supplied.

Easton, Md.	A. W. LIGHBCOURN.
Crumpton, Md.	To be supplied by D. H. CORKRAN.
Galena, Md.	G. W. TOWNSEND.
Greensborough, Md.	ALFRED SMITH.
Hillsborough, Md.	J. E. KIDNEY.
Ingleside, Md.	T. E. BELL.
Kent Island, Md.	J. A. ARTERS.
Kings Creek, Md.	I. L. WOOD.
Marydel, Md.	NEWTON MCQUAY.
Middletown, Md.	ADAM STENGLE.
Millington, Md.	T. L. TOMKINSON.
Oddssa.	J. P. OTIS.
Oxford, Md.	A. S. MOWBRAY.
Pomona, Md.	E. C. MACNICHOL.
Queenstown, Md.	L. P. CORKRAN.
Rock Hall, Md.	G. S. CONAWAY.
Royal Oak, Md.	B. C. WARREN.
Saint Michael's, Md.	J. D. RIGG.
Sassafras, Md.	O. S. WALTON.
Smyrna.	J. B. QUIGG.
Smyrna Circuit.	J. B. MERRITT.
Still Pond, Md.	L. E. BARRETT.
Sudlersville, Md.	J. O. Sypherd.
Talbot, Md.	A. P. PRETTYMAN.
Townsend.	To be supplied by C. K. MORRIS.
Trappe, Md.	R. K. STEPHENSON.

DOVER DISTRICT.

A. M. MILBY, P. E.

(P. O. Fredrica.)

Beckwith, Md.	JAMES CONNER.
Bridgeville.	W. S. ROBINSON, R. A. TUFF.
Cambridge, Md.	J. E. BRYAN.
Camden.	J. A. BRINDLE.
Church Creek, Md.	C. H. WILLIAMS.
Denton, Md.	A. D. DAVIS, to be supplied by JAMES RICH.
Dover.	T. E. MARTINDALE.
East New Market, Md.	T. O. AYERS.
Eliendale.	J. M. COLLINS.
Farmington.	J. W. POOLE.
Federalsburgh, Md.	JOHN WARTHMAN, G. P. SMITH.
Felton.	ISAAC JEWELL.
Fredrica.	J. E. MOWBRAY.
Galestown, Md.	JOSEPH DARE.
Georgetown.	P. H. RAWLINS.
Harrington.	G. W. BURKE.
Houston.	W. F. DAWSON.
Hurlock's, Md.	To be supplied by G. F. HOPKINS.
Leipsic.	JAMES CARROLL.
Lewes.	J. D. KEMP.
Lincoln.	EDWARD DAVIS.
Magnolia.	S. N. PILCHARD.
Milford.	J. S. WILLIS.
Millsborough.	D. F. McFAUL.
Milton.	T. S. WILLIAMS.

Nassan.....	I. N. FOREMAN.
Seaford.....	WALTER UNDERWOOD.
Vienna, Md.....	V. S. COLLINS.
Woodlandstown, Md.....	G. L. HARDESTY.
Wyoming.....	W. M. WARNER.

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SALISBURY DISTRICT.

J. A. B. WILSON, P. E.

(P. O. Salisbury, Md.)

Annamessex, Md.....	I. D. JOHNSON.
Asbury.....	W. E. AVERY.
Barren Creek, Md.....	To be supplied by J. W. GRAY.
Berlin.....	C. A. GRICE.
Bethel Circuit.....	A. T. MELVIN.
Chincoteague, Va.....	To be supplied by J. D. REESE.
Crisfield, Md.....	W. W. W. WILSON.
Deal's Island, Md.....	J. D. C. HANNA.
Delmar.....	ALBERT CHANDLER.
Fairmount, Md.....	W. H. HUTCHIN.
Frankford.....	W. J. DUHADWAY.
Fruitland, Md.....	J. M. LINDALE.
Gumborough.....	W. F. CORKRAN.
Holland's Island, Md.....	To be supplied.
Laurel.....	F. C. MCSORLEY.
Newark, Md.....	G. W. WILCOX.
Onancock, Va.....	I. G. FOSNOCHT.
Parsonsburgh, Md.....	W. L. P. BOWEN.
Pocomoke Circuit, Md.....	E. H. DERRICKSON.
Pocomoke City, Md.....	W. E. ENGLAND.
Powelville, Md.....	To be supplied by W. W. JOHNSON.
Princess Anne, Md.....	W. E. TOMKINSON, JAMES PURNELL.
Quantico.....	T. H. HARDING.
Roxana.....	E. H. HYNSON, E. P. ROBERTS.
Salisbury, Md.....	W. B. WALTON.
Sharptown, Md.....	E. H. MILLER.
Shortly.....	WILMER JAGGARD.
Smith's Island, Md.....	To be supplied by JOHN TYLER.
Snow Hill, Md.....	J. H. WILLEY.
Stockton, Md.....	W. R. MCFARLANE.
Tangier, Va.....	C. S. BAKER.
Westover Circuit, Md.....	W. B. GUTHRIE.

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REPORTS OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

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WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

With devout thankfulness to my Heavenly Father for his preserving care and continued goodness, and with sincere appreciation of the kindness extended to me by my brethren, both ministerial and lay, I present my first annual report of the work on the Wilmington District. My health has been so well preserved that I have been able to fill all my appointments, each Sabbath during the year; with but one or two exceptions, I have preached twice and some times thrice; I have presided in 129 Quarterly Conferences. My whole time and best energies have been devoted to sustaining and upbuilding the cause of Christ in our bounds. At the close of the last session of the Conference, there were three vacancies on the District, Claymont, Elk-Neck and Chesapeake City. The first has been supplied by the Rev. John N. Rawlings a supernumerary of the Baltimore Conference. The second by the Rev. Henry Sanderson, and the third by Rev. Wm. E. Tomkinson, who was transferred last April by Bishop Warren, from the New York East, to this Conference. Brother John Shilling, whose health was in a very precarious condition one year ago, has suffered greatly. He has been able to preach but two or three times since June: however, through the kindness of his brethren his pulpit has been regularly supplied. He will ask the Conference for a supernumerary relation. In August, Brother R. H. Adams followed an infant daughter to the grave, and in December, Brother William E. Tomkinson was bereft of an interesting little son four years of age. With these exceptions the family circles in our parsonages remain unbroken. The brethren have been faithful in their work, and have dispensed the word of life, according to their ability. During the revival services held in the various charges in the fall and winter, the word was owned and blessed of God in the conversion of precious souls. The churches especially favored were Asbury, St. Paul's and Kingswood, (a mission of St. Paul's,) Union, Scott, Madely, Epworth, Brandywine, Newport, New Castle, and Delaware City. The Woodlawn Camp meeting held in August under the management of Rev. R. W. Todd, resulted in the strengthening of believers, and in the conversion of about 30 souls. Most of the Sabbath schools have been well sustained. "The Berean lesson" I have sought to impress upon the minds of the laymen in our Quarterly Conferences, and the great importance of Methodist parents sending their children to our own Sunday Schools, and thus hold them to our own church, as far as possible. I have also urged the use of the catechism. The Berean lessons are good, but they were never designed to take the place of the catechism, neither should they be allowed to do so, for if we would indoctrinate the children in the truths of the Bible as taught by the Methodist Episcopal Church, the catechism is so perfectly adapted to this work that nothing, however nicely drawn out, should be allowed to supplant it. From the statements of the pastors, I judge that the formation of classes for the religious instruction of the children is not always practicable. I have urged attention to this important duty, and have no complaint to make against any pastor for neglect in this respect. The average attendance upon the class meetings as set forth by the leaders' quarterly reports, is only 33½ per cent. of the entire membership. This is a sad showing, and I fear marks a decline in spiritual power.

Our people are greatly interested in the cause of temperance, many sermons have been preached, and addresses delivered looking toward the creation of a prohibitory sentiment; the portion of the district lying in Maryland, is blessed with a wholesome local option law, which, I believe, is enforced as well as any other criminal statute; but that portion lying within the bounds of this State is still cursed by the rum traffic. I may be permitted to say, I hope the day is not far distant, when the powers that be, in Delaware, will allow the sovereign voter to express his view of this awful curse and crime at the ballot box.

The church at Zion, Zion Circuit, has been greatly improved at a cost of \$450.00 which has been paid:

The church at St. Georges has been re-seated, frescoed and refurnished, at a cost of \$1531.00; of this amount \$1431.00 have been paid; on the same charge a debt of \$270.00, against the Summit church, and \$170.00 against the parsonage have also been paid.

The church at Cherry Hill has been improved by paint both inside and out, stained glass windows, recess pulpit, and other repairs, at a cost of \$1175.00; this, together with a debt of \$400.00 against the parsonage has been paid this year.

At Newark, Del., the church has been greatly beautified at a cost of \$900.00; of this amount \$800.00 were in hand before the day of re-opening, and the remaining hundred was assumed by the Ladies' Mite Society.

During the year, \$1251.89 of the debt resting upon the church, at Rising Sun, has been paid, the remainder \$388.66 is nearly provided for by subscription.

The church at North East has decreased its debt \$600.00; there remains against it \$550.00 which is nearly provided for.

A debt of \$1300.00 upon the church at Stanton, and \$300.00 resting upon the church at Hockessin on Newport Circuit, have been canceled through the untiring energy of the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Bryan; one hundred and forty-five dollars have been paid on the Elk Neck parsonage, leaving a balance of about \$100.00.

The lecture room of the Church at Elkton has been thoroughly renovated, and beautifully fitted up at an expense of \$150.00; this, with a previously reported debt of \$541.00, has been paid. \$600.00 of the \$1450.00 indebtedness on Mount Salem Church has been paid.

The old sun burned brick church at Glasgow has been taken down, and the brethren are erecting a frame house 36 x 48 with basement, it will be ready for dedication in the near future.

The Swedish Mission organized by Dr. Matlack, last October one year ago, and recognized by this Conference at its last session, and recommended to the General Missionary Committee, now numbers 31 members, and 5 probationers with a Sunday School numbering 41 teachers and scholars.

In April, a lot at the corner of Eleventh and Claymont Sts., in east Wilmington, was purchased, a deed was executed, in due form of law, and in accord with the provisions of the Discipline, to a corporate Board of Trustees. On this lot a brick chapel 30 x 50 has been erected. The liberality of the friends of the Mission has provided for this amount, except about \$800.00. I am inclined to the opinion, that the whole amount would have been provided for, had it not been for the continued sickness of the President of the Board of Trustees. For the success of this enterprise, we are largely indebted to the large hearted liberality, and the untiring christian zeal and energy of Capt. Alexander Kelly.

At New Castle a beautiful parsonage has been built. It is three-story, pressed brick front, with white marble trimmings. The cost of the building and lot is about \$3300. There is a debt of two thousand dollars remaining on the property, but with an energetic, active Board of Trustees, and an unincumbered church property, I am persuaded, that before long it will be said of the New Castle parsonage, "There is nothing against it."

In Christiana Village, Christiana Circuit, the Trustees have erected a parsonage on the church lot, and have comfortably furnished it. There is, however, a mortgage of \$1000 resting upon the property bearing interest of 5 per cent.

There are 25 charges on the District which receive married men, 19 of these charges own their parsonages; there is a growing disposition on the part of the people to make their pastors comfortable. While there has been no reduction of salaries on the District expect in two cases, there are six charges which have advanced.

The collections have been taken; there will be no blanks, unless, possibly, in one charge. I think there will be a gain in the general result, but for a more detailed statement, I refer you to the reports of the pastors. There are on the District about 437 subscribers to the *Christian Advocate*, which is only one advocate to every 14 members. It seems to me that a paper of such value and influence, fitted to occupy a position as instructor to the adult, and educator to the young, is deserving of a wider circulation, and should become a welcome visitor in most, if not in every methodist home. In the great help which it affords a pastor in his work, there is found a strong motive to stimulate to an active canvass.

Numerically there has been but little gain on the District. Last year there were reported 6245 members, and 654 probationers; this year there are 6248 members, and 765 probationers. Why 654 probationers should yield a gain of but 3 members is a problem I cannot understand. Perhaps it suggests a need of greater accuracy in our reports, or a more watchful care over the lambs of the flock. Once more I thank my brethren of the Ministry and laity for uniform kindness, forbearance, and courtesy, and offer myself and services anew to my king.

CHAS. HILL, P. E.

EASTON DISTRICT.

In the general peace and prosperity of the work on Easton District during the past year, we thankfully recognize the directing skill and sustaining hand of our Heavenly Father. His abundant blessing has been upon the labors of his servants, and He has strengthened "the bars of our gates."

Good health has prevailed generally among the brethren and their families. The "shadows of the valley" have not fallen upon any of them, and apart from a few instances of temporary sickness, the vigor of all has been graciously preserved.

Faithful work for the Master has also characterized the year. Large opportunities have been met by eager hearts and busy hands; and as a consequence the fruitage, especially in conversions will exceed that of the previous year. The revival spirit has been manifest in almost every charge; and at some points where no awakening had occurred for a long time, the results are exceedingly gratifying. Several promising meetings had, however, to be suspended on account of continuously stormy weather, and the prevalence of contagious diseases. Unusual displays of power have been witnessed at old Union, on Appoquinimink circuit; Seversons, on Smyrna Circuit; Kent Island, Greensboro, Trappe, St. Michael's and Bayside and Tilghman's Island, on Talbot Circuit. The reports will show, at least, eight hundred and fifty conversions.

The good work of increasing the apportionments for Ministerial support continues. Last year the number of charges taking advanced ground was eleven, this year it is thirteen; that there has been a steady and healthful growth of conscience on this important subject is shown by the fact that the average salary of married preachers (exclusive of house-rent) is, at present \$780, as against \$700 two years ago; and no charge has reduced its estimate. It ought to be recorded to the credit of Middletown, that having estimated for Pastor's salary \$1000, He

received \$1100. Small as has been the deficit in aggregate receipts in the past, it is earnestly hoped that we shall have none at all to report at this session. The time has come when the church should redeem, to the last dollar, every pledge made to those who "Minister in holy things."

The great benevolences of the church have received increased attention. In most cases the apportionments have been secured, and more than half of the charges have made an advance. The aim has been to have *all* the collections taken at every point, and to have no disfiguring blanks on the Annual record. The Disciplinary provisions, however, have been only partially carried out. Some of the brethren have established the monthly concert of Prayer; and if more use were made of the Standing Committees called for in the Discipline, the contributions would, no doubt, be greatly increased. The District responded liberally to the call for help in the payment of the debt of the Metropolitan church.

Much progress has been made in the matter of church building and improvement. Three new houses of worship have been completed during the year. The beautiful church at Hillsboro, described in our last report, was finished at an expense of \$4,050, and dedicated May 27. Subscriptions nearly sufficient to cover the cost were taken. The Trappe church, similar in design, was formally dedicated in July last, and the cost, \$5,000, has all been paid except \$500, one-half of which is provided for. The old church at Ebenezer, Centreville charge, has given place to an unusually attractive structure. It is one of the church extension models, 36x50, with memorial windows of stained glass, fresco and other modern appointments. The entire cost, \$3,437, having been (largely through the liberality of Mr. John Clough, of Denver) raised before the dedication, the pastor took advantage of the unusual situation on that day and pressed his benevolent collections with large results. The good work of rebuilding and modernizing has also been vigorously prosecuted. The extensive alterations at Still Pond were finished and the church reopened in October. It has a handsome steeple and bell, stained glass, cushions, fresco, cellar heaters, and is in all respects elegant and complete. The outlay was \$9,140, and so generous was the response that more than that amount was readily subscribed. What is more generous still, every dollar has since been paid and the structure is free. The venerable church, known as Dudley's, on Suddlersville circuit, was repaired for her centennial celebration, which took place July 29, the expense being all covered. The brethren at Marydel, Rock Hall and Hall's Cross Roads, on Hillsboro' circuit, have made greatly needed improvements in their churches by fresco, imitation stained glass and refurnishing, meeting the outlay in each case. Minor additions have been made at Greensboro', Odessa, Tunis' Mills and Royal Oak. An attractive new parsonage, costing \$2,000 has just been erected at the last named place, on a lot donated by Brother Spedden Oram, one of the veteran Methodists of Talbot county. One thousand dollars have been paid on it. Extensive repairs have been made on the Millington parsonage, and it is now a fine property, worth \$2,500. At Galena, Suddlersville, Church Hill and Trappe, the preachers' homes have been put in good condition, with little incumbrance remaining, while the debts upon those at Rock Hall and Pomona have been canceled. The following amounts have also been paid: \$1,200 on the church at Oxford; \$214 on churches on Talbot circuit; \$450 on the St. Michaels parsonage, and an old parsonage debt due from Galena to Millington. With one exception every parsonage on the district is owned by the church. The property is, for the most part, in excellent condition, and is estimated to be worth \$324,000. This is an increase of \$39,000 during the four years, while the entire indebtedness is only \$8,900.

Much work in this department has been projected for the coming year. A lot has been donated for a church at Golt's Station, on the Queen Anne's railroad; and a committee appointed to secure a site for a similar purpose, on the lower end of Tilghman's Island, where our cause is rapidly growing. There is good prospect for a church in Morgan's Creek Neck, and a new one at St. Paul's,

Cecilton Charge. Definite arrangements have finally been made at Suddlersville for the immediate erection of a handsome structure, to cost not less than \$5,000. Improvements are also to be made at Salem, on Pomona charge: Bolingbroke on Trappe Circuit; Bayside, on Talbot Circuit, and at Greensboro. At the first named place \$500 are already in hand.

It is particularly gratifying to note the continued interest in the Sunday School cause on the District. The average attendance for the year has been three thousand eight hundred and twenty; sixty-two schools out of seventy seven are formed into Missionary Societies, and in all the charges, with the exception of six, children's Day was observed, with enthusiastic exercises and large collections. The catechism continues to be generally taught, and a large proportion of the schools have braved the rigors of the winter, and are still running. If our churches at some points could be induced to give more financial encouragement to the officers and teachers, instead of obliging them to pay the bills themselves, greater efficiency would be secured.

Attendance upon class-meeting does not seem to improve, the average being about what it was four years ago. A careful examination of the Leaders in Quarterly Conference reveals the fact that very few of them visit absent members, unless they are sick; some insist that it is not a part of their duty, while those who do feel the obligation, do not systematically discharge it. The reports further show that as a rule, those classes are prosperous, where the leaders have performed this duty with zeal and faithfulness. In solving the class-meeting problem this may be one of the missing links.

More activity has been shown this year in regard to the proper keeping of Church Records, yet so far as the books of many trustees and leaders are concerned, there is room for large improvement.

The canvass for the Christian Advocate has been spirited, and we hope to report a decided increase in the number taken. Many of those who have not read it for years are among the recent subscribers.

With the close of the present session, my relations to the District as Presiding Elder will terminate. In the many arduous and difficult matters involved, I have tried to do my duty in the fear of God, and the love of Zion. My health has been mercifully preserved so that I have been enabled to be always at the work, and have held every Quarterly Conference in the entire four years, besides filling all preaching and other engagements to the best of my ability. Whatever special success, however, has crowned the term, has been due, under God, rather to the faithfulness of my predecessors, "into whose labors I have entered;" to the highly favored location and resources of the District; and to the steady devotion and loving toils of my brethren of the ministry and laity, than to anything I have done. I can never forget the courtesy and consideration shown to me everywhere, and the Christian fellowship many times enjoyed in the Lord's house with his people. I pray for the continued peace of Jerusalem, and trust that "whether present or absent, we may all be accepted of Him."

Respectfully submitted,

T. E. MARTINDALE, P. E.

DOVER DISTRICT.

With devout thanksgiving to God I present this my first report of the state of the work on Dover District.

Some advancement has been made in the work on this district: first in church and parsonage property.

Six new churches and two new parsonages have been added to the material wealth of the district at an aggregated cost of \$14,560. Four churches, entirely free; and two, with a debt of \$600 on one, and \$762 on the other.

On Wyoming circuit, Rev. A. T. Melvin, pastor, two churches have been dedicated; one at Willow Grove, built the previous year, Rev. S. N. Pilchard, pastor, costing \$2200, but dedicated since last conference, when they raised \$800, which amount entirely cleared the building: the other at Wyoming, costing \$2800, has been dedicated, leaving a debt of \$600.

At Woodland, Galestown circuit, Rev. J. Dare, pastor, a neat comfortable church costing \$1284 has been dedicated, and, with the aid of \$200 from the church extension society, entirely free.

Brown M. E. church, which is now a part of Seaford charge, Rev. Dr. Underwood, pastor, we dedicated October, 6th, costing \$1550, entirely free. Surely this is a church growing out of the wants of the people. For they were not a people, but now are the people of God.

At Houston, on Harrington circuit, Rev. F. C. McSorley, pastor, a church costing \$1950 has been occupied, though not formally dedicated, with a debt of \$762.

At Chestnut Woods, on Federalsburg circuit, Rev. E. H. Nelson, pastor, a church costing \$1200 has been dedicated, entirely free, and in the surprise of their success, I may say, the people presented the church to God "with joy and aughter."

Two new and beautiful parsonages have been built and occupied; one at Felton, Rev. I. Jewell, pastor, costing \$1400, entirely clear; truly Bro. Jewell has greatly endeared himself to the people of his charge. The other at Milford, Rev. J. S. Willis, pastor, costing \$4200, with a permanent debt of \$1200, upon which they pay no interest, and \$1100 more, \$600 of which amount is provided for by available subscriptions, and \$500 floating debt. The building is the handsomest and most commodious parsonage in the Wilmington Conference.

The church at New-Market on Lincoln circuit, Rev. I. N. Foreman, pastor, has been thoroughly repaired at a cost of \$675, all paid. I mention these improvements, not so much in praise of the pastor as in honor of the people.

For these things show that the M. E. Church, in her doctrine, and her polity, has taken a deep hold upon the hearts of her members and her friends. On the principle that "better is the end of a thing than the beginning," I have carefully abstained from mentioning any enterprise, whether of church or parsonage which is yet in its incipiency.

The benevolences of the church have been pressed with commendable zeal; but, I fear, not with that success which their importance demands. The General Conference has never been so happy as to order a collection which met with universal favor, but every cause has had its hosts of detractors, yet by the persistent efforts of the ministers there has been a growing enlightenment, and, as a consequence, an increased liberality. One question asked in open conference;—to wit, "are all the collections taken?" tends to confound what the General Conference labors to keep quite distinct. While different collections are ordered, yet the Missionary Church Extension and Freedman's Aid collections have a special prominence given them, and the Presiding Elder is required to have a watchful care over them, to secure, if possible the amount apportioned. And why? That these collections may not be considered in the light of mere offerings, but press upon the conscience of the church with the force of a moral obligation. I indulge the hope that the reports of the brethren will show an increase in this department of church work.

I think it becoming in this connection to report the death of Lewis N. Wright of Trinity Church, Bridgeville Circuit, who has been so long known as a large contributor to the missionary cause. The richest legacy he has left to his family and the church is the memory of a precious name. Then, also, John and Warren Kinder of blessed memory, they too have gone where their hearts went so long before them. Of the three, it may be said, they were lovely and pleasant in their lives and in their death they were not divided.

We come now to that department of the work more particularly ministerial, to wit: the work of the ministry of the word. On the district there are ninety-three churches, served by thirty-three ministers. Of these churches thirteen are stations, counting every charge a station, which has not more than three appointments, the rest are arranged in circuits ranging from four to eight appointments. Most of these churches have regular stated service on alternate Sabbaths, while in stations there are services morning and evening on the Lord's day. In all these churches, extra services have been held, averaging at least, three weeks in every church; making in all two hundred and seventy-nine weeks, a little in excess of five years of anxious labor, performed by thirty-three ministers in the brief space of four months; this too, is the unknown quantity which does not enter into the public estimate of ministerial work. On Dover District a preacher may wear out or burn out, but he will hardly have a chance to rust out.

This will give us some idea of the amount of labor bestowed, but with varying degrees of success. The first charge signalized by divine power was Seaford, Rev. Dr. W. Underwood, pastor. The interest was deep and widespread, and as a result over one hundred souls were added to the Lord. The doctor showing himself efficient, not only in the pulpit, but in the altar service as well.

Denton, Rev. A. D. Davis, pastor, is best represented in his report to the last Quarterly Conference. Probationers at the beginning of the year, 227; received into full membership, 141; continued on trial, 23; removed by letter, 4; without letter, 15; discontinued, 44; so that, of 227 probationers, 44 are probably lost to the church. Received this year on probation, 67; by letter, 9; making a total gain to the membership of the church during the year of 150 souls.

Dover, Rev. Dr. Caldwell, Pastor. At the close of last year there was a conviction that something ought to be done to enable the church to take an advance movement; and Bro. Collins was appointed second preacher in Dover, but Bro. Collins was removed to meet the necessities of the work; and the conviction now is growing, and assuming definite shape in the thought of the people, that what we need is not two churches, but one large commodious church to meet the wants of that growing community. The church has been wonderfully blest, one hundred and fifty-eight accessions. No words of mine would add to the reputation of Dr. Caldwell as a minister of Christ; but let me commend him to the younger brethren as an eminent example in pastoral labor. *Eight hundred pastoral visits paid during the year.*

Camden, Rev. J. A. Brindle, pastor, has enjoyed much of "the very same power as on the day of Pentecost." Sixty have been converted, and the church wonderfully strengthened.

The largest revival in proportion to population has been at Little Creek, Rev. A. W. Holt, pastor; population about 200, and fifty have been brought into the fellowship of the church.

Georgetown, Rev. P. H. Rawlins, pastor, has been visited with a most gracious manifestation of divine power.

Magnolia, Rev. N. S. Pilchard, pastor, has enjoyed "showers of blessings," and as a result 120 have been added to the church.

Rev. J. W. Poole, pastor of Farmington, sends very encouraging word; forty have joined the church, and more to follow.

East New Market, in Dorchester circuit, Bros. Ayers and Williams, pastors, has had a most blessed work of grace.

Bro. McFaul, pastor of Ellendale circuit writes thus; "God is graciously with us. He manifests himself wonderfully at every meeting. We have not yet finished our meetings at the first two appointments, and thirty have already been brought to the light and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. O, I am so happy! Now have we not reason to thank God. When I began the meeting here in Redden I scarcely dared to hope for any success, but glory be to God, it was hardly begun, when it broke out like a flaming fire, and it is still in a blaze, not

the slightest manifestation of levity has been noticed even the young are all serious. Twelve have been converted and ten are at the altar. Good meetings have been in other places, but I am not definitely informed.

Allow me but a word in conclusion; The secret of revival power is not in new men or in new methods, but in this; that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel."

I herewith present the report of the institution within the district: Name, Wilmington Conference Academy, grade: Secondary. Joint Principals, R. H. Skinner A. M., W. L. Gooding A. M. Founded. 1873. No. of teachers, 8; whole number of students, 16; 1. Preparatory, 59. 2. Academic, 88. 3. Special, 18. Number of graduates, 67, graduates in the ministry 6; non-graduates; in the ministry 12. Value of grounds, building and furniture, \$50,000. Volumes in library, 725.

A valuable philosophical and chemical apparatus.—1200 mineral and geological specimens in the cabinet. A private cabinet has been purchased of F. A. Williams Esq.

Income, from board of tuition,.....	\$ 640 00
" " Collections,.....	322 27

Total.....	\$962 27
Indebtedness	\$20,500

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. MILBY, P. E.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

One year of running to and fro upon Salisbury District has been accomplished;—whether knowledge has been increased thereby, God knoweth.

May the mistakes be forgiven and forgotten, and the seed of the Kingdom sown, fructify for immortal reaping. Four years of steady increase in all that constitutes prosperity marked the administration of my predecessor, Rev. T. S. Williams, who also left the work well arranged and manned for further progress. More than this should be said. The changes of circuit lines, which may be suggested this year will be by the metes and bounds which his sagacity discovered. Salisbury District lies in six counties, having an extreme length of 90 miles, from Asbury on Bethel Circuit to Accomac, Va; and an extreme breadth of sixty miles, from Connor's on Newark Circuit to Woodland's Island in the Chesapeake bay, 15 miles from the main:—This island is our only appointment in Dorchester county. We have six in Sussex—seven in Wicomico—five in Worcester—nine in Somerset and three in Accomac, Va., in all, thirty one. At the adjournment of the last Conference, there were thirty two, but for reasons which then obtained, it was thought best, with the consent of Bishop Simpson, to re-annex St. John's Circuit to Gumboro,—Bro. Corkran attempting to supply the whole until sickness taught both him and his people that he was overtaxing himself;—Bro. E. H. Derrickson was appointed to the Circuit, where, for six months, he has served acceptably as junior preacher. Princess Anne also was left with one to be supplied by Bro. Julius Brewington, but resigning at the expiration of six months, Bro. E. P. Roberts was assigned to the work, and he has rendered efficient service. Holland's Island was supplied by Bro. G. P. Smith, and Barren Creek by Bro. J. W. Gray. Our 31 appointments are thus arranged—11 are stations of one church each—3 of two churches each—2 of 3—12 of 4—1 of 5—1 of 6 and 1 of 7 churches, making a total of 89 church buildings on the District, an increase of two during the year. Early in the Conference year, at the suggestion of Rev. C. A. Grice, members of our church residing in Bishopville, Worcester Co., Md., but having

no religious home there, were conferred with upon the subject of church extension to that community. Encouraged by the donation of a beautiful lot in the centre of the village, and a cemetery in the suburbs, from Dr. T. A. J. Holloway, and led by Bro. Levin S. Melson, a laymen of consecrated wealth (whom our Conference Academy Trustees ought to know) determined to rise and build, which they did on a church extension plan, and dedicated a most beautiful building 30x50 feet, with spire, bell, and stained glass windows, February 10, 1884. The cost was \$2200, and \$900 remain to be provided for at the opening. It was dedicated by Bros. Hanna and Willey. The A. M. service closed with the doxology of thanksgiving, the last dollar having been raised; and that which was theirs by labor and purchase was given as a thank-offering unto God, who acknowledged the gift the following night by the salvation of a soul, and with many others since. The class numbers 31 members and probationers, and is a part of Roxanna Circuit. At Westover, a growing town in Somerset County, on the E. S. R. Road, until recently there was no church of any denomination. It became a question of some man's venturing out and securing this desirable situation for our own methodism. That man was found in Bro. Wm. Ruark, a resident of the place, but holding his membership at Fairmount. A lot reported as donated last conference was given up, and a more desirable site secured through the donation of a ½ acre by Mr. L. H. Beachamp, and the purchase of another ½ acre. Last fall, with but little money subscribed, yet with large faith in God, the people and the church, Bro. Ruark started the enterprise, building on a Church Extension plan. The church is a sightly structure, with two rooms and spire, and was completed in February at an expense of \$1775. It was dedicated February 24th, by Rev. C. W. Buoy of Philadelphia. The financial work of the day was not a success, and we cannot but regret the attempted giving unto God of that which did not belong to the givers,—there being a debt of \$800, for the liquidation of which Church Extension aid will be greatly needed. The venture was necessary, however, and there seemed to be no other way to secure and hold the opportunity. The church at Zion on Parsonsburg Circuit, found in process of erection at the beginning of this conference year, was dedicated by Bros. Hanna and Wilson, with a balance of \$60 unprovided for. Zion, on Fruitland Circuit, is soon to be replaced by a more modern building, now nearing completion, work, for the time being, is suspended for want of funds. They need help from the Church Extension Society. Salem, on Frankford Circuit, will be superseded by a church commodious and elegant in all its appointments. Its dedication has been postponed until after Conference. In the refitting of old churches, Rev. C. A. Grice has precedence in order of time, beginning on the Circuit in Berlin immediately on return from Conference. Directing the work in person and laboring with his own hands, he secured a thorough renovation of the building at a cost of \$600, \$300 being unprovided for, every dollar of it was raised by E. L. Hubbard at the re-opening, and all but \$30 cash in hand. Asbury on Bethel Circuit has been painted and improved at a cost of \$300, and paid. To be mentioned in this connection is the remodeling of the infant room—repairing and painting of Christ Church at Fairmount, leaving a balance of \$450 yet to be raised. The refitting of Union on the same charge, paid for, is also to be noted. A church on Roxanna Circuit, Bro. Hynson, pastor, at a cost of \$250, all paid for, needs mention. From the list of material improvements must not be omitted the completion of a first-class parsonage at Frankford, with a balance to be provided for by slow liquidation. A commodious parsonage has also been built at Asbury, near Crisfield, at a cost of \$2,000, and is all a pastor could desire. The only thing not beautiful about it is the debt of \$1,400. This brings up our list of parsonages to 19. Doubtless the debt will be paid during the coming year. Bro. Bowen has paid a parsonage debt of \$500 on Bethel Circuit, and has a subscription list of \$1,400, to turn over to his successor for a new church at Bethel. The District parsonage has been furnished at a cost of \$380, \$103 of which remains yet to be raised.

The lives of the brethren have been spared, and health for the most part continued. Bro. Grice overworked himself, but found recuperation in a three weeks' visit to Ocean View. Bro. W. F. Corkran, from the same cause, was in bed for many weeks. He was restored in the early fall, and has done most efficient service since. The cause suffers more from parsimony of outlay than from prodigality of holy endeavor. Of the companions of our toil, one is not, for God hath taken her. Sister Baker, wife of Rev. C. S. Baker, after two years of suffering passed to her heavenly home. Weeks of sickness was also the lot of sister Johnson during the summer. Sister Hubbard has also borne the lot of painful invalidism, which, though improved, remains uncured. Our Bro. England watches by the sick couch of his wife with little hope. Stricken with paralysis, there is yet no promise of recovery.

Concerning the support of the preachers, there have been advances on estimates in eighteen charges which have been fully reached in many of the number, and in the number not reached, the amount raised is very much in advance of what they have raised before. Newark has paid the pastor more salary than was apportioned.

In the 31 charges last year, 8 were deficient in salary to the amount of \$902, this year the number has been reduced to five charges deficient, aggregating less than \$500. Not in one case would earnest effort, with more personal liberality have failed to secure the whole amount of salary. May the day soon come when all estimates shall be fully paid. We have charges paying, exclusive of rent, one \$1000; two \$900; two \$850; three \$800; six \$700; seven \$600; one \$550; one \$465. Nine of the charges pay less than \$500, and six of them are served by men with families, the highest of the six receiving \$465, and the next \$350. Those who receive the larger salaries may well ask how these men have lived. God only knows. One of them, with a wife and two children, has often been compelled to board among his people until supplies came in; among the results of his toil we have 350 visits, 144 sermons, repairing two churches, and \$140 for collections for benevolent purposes. Another with a large family and a horse to keep, on a charge that never paid \$200, knowing the field, was ready to go because he felt that God called him and he felt willing to face the work and the want. But few times in the week has he indulged in the luxury of meat, yet he comes to conference reporting 33 probationers, \$30 for benevolent collections, and 350 visits. Such heroism makes a strong appeal to those who have means to help, and we trust the Church Relief collection will meet with favorable consideration everywhere, that these men may be sustained.

One brother turned away from flattering business prospects to one of these fields of unrequited toil, his cry being, "I must have souls or die."

The modern camp-meeting which, like Judas Iscariot, says "Hail, Master," and then betrays him with a kiss, has appeared six times in our midst, with some or all of its concomitants of rowdiness, Sabbath desecration, dissipation, Sunday school destruction and church closing. If in some of these the most sanguine expectations of Satan were not realized, then he must be a most unreasonable devil. I would they might be held between the Sabbaths, or cease to exist. Now, almost every one, serpent like, must drag slimy its folds across the Lord's day to enhance the value of pecuniary privileges. Shall we not rise up against this wickedness at this very Conference? In spite of these and many other deleterious influences, the work of salvation has gone on with some success. Leading the District in conversions is Asbury church, Brother Avery, pastor, who has a roll of 105 probationers. Next in point of numbers is Brother Tyler, Smith's Island, who began last August a revival, resulting in 74 conversions; J. B. Quigg, Laurel, 55, and many others, aggregating many hundreds.

Three thousand one hundred and eighty-one dollars have been raised for all connectional interests—51 cents per member and 45 cents per member and probationer. Salisbury district can assume the support of Miss Everding, who has been assigned to the whole of the Eastern Shore by the W. F. M. S. That territory ought to support two the next year, and many more in the near future.

\$3,000 for Missions, \$1,000 for Conference claimants, and \$500 for Church Extension, was our aim at the beginning of the year. Even if they had been secured, how trifling it would have been in comparison with the ability of the people. They are getting rich fearfully fast, and must be taught the needs of the cause of God, and the duty of consecrating their substance to the salvation of the world. We can prove our love for our neighbor by devoting our means to his salvation. Our statistical tables will show that all our connectional interests have been presented and that they have been responded to. Many places deserve special mention because of advances this year. Fairmount, with \$750 for benevolences last year, advances more than \$200 beyond that, reaching the ideal of as much for benevolences as is paid the pastor. It is a noticeable fact that the charges which pay most for connectional interests lead in the number of conversions. In pastoral work, J. B. Quigg leads the District in 1075 visits, and is closely followed by Bros. Hanna and Willey, who have reached 900 visits during the year. Fully three-fourths of the brethren on the District have made 300 visits, and beyond. Believing that it would conserve the best interests of the work in all its departments, in October last we began the publication of the "Salisbury District Advance," a semi-monthly paper, having a circulation of 3000. It is issued at an expense of \$700 per annum to the publisher, who believes it conserves the purpose of its being, unifying the work, and making sentiment where it will do the most good. For literary aid in the enterprise, we are indebted to many brethren, but especially to Rev. J. D. C. Hanna, who, as associate editor, has taken the laboring oar of receiving communications, and making up the paper.

My personal work can be briefly told.—Love feasts 57, Q. Conferences 118, 8 addresses, 226 sermons, 235 days spent from home, with a travel of 5786 miles. The work has been a glorious pastime. Preachers and people, in their kindness have made it easy. I would I were sure of ability to satisfy all in the advisory work that now falleth to me. Who is sufficient for these things? I know who is not—hence I come bound in spirit to this Jerusalem, conscious, however, of a purpose of fidelity to the work of the Redeemer, and of unqualified sympathy with his faithful workers:—and knowing I would rather suffer affliction than cause it, may God help. Sufficiency is alone with him. May he baptize me with wisdom, candor, sympathy, faithfulness for the allotment, and that the grace of forbearance and the charity that thinketh no evil may be upon all.

J. A. B. WILSON, P. E.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

Your Board of Church Extension for Wilmington Annual Conference beg leave to congratulate the church within our bounds on the greatly increasing interest of this cause, and beg leave to assure you that your Board are using the utmost diligence to so appropriate the funds committed to their trust, as to help the needy and inspire the feeble with renewed strength.

During the year Hockessin on Wilmington District, and Hall's Chapel on Dover District were recommended to the Parent Board for aid; the former for \$300.00, the latter for \$200.00.

ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education respectfully report as follows:

For this centenary year of Methodist Episcopal Organization in this country we should express our thankfulness by liberal gifts to the cause of education which when sanctified by religion is the latter's main stay and support. Teaching but awakens the latent powers of the mind. It creates nothing; it is a condition of mental growth as rain and sunshine is to the vegetable world. The best teacher is he who, conscious of the noblest spiritual and intellectual manhood in himself, is called to the awakening of like realizations of God and of truth in others. Enthusiastic, he kindles enthusiasm; grasping his subject, he brings it to bear as God intended upon the awakening intellect. No youth with noble powers dormant in his soul can resist. Such teachers with support from those to whom God has given wealth, constitute by the appointment of our Heavenly Father the energizing influence in all the great Institutions of Learning in this land. Colleges, however wealthy, without them are little better than whited sepulchres. It is the duty of Trustees to employ such teachers and it is a matter of the highest importance that our youth of both sexes should be educated in such schools. Children should never be entrusted to teachers who lightly regard the holiest convictions of the parent.

In all of our schools the Christian Philosophy as taught by Dugald Stewart, Mark Hopkins, Dr. McCash and Noah Porter being, as it is, in full harmony with our teachings and beliefs, should be taught; no other philosophy should be taught. We endorse the curriculum of the best colleges of thirty years ago and the old Classical Course necessary for the degree of A., M. and deprecate too radical changes in the same.

DICKINSON COLLEGE—This Institution under the Presidency of Dr. J. A. McCaulley, who measures up as nearly as any man we know to the model teacher described above, is prosperous. The religious influence is good.

It has received \$100,000 additional endowment during the past year. As long as Dickinson can turn out such men as Dr. E. O. Shakespeare and Rev. Jacob Todd and others, our people will make no mistake in giving Dickinson either their money or their sons.

DREW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY—With such men as Rev. Geo. R. Crooks, Prof. Jas. Strong, Rev. H. A. Butz, Rev. Samuel F. Upham and Rev. Mr. Miley and probably others equally good, but whom we happen not to know, personally, we can but cordially commend this school to the church.

THE CENTENARY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE OF BALTIMORE—As to this school, we are sorry to learn that it is in a partially crippled condition from lack of funds. As patriots and lovers of humanity, we can but express our heartiest sympathy with every effort to improve and elevate the colored race. We believe this Institution to be a valuable instrument for the performance of this great work. We hope to see it lifted above its trouble soon.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE ACADEMY—This school is in excellent condition. The number of students last year was 167; year before last, 137; two years ago, 102. This indicates a growth in popular favor of the students prepared at this school. One entered last year at Yale, two at Dickinson, two at Wesleyan and one at Lafayette.

Those who are acquainted know that the examination to enter these colleges is severe. The above facts are therefore evidence of good work. We are also glad to see the majority entering Methodist colleges.

We hope to hear in the near future that many of its students are brought to a realization of their full duty to God.

We recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That this school is worthy to receive the entire patronage of this Conference.

The resolutions heretofore offered to this Conference with regard to the Academy, and referred to us, have had our attention, and we recommend that the Conference pass them as offered and appoint a committee to carry out the plan of raising funds for the purposes named in these resolutions.

We also recommend that Children's Day be made a specialty, and that all contributions not specially named to other objects be devoted to the academy.

ON TRACTS.

WHEREAS, The enemy of the cause of Christ and his agents, are busily engaged in disseminating pernicious and unprofitable literature through the Press, and otherwise, and,

WHEREAS, There appears to be a growing apathy and indifference with regard to tract distribution, your committee recommend the following resolutions;

Resolved, 1st. That we recognize the importance of Tract distribution, as a quiet, but powerful instrumentality in the hands of the Pastors and churches in saving souls.

Resolved, 2nd. That the tract committee in the several charges be requested to carry out the provisions of the discipline, in regard to tract distribution, with greater fidelity.

Resolved, 3rd. That we are satisfied that such Sabbath school committees as may not be able to give personal attention to their purchases, are sure to be supplied on order by the Tract Society with reliable books,

Resolved, 4th. That we urge the pastors of our churches to faithfully warn our people, of the dangers of the prevailing light and licentious literature, and to discountenance its circulation by all suitable means in their power, and the more frequent use of Tracts in their Pastoral work, as well as the regular organization of their churches, for the work of systematic tract distribution.

Resolved, 5th. That we recommend the circulation of Tract No. 122 on tobacco and its effects. A Prize Essay by Dr. Henry Gibbons of California, as well as those that treat specifically on the Sabbath, and Temperance.

ON BIBLE CAUSE.

"Oh Lord thou hast magnified thy word above all thy works." The Bible is therefore one of God's great instrumentalities in the world's regeneration and redemption. Believing these great truths we are constrained to present to this Conference some resolutions and ask their adoption.

Resolved, That as the years pass, and the operations of the American Bible Society becomes more fully known, our confidence becomes greater in its ability to accomplish its grand designs; viz. The translation of the Bible into every language, and its introduction into every home.

Resolved, That we look with favor upon, and we shall hail with joy, the consummation of the design of the Parent Society, viz. The re-supplying of the Bible throughout the United States.

Resolved, That the wonderful development of the Missionary movement of the Christian church, and the unusual efforts put forth for Bible study in heathen lands, urge us more than ever to lend a helping hand to this great instrumentality.

Resolved, That we re-affirm the 2nd resolution of the report on the Bible cause of 1880 by this Conference, viz. "That in view of the tendency of modern thought, it is important to keep the minds of the people in sympathy with the study and circulation of the Bible, as an antidote to skepticism; as a source of moral power; and a regenerator of the masses; and therefore the Bible should be retained in the public schools as an unsectarian book of instruction in sacred history and moral truths.

Resolved, That in order to give this great cause an equal chance among the collections ordered by the General Conference, we will do all we can in the presentation of its claims, and urge upon our people increased liberality.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION AT BARRETT'S CHAPEL.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your committee have corresponded with the Bishops and others, and have agreed to announce through the papers of the Peninsula, the plans for the celebration as soon as they are fully agreed upon. The Bishops, at their last meeting, took the subject up, and while they have not definitely arranged to be with us, yet they are understood by us to be agreed in respect to the importance of the Barrett's Chapel centenary, and will be with us if possible. General Fisk has also consented to be present, and we may hope to have a celebration worthy of the event.

ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions appointed by the Conference beg leave to report that they met at the Bishop's room, and organized by electing C. Hill president and T. E. Martindale secretary. The sum of \$300 having been granted to this Conference, for Swedish work, it was, on motion, resolved to appropriate the entire amount to the use of the Swedish mission in the city of Wilmington.

[Signed,] CHARLES HILL, *President*.
T. E. MARTINDALE, *Secretary*.
I concur in the above. [Signed,] WILLIAM L. HARRIS.

ON WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

God has raised up the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to be the companion and helpmeet of the "parent Society." Therefore, we rejoice in the great prosperity that has attended the labors of this Society in every field of its operation and in the increased liberality of its patrons.

We gratefully recognize the aid rendered by the doors it has opened to, and the enthusiasm it has excited in, the "Parent Society.

The great work being done by the medical department of this Society, is worthy of special consideration and help; through its instrumentality doors are opened and hearts are won that have resisted all other agencies.

We desire for this Society more thought, more prayer, and greater liberality on the part of our people.

We heartily commend the publications of this Society and will advise our people to secure and read them.

Gladly will we welcome the representatives of this Society whenever convenient, to visit our charges for the purpose of organizing auxiliaries and enlisting our people with missionary zeal.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, We deem the Sunday Schools to be one of the most efficient and successful departments of church work. And whereas, its future efficiency is largely dependent upon the character of its text-books and teaching. Therefore, be it *resolved*,

1, That pastors should insist upon the use of the catechism in connection with the Berean lesson, deeming it a correct compendium of the doctrines and beliefs of methodism.

Resolved, 2. As the Sunday School is not an independent organization from the church, but an intergal part of the same, it is desirable that a closer bond of union be established between them; so that all may realize the benefit and power arising from blended effort and influence.

Resolved, 3. That the subject of temperance be kept prominently before our Schools; and that a day be set apart as temperance day, with such exercises as will best impress the importance of the subject upon the minds of the children.

Resolved, 4. That we recommend the papers issued by our publishing houses, and advise their increased circulation in our schools.

Resolved, 5. That greater care be exercised by the pastors as to the character and quality of the library books supplied to our schools.

Resolved, 6. That we urge our pastors to avail themselves of the offer of the board of education, to provide suitable help in securing the success of children's day.

Resolved, 7. That we most earnestly protest against our schools patronizing sea or bay-side resorts where rum and and immortality are licensed and countenanced.

ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, We regard the legalized liquor traffic as the greatest foe that opposes us in our work of saving men and establishing the kingdom of Christ within the bounds of our Conference, and,

WHEREAS, We believe that if the Christian men composing the membership of the various evangelical churches on this Peninsula can be united in one grand effort for its overthrow, we can rid our territory of this curse, and, believing that we are consistent Christians only when we show by our conduct that we consider a moral and religious duty as of more importance than mere social and political affinities, and believing that the time has come in our history for us to reap if we faint not; therefore,

Resolved, First, That we hereby pledge ourselves to use our best effort to promote the cause of temperance within the bounds of our Conference.

Resolved, Second, That we have no compromise to offer to the rum traffic, nor will we accept any from that source.

Resolved, Third, That while we regard absolute prohibition by statutory law as the ultimate object of all our efforts in the temperance cause, we believe Local Option to be the best means for obtaining that end, it having demonstrated its utility by its beneficial results where it has been tried.

Resolved, Fourth, That we recognize the importance of the Delaware and Maryland State Temperance Alliances, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and the various local organizations within our bounds and congratulate them on the success they have achieved, and we hereby pledge to them our hearty sympathy and co-operation.

Resolved, Fifth, That we advise our people to use great care in the selection of places for holding Sunday School picnics and excursions, believing it to be inconsistent in us and damaging to our cause to patronize in this way any summer resort or watering place where intoxicating liquors are sold.

Resolved, Sixth, That we recommend the setting apart of the second Sunday in May next as Temperance Day throughout our Conference, and request that all our ministers preach temperance sermons on that day and take a collection for the cause of temperance.

ON FREEDMEN'S AID.

Your committee on Freedmen's Aid respectfully submit the following:

The Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church has aided in the establishment and support of twenty-six institutions of learning in the South for the higher education of the white and colored membership of our Church, and during the past year there were in these seminaries and colleges 3,537 students.

The General Conference of 1880 resolved that, since the year 1884 completes the first century of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the centennial of the Church ought to be celebrated, and recommended the Board of Bishops to devise a plan therefor.

In their report the bishops say: "We commend to the liberality of the Church, first, the Board of Education; second, the Freedmen's Aid Society; third, theological schools; fourth, universities, colleges, seminaries, &c. The Centenary Biblical Institute is under our care, (we being one of the patronizing conferences,) and is doing a grand and noble work. During this year it is proposed to endow this institution with \$50,000. Your committee commends the Centenary Biblical Institute to the liberality of our people, and we earnestly hope she may be allowed to share the centenary offering of Peninsular Methodism. That you may be acquainted with the work done in this institution, your committee subjoins the last annual report of its president, Dr. Frysinger, and recommends its publication in the minutes.

RESOLUTIONS.

ADDRESSES OF REV. W. W. WILSON AND H. F. PICKELS.

Resolved. That we request Rev. W. W. W. Wilson to furnish Dr. Frysinger, President Centenary Biblical Institute, a copy of his excellent address in the interest of the Freedman's Aid Society, for publication in his paper, the *Educator*.

Resolved. That the President of the Lay Electoral College, Henry F. Pickels, be requested to publish his excellent address, together with the resolutions of the Secretary, for distribution among the pastors and others.

ON CONFERENCE ACADEMY.

1. That the Conference Academy, as an enterprise conceived and undertaken by the Methodists of this Peninsula, assembled together in Convention, and carried forward to completion by measures and agencies approved and adopted by this Conference, is therefore a special care to this body.

2. We, the members of this annual Conference, and the lay members of our churches, are wholly responsible for the unpaid debt of the Academy; and it becomes us to make the largest use of this centenary year in order to liquidate the same; and we are encouraged to make any effort necessary, by the fact that our property is fully worth the sixty thousand dollars we shall have invested when the debt is paid.

3. The special centenary collection, as well as the general education collection of this centenary year, shall be appropriated to the Conference Academy, except such sums and contributions as may be specifically directed elsewhere by the donors thereof.

4. Considering that two thousand dollars have been bequeathed by C. M. Wharton, Esq., conditioned upon our reducing the debt of the Academy to ten thousand dollars, therefore, it is our imperative duty to make the most strenuous efforts to secure eight thousand dollars necessary to this result.

5. That we now invite a subscription from the members of this Conference, and the laymen present, and it shall be understood that the subscription now taken shall be due and payable when notice is duly given that the eight thousand dollars required to secure the aforesaid legacy have been obtained, and all sums paid upon this subscription shall be held in trust until the full sum to secure the legacy shall be paid in, and if a sufficient sum is not obtained then all money paid shall be returned to the donors.

STEWARDS' ANNIVERSARY.

Resolved, That the committee on anniversaries for the next Conference be requested to set apart one evening during the session of the conference for a meeting in behalf of the Conference Stewards to be known as the Stewards Anniversary of the Wilmington Conference.

DICKINSON COLLEGE.

Resolved, That we will commend to our people as a worthy object of Centennial beneficence Dickinson College; and that we will co-operate in the present movement in behalf of the institution.

REV. H. COLCLAZER.

WHEREAS, Our dear father and brother, Rev. H. Colclazer, has made request at this session of the Conference, to retire from the active work, after a service of fifty-six years, therefore,

Resolved, That we honor him as one of the heroic pioneers who assisted in laying deep and strong, the foundations of our Methodism in the Great North West, and also gratefully recognize the keeping hand of the Lord, in the subsequent years of his arduous and successful service.

Resolved, That we beg to assure him of our admiration of his pure, and consistent life and of our brotherly love and personal regard as co-laborers in the Master's vineyard, ever praying that the blessings of God may rest upon his declining years; and that when for all of us, "the shadows are a little longer grown, we may meet and greet him in the heavenly places."

REV. W. J. O'NIELL.

Resolved, That in the case against Brother W. J. O'NIEL, no evidence has been furnished the Conference proving any malicious intent on his part and that the charge and specifications be not sustained.

REV. JNO. INSKIP.

WHEREAS, We have heard with great sorrow, of the death of Rev. J. S. Inskip.

Resolved, That we herewith, as a Conference desire to declare our appreciation of Brother Inskip's useful labors, and our deep sympathy with sister Inskip in her bereavement.

WHEREAS, The Select Number appointed in the case of Brother L. C. Andrew after patiently hearing all the evidence offered, unanimously acquit him of all that is alleged against him in the charge and its specifications. They would respectfully offer the following:

Resolved. That in the judgment of the Committee there was no cause whatever for disciplinary action, and that he deserves the heartiest sympathy of all his brethren because of the damage which he has sustained in the unnecessary arrest of his character.

H. COLCLAZER, *Chairman*.

I. T. COOPER.

Having learned through his pastor, Rev. J. A. Brindle, of the extreme illness of our venerable brother, Rev. I. T. Cooper, who for nearly fifty years in the itinerant ministry, has been an able expounder of the truth, a loyal and devoted defender of the tenets of Methodism, we hereby, as a Conference, express our deep sympathy for him in his affliction and shall earnestly pray his last hours may mark a triumph of the gospel he had so faithfully preached.

JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, By this annual and electoral Conference, that we jointly agree in the sentiments expressed by the President of the Lay Conference, and we hereby pledge our fidelity to our itinerant system, and engage to do our best for further church progress, and especially pledge our best endeavor to secure the prohibition of the liquor trade.

THANKS.

Resolved, That we recognize in Bishop Harris an efficient and able presiding officer.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby given to our secretaries for their courtesy and labors:

To the Committee on Entertainment, and to the families who have entertained us:

To the Pastor and Trustees of Asbury Church, for their efficient efforts for our accommodations:

To the Pastors and Trustees of the other Methodist Churches, where committees have met, and anniversaries have been held:

To the choirs of the churches for the music furnished,
And to the Railroad Companies who favored us with reduction of fare.

MEMORABILIA OF WILMINGTON CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

No.	Date.	Place	Bishop.	Secretary.	Deaths of Ministers.	Members.	Deaths of Members.	Missionary Collection.	Delegates to General Conference.	Preachers serving third year.
1	Mar. 17, '69.	Wilmington.	M. Simpson.	S. L. Gracey.	1	19688	296	\$1082 06	{ J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, W. E. England, Chas. Hill, Reserves—J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd.	6
2	Mar. 18, '70.	Port Deposit.	E. S. James.	"	2	19959	254	10540 75	{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England, Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.	14
3	Mar. 8, '71.	Dover.	L. Scott.	"	2	21217	295	10433 35	{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England, Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.	10
4	Feb. 21, '72.	Laurel.	E. R. Ames.	T. E. Martindale.	1	21376	256	10592 34	{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England, Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.	12
5	Mar. 5, '73.	Easton.	L. Scott.	"	2	21774	318	11260 78	{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England, Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.	14
6	Mar. 4, '74.	Salisbury.	I. W. Wiley.	"	2	22312	321	11772 35	{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England, Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.	10
7	Mar. 17, '75.	Smyrna.	E. S. James.	"	2	23228	319	10686 32	{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England, Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.	18
8	Mar. 15, '76.	Wilmington.	L. Scott.	"	1	23980	291	10416 00	{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England, Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.	10
9	Mar. 7, '77.	Milford.	E. R. Ames.	"	2	24908	320	9648 98	{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England, Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.	11
10	Mar. 13, '78.	Chestertown.	R. S. Foster.	"	3	24932	355	10355 58	{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England, Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.	20
11	Mar. 19, '79.	New Castle.	M. Simpson.	"	3	25819	415	8267 09	{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England, Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.	15
12	Mar. 17, '80.	Dover.	E. G. Andrews.	"	2	26734	353	9832 40	{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England, Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.	17
13	Mar. 16, '81.	Lewes.	Thos. Bowman.	Jno. D. Rigg.	2	26468	368	11612 26	{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England, Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.	16
14	Mar. 8, '82.	Middletown.	J. F. Hurst.	"	3	24996	420	12922 13	{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England, Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.	12
15	Mar. 7, '83.	Cambridge, Md.	M. Simpson.	"	1	26623	396	13747 31	{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England, Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.	22
16	Mar. 5, '84.	Wilmington.	W. L. Harris.	"	1	26857	365	16134 84	{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England, Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.	

ROLL OF THE DEAD
OF THE
WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

NAMES.	DATE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF DEATH.
Rev. John E. Elliott,	November 8th, 1868,	Snow Hill, Md.
" Thomas J. Quigley, D. D.,	October 19th, 1870,	Laurel, Del.
" Daniel Titlow,	February 7th, 1871,	Philadelphia, Penna.
" Amos A. Ewing,	January 19th, 1872,	Cecil County, Md.
" Alfred Cookman,	....., 1871,	Newark, N. J.
" James Augustus Massey,	July 9th, 1872,	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md
" John Brandreth,	October 3d, 1872,	Frankford, Del.
" Thos. Jefferson Thompson, D. I.	November 29th, 1874,	Wilmington, Del.
" Robert E. Kemp,	March 6th, 1875,	Greensboro, Md.
" Wesley Kenney, D. D.,	June 24th, 1875,	Smyrna, Del.
" Henry Sutton,	March 23d, 1876,	Philadelphia, Penna.
" George A. Campbell,	September 7th, 1876,	Frankford, Del.
" John W. Weston,	April 23d, 1877,	Wilmington, Del.
" John D. Curtis,	July 25th, 1877,	Wilmington, Del.
" David R. Thomas,	February 13th, 1878,	Wilmington, Del.
" Andrew J. Crozier,	January 21st, 1879,	Wilmington, Del.
" Joshua Humphriss,	January 23d, 1879,	Salisbury, Md.
" Francis M. Chatham,	May 29th, 1878,	Berlin, Md.
" Edward G. Irwin,	March 12th, 1879,	Wilmington, Del.
" John Hough,	March 27th, 1879,	near Trenton N. J.
" Thomas J. Williams,	March 29th, 1879,	New Castle, Del.
" Wm. I. Bain,	May 13th, 1880,	Pocomoke City, Md.
" Wm. Urie,	November 13th, 1880,	Smyrna, Del.
" Thomas F. Plummer,	February 2d, 1881,	Wilmington, Del.
" Elijah Miller,	April 15th, 1881,	Sudlersville, Md.
" John W. Pierson,	May 6th, 1881,	Wilmington, Del.
" Francis B. Quigley,	August 19th, 1881,	Hopewell, Md.
" Thomas J. Prettyman,	February 27th, 1882,	Newark, Md.
" Benj. W. Chase,	December 11th, 1882,	Seaford, Del.
" Lucius C. Matlock,	June 24th, 1883,	Cambridge, Md.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. L. C. MATLACK, D. D.

Rev. Lucius Columbus Matlack, D. D., was born in Baltimore, Md, April 28, 1816, and died at Cambridge, in the same State, early on the morning of Sunday, June 24th, 1883.

His parents, Joseph and Louisa Matlack, although of Quaker extraction, were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and at his mothers knee in very early years he was instructed in those principles, which gave shape and significance to his after life.

At the age of seven years, under the preaching of the word, he became the subject of marked religious impressions. It was not, however, until his sixteenth year (being then in the city of Philadelphia) that he became converted. The blessed experience is described thus by himself. "By faith I entered into rest. A clear sense of regeneration thoroughly reconstructing my whole being, thrilled me with unspeakable delight. Rising to my feet, I saw the people were all gone but three. I started homeward. My feet seemed scarce to touch two or the ground. Looking upward at the bright stars of that soft summer night of 1832, a large, new volume of meaning was read in the words." The heavens declare the glory of God." The stars talked with me."

He connected himself with the Union church, (being received on probation by Rev. Dr. J. Holdich; and into full membership by Rev. Charles Pitman,) and at once took his place as an enthusiastic, yet modest worker for Jesus. Here, as Sunday School teacher, superintendent, class leader and exhorter, he found opportunity to "stir up the gift" within him, and the record of those years is one of happy toil.

In 1837 he was licensed to preach, and recommended to the Philadelphia Conference for admission on trial. It was not without a great conflict that he consented to this, as his life-work. His journal tells the story. "I resisted my convictions of duty, but they could not be suppressed. An intense struggle, and deep mental anguish was suffered. With strong temptations to rebel, after many sad hours of meditation, while on my knees alone, in tears, at secret prayer, I consented. With unselfish aims, and a single eye to the glory of God, my anticipations were full of joy and hope." The hours of trial, however, soon followed.

At the session of the annual Conference he was refused admission, by a unanimous vote, because of his Anti slavery convictions and utterances. A part of the year following, he spent as assistant to Rev. John Lednum at West Chester. He was rejected a second time at the Conference of 1838, held at Asbury, Wilmington, for the same reason; and this was followed, in 1839, by the withholding of his license, and a threat of expulsion.

In June of this year, he went to New England by invitation of Rev. Orange Scott, and by the Quarterly Conference at Lowell, Mass., was re-licensed, and served that charge for six months, and Haverhill for the

remainder of the year. He was received on trial into the New England Conference in 1840, and spent that and the following year at Holliston. While resident in Boston, in 1842, he withdrew from the church, and united in the movement which organized the Wesleyan Methodist Connection, not as he said on account of personal jealousies or offenses real or imagined, but to secure opportunity for untrammelled and effective testimony along the line of his cherished principles. In 1843, he was pastor in Providence; 1844, in Philadelphia; 1845, in Devedbury; 1846, in Boston; 1847, in Nashua; from 1848 to 1856, book agent of Wesleyan Connection and editor; 1856 to 60, President of Wheaton College; in 1860, President of Illinois Wesleyan Conference; 1861, Chaplain in the army; and from 1862 to 1866, he served as Major, Brevet Colonel, and Provost Marshal.

The mission of the Wesleyan Societies, having been accomplished, he returned to the old church which had reared him, being received by unanimous vote, and with great cordiality into the Philadelphia Conference in 1867. His subsequent work was as follows: Elkton, 1867-68; Presiding Elder of the New Orleans District, Louisiana Conference 1869 to 1873; Grace church, Wilmington, 1873; Middletown, 1874 to 1877; Bethel 1877-78; Presiding Elder of Wilmington District, 1879 to 1883. Being appointed to Cambridge last spring he entered upon his work with great enthusiasm and delight. Three short months had scarcely passed, when came

"The alarm, the struggle, the relief."

Dr. Matlack was twice married. The wife of his youth was Miss Maria Ruhl, of Philadelphia, who died in New Orleans. In March, 1873, at Port Deposit, he was united in marriage with Miss Roberta H. Stevenson, who, with their dear boy Cole, remains to weep over her loss.

Nature wrought lavishly and well when she endowed Lucius C. Matlack. He was a man of large, well-proportioned, sinewy frame, striking face, courtly bearing and commanding presence. So vigorous was he that throughout his life there were no long periods of retirement from service. He worked steadily on from childhood until a few hours before his death. Age had impaired little of his vitality or ardor, and he fell like a noble tree in full verdure.

Not less marked were his mental and moral characteristics. Starting with a slender stock of culture, he yet made such industrious use of all agencies around him, that whether as Editor, Book Agent, College President, Author or Pastor, he won the respect of learned men, and worthily received from two colleges the Doctorate of Divinity.

He was clear in perception, cautious, yet generally correct in judgment, and intensely loyal to conclusions. Perhaps his distinguishing mental qualities were patience of investigation, judicial candor and calmness in weighing evidence, and conciseness of statement.

Dr. Matlack was pre-eminently a man of convictions, and it was the plan of his life to follow them at whatever personal cost. Conscience, enlightened and magnetized by the will of God, was the center around which his character was organized. With him the moral forces were supreme, and from them everything in his life took direction. Out of this sacred soil grew his great courage, his incorruptible integrity, his devotion to humanity, his scorn of trick or sham, and his equanimity in bearing provocation and misrepresentation.

He had the calm, self-consciousness of a native rectitude, and that quality of firmness and long waiting for results, which gave breadth and repose to his character. The Editor of the "Advocate" writes of him thus:—"Manhood is not common enough to pass from notice without a tribute. Rev. L. C. Matlack deserves honor from all men, for he was true to his convictions when it cost him all that men hold dear, except life;" and Whittier, the poet says justly. "He was a true man, and a brave, conscientious christian philanthropist."

Over these heroic qualities hung the charm of a native modesty. His preference was to keep in the background, and to esteem his brethren more worthy than himself. He never sought to crowd his way into prominent positions, declining as he had done through life, and did in council a year ago, to express any wish with regard to his future location. Even in the intimacies of closest friendship, with his heart open before one, he was the same guileless self-forgetting brother, with always a careful, charitable word for others. If, in social relations he seemed reserved, it was not the effect of indifference or haughtiness, but of diffidence and delicacy of feeling. He had a young, warm heart, which yearned for the appreciation and love of his associates, and when once given they were cherished and honored with all the strength of his ardent nature. He was generous to a fault. In wise deeds of kindness and charity he was always active, although no trumpet was sounded before him to win the praise of men. His tithing account was kept with the same care and correctness which distinguished other business records, and was often largely overdrawn to answer the promptings of his large heart.

Dr. Matlack was also a ripe, full christian. He walked with God in the intimacy of a strong faith and a thorough consecration. Religion with him was not an occasional feeling, but a settled, happy relation; not a play of light upon the surface, but the "beauty of the Lord" within the soul. He dwelt on mountain summits of attainments; and with humility, professed, taught and exemplified holiness of heart.

As a pastor, he was faithful and kindly, going into places lofty and lowly, with tears for the bereaved, advice for the perplexed, and warnings for the careless.

In administration and counsel, he was wise, thorough and impartial, with a knowledge of current events in the general church which was broad and full. It was, no doubt, because of these qualities that he was chosen to represent the Louisiana Conference in the General Conference of 1872, and our own, in those of 1876 and 1880; besides being Secretary of the Book Committee for four years.

The ministry of our dear brother was eminently able and instructive. While not always equal to himself, he was always serious and reverent in manner, deeply imbued with a sense of eternal realities, and delivered his message with the authority of one sent from God.

"He bore his great commission in his look." His methods of presentation were various. Sometimes, with low tones, exhaustive textual analysis, and didactic statement, he sought to enlighten his hearers; at others, with thunderous voice and intense action, like a stern prophet, he rebuked sin and laid bare the worldliness of professors. Here, with streaming eyes, and quivering lips, which for the moment refused to speak on, he told the story of the Cross, and there, exultant and rapturous with descriptive fervor, and abounding military figures, he pictured the triumphs of the King. Whatever the mood, he was conscientious in teaching the truth, as God gave him to see it; and there are many seals to his ministry, scattered all over this land.

Nowhere was he better known or more honored, than in his own home. Here he was loving, devotional, happy and even playful. Whether studying the catechism with his little son, spreading out his wants in simple language, at the family altar, or pouring over the word with many tears and rejoicings, he was, as in his public life, the same consecrated and faithful servant of God. Very beautiful is the tribute paid by her who stood by his side; "The doctor not only talked of his Master abroad, but walked with him at home."

It was one of the happy home-days, filled with glad work, which ushered in that last night of agony and the "eternal morn." In a sermon years before he had said: "I have long had an impression that I shall die

suddenly, and I am trying every day to live in readiness." The end was even so. Saturday evening came. The preparations for Sunday were complete, and the finished sermon lay on the study table. While returning from the jail where he had been praying with a colored man soon to be executed, he was taken violently ill on the street, but managed to reach home. It soon became evident that the case was hopeless. His utterances were few, so intense was the suffering. When he knew that he must die, he said—"I am not surprised. At the last to his dear wife, he said, faintly. Kiss the boy good bye; God's holy will be done!" and as the midnight passed, he entered upon the endless Sabbath of the upper sanctuary.

Impressive funeral services were held on Tuesday in the church at Port Deposit; and participated in by ministers of the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Delaware Conferences. After which the hallowed dust was laid to rest in Hopewell Cemetery, a few miles from the town, to await the resurrection of the just. We miss him, and our hearts are lonely without him. But his work is done.

"And death has moulded into calm completeness, the statue of his life."

MRS. ANN SUTTON.

Sister Ann Sutton, widow of Rev. Henry Sutton, who was for many years an esteemed minister of this and the Philadelphia Conference, died within the past year. Her membership was at Dover, but she died at the residence of her son, in Philadelphia. The writer knew her well during the term of his pastorate in Dover, but was not acquainted with her previous history. As a member of the pastor's class he knew her as an earnest, godly woman, full of faith and good works; a woman of intelligence and extensive reading, respected and beloved by all who knew her. She died as she lived—a wholly consecrated woman. Of her it may be said in the language of inspiration, she "rests from her labors, and her works do follow her."

MRS. J. EMMA BAKER.

Mrs. J. Emma Baker, daughter of George and Nancy Janes, was born, September 18, 1862, near Janes M. E. Church, Sussex County, Del. Her father, though not until recent years a member, yet always a liberal supporter of the church and a strong friend of her ministerial servants, many of whom have found shelter under his hospitable roof.

Thus did Sister Baker, from her childhood, minister unto the comforts, win the gratitude, and receive the blessings of itinerant preachers.

She inherited an evenly-balanced temperament and was reared under refining influences.

She was born of the Spirit in November, 1876, and received into the church soon after, from which she was never afterward severed, and to which she rendered untiring devotion. Her religious life was cheerful, decided, and clear.

She was united in marriage to Rev. Charles S. Baker, of our Conference, December 30, 1881, and in the March following, with her husband, entered the itinerancy on Pocomoke Circuit. She readily adapted herself to the demands of this new relation, and by kind words and loving deeds won the hearts of all the people.

Last Spring Brother Baker was appointed to Tangier Island, and, notwithstanding her enfeebled condition and the isolation of the field, she went cheerfully, determined to make for her husband a happy home, and for the people a genial friend and helper.

For more than a year before her death Sister Baker was painfully afflicted with a complication of diseases, which culminated in brain fever, of which she died June 6, 1883. Her remains were taken to the home of her childhood, an appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. J. B. Quigg, and the body laid to rest in the family cemetery, where it awaits the first resurrection. She bore her affliction with Christian fortitude, and as the body grew weak the spirit grew strong in faith and hope. Her last days were full of exultation. Now and then, as strength would permit, she sang some favorite songs, and among the last words she spoke was a request of those around to sing "I'm the Child of a King," and upon its dying echoes her happy spirit fled to its eternal home. In every relation of life, as daughter, sister, wife, mother, and friend, she was devoted and true. In her death many tender ties are sundered, many cherished hopes blasted. On us a shadow has fallen; on her the light has dawned. Our loss is her gain.

MRS. CAROLINE KEMP.

The subject of this memoir—Mrs. Caroline (Thomas) Kemp, was born in Frankford Pa., May 28th 1809, and died in Wilmington Del., March 30th. 1881 in the 72nd year of her age.

In the winter of 1831 she visited Philadelphia where she was converted to God and joined the Methodist Episcopal church.

In the spring of 1833 she was married to the Rev. R. E. Kemp, of the Philadelphia Conference, and shared with him the changes of the Itinerancy 37 years. She survived him ten years, and was buried with him in the cemetery of the Methodist Episcopal church of Greensboro Md. Five sons and two daughters survive her and enjoy temporal prosperity.

Sister Kemp was in many respects well adapted to the Itinerant life and work, and proved to be at once a pleasant and useful helpmeet to her husband from youth to age.

It was the writer's privilege to be brother Kemp's collogue in my early ministry to be often entertained at the Parsonage which by the presence and good management of Sister Kemp gave constant evidence of cheerfulness, contentment and thrift. At the time of her death she was a member of St. Pauls Methodist Episcopal Church in Wilmington having for fifty years "witnessed a good confession." In the absence of information, the writer is sure from his knowledge of her life, that she was ready for her *departure*, and ripe in the graces of piety as in years her spirit passed to its rest in Heaven to await the fruition of the *first resurrection*.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

We beg leave to submit the following report: The Board of Stewards to whose judgment you have committed the equitable distribution of the funds collected within your bounds, and from legacies left for the relief of needy claimants, are glad to know and happy to inform you, that the aggregate amount at their disposal, this year, exceeds the sum of any previous year.

As the present session of our Conference is being held in this (Asbury) church, we are reminded that just fifteen years ago, the first session of the Wilmington Conference was held in the same church.

The amount for distribution from the Stewards' Fund, at that first session, was \$2,947 23. To-day your Board of Stewards distribute among its claimants \$5,570 14, an advance of \$2,622 91, this being an increase for 1884, as compared with 1869, of 89 per cent.

This wonderful increase in these funds is an indication of the increased liberality of our people towards this worthy cause. But we have to report also an increase in the number of applicants, perhaps in the same ratio, showing the stern necessity of the pastors being watchful and diligent, that this important collection be not suffered to be reduced from its present advanced condition.

We call special attention to the fact that, for the first time in our history, as a Conference, this collection, in the aggregate, exceeds the apportionment.

The amount on hand for distribution, this year, is greater than that of last year, by the sum of \$431 $\frac{3}{10}$, or an advance of $8\frac{1}{3}$ per cent. for the year. It is worthy of note, that the largest increase in the collection for the present year, is found to be on the Salisbury District, and is \$230 $\frac{1}{10}$ over last year. The whole amount has been gathered from the following sources, viz:—

	Apportioned	Raised	Excess	Deficit
Wilmington District.....	\$1,590 00	\$1,631 60	\$ 41 60	
Easton ".....	1,250 00	1,291 30	41 30	
Dover ".....	1,095 00	1,069 87		\$25 13
Salisbury ".....	810 00	946 37	136 37	
Total from Collections.....	\$4,939 14		Advance of	\$361 89
From Chartered Fund.....	30 00			
From Centenary Fund.....	180 00		73 50	
Interest on Riddle Legacy.....	120 00			
Interest on Bates Mortgage.....	141 00			
Book Concern Dividend.....	160 00			4 00
Total for distribution.....	\$5,570 00			
Excess over last year.....		431 39		

The Board has thought it best not to advance the apportionment for the ensuing year, believing that the pastors will, under the sense of the importance of the cause, do their best to bring as large a collection as possible.

We repeat the suggestion made last year, and which is, that the claimants upon this fund, in order to have their claims fairly considered and acted upon, had better present them in the proper disciplinary form. The mere letter of a friend, or even a pastor, does not carry the weight and importance with it that the blanks for such cases, properly filled out will, concerning which blanks, we must suppose, the applicants or their friends must be informed.

The following distribution we have thought to be about just, etc.:

DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE FUNDS, MARCH 10th, 1884.

Date of Claim.	Term of Service.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	POST-OFFICE.	Estimates of Quarterly Conferences.	Amount received by each Claimant.
SUPERANNUATED.					
1875	43yr	James L. Houston.....	Wilmington, Del.....	\$350 00	\$ 200 00
1878	37yr	E. J. Way.....	53 East Broadway, Baltimore...	300 00	100 00
1882	43yr	Valentine Gray.....	Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa.....	400 00	300 00
1878	18yr	A. A. Fisher.....	Federalburg, Md.....	350 00	300 00
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1847	12yr	George Barton.....	Church Hill, Md.....	227 00	225 00
1877	35yr	John Allen.....	67 Irving Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.	500 00	200 00
1880	22yr	W. W. Redman.....	Farmington, Del.....	300 00	150 00
1881	15yr	James Esgate.....	Cliftondale, Mass.....	300 00	100 00
1883	31yr	G. A. Phoebus.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	400 00	400 00
1884	15ys	John Shilling.....	Wilmington, Del.....		210 00
1884	56yr	Henry Colclazer.....			160 00
1884	28ys	S. T. Gardner.....	Wilmington, Del.....	500 00	100 00
WIDOWS.					
1846	6mo	Hester A. Henderson.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	200 00	175 00
1844	3yr	Drucilla Willets.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	100 00	50 00
1865	10yr	Carrie B. Dennison.....	Wilmington, Del.....	300 00	250 00
1873	14yr	Rebecca M. Brandreth.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	500 00	300 00
1878	15yr	Laura E. Weston.....	Wilmington, Del.....	350 00	325 00
1878	21yr	Mary S. Thomas.....	Wilmington, Del.....	300 00	225 00
1879	21yr	Annie Irwin.....	Wilmington, Del.....	400 00	325 00
1879	10yr	Annie D. Chatham.....	Wilmington, Del.....	500 00	325 00
1879	22yr	Sallie E. Williams.....	Georgetown, Del.....		100 00
1881	11yr	Sadie B. Bain.....	Tipton, Blair county, Pa.....	200 00	200 00
1882	....	E. W. Thompson.....	Smyrna, Del.....	150 00	50 00
1882	....	Catharine B. Miller.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....		100 00
1882	45yr	Eliza Pierson.....	Galena, Kent county, Md.....	225 00	225 00
1882	8yr	Emma Prettyman.....	East New Market, Md.....	300 00	200 00
1883	....	Child of B. W. Chase.....	Onorga, Ill.....		100 00
1884	....	Rebecca E. Hough.....	Smyrna, Del.....	150 00	50 00
1884	....	Bertie R. Matlack.....	Port Deposit, Md.....	200 00	125 00
Total.....				\$7500 00	\$5570 00

Apportionment and Collections for Conference Claimants.

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.
Charlestown Circuit.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	Cecilton.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Cherry Hill.....	40 00	40 00	45 00	Centreville.....	205 00	205 00	205 00
Chesapeake City.....	35 00	14 60	35 00	Chestertown.....	205 00	205 00	205 00
Chester.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Church Hill.....	30 00	35 00	30 00
Christiana Circuit.....	25 00	15 00	25 00	Easton.....	65 00	65 00	65 00
Claymont.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	Galena.....	35 00	39 00	35 00
Delaware City & Port Penn	25 00	16 00	25 00	Greensborough.....	40 00	40 00	30 00
Elkton & Crouch's Chapel	70 00	70 00	70 00	Hillsborough.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Elk Neck Circuit.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Ingleside.....	10 00	6 00	10 00
Mt. Lebanon.....	25 00	10 00	25 00	Kent Island.....	45 00	45 00	45 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	King's Creek.....	20 00	25 00	20 00
Newark and Wesley.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Marydel.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
New Castle.....	60 00	60 00	60 00	Middletown.....	75 00	85 00	75 00
Newport Circuit.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Millington.....	40 00	45 00	40 00
North East.....	40 00	40 60	40 00	Odessa.....	60 00	62 00	60 00
Port Deposit.....	85 00	86 00	85 00	Oxford.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Red Lion.....	25 00	15 00	25 00	Pomona.....	25 00	25 00	30 00
Rising Sun.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	Queenstown.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
St. George's and Summit	35 00	30 00	35 00	Rock Hall.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Wilmington, Asbury.....	150 00	150 00	150 00	Royal Oak.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Brandywine.....	25 00	4 00	25 00	St. Michael's.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
Epworth.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Sassafras.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Grace.....	250 00	375 00	250 00	Smyrna.....	150 00	150 00	150 00
Madely.....	45 00	60 00	50 00	Smyrna Circuit.....	55 00	55 00	55 00
Mt. Salem.....	35 00	36 00	35 00	Still Pond.....	75 00	86 30	75 00
St. Paul's.....	150 00	150 00	150 00	Sudlersville.....	45 00	32 00	45 00
Swedish Mis	125 00	130 00	125 00	Talbot.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Union.....	60 00	60 00	60 00	Townsend.....	20 00	5 00	20 00
Zion Circuit.....	60 00	60 00	60 00	Trappe.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
	\$1590 00	\$1631 60	\$1590 00		\$1250 00	\$1291 30	\$1280 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.
Bridgeville.....	100 00	70 00	100 00	Asbury.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Cambridge.....	35 00	23 50	35 00	Barren Creek.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Camden.....	40 00	42 00	40 00	Berlin.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Church Creek.....	15 00	10 00	15 00	Bethel Circuit.....	15 00	32 00	15 00
Denton.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	Chincoteague.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Dorchester.....	60 00	60 00	60 00	Crisfield.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Dover.....	150 00	150 00	150 00	Deal's Island.....	40 00	35 00	40 00
Ellendale.....	20 00	12 00	20 00	Delmar.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Farmington.....	15 00	15 00	15 00	Fairmount.....	80 00	100 00	80 00
Federalsburg.....	55 00	60 00	55 00	Frankford.....	35 00	35 00	35 00
Felton.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Fruitland.....	20 00	23 00	20 00
Frederica.....	55 00	55 00	55 00	Gumboro.....	25 00	45 00	25 00
Galestown.....	15 00	15 00	15 00	Holland's Island.....	10 00	15 00	10 00
Georgetown.....	35 00	25 30	35 00	Laurel.....	55 00	55 00	55 00
Harrington.....	65 00	65 00	65 00	Newark.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Leipsic.....	30 00	30 00	35 00	Parsonsburg.....	15 00	15 37	15 00
Lewes.....	55 00	55 00	55 00	Pocomoke City.....	25 00	30 00	25 00
Lincoln.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Pocomoke Circuit.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Little Creek.....	4 00	4 00	4 00	Princess Anne.....	50 00	81 00	50 00
Magnolia.....	25 00	28 00	25 00	Quantico.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Millford.....	75 00	75 00	75 00	Roxanna.....	35 00	20 00	35 00
Millsboro.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	St. Jchn's Circuit.....	25 00	30 00	25 00
Milton.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	St. Peter's & Quindocqua	40 00	50 00	40 00
Nassau.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	Sharptown.....	15 00	6 00	10 00
Seaford.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Smith's Island.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Woodlandtown.....	15 00	15 00	15 00	Snow Hill.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Wyoming.....	20 00	10 00	20 00	Stockton.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
	\$1115 00	\$955 70	\$1135 00	Tangier.....	10 00	36 00	30 00
				Westover.....	10 00	5 00	10 00
				Worcester.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
					\$810 00	\$946 37	\$845 00

Apportionment for Missionary, and other Collections.

Wilmington District.					Dover District.						
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freedmen's Aid.	Episcopal Fund.	Church Relief.	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freedmen's Aid.	Episcopal Fund.	Church Relief.
Charlestown.....	40	10	10	10	8	Bridgeville.....	370	25	25	15	10
Cherry Hill.....	60	15	15	12	8	Cambridge.....	125	20	20	10	8
Chesapeake City.....	50	10	10	12	8	Camden.....	65	15	16	8	8
Chester.....	75	15	15	12	8	Church Creek.....	35	5	7	3	3
Claymont.....	10	5	5	4	2	Denton.....	115	18	13	10	8
Christiana.....	40	10	10	10	8	Dover.....	450	35	35	20	15
Delaware City.....	40	10	10	10	6	East New Market.....	50	15	15	6	6
Elkton and Crouch s.....	225	20	20	18	12	Ellendale.....	30	5	5	2	2
Elk Neck.....	10	5	5	8	4	Farmington.....	50	5	5	2	2
Hockissin.....	10	5	5	8	4	Federalsburg.....	155	20	19	10	10
Mt. Lebanon.....	30	10	10	8	6	Felton.....	75	15	15	5	5
Mt. Pleasant.....	55	10	10	10	8	Frederica.....	175	30	25	15	10
Newark & Wesley.....	120	15	15	15	8	Galestown.....	65	8	5	3	3
New Castle.....	120	15	15	16	8	Georgetown.....	75	20	20	10	10
Newport.....	120	15	15	16	8	Harrington.....	150	12	10	5	5
North East.....	120	15	15	16	8	Houston.....	20	5	5	3	3
Port Deposit.....	250	20	20	18	10	Hurlock's.....	40	6	6	4	4
Rising Sun.....	100	15	15	12	8	Leipsic.....	50	7	7	5	5
Red Lion.....	40	10	10	8	6	Lewes.....	200	25	23	13	13
St. George's & Summit	60	10	10	15	8	Lincoln.....	65	10	11	5	5
Wilm'ton, Asbury.....	750	100	100	25	16	Magnolia.....	65	10	10	5	5
Br'dywine.....	50	10	10	10	5	Milford.....	225	30	30	20	10
Epworth.....	30	5	5	8	2	Millsborough.....	35	8	15	8	15
Grace.....	1,500	200	200	50	30	Milton.....	85	20	19	10	10
Mt. Salem.....	200	20	20	20	8	Nassau.....	65	15	15	8	8
Scott.....	200	20	20	20	8	Seaford.....	85	20	20	10	10
St. Paul's.....	600	80	80	25	12	Vienna.....	40	10	10	4	4
Union.....	450	60	60	20	10	Woodlandtown.....	40	5	5	5	5
Zion.....	200	20	20	20	10	Wyoming.....	75	6	5	5	5
	\$5,575	\$760	\$760	\$446	\$254		\$3,100	\$425	\$425	\$232	\$150

Easton District.					Salisbury District.						
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freedmen's Aid.	Episcopal Fund.	Church Relief.	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Missions.	Church Extension.	Freedman's Aid.	Episcopal Fund.	Church Relief.
Cecilton.....	125	15	15	11	8	Asbury.....	75	20	20	10	15
Centreville.....	150	15	15	13	8	Barren Creek.....	10	10	2	2	2
Chestertown.....	240	15	15	13	12	Berlin.....	50	12	12	5	8
Church Hill.....	80	15	15	10	8	Bethel.....	50	15	10	5	5
Crumpton.....	30	6	6	4	5	Bishopville.....	25	10	5	5	5
Easton.....	120	20	20	15	12	Chincoteague.....	15	10	5	5	3
Galena.....	80	12	12	8	6	Crisfield.....	75	20	20	10	15
Greensboro.....	130	18	18	15	9	Deal's Island.....	75	20	20	10	10
Hillsborough.....	60	15	15	10	6	Delmar.....	60	10	5	8	5
Ingleside.....	40	8	8	6	5	Fairmount.....	325	25	25	15	20
Kent Island.....	100	15	15	12	8	Frankford.....	100	20	10	15	15
King's Creek.....	50	8	8	8	4	Fruitland.....	50	10	5	5	5
Marydel.....	70	12	12	8	8	Gumborough.....	100	25	20	15	10
Middletown.....	340	30	30	16	15	Holland's Island.....	50	10	10	5	5
Millington.....	125	20	20	15	10	Laurel.....	105	20	20	15	10
Odessa.....	170	20	20	10	10	Newark.....	50	10	5	5	5
Oxford.....	50	10	10	6	5	Onancock.....	75	12	5	5	5
Pomona.....	80	12	12	8	6	Parsonsburg.....	50	15	10	5	5
Queenstown.....	50	10	10	6	6	Pocomoke City.....	40	10	5	5	5
Rock Hall.....	50	12	12	6	5	Pocomoke Circuit.....	30	10	5	2	2
Royal Oak.....	40	8	8	6	6	Powellville.....	10	10	2	2	2
St. Michael's.....	180	25	25	15	12	Princess Anne.....	125	25	25	20	20
Sassafras.....	40	8	8	6	5	Quantico.....	80	15	10	5	5
Smyrna.....	450	35	35	25	35	Roxanna.....	75	15	10	10	5
Smyrna Circuit.....	100	12	12	12	10	Salisbury.....	80	20	10	10	10
Still Pond.....	180	18	18	12	11	Sharptown.....	25	10	5	2	2
Sudlersville.....	100	12	12	10	8	Shortley.....	25	10	2	2	2
Talbot.....	60	8	8	10	6	Smith's Island.....	50	20	10	5	10
Townsend.....	40	5	5	5	4	Snow Hill.....	80	15	10	10	10
Trappe.....	75	8	8	8	8	Stockton.....	50	15	10	10	5
	\$3,475	\$438	\$438	\$306	255	Tangier.....	60	20	10	5	10

EASTON DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 1.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.			BAPTISMS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			FOR MISSIONS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.						
	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Pd. on old ind't'dness in Church property.	Present indebtedness on Church property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Total.	For Woman's Society.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Tract Society.	For Sunday School Union.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	Other Collections.	For Pastors, Presiding Elders and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.				
							\$		\$	\$		\$							\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$		
Appoquinimink.....	81	216	0	0	4	2	9000	1	2000	4000	0	0	3	36	187	29	37	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Cecilton.....	39	204	0	1	1	2	4000	1	2000	0	0	0	3	29	84	24	31	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Centreville.....	35	312	1	16	1	2	11000	1	2000	3500	0	0	3	30	189	15	29	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Church Hill.....	23	201	2	22	1	1	19000	1	4000	0	0	0	3	20	110	50	60	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Easton.....	57	186	0	26	3	4	17000	1	1500	1750	0	0	4	51	329	81	100	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Galena.....	31	161	0	16	1	1	15000	1	2000	3500	0	0	4	31	166	50	75	25	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Greensborough.....	39	175	1	15	1	3	15000	1	1500	2000	0	0	4	20	200	46	45	38	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Hillborough.....	12	159	3	3	3	4	10100	1	1500	2300	0	0	4	24	276	21	50	20	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Ingleside.....	34	159	2	18	0	3	6000	1	2000	2500	0	0	3	24	155	29	50	60	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
King's Creek.....	33	28	3	15	1	4	4500	1	500	0	0	0	4	25	185	42	25	17	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Marydel.....	9	222	0	15	1	4	7800	1	4000	500	0	0	4	29	185	42	25	11	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Middletown.....	45	238	3	17	3	3	15000	1	4000	2500	0	0	4	27	201	160	220	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Odesa.....	85	188	3	15	1	3	16000	1	2500	1200	0	0	3	16	237	75	100	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Oxford.....	4	116	1	17	1	1	4500	1	3000	318	0	0	1	24	143	15	50	151	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Panama.....	10	91	1	28	2	4	7500	1	2500	127	0	0	3	42	160	15	15	44	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Queenstown.....	12	152	1	3	60	3	3500	1	2000	716	0	0	2	32	214	10	45	12	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Royal Oak.....	61	130	1	5	24	1	6000	1	2000	127	0	0	2	12	58	29	60	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
St. Michael's.....	1	67	1	1	1	2	15000	1	2500	400	0	0	2	33	34	38	57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sassafras.....	5	44	1	3	27	1	2500	1	400	21	0	0	1	3	18	20	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Smyrna.....	9	530	5	12	15	7	25000	1	4000	340	0	0	4	51	398	143	380	375	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Still Pond.....	42	257	1	7	1	4	10500	1	2500	245	0	0	4	35	180	58	88	33	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Sudlersville.....	37	246	7	36	1	3	18000	1	2000	910	0	0	3	62	301	21	70	83	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Talbot.....	19	224	2	26	1	5	7000	1	1500	485	0	0	4	28	195	23	60	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Townsend.....	80	264	3	37	1	4	6800	1	500	100	0	0	1	13	80	6	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Trappe.....	4	80	1	1	1	3	1200	1	2500	270	0	0	3	32	117	46	65	23	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Trappe.....	56	140	1	20	1	3	6500	1	2500	270	0	0	3	32	117	46	65	23	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total.....	908	5990	25	93	574	30	7626700	23	57000	21830	2750	7576972	70	1005	6120	1360	6756	17654	543	70	543	70	82	100	171	45	188	75	98	66	275	1235

EASTON DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 2.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	PROBATIONERS.			MEMBERS.			MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.			PRESIDING ELDER.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.											
	No. on Roll at last Conference and received since.	No. removed by certificate.	Drop'd, with'd'n or unkn'n.	No. rem'd without certifi.	No. rec'd from probation.	With'd'n, exp'd or unkn'n.	No. removed by certificate.	No. received by certificate.	No. on roll at end this year.	No. known members at the end of this year.	Pastor's Claim, including rent, or house rent.	Pastor's receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or house rent.	Decency.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.								
											\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$								
Appoquinimink.....	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Cecilton.....	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Centreville.....	60	4	2	14	10	17	17	12	15	1150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Church Hill.....	91	4	4	17	5	25	7	17	12	825	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Easton.....	41	4	4	41	25	5	5	5	2	1250	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Galena.....	69	1	4	18	7	3	7	5	4	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Greensborough.....	29	3	3	14	29	12	10	12	6	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Hillborough.....	3	3	3	14	29	15	11	29	11	800	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Ingleside.....	16	1	1	8	3	2	4	4	2	440	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
King's Creek.....	35	1	1	2	3	3	6	4	1	950	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Marydel.....	67	2	1	8	7	4	4	5	2	680	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Middletown.....	51	5	18	19	0	8	19	6	16	1300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Odessa.....	78	4	11	2	16	4	16	2	2	950	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Oxford.....	26	2	7	10	4	8	7	4	8	400	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Panama.....	16	1	3	10	3	2	3	2	4	725	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Queenstown.....	42	1	38	12	2	6	6	3	6	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Royal Oak.....	41	1	20	10	3	20	3	20	3	550	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
St. Michael's.....	128	2	6	1	20	103	3	20	3	1350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Sassafras.....	75	2	5	18	13	5	40	12	5	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Smyrna.....	77	1	28	41	10	15	40	12	12	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Still Pond.....	45	1	2	3	42	3	5	11	8	850	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Sudlersville.....	137	6	24	1	26	80	5	26	10	1050	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Talbot.....	72	1	1	12	54	11	11	11	3	750	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Townsend.....	70	1	1	12	50	6	12	2	4	775	0	0	0	0	0	0	0								
Trappe.....	1341	23	41	352	9	334	905	168	260	159	123	71	84	5710	13940	54032	87	57	23	1542	1529	299	275	1235	1282

CIRCUITS
AND
STATIONS.

	No. of Sunday-Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars 15 yrs. old and over.	No. Scholars under 15 yrs. old, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	No. S. S. Advocates taken	No. S. S. Classmates taken	No. S. S. Journals taken.	Officers and Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Probs.	Scholars who are Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions.
Bethel and Glasgow	2	15	106	67	39	90	58	100	\$ 10 54	14	15	1	1	1	1
Charleston	4	26	244	87	99	58	173	550	89 50	31	31	8	3	3	3
Cherry Hill	4	50	255	120	60	50	160	700	30 45	40	40	16	3	3	3
Chesapeake City	4	28	170	47	65	58	106	300	187 84	22	24	16	3	3	3
Chester	1	14	140	...	...	...	...	300	118 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Christiana	3	30	274	114	61	74	163	450	70 00	16	28	12	1	1	1
Claymont	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Del. City and Port Penn	39	225	70	96	59	152	379	239 61	20	34	27	15	15	15	15
Elkton and Crouch's	59	521	210	251	60	340	675	195 00	30	50	90	9	9	9	9
Elk Neck	13	110	30	60	20	80	200	5 00	...	13	4	...	...	...	...
Mt. Lebanon	1	7	57	10	47	15	...	...	6	5	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. Pleasant	1	9	64	30	16	20	56	100	20 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Newark and Wesley	34	295	90	115	84	179	350	195 00	31	33	51	4	4	4	4
New Castle	26	231	81	102	48	190	435	254 00	26	26	30	17	17	17	17
Newport	4	73	413	159	116	118	333	600	289 00	41	62	50	6	6	6
North East	1	22	157	46	76	35	110	164	100 00	75	...	...	...	...	...
Port Deposit	1	37	340	110	137	93	162	310	183 00	35	34	78	15	15	15
Red Lion	1	17	72	40	22	10	45	300	15 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rising Sun	4	62	398	158	150	90	190	400	170 00	60	58	15	6	6	6
St. Georges and Summit	3	30	140	...	...	35	120	200	45 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Asbury, Wilmington	3	60	762	275	275	212	480	780	250 00	200	105	60	148	100	100
Brandywine	1	28	200	50	90	60	25	350	45 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Epworth	1	28	245	125	40	80	185	200	155 00	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grace	2	115	858	188	288	382	670	1440	841 89	...	104	185	25	25	25
Madley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mt. Salein	1	22	215	62	109	44	131	455	505 00	...	22	...	...	...	...
Scott	2	64	513	202	141	170	332	600	300 00	42	60	110	20	20	20
St. Paul's	4	98	825	300	525	110	600	2600	416 00	51	80	480	50	50	50
Swedish Miss.	1	6	35	11	24	...	20	18	17 00	...	6	5	7	7	7
Union	2	66	800	300	225	275	487	1200	328 00	...	70	64	210	54	54
Zion Circuit	6	90	450	170	221	87	300	1300	225 00	...	40	80	150	11	11
Totals	65	1163	9110	3450	2373	5447	5536	526938	275	673	960	1772	468	468	468

EASTON DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

	No. of Sunday-Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars 15 yrs. old and over.	No. Scholars under 15 yrs. old, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	No. S. S. Advocates taken.	No. S. S. Classmates taken.	No. S. S. Journals taken.	Officers and Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Probs.	Scholars who are Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions.
Appoquinimink	2	35	180	100	60	20	30	800	\$200 00	20	35	160	40	40	40
Cecilton	2	35	187	55	87	45	68	275	64 00	11	40	15	10	10	10
Centreville	2	30	300	150	70	80	180	101 00	...	20	29	40	8	8	8
Chester town	1	35	200	100	60	50	150	530	202 00	30	35	20	15	15	15
Church Hill	4	51	329	117	132	80	165	800	154 00	16	48	55	22	22	22
Easton	1	25	300	...	...	100	...	136 00	...	25	20	15	...	...	...
Galena	4	31	166	33	85	48	113	613	99 00	32	31	10	2	2	2
Greensboro	1	20	200	100	25	75	125	100 00	...	18	18	40	15	15	15
Hillsboro	4	50	276	113	111	52	186	195	155 00	25	25	20	50	30	11
Ingleside	3	24	155	30	90	200	30 00	...	...	30	24	13	...	...	...
Kent Island	3	25	185	60	45	80	100	200	50 00	...	9	23	10	7	7
King's Creek	4	29	180	75	105	...	90	50	40 00	...	23	25	50	4	4
Marydel	4	37	301	75	144	82	174	300	50 00	12	34	53	20	20	20
Middletown	1	30	210	80	68	60	164	595	148 00	100	26	29	34	...	...
Millington	3	46	237	54	163	20	155	375	186 00	...	35	41	55	14	14
Odessa	1	24	182	78	36	68	139	395	98 00	...	26	23	43	3	3
Oxford	1	14	113	40	44	29	90	150	39 00	...	6	10	15	3	3
Pomona	3	42	160	50	60	50	85	590	95 00	...	25	34	15	4	4
Queenstown	3	20	160	...	...	...	...	20 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ro k Hall	2	32	214	62	60	68	114	230	46 00	80	12	21	23	13	13
Royal Oak	2	12	53	9	22	22	32	...	14 00	...	13	10	...	...	...
St. Michael's	1	33	348	90	138	120	26	498	125 00	...	19	33	110	62	62
Sassafras	2	34	128	30	49	49	80	390	40 00	...	24	3	3	3	3
Smyrna	1	51	398	150	152	96	241	...	176 00	...	44	50	86	2	2
Smyrna Circuit	4	69	391	138	153	60	225	700	120 00	25	43	59	54	25	25
Still Pond	3	35	180	...	...	...	105	900	241 00	40	25	20	60	33	33
Sudlersville	5	62	301	118	155	28	230	1035	121 00	...	21	59	56	13	13
Talbot	4	28	195	50	115	30	125	150	10 00	...	...	...	60	30	30
Townsend	1	13	80	18	27	35	56	212	42 00	...	9	12	12	2	2
Trappe	3	32	117	41	98	28	105	350	30 00	20	10	26	40	29	29
Totals	77	1005	6426	2016	2344	1438	3343	10658	2830 00	215	130	584	923	1170	425

DOVER DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

	No. of Sunday Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers	No. Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars 15 yrs. old and over.	No. of Scholars under 15 yrs. old, except Inf't Class	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	No. S. S. Advocates taken	No. S. S. Classmates taken	No. S. S. Journals taken.	Officers and Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Probs.	No. of Scholars who are Members or Prob'ns.	No. of Conversions.
Beckwith	2	19	100	60	40	...	90	...	\$ 6675	...	...	10	10	1	1
Bridgeville	2	136	640	189	250	201	426	1780	215	...	30	90	110	260	16
Cambridge	1	30	295	83	72	140	195	320	255	...	19	27	33	...	...
Camden	1	30	235	40	100	137	230	...	25	...	12	30	15	10	10
Church Creek	1	6	25	10	15	5	30	...	10	...	3	5	...	...	...
Denton	1	109	594	312	131	151	389	582	158	28	48	106	204	43	43
Dorchester	9	95	500	225	200	75	300	150	175	25	50	73	120	20	20
Ellendale	2	48	450	200	100	150	300	581	275 50	...	61	45	160	69	69
Farmington	2	80	440	250	190	86	300	630	59	...	15	60	75	15	15
Federalsburg	4	48	268	109	111	48	197	275	80 70	...	26	25	40	40	40
Felton	1	82	511	203	183	125	350	699	178	...	39	67	125	18	18
Frederica	3	32	425	225	150	75	225	325	100	25	25	22	50	20	12
Frederica	1	22	200	50	80	70	125	160	72 25	...	22	17	30	...	...
Galestown	4	69	292	147	95	50	220	300	50	...	42	67	92	5	5
Georgetown	3	34	221	64	77	80	160	420	58 30	...	16	34	40	12	12
Harrington	2	168	462	229	173	60	182	309	133 75	...	41	57	73	33	33
Leipsic	2	22	121	47	34	40	80	...	29 75	...	16	22	29	12	12
Lewes	1	26	330	116	100	114	260	...	124 50	...	36	25	125	3	3
Lincoln	4	20	195	120	75	...	160	425	75	...	4	20	50	7	7
Little Creek	3	31	240	80	124	36	175	200	52 50	...	22	29	40	28	28
Magnolia	4	45	400	100	125	100	200	150	100	...	30	45	50	...	...
Milford	2	50	334	170	104	60	230	1000	225	...	44	45	120	...	...
Millsboro	5	54	288	168	220	...	220	236	82	...	...	79	50	3	3
Milton	1	21	243	26	142	75	203	176	125 35	...	21	21	73	...	...
Nassau	5	52	356	237	95	114	42	250	75	62	62	20	50	67	25
Seaford	2	48	287	115	92	80	192	200	78	24	...	34	46	78	70
Woodlandtown	4	34	255	94	133	28	180	150	13	...	27	33	18	...	...
Wyoming	4	38	225	85	100	40	144	400	100	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	107	1443	8932	3754	3311	2140	5805	9718	2992 35	174	117	760	1220	2013	445

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	No. of Sunday-Schools.	No. Officers & Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	No. Scholars 15 years old and over.	No. Scholars under 15 yrs. old, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	No. S. S. Advocates taken	No. S. S. Classmates taken	No. S. S. Journals taken.	Officers and Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Probs.	No. of Scholars who are Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions.
Accomac	2	20	217	50	91	76	130	380	\$ 56 00	15	15	2	19	40	6
Asbury	1	13	100	65	17	18	80	.....	22 00	.....	.....	.....	12	40	2
Barren Creek	2	20	102	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Berlin	3	30	219	60	135	24	150	225	55 00	.....	.....	14	29	50	25
Bethel Circuit	4	42	328	105	150	73	220	400	53 50	.....	.....	6	42	48	10
Chincoteague	1	6	100	25	50	25	60	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Crisfield	1	17	180	60	66	60	140	250	150 00	.....	.....	20	17	30	.....
Deal's Island	1	15	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	13	15	.....	.....
Delmar	4	60	280	.....	.....	.....	190	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fairmount	2	38	273	110	93	70	176	100	128 00	30	.....	51	38	160	2
Frankford	4	60	425	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fruitland	4	42	226	62	133	31	117	300	23 00	.....	.....	5	42	43	12
Gumboro	8	65	550	100	450	.....	275	.....	75 00	.....	.....	6	65	110	13
Holland's Isl.	1	10	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laurel	1	26	238	85	58	95	161	.....	94 00	33	40	20	26	68	40
Newark	4	45	215	60	72	83	165	390	23 00	13	.....	14	45	54	15
Parsonsborg	3	27	189	100	50	39	110	150	18 00	.....	.....	11	27	40	3
Pocomoke City	1	23	90	40	30	20	170	180	55 00	.....	.....	15	21	15	.....
Pocomoke Circuit	3	20	100	60	40	.....	85	50	25 00	1	.....	13	18	14	14
Princess Anne	6	70	550	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Quantico	4	35	218	89	96	71	154	185	96 00	1	.....	5	30	23	5
Roxana	5	60	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	62	.....	14	55	.....	.....
St. John's Circuit	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Peter's & Quindocqua	2	24	120	60	40	20	75	100	45 00	.....	.....	24	21	40	30
Salisbury	2	30	195	86	57	52	104	270	200 09	.....	.....	20	29	69	.....
Sharptown	1	23	165	100	40	25	.....	200	25 00	20	.....	1	20	20	10
Smith's Isl.	4	12	138	100	34	21	.....	200	20 00	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	12
Snow Hill	1	20	127	46	46	35	90	300	30 00	.....	.....	18	20	49	11
Stockton	4	41	270	70	140	60	200	300	130 00	.....	.....	20	40	55	10
Tangier	2	25	198	70	113	15	160	203	76 00	.....	.....	.....	2	24	20
Westover	4	14	65	10	55	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	14	12	5
Worcester	2	22	125	50	30	45	15	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....
Totals	87	955	6615	1663	2080	958	2967	4583	1464 50	160	55	331	756	1002	268
<i>Recapitulation by Districts.</i>															
Wilmington	65	1168	9110	3052	3450	2373	5447	15536	5269 38	275	.....	673	960	1772	468
Easton	77	1005	6426	2016	2344	1438	3343	10658	2830 00	215	130	584	923	1170	425
Dover	107	1443	8932	3754	3311	2140	5805	9718	2992 35	174	117	760	1220	2013	445
Salisbury	87	955	6615	1663	2080	958	2967	4583	1464 50	160	55	331	756	1002	268
Total this year	336	4571	31083	10485	11185	6909	17562	40495	12556 23	824	302	2348	3859	5957	1806
Total last year	331	4533	30193	10351	10225	6534	18097	38013	11057 91	954	271	2318	4813	5284	1423
Increase	5	38	800	134	960	377	.....	2482	1498 32	.....	31	30	.....	673	383
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	535	.....	.....	130	.....	954	.....	.....

ALPHABETICAL LIST 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.]

1872	Adams, R. H.	E.. Wilmington, Del.	2
1864	Aldred, E. P.	E.. Chestertown, Md.	2
1841	Allen, John	Sp.. 67 Irving Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.	.....
1877	Andrew, Louis E.	E.. Elk Neck, Md.	1
1877	Atkins, E. C.	E.. Chesapeake City, Md.	1
1870	Arters, J. A.	E.. Kent Island, Md.	2
1877	Avery, Walter E.	E.. Crisfield, Md.	2
1870	Ayres, T. O.	E.. East New Market, Md.	3
1881	Baker, C. S.	D.. Tangier, Va	2
1876	Barrett, L. E.	E.. Still Pond, Md.	3
1836	Barton, George.	Sp.. Church Hill, Md.	.....
1859	Bell, Thomas E.	E.. Ingleside, Md.	2
1876	Bowen, W. L. P.	E.. Parsonsborg, Md.	1
1843	Brindle, James A.	E.. Camden, Del.	3
1860	Browne, N. M.	E.. New Castle, Del.	3
1857	Bryan, James E.	E.. Cambridge, Md.	1
1865	Burke, George W.	E.. Harrington, Del.	1
	Boyle, John R.	E.. Wilmington, Del.	2
1845	Caldwell, J. H., D. D.	E.. Smyrna, Del.	1
1865	Carroll, James	E.. Leipsic, Del.	1
1876	Chandler, Albert	E.. Delmar, Del.	1
1881	Cochran, F. J.	E.. St. Georges, Del.	2
1828	Colclazer, Henry	E.. Chesapeake City, Md.	.....
1876	Collins, J. M.	E.. Ellendale, Del.	1
1883	Collins, Vaughn S.	P.. Vienna, Md.	1
1862	Conoway, George S.	E.. Rock Hall, Md.	2
1868	Conner, James.	E.. Cambridge, Md.	1
1835	Cooper, I. T., D. D.	Sp.. Camden, Del.	.....
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E.. Gumboro, Del.	2
1881	Corkran, L. P.	D.. Queenstown, Md.	1
1873	Creamer, T. R.	E.. Wilmington, Del.	3
1854	Dare, Joseph	E.. Galestown, Md.	2
1860	Davis, A. D.	E.. Denton, Md.	3
1869	Davis, Edward	E.. Lincoln, Del.	1
1879	Dodd, Julius.	E.. Red Lion, Del.	3
1871	Duhadway, W. J.	E.. Frankford, Del.	3
1884	Dawson, W. F.	P.. Houston, Del.	1
1884	Derrickson, Edmund H.	P.. Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1845	England, W. E.	E.. Pocomoke City, Md.	2
1866	Esgate, James.	Sp.. Cliftondale, Mass.	.....

1859	Fisher, A. A.	Sp.	Federalsburg, Md	.....
1873	Foreman, I. N.	E.	Nassau, Del.	.....	1
1868	Fosnocht, I. G.	E.	Onancock, Va.	.....	3
1856	France, John.	E.	Zion, Md.	.....	3
1856	Gardner, S. T.	Sp.	Wilmington, Del.	.....
1839	Gray, Valentine.	Sp.	Gap, Pa.	.....
1873	Green, W. M.	E.	Christiana, Del.	.....	2
1857	Gregg, William B.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	.....	1
1879	Grice, Charles A.	E.	Berlin, Md.	.....	2
1883	Guthrie, William B.	P.	Westover, Md.	.....	1
1873	Hanna, John D. C.	E.	Deal's Island, Md	.....	1
1851	Hammersly, J. W.	E.	Bellevue, Del	.....	1
1871	Harding, Thomas H.	E.	Quantico, Md.	.....	2
1848	Haynes, Thomas H.	E.	Newark, Del.	.....	2
1845	Hill, Charles.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	.....	2
1878	Hill, Charles A.	E.	Cherry Hill, Md.	.....	1
1833	Houston, J. L.	Sp.	Wilmington, Del.	.....
1878	Hubbard, E. L.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	.....	1
1850	Hubbard, James.	Sp.	Laurel, Del.	.....
1869	Hunter, Thomas B.	E.	Delaware City, Del.	.....	3
1868	Hutchin, Willam H.	E.	Fairmount, Md.	.....	2
1859	Hynson, E. H.	E.	Roxana, Del.	.....	3
1883	Hardesty, George L.	P.	Woodlandtown, Md.	.....	2
1870	Jewell, Isaac.	E.	Felton, Del.	.....	2
1872	Jones, R. C.	E.	Port Deposit, Md.	.....	3
1881	Johnson, I. D.	D.	Hopewell, Md.	.....	2
1884	Jaggard, Wilmer.	P.		.....	1
1872	Kemp, John D.	E.	Lewes, Del.	.....	2
1869	Kidney, J. E.	E.	Hillsboro, Md.	.....	1
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E.	Claymont, Del.	.....	3
1879	Lindale, J. M.	E.	Fruitland, Md.	.....	2
1870	Lightbourn, A. W.	E.	Easton, Md.	.....	2
1876	Macnichol, E. C.	E.	Pomona, Md.	.....	3
1864	Martindale, T. E.	E.	Dover, Del.	.....	1
1868	McFarlane, W. R.	E.	Stockton, Md.	.....	1
1873	McSorley, F. C.	E.	Laurel, Md.	.....	1
1873	McQuay, Newton.	E.	Marydel, Md.	.....	3
1859	Merrill, William.	Sp.	Fairmount, Md.	.....
1853	Merritt, James B.	E.	Smyrna, Del.	.....	1
1842	Milby, A. W.	E.	Frederica, Del.	.....	2
1869	Miller, E. H.	E.	Sharptown, Md.	.....	1
1876	Mowbray, J. E.	E.	Frederica, Del.	.....	1
1883	Mowbray, Alpheus S.	P.	Oxford, Md.	.....	2
1871	Murray, W. L. S.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	.....	2
1884	McFaul, D. F.	P.	Millsboro, Del.	.....	1
1870	Neslon, E. H.	E.	Newport, Del.	.....	1
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E.	Chesapeake City, Md.	.....	1
1859	O'Neill, W. J.	E.	Church Hill, Md.	.....	1
1872	Otis, J. P.	E.	Odessa, Del.	.....	3
1853	Phœbus, George A., D. D.	Sp.	No. 55, Third Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y.	.....
1881	Pilchard, S. N.	D.	Magnolia, Del.	.....	2
1870	Poole, John W.	E.	Farmington, Del.	.....	2

1868	Prettyman, C. W.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	.....	2
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	E.	Witman, Md	.....	1
1836	Price, B. F.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	.....	1
1850	Quigg, J. B.	E.	Smyrna, Del.	.....	1
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	E.	Georgetown, Del.	.....	3
1858	Redman, W. W.	Sp.	Farmington, Del.	.....
1867	Rigg, John D.	E.	St. Michaels, Md.	.....	1
1867	Robinson, W. S.	E.	Bridgeville, Del.	.....	3
1873	Roe, Robert.	S		.....
1884	Roberts, Emerson P.	PP.	Roxanna, Del.	.....	1
1867	Robinson, Joseph.	E.	Rising Sun, Md.	.....	2
1845	Sanderson, Henry	Sp.	Wilmington, Del.	.....
1858	Scott, A. T.	Sp.	Wilmington, Del.	.....
1859	Sheppard, Charles F.	E.	Elkton, Md.	.....	2
1869	Shilling, John.	Sp.	Wilmington, Del.	.....
1879	Smith, Alfred.	E.	Greensboro, Md.	.....	2
1872	Smith, John E.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	.....	2
1870	Stengle, Adam.	E.	Middletown, Del.	.....	2
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	E.	Trappe, Md.	.....	2
1860	Sypherd, J. O.	E.	Suddlersville, Md	.....	3
1884	Smith, George P.	P.	Federalsburg, Md	.....	1
1833	Taft, John L.	Sp.	Norristown, Pa.	.....
1857	Talbot, William F.	Sp.	Westover, Md.	.....
1876	Terry, Thomas E.	E.	Centreville, Md.	.....	3
1853	Todd, Robert W.	E.	North East, Md.	.....	2
1860	Tomkinson, T. L.	E.	Millington, Md.	.....	2
1876	Townsend, George W.	E.	Galena, Md.	.....	2
	Tomkinson, W. E.	E.	Princess Anne, Md.	.....	1
1884	Tuff, Robert A.	P.	Bridgeville, Del.	.....	1
1871	Underwood, W., D. D., Ph.D.	E.	Seaford, Del.	.....	2
1859	Van Burkalow, James T.	E.	Cecilton, Md.	.....	1
1879	Walton, Olin S.	E.	Sassafras, Md.	.....	2
1848	Walton, William B.	E.	Salisbury, Md.	.....	1
1853	Warner, William M.	E.	Wyoming, Del.	.....	1
1840	Way, Elon J.	S.	No. 19 S. Broadway, Baltimore, Md.	.....
1866	White, E. E.	E.	Charlestown, Md.	.....	1
1872	Wilcox, George W.	E.	Newark, Md.	.....	1
1878	Wiley, J. H.	E.	Snow Hill, Md.	.....	2
1857	Williams, T. S.	E.	Milton, Del.	.....	2
1869	Wilson, J. A. B.	E.	Princess Anne, Md.	.....	2
1877	Wilson, W. W. W.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	.....	1
1865	Warthman, John.	E.	Federalsburg, Md.	.....	1
1874	Waddell, D. F.	E.	Blackbird, Del.	.....	2
1882	Warren, Benj. C.	D.	Royal Oak, Md.	.....	2
1882	Williams, Charles H.	D.	Church Creek, Md.	.....	1
1854	Willis, Jonathan S.	E.	Milford, Del.	.....	3
1884	Wise, William A.	P.	Wilmington, Del.	.....	1
1884	Wood, Isaac L.	P.	King's Creek, Md.	.....	1

LOCAL PREACHERS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

The figures indicate the date of license. The letters indicate the present relation. The last column indicates the Post Office.

1881	L.	Astle, Thomas B.	Mechanic's Valley, Md.
1866	L.	Brinckley, William	Bay View, Md.
1872	D.	Booth, Dr. M. A.	Newport, Del.
1855	D.	Cann, John	Fair Hill, Md.
	D.	Dodd, D.	Wilmington, Del.
	L.	Dumbracco, James	" "
	L.	Ford, John	North East, Cecil Co., Md.
1869	L.	Flinn, Vincent G.	Newport, Del.
1864	L.	Fryer, Thomas	Cherry Hill, Md.
	L.	Galloway, Wm.	Wilmington, (E. 4th St.) Del.
1866	D.	Green, Daniel	Newport, Del.
1877	L.	Grant, Wm. J.	Cherry Hill, Md.
1880	L.	Hamilton, Wm.	Wilmington, Del.
1869	L.	Hendrickson, Wm. H.	Faulkland, Del.
	D.	Kershaw, Wm.	Elkton, Md.
1866	D.	Logan, Samuel	Charlestown, Cecil Co., Md.
1859	L.	Miller, Wm. T.	Mechanic's Valley, Md.
1866	L.	McLaughlin, J. T.	Wilmington, Del.
	D.	Mulford, Richard W.	Summit Bridge, Kent Co., Del.
		Moore, Chas.	Wilmington, (419 E. 4th St.) Del.
		McCoy, Jas.	" (5th & Madison St) Del.
1862		Mendenhall, Eli	" Del.
		Rodgers, R. L.	" (102 Jefferson St.) Del.
1841		Smith, Robert	Rockland, Del.
	E.	Simmons, John	Wilmington, Del.
	L.	Sentman, C. H.	" (4th & Shipley) Del.
	D.	Scott, James T.	Christiana, Del.
1879	L.	Smith, Wm. H.	McClellandville, Del.
	D.	Taylor, Wm.	Wilmington, Del.
	L.	Wise, W. Allen	New Castle, Del.
1878	L.	Williamson, J. F.	Newark, Del.
1870	L.	Weldin, Geo. W.	Wilmington, Del.
	D.	Wilson, John	" "
	L.	White, Wm. L.	" "
	L.	White, John	" "

EASTON DISTRICT.

1860	L.	Benson, E. T.	Royal Oak, Talbot, Md.
1860	D.	Baker, C. H.	Chestertown, Md.
1883	L.	Chairs, C. W.	Crumpton, "
	E.	Clark, John M.	Downs Chapel, Del.
	D.	Dill, James R.	Templeville, Md.
	L.	Eades, John P.	Eadesville, "
1881	L.	Faries, William	Smyrna, Del.
	L.	Gudgeon, A. M.	Crumpton, Md.
1881	L.	Golt, Richard	Downs Chapel, Del.
	E.	Genn, Nathan	Greensboro, Md.
1884	L.	Johnson, Willard W.	Ford's store, Winchester, Q A Co, Md
1858	L.	Kendall, James	Fairlee, Md.
1881	L.	Lassell, J. C.	Smyrna, Del.
		Morgan, F. M.	Trappe, Md.
1867		Morris, Charles K.	Sassafas, Md.
1872	L.	Nichols, Z. J.	Oxford, Md.
	D.	Numbers, Thomas	Millington, Md.
	L.	Price, David A.	" "
1856	L.	Perkins, James A.	Chestertown, Md.
1881	L.	Roe, Herman	Smyrna, Del.
1859	D.	Smith, J. V.	" "
1831	L.	Stubbs, James	" "
		Wood, Isaac L.	Centreville, Del.

DOVER DISTRICT.

1868		Bell, Jos. H.	Galestown, Dorchester Co., Md.
	D.	Brace, George V.	Vernon, Del.
		Betts, William H.	Millsboro, Sussex Co., Del.
	L.	Conway, R. H.	Harrison, Dorchester Co., Md.
	E.	Creamer, Valentine	Cambridge, " " "
	L.	Cahoon, W. R.	Dover, Kent Co., Del.
1856	L.	Dawson, E.	Frederica, Kent Co., Del.
1820	L.	Evans, Wm.	Lewes, Del.
	L.	Hall, Houston	Milton, Del.
	D.	Horney, J. E.	Harrington, Del.
		Hazzard, R. B.	Dorchester Co., Md.
	D.	Harris, Wm.	Bridgeville, Del.
1881		Knight, C. W.	Little Creek, Del.
	D.	Kenney, J. L.	Hynson, Md.
	L.	Minner, Samuel	Harrington, Del.
1860	L.	Millman, Jessie	Ellendale, Del.
	D.	Morgan, W. W.	Concord, Sussex Co., Del.
	L.	Packard, Edson	Linkwood, Dorchester Co., Md.
1872		Roach, Eli J.	Georgetown, Del.
	D.	Rich, J. H.	Denton, Md.
	D.	Simmons, C. E.	Harrington, Del.
	L.	Sullivan, J. F.	Fowling Creek, Dorchester Co., Md.
	D.	Wright, D. R.	Fowling Creek, Dorchester Co., Md.

ANNUAL MINUTES OF THE
SALISBURY DISTRICT.

1881	L.	Brewington, J. A.	Upper Fairmount, Md.
1872	L.	Beauchamp, John	Fairmount, "
	D.	Bowen, Z.	Mt. Vernon, "
1845	D.	Covington, G. W.	Pocomoke City "
	L.	Conner, N. C.	Colbourns, "
	L.	Connelly, J. H.	Bethel, Del.
1864	D.	Daveraux, J. H.	Snow Hill, Md.
1874	L.	Daniels, J. T.	Tangier, Somerset Co., Md.
	L.	Foxwell, B. F.	Mt. Vernon, Md.
	L.	Hill, M. M.	Delmar, Del.
	L.	Hopkins, G.	Monie, Md.
	L.	Hitch, E.	Laurel, Del.
	L.	Jones, J.	Whitesville, Del.
1871	L.	Kenney, J. T.	Chincoteague, Va.
1864	D.	Lawson, H.	Crisfield, Md.
	D.	Leatherbury, P. A.	Onancock, Va.
1851	D.	Miller, J.	Pocomoke City, Md.
1883	L.	Nelson, Alonso	Crisfield, Md.
1871	L.	Passwaters, W. B.	Princess Anne, Md.
	D.	Reed, J. T.	Frankford, Del.
1867	L.	Reed, S. P.	Berlin, Md.
	L.	Robinson, John	Sharptown, Md.
	L.	Roop, F. A.	Bethel, Del.
1879	L.	Smith, G. P.	Lodi, Dorchester Co., Md.
	D.	Scott, James	Mt. Vernon, Md.
	D.	Tindal, William J.	Georgetown, Del.
	L.	Tyler, John	Crisfield, Md.
1863	D.	Tilghman, N. J.	Salisbury, "
	L.	White, H. P.	Dame's Quarter, Md.
1882	E.	Webb, Samuel	Crisfield, "
	L.	Wilson, J.	Monie, "
1852	L.	White, S. Q.	Salisbury, "

Proceedings of Lay Conferennce.

Lay Electoral Conference met in the Asbury M. E. Church, Wilmington, Del., March 7th, 1884, was called to order by Dr. R. J. Price, and on motion J. F. Williamson was elected temporary chairman, and Dr. R. J. Price, Secretary, after which H. W. Hendrickson led in prayer; on motion, the following were elected a committee on credentials: Joseph Pyle, H. Clayton, I. T. Mathews, J. H. Davidson and J. F. Dawson. On organization, H. F. Pickels, John W. Phillips, H. C. Dodson, L. S. Melson and L. A. C. Gerry. On resolutions, W. T. Miller, A. P. Griffith, C. Marshall, L. E. P. Dennis and T. H. Medford.

The committee on organization reported the following as permanent officers:

Henry F. Pickels, President,
Dr. R. J. Price, Secretary,
Henry S. Dulany, Assistant Secretary,
C. M. Leitch, Treasurer,

All of whom were, on motion, elected.
On motion, the Conference took a recess for fifteen minutes, after which the Conference was again called to order by the President. The committee on resolutions made their report. The following resolutions were adopted:

The committee on resolutions beg leave to report as follows:
WHEREAS, This being the centennial year of methodism, this Electoral Conference of Laymen desire to express their gratitude to almighty God for that gracious and merciful Providence that has so signally sustained and perpetuated our beloved methodism during the one hundred years of its existence, and that the experience of each year, as it passes, tends to demonstrate more clearly the wisdom of its founders, and that they were guided by an infinitely wise though unseen hand.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Electoral Conference, that the grand achievements of methodism has been largely accomplished by our present itinerant system, and that the work of the future will be as large in results, if continued.

Resolved, That we deem it not advisable to change or interfere with our present time-limit to the term of pastorate.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the work of the States and local temperance organizations within the bounds of our conference, and hereby pledge our sympathy and hearty co-operation in the work until local option or prohibition is obtained, and we further recommend that the General Conference shall direct each annual Conference to appoint a general day, early in the year, which shall be devoted to the cause of temperance. On motion, the Lay Conference proceeded to the election of delegates to General Conference with the following result F. A. Elliss and A. G. Cox as delegates, Dr. A. E. Sudler and Joseph, Pyle as alternates. Adjourned until 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Met at time appointed. Devotional exercises led by F. A. Elliss. Lay Conference was waited upon by a Committee from the Annual Conference, inviting the Lay to a joint Session. The Conference accepted the invitation and proceeded at once, escorted by the Committee to the Conference room, and were received cordially and introduced by Bishop Harris to the Annual Conference, after which President H. F. Pickels made the following address. Bishop Harris and brethren of the Wilmington Annual Conference. On behalf of my fellow members of the Lay Conference, I beg leave to report that we have completed our labors by electing as delegates to the General Conference, Bros. F. A. Elliss and A. G. Cox; as alternates, Bros. Dr. A. E. Sudler and Jos. Pyle. We also adopted certain resolutions which will now be read by the Secretary. (*See Resolutions.*)

You will thus perceive, dear Bishop and brethren, that we are perfectly satisfied with the itinerant system, that we desire no change in our Church government, that the hearts of the laity of this Conference beat as loyally to the cause of Methodism as ever, and it would be strange indeed, if it were otherwise.

We are on historic ground. On this very spot the sainted Asbury dedicated the first Methodist Church that was built in this section of the country almost a century ago, with about fifty members. This church long remained the only one in this locality, but within the last thirty-five years, this mother of churches has increased to twelve, with a membership of nearly four thousand. Verily we may say, What hath God wrought?

I would also call your attention to the resolution just read, referring to the cause of temperance. This cause is a moral one, not political; if the curse of intemperance is ever to be banished from our land, the church of the living God must take the matter in hand; they must lead in this warfare. What is the great stumbling block in the way of the church at this time, and what is the principle barrier in her triumphant march, but this the use of intoxicating drinks? Take this beautiful city as an example; we have churches on every hand, about fifty of all denominations. And opposed to this are five hundred grog-shops, a very large number of them unlicensed; fifty places where we are laboring to build up Zion, and ten times as many where the devil is trying to tear down, and alas, too often succeeding.

Why is this, and what is the remedy for this great evil? We answer total prohibition in the state and finally in the United States by congressional enactment. How shall the great result be brought about? We answer again by the church, ay, brethren, by the Methodist Church taking the lead in this great moral reform. Some one may ask, Why the Methodist Church? but the reason is obvious. The Methodist Church is the largest in point of numbers, has more churches, more Sabbath schools, more people under its influence, it has more snap and vim, more enthusiasm than any other Ecclesiastical body in this Country; and in fact as Dr. Chalmers stated years ago when asked the question What is Methodism he replied Methodism is Christianity in earnest. Will any one doubt, Bishop and Brethren that if the Methodists of this State and Conference territory would take this matter in hand, if they would throw their party aside for once and insist upon the question Rum or no Rum, being submitted to the people of this State either as a County or State matter how long would this question remain debatable or unsettled if once the Methodist people of this Conference territory and state arose in their power and demanded that the question should be submitted to them. They constitute a large majority of its voters and they could settle this matter at once, and upon them must rest the continuance of this infamous traffic. In conclusion upon this point Bishop and Brethren let me say on behalf of my Lay Brethren that we look to you to lead in this great reform. We beg of you to cry aloud and spare not. Do not be content with preaching one sermon a year on this subject, but constantly in season and out of season bear your testimony against this great evil.

We rejoice with you dear brethren in the continued prosperity of our beloved Zion in the revivals of religion that have taken place in our Conference territory,

in the large number that have been converted and added to the number of those who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. We rejoice also in the temporal prosperity of the Church as evidenced in the building of new Churches, in the repairing and relieving of debt of old ones and in building and furnishing of comfortable Parsonages and thus adding to the comfort and convenience of the domestic portion of the itinerant system.

We rejoice in the increased liberality of the church as shown in contributions to all our benevolent objects this being an evidence that while our people are increasing in financial ability they are also growing in largeness of heart. And that while their riches increase their hearts are not set upon them, and they are not merely willing but anxious to expend a goodly portion of what the Lord has blessed them with to advance the cause of the blessed Master.

And now, in conclusion, Dear Brethren, permit me say on behalf of my Bro. lay delegates, that you have our hearty sympathy and earnest support in your efforts for the advancement of the cause of Scriptural Holiness in these lands, and that we shall ever be found holding up your hands even as Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses in his conflict with the enemies of Israel.

The Lay Conference then returned to its room and voted a collection for the sexton which was done on motion. The following resolutions were passed.

Resolved, Thanking the Citizens of Wilmington for their kind hospitality in entertaining the members of Conference during its session.

Resolved, To the Trustees of Asbury Church for the use of their church building during session of Conference.

Resolved, To the President and other officers of the Conference for their courteous bearing and efficient services.

On motion the minutes were read and approved, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Hance Lawson and adjourned *sine die*.

WILMINGTON DELEGATES, "LAY."

W. T. Dyott,	Bethel and Glasgow.
Benoni Cooling,	Charlestown Circuit.
Rev. Wm. J. Grant,	Cherry Hill, Md.
Joseph H. Brooks,	Chesapeake City, Md.
Hon. Thos. J. Clayton,	Chester, Del.
Geo. W. Groves,	Christiana Circuit, Del.
Abner Vernon, Jr.,	Claymont, Del.
Wm. Beck,	Delaware City and Port Penn.
F. A. Elliss,	Elkton and Crouche's Chapel, Md.
Wm. Massey,	Elk Neck, Md.
John A. Day,	Mt. Lebanon, Del.
Geo. W. Welden,	Mt. Pleasant, Del.
John F. Williamson,	Newark and Wesley.
Amos Davidson,	New Castle, Delaware.
V. G. Flinn,	New Port, " "
Hon. R. D. Thomas,	North East, Maryland.
L. A. C. Gerry,	Port Deposit, " "
H. M. Silver,	Red Lion, Del.
Thomas J. Wilson,	Rising Sun, Md.
Geo. W. Simpler,	St. Georges and Summit, Del.
Chas. M. Leitch,	Asbury, Wilmington, " "
Moses B. Bullock,	Brandywine, " "
Rev. Wm. L. White,	Epworth, " "
H. F. Pickels,	Grace, " "
John S. Miller,	Mt. Salem, " "
L. T. Grubb,	Scott, " "
Joseph Pyle,	St. Paul's, " "
William M. McCormick,	Union, " "
Rev. William T. Miller.	Zion Circuit, Md.

EASTON DISTRICT, "LAY."

J. D. Davis,
Thos. Mallalieu,
A. E. Sudler, M. D.,
T. W. Eliason, Jr.,
J. A. M. Denny,
W. H. Thomson,
Henry Clayton,
Wm. H. Ayres,
E. N. Moore,
J. S. Marris,
J. C. Hutchinson,
G. A. Vandegrift,
Jas Bailey,
Jas. H. Sutton,
J. R. Dill,
R. M. Cooper,
J. F. Saulsbury,
J. H. Barnard,
H. C. Dodson,
W. H. Hyland,
A. Price Griffith,
J. F. Mulligan,
J. W. Harrington,
D. B. Maloney,
T. J. Tucker.

Sassafras, Md.
Millington, Md.
Sudlersville, Md.
Chestertown, Md.
Royal Oak, Md.
Easton, Md.
Middletown, Del.
Pomona, Md.
Odessa, Del.
Still Pond, Md.
Appoquinimink, Del.
Cecilton, Md.
Centreville, Md.
Talbot, Md.
Marydell, Md.
Smyrna Circuit, Del.
King's Creek, Del.
Greensboro, Del.
St. Michaels, Md.
Galena, Md.
Smyrna, Del.
Trappe, Md.
Ingleside, Md.
Townsend Del.
Church Hill, Md.

DOVER DELEGATES, "LAY."

Chas. N. Marshall,
Jas. B. Conner,
J. H. Davidson, "alternate,"
Thomas Cahall,
Thomas H. Medford,
R. B. Hazzard,
Henry R. Lewis,
Stephen Postles,
John W. Phillips,
Peter S. Cooper,
H. P. Cannon,
M. S. Van Burkalow,
E. R. Buckmaster,
Jas. B. Prettyman,
Jesse Millman,
Rev. J. H. Bell,
Rev. Sam'l Donoho,
John H. German,
Woolsey G. Hopkins,
Rev. Wm. H. Betts,
Henry Hawley,
B. W. Truitt,
J. T. Dawson,
Dr. R. J. Price,
C. F. Richards,

Lewes, Del.
Felton Circuit, Del.
Milton, "
Frederica, "
Cambridge, Md.
Church Creek, Md.
Harrington Circuit, Del.
Camden " "
Seaford, Del.
Wyoming Circuit, Del.
Bridgeville, Del.
Magnolia Circuit, Del.
Little Creek, Del.
Farmington, "
Ellendale, "
Galestown, Md.
Woodlandtown, Md.
Leipsic, Del.
Nassau, "
Millsboro, Md.
Denton, "
Lincoln Del.
Beckwith, Md.
Dorchester, Md.

SALISBURY DISTRICT (LAY) DELEGATES.

Rev. P. A. Leatherberry,
Rev. Joshua W. Grey,
Drniel Hearn,
Benj. F. Marsh,
Wm. M. Ruark,
Irving T. Mathews,
Rev. J. P. Smith,
Noah J. Gibbons,
C. W. Collins,
Benj. H. Foxwell,
G. S. Lloyd,
Rev. Hance Lawson,
L. E. T. Dennis,
J. N. Hearn,
Peter Furbush,
L. S. Melson,
N. P. Conner,
Wm. J. Downing,
Henry S. Dulany,
S. W. Beauchamp,
Jas. T. Daniel,
Thos. H. Williams,
Wm. K. Rowley,
Wm. M. Schoolfield,
Wm. H. Rowley,
Thos. B. Moore,
Rev. M. M. Hill,

Accomac, Va.
Barren Creek, Md.
Laurel, Del.
Smiths Island, Md.
Westover, Md.
Snow Hill, Md.
Holland Island, Md.
Cokesbury, Md.
Frankford, Del.
Princess Anne, Md.
Bethel, Del.
Asbury, Md.
Crisfield, Md.
Gumboro, Del.
Berlin, Md.
Roxana, Del.
St. Peters, Md.
Parsonburg, Md.
Fruitland, Md.
Fairmount, Md.
Deal's Island, Md.
Salisbury, Md.
Newark, Md.
Pocomoke City, Md.
Stockton, Md.
Quantico, Md.
Delmar, Del.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.
OF THE
Historical Society of the Wilmington Annual Conference
OF THE
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ARTICLE I. This association shall be denominated, "The Historical Society of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

ARTICLE II. The object of this society shall be to conserve the history of Methodism, especially within the bounds of the Wilmington Annual Conference; to establish a bureau of statistics, and connect and preserve all facts of interest in connection with said history, and also such objects in the form of manuscripts, books, pamphlets, medals, portraits, etc., as have historical value; to institute such courses of lectures and public meetings as may be deemed proper, and also to form a library of Methodist literature, to be regulated in its use by such rulers as the Board of Managers may adopt.

ARTICLE III. The interests of the society shall be under the supervision of a board of managers, consisting of nine ministers and nine laymen, who shall elect from their own number, at the first regular meeting of the year, or at a special meeting of the year, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, before the time of the regular meeting a president, three vice presidents, a corresponding secretary, a treasurer and a librarian.

ARTICLE IV. The managers shall be elected at the annual meeting in March, 1884, and immediately after such election the first named on the list of newly-elected managers, shall call a special meeting, at which the managers shall determine by lot, one-third of their number in each order to serve for two years and one-third for one year, so that, thereafter, one-third of each order shall be elected each year.

ARTICLE V. The Society shall consist of Members, Life Members, Life Patrons and Honorary members, to be elected by the Board of Managers; the members to pay an annual fee of one dollar; the Life Members a fee of ten dollars, and the Life Patrons a fee of twenty dollars. The members of the Wilmington Conference shall be regarded as Honorary Members without election.

ARTICLE VI. The property of the society shall be deposited in a safe place and each article numbered and labeled with the name of the society; the name of the donor (if presented) and the date of presentation; the number, etc., to correspond with a like entry upon a registry kept for that purpose; said property to be open to inspection under such restrictions and regulations as may be adopted by the Board Managers; in no case, however, shall any article be removed from the depository, without the consent of the Committee on Library or a majority vote at a meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE VII. The funds of the society, after necessary expenses are paid shall be appropriated to the enlargement and preservation of a museum and library. Bequests made to the society shall be forwarded and the interest thereof used, for the purposes of the society.

ARTICLE VIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the society, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, provided such alteration, or amendment, has been previously approved by the Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS.

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT.

ARTICLE I. It shall be the duty of the President or, if he be absent, a Vice President, to preside at the meetings of the society and Board of Managers, and conduct the business of the meetings according to rules laid down in Parliamentary law. If neither the President or a Vice President, be present at a meeting, the meeting may choose a member to preside at the time.

DUTIES OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

ARTICLE II. The Corresponding Secretary shall have charge of the correspondence, and shall report at the meetings of the Board of managers, such letters and communications as he may have received, or written.

DUTIES OF RECORDING SECRETARY.

ARTICLE III. The Recording Secretary shall keep, fill and correct minutes of the proceedings of the Society, and shall have them transcribed into a book of record. He shall give due notice of any meetings that may be called, and shall notify the officers and managers of their election. The records and all official papers shall be kept in the rooms of the society and be at all times accessible to the members.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER.

ARTICLE IV. The treasurer shall have charge of the money and all funds of the society; shall collect the fees, and shall pay such claims against the society as have been duly examined and ordered to be paid. Every draft shall be signed by the president and secretary. He shall present, at the annual meeting, a statement of his receipts and expenditures during the year, with a full report of the financial condition of the society, and he shall give bonds in such amount as the Board of Managers may require.

DUTIES OF THE LIBRARIAN.

ARTICLE V. The librarian shall have charge, under the direction of the Library Committee, of the books, manuscripts, and other property in the rooms of the society, and shall arrange and preserve the same in proper and convenient order; he shall keep a catalogue of all books, manuscripts, &c., and, when presented, shall append the names of the donors. He shall present a report at the annual meeting of the condition of the library during the year.

COMMITTEES.

ARTICLE VI. There shall be four regular standing committees: a Committee on Finance, a Committee on Library, a Committee on Historical and Statistical matter, and a Committee on Anniversary; each committee to consist of three members to be elected at the first meeting of the Board after each annual election.

The Committee on Finance shall have the general superintendence of the financial interests of the society. They shall have access to the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer, and shall examine and audit his annual report.

The Library Committee shall direct the Librarian in the general management of the library, and in the disposition of the books, manuscripts, relics, etc., and shall control the disbursement of any appropriation that may be made for their increase and preservation.

The Committee on Historical and Statistical matter shall collect items of information in reference to the location and history of our churches; also statistics and decrease of members, increase of contributions, &c.

ARTICLE VII. Meetings. The Board of Managers shall meet during the session of the Annual Conference, and at such meetings, five shall constitute a quorum. An Annual meeting of the society shall be held during the session of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

ARTICLE VIII. These By-Laws may be amended at a regular meeting of the Board by a two-thirds vote, providing such amendment shall have been submitted in writing at a preceding stated meeting.

ARTICLE IX. Order of business of the Board of Managers.

1. Devotional exercises.
2. Calling of roll.
3. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.
4. Reports of, I. Corresponding Secretary; II. Librarian; III. Treasurer.
- IV. Standing Committees.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Adjournment.

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FOR THE
PROMOTION OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MISSIONS,

IN ACCOUNT WITH ALFRED G. COX, TREASURER.

WILMINGTON, DELAWARE, MARCH 5, 1884.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. H. Colclazer,	Bethel and Glasgow,	40 25
" " " J. W. Hammersley,	Charlestown Circuit,	19
" " " E. E. White,	Cherry Hill,	50
" " " W. E. Tomkinson,	Chesapeake City,	32 59
" " " L. W. Layfield,	Chester,	50
" " " Wm. M. Green,	Christiana Circuit,	25
" " " J. N. Rawlins,	Claymont,	35
" " " Thos. B. Hunter,	Del. City and Port Penn,	30
" " " C. F. Sheppard,	Elkton and Crouche's,	284 23
" " " H. Sanderson,	Elk Neck Circuit,	10
" " " L. C. Andrew,	Mt. Lebanon,	15
" " " W. B. Gregg,	Mt. Pleasant,	26
" " " T. H. Haynes,	Newark and Wesley,	100
" " " N. M. Browne,	New Castle,	108
" " " J. E. Bryan,	Newport,	125
" " " R. W. Todd,	North East,	137 02
" " " R. C. Jones,	Port Deposit,	270
" " " Julius Dodd,	Red Lion,	29
" " " Jos. Robinson,	Rising Sun,	40
" " " F. J. Cochran,	St. Georges and Summit,	40
" " " W. L. S. Murray,	Wilmington, Asbury,	900
" " " John Shilling,	" Brandywine,	40
" " " C. A. Hill,	" Epworth,	25
" " " J. R. Boyle,	" Grace,	3,758 19
" " " T. A. H. O'Brien,	" Madeley,	
" " " J. E. Smith,	" Mt. Salem,	155
" " " T. R. Creamer,	" Scott,	128
" " " R. H. Adams,	" St. Paul's,	500
" " " Carl O'Carlson,	" Swedish Mission,	
" " " C. W. Prettyman,	" Union,	418
" " " John France,	Zion Circuit,	125

Total this year,.....\$7,515 28
Paid last year,.....6,630 40

Increase,.....\$884 88

RECAPITULATION.

Received from Salisbury District,	\$2,682 35
“ “ Dover “	2,685 89
“ “ Easton “	3,251 32
“ “ Wilmington “	7,515 28
Total,	\$16,134 84
Received from Salisbury District last year,	\$1,714 95
“ “ Dover “	2,459 88
“ “ Easton “	2,942 08
“ “ Wilmington “	6,630 40
	\$13,747 31
Increase,	\$ 2,387 53

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel and Glasgow—H. Colclazer, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 40 00
Charlestown—J. W. Hammersley, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 19 00
Cherry Hill—E. E. White, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 25 50
Sunday School.....	24 50
Total.....	\$ 50 00
Chesapeake City—Wm. E. Tomkinson, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 14 64
Church.....	17 95
Total.....	\$ 32 59
Chester—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 30 00
Sunday School.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00
Christiana—W. M. Green, Pastor,	
Churches.....	\$ 15 00
Sunday Schools.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 25 00
Claymont—J. N. Rawlins, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 35 00
Delaware City and Port Penn—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.	
Delaware City and Port Penn.....	\$ 30 00
Elkton and Crouch's—Chas. F. Sheppard, Pastor.	
Congregation.....	\$ 29 17
Elkton.....	205 06
Crouch's.....	10 00
Wilna.....	10 00
West Amwell.....	30 00
Total.....	284 23
Elk Neck Circuit—H. Sandersor, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 10 00

Mt. Lebanon—Lewis C. Andrew, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 12 50
Church.....	2 50
Total.....	\$ 15 00
Mount Pleasant—W. B. Gregg, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 26 00
Newark and Wesley—T. H. Haynes, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 30 00
Sunday Schools.....	70 00
Total.....	\$ 100 00
New Castle—N. M. Browne, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 108 00
Newport and Stanton—J. E. Bryan, Pastor.	
Newport Church.....	\$ 8 38
“ School.....	100 00
Stanton Church.....	1 83
“ School.....	7 50
Hockessin Church.....	6 06
“ School.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 124 77
North East—Robt. W. Todd, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 40 00
Sunday School.....	92 09
Anniversary, Basket collection.....	4 93
Total.....	\$ 137 02
Port Deposit—R. C. Jones, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 210 00
Church.....	60 00
Total.....	\$ 270 00
Red Lion—Julius Dodd, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 20 50
Sunday School.....	8 50
Total.....	\$ 29 00
Rising Sun—Joseph S. Robinson, Pastor.	
Schools.....	\$ 40 00
St. George and Summit—F. J. Cockran, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 20 00
Sunday School.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 40 00
Asbury—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 370 43
Sunday School.....	529 57
Total.....	\$ 900 00
Brandywine—J. Shilling, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 39 96

Epworth—Chas. A. Hill, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 14 00
Sunday School.....	11 00
Total.....	\$ 25 00
Grace—J. Richard Boyle, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 672 35
Sunday School.....	3085 84
Total.....	\$3,758 19
Mount Salem—J. E. Smith, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 95 00
School.....	60 00
Total.....	\$155 00
Scott—T. R. Creamer, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$100 00
Church.....	28 00
Total.....	\$128 00
St. Paul's—R. H. Adams, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$200 00
Church.....	300 00
Total.....	\$500 00
Union—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$114 00
Sunday School.....	304 00
Total.....	\$418 00
Zion—J. France, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 81 00
Sabbath Schools.....	44 00
Total.....	\$125 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Appoquinimink—D. F. Waddell, Pastor.	
Union Sunday School.....	\$ 13 48
Friendship Church.....	29 63
Friendship Sunday School.....	10 89
Total.....	\$ 54 00
Chestertown—E. P. Aldred, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 110 00
Sunday School.....	90 00
Total.....	\$ 200 00

Cecilton and St. Paul's—J. B. Merritt, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 84 71
Church.....	15 19
Total.....	\$ 100 00

Centreville—Thos. E. Terry, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 86 00
Sunday School.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 136 00

Church Hill—W. B. Walton, Pastor.

Church Hill, Church.....	\$ 21 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	15 00
Union, Church.....	26 00
“ Sunday School.....	7 00
Salem, Church.....	7 00
“ Sunday School.....	2 00
Spaniards Neck, Church.....	4 00
Other sources.....	23 00
Total.....	\$ 105 00

Easton—A. W. Lightbourn, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 22 00
Sunday School.....	103 00
Total.....	\$ 125 00

Galena—Geo. W. Townsend, Pastor.

Galena, Sunday School.....	\$ 12 75
“ Church.....	9 25
Centreville, S. School.....	6 50
“ Church.....	13 50
Locust Grove, Sunday School.....	6 00
“ Church.....	28 00
Total.....	\$ 76 00

Greensboro—Alfred Smith, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 46 45
Sunday School.....	38 55
Total.....	\$ 85 00

Hillsborough—G. W. Burke, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 21 50
Sunday Schools.....	20 50
Total.....	\$ 42 00

Ingleside—T. E. Bell, Pastor.

Ingleside.....	\$ 4 00
Pippin.....	7 00
Roesville.....	9 00
Total.....	\$ 20 00

Kent Island—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Stevensville Church.....	\$ 24 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	13 75
Kingsley Church.....	6 75
“ Sunday School.....	4 00
Trinity Church.....	11 50
Total.....	\$ 60 00

King's Creek—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 15 00
Sunday Schools.....	25 00
Total.....	\$ 40 00

Marydel—H. McQuay, Pastor.

Templeville.....	\$ 18 00
Marydel.....	12 00
Hawkins.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 40 00

Millington—T. L. Tomkinson, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 75 00
Sunday School.....	80 00
Total.....	\$ 155 00

Odessa—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 43 00
Sunday School.....	151 00
Total.....	\$ 194 00

Oxford—A. S. Mowbray, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 18 00
Church.....	17 00
Total.....	\$ 35 00

Pomona—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.

Sunday Schools.....	\$ 41 50
Churches.....	18 50
Total.....	\$ 60 00

Queenstown—B. F. Price, Pastor.

Congregation at Queenstown.....	\$ 8 80
“ Perry's Corner.....	3 75
“ Simpers.....	2 60
Sabbath School, Queenstown.....	8 00
“ “ Perry's Corner.....	3 50
“ “ Simpers.....	3 35
Total.....	\$ 30 00

Royal Oak—Benj. C. Warren, Pastor.

Royal Oak.....	\$ 18 05
Ferry Neck.....	10 95
Sunday School.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 30 00

St. Michael's—J. E. Mowbray, Pastor.

From church.....	\$ 38 00
“ School.....	157 00
Total.....	\$ 195 00

Sassafras—O. S. Walton, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 15 00
Church.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 35 00

Smyrna—Jno. D. Rigg, Pastor.

From Church.....	\$ 143 00
“ Sunday School.....	375 00
Total.....	\$ 518 00

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

Bethel Church.....	\$ 30 73
“ Sunday School.....	21 27
Kenton Church.....	11 15
“ Sunday School.....	7 85
Central Church.....	7 00
“ Sunday School.....	4 00
Severson Church.....	10 00
Sunday School.....	
Total.....	\$ 92 00

Still Pond—Lewis E. Barrett, Pastor.

Still Pond Church.....	\$ 70 00
“ Sunday School.....	125 00
Betterton Sunday School.....	8 00
Union Sunday School.....	2 00
Total.....	\$ 205 00

Sudlersville—J. Owen Sypherd, Pastor.

Sudlersville, Collection.....	\$ 5 00
“ Sunday School.....	73 86
Dudley's Church.....	4 76
Busicks Church.....	6 00
Sunday School.....	6 13
Cumpton Collection.....	4 50
Sunday School.....	3 25
Double Creek.....	1 50
Total.....	\$ 105 00

Talbot—J. Elmer Kidney, Pastor.

Bay Side Sunday School.....	\$ 16 20
Broad Creek Sunday School.....	10 97
Tilghmans Island Church.....	15 00
Chatham.....	8 35
Total.....	\$ 50 52
Deducted for expenses, Discount on trade dollars, &c.....	2 40
Total.....	\$ 48 12

Trappe—R. K. Stevenson, Pastor.

Trappe Church.....	\$ 26 00
“ Sunday School.....	22 00
Burlingbrook Church.....	3 65
“ Sunday School.....	1 35
Landing Neck Church.....	17 00
Total.....	\$ 70 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith and Spedden's—James Carroll, Pastor.

Beckwith church.....	\$ 41 41
Spedden's.....	19 00
Spedden Sunday School.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 61 41

Bridgeville—W. S. Robinson, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 390 00
Sunday School.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 400 00

Cambridge—Vaughan S. Collins, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 28 29
Church.....	42 71
Total.....	\$ 71 00

Camden—Jas. A. Brindle, Pastor.

Fifty-two dollars.....	\$ 52 00
Twenty dollars, to make Mrs. Lizzie Smith, and Mrs. Martha Lord, Life Members of the Missionary Society of the Wilmington Conference.	

Church Creek—R. B. Hazzard, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 24 00
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Denton—A. D. Davis, Pastor.

Sunday Schools.....	8 00
Congregations.....	52 00
Total.....	60 00

Dorchester Circuit—T. O. Ayers, Pastor.

East New Market.....	\$ 52 00
Washington.....	55 00
Vienna.....	23 65
Salem.....	10 00
Wainwright's.....	10 00
Manship.....	10 00
McKendree.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 170 65

Dover—J. H. Caldwell, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 44 00
Sunday School.....	356 00
Total.....	\$ 400 00

Ellendale—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Missionary.....	\$ 15 00
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Farmington—John W. Poole, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 33 80
Sunday Schools.....	6 20
Total.....	\$ 40 00

Federalsburg—E. H. Nelson.

Federalsburg Church.....	\$ 42 00
“ Sunday School.....	25 00
Preston “.....	24 25
“ Sunday School.....	15 75
Chestnut Grove.....	19 25
Harmony.....	15 00
Friendship.....	10 00
St. Paul's Church and School.....	8 00
Bethlehem.....	5 75
Total.....	\$ 165 00

Felton,—Isaac Jewell, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 15 00
Sunday School.....	35 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Frederica—W. W. W. Wilson, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 90 00
Sunday School.....	70 00
Total.....	\$ 160 00

Galestown—Joseph Dare, Pastor.

Galestown church.....	\$ 8 00
“ Sunday School.....	10 00
Woodland church.....	4 00
“ Sunday School.....	3 00
Wesley church.....	10 00
“ Sunday School.....	7 00
Cokesbury Church.....	
“ Sunday School.....	3 00
Total.....	\$ 45 00

Georgetown—P. H. Rawlins, Pastor.

Georgetown Congregation.....	\$ 23 65
“ Sunday School.....	12 58
St. John's Congregation.....	11 85
St. John's Congregation Ten dollars to constitute Mrs. Emma Green a life member of the Wilmington Conference Missionary Society.	
Total.....	\$ 48 83

Harrington—F. C. McSorly, Pastor.

Harrington.....	\$ 51 00
Whites.....	4 75
Houston.....	4 25
Mastens Corner.....	10 00
Laws.....	32 00
Milford Neck.....	23 00
Total.....	\$ 125 00

60 cents more than double.

Leipsic—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 38 25
Sunday Schools.....	1 75
Total.....	\$ 40 00

Lewes—Jno. D. Kemp, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 112 00
Church.....	38 00
Total.....	\$ 150 00

Lincoln—Rev. I. N. Foreman, Pastor.

Slaughter Neck, Appointment.....	\$ 25 00
Cedar Neck, Church.....	5 00
New Market Church.....	5 00
Lincoln Church.....	5 00
Lincoln Sunday School.....	5 00
Mrs. I. N. Foreman.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Little Creek—Alvin W. Holt, Pastor.

Congregations.....	\$ 20 00
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Magnolia Circuit—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 45 00
Sunday Schools.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Milford—J. S. Willis, Pastor.

Chapel School, to make P. F. Causey and Joshua Spencer life members of Parent Society.....	\$ 40 00
Avenue School.....	114 62
Church.....	20 38
Total.....	\$ 175 00

Milton—T. S. Williams, Pastor.

Mrs. Martha Wiltbank.....	5 00
Mrs. M. P. Hazzard.....	5 00
“ Elizabeth Carey.....	5 00
“ Sarah A. Martin.....	5 00
“ Samuel J. Wilson.....	5 00
“ Caddie S. Lofland.....	5 00
Sunday School.....	51 54
Total.....	\$ 81 54

Millsboro—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 35 00
Sunday Schools.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 40 00

Nassau—John Warthman, Pastor.

Connelly's Chapel.....	\$ 5 57
White's Chapel.....	7 00
Zion Church.....	6 50
Ebenezer Church.....	9 00
Connelly's Sunday School.....	17 50
White's Sunday School.....	12 77
Total.....	\$ 58 34

Seaford—W. Underwood, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 35 00
Sunday School.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 75 00

Woodlandtown—G. Lacy Hardesty, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 35 00
Ebenezer Sunday School.....	6 00
Davis Chapel Sunday School.....	1 50
Total.....	* 42 50

Wyoming—A. T. Melvin, Pastor.

Members of Willow Grove M. E. Church, for Certificate of Life Membership for Mrs. Emily Cooper.....	\$ 10 00
Church.....	6 33
Total.....	\$ 16 33

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Accomac—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.

Onancock.....	\$ 59 00
Ayers Chapel.....	7 25
Modestown.....	3 75
Total.....	\$ 70 00

Asbury—W. E. Avery, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 120 00
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Annamessex—I. D. Johnson, Pastor.

St. Peters Sunday School.....	\$ 7 00
“ “ Church.....	23 00
Quindocqua Sunday School.....	6 00
“ “ Church.....	24 00
Total.....	\$ 60 00

Barren Creek—Joshua W. Gray, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 7 25
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Berlin—C. A. Grice, Pastor.

Sunday Schools.....	\$ 16 00
Churches.....	\$ 44 00
Total.....	\$ 60 00

Bethel Circuit—Wm. L. P. Bowen, Pastor.

Sailor's Bethel Sunday School.....	\$ 30 24
Congregation.....	42 42
Asbury Sunday School.....	40
Congregation.....	3 25
Mt. Zion Congregation.....	24 00
St. Thomas Congregation.....	4 69
Total.....	\$ 105 00

Chincoteague—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 15 00
Sunday School.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 25 00

Crisfield—E. L. Hubbard, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 65 00
Church.....	35 00
Total.....	\$ 100 00

Deals Island—Wm. R. McFarlane, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	40 000
Church.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Fruitland—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

Siloam, Collected by Annie Goslee.....	\$ 5 15
“ “ Annie Wheatley.....	5 00
Cash.....	85
Zion, Collected by Mamie Hayman.....	\$ 10 26
“ “ Nellie Morris.....	8 25
“ “ Ella Brumley.....	4 00
“ “ Ruth Hayman.....	3 50
Fruitland Sabbath School, by “ Earnest Workers”.....	10 22
“ “ “ “ Pearl Gatherers”.....	9 67
“ “ “ “ Little Gleaners”.....	9 55
“ “ “ “ Garners”.....	4 11
“ “ “ Other classes.....	4 45

Total from Circuit.....\$ 75 00

Mamie Hayman, Nellie Morris and Annie Goslee are made life members of the Conference Missionary Society.

Pocomoke City—W. E. England, Pastor.

Congregation.....	\$ 12 50
Sunday School.....	26 28
Monthly Prayer Meeting.....	2 08
Total.....	\$ 40 86

Delmar—G. W. Wilcox, Pastor.

Mount Pleasant Church.....	\$ 20 00
Hepburn's.....	10 00
Delmar Church.....	14 00
Sunday School.....	17 50

Total.....\$ 61 50

Fairmount—Wm. H. Hutchin, Pastor.

Christ Church.....	\$ 38 00
“ Sunday School.....	480 00
Union Church.....	50 25
“ Sunday School.....	21 75

Total.....\$ 600 00

Frankford—W. J. Du Hadway, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 60 00
Sunday Schools.....	15 00

Total.....\$ 75 00

Gumboro—W. F. Corkran, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 90 00
Sunday Schools.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 100 00

Holland's Island—G. P. Smith, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 16 00
Church.....	4 00

Total.....\$ 20 00

Laurel—John B. Quigg, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 17 68
Sunday School.....	100 32

Total.....\$ 118 00

Newark—E. Davis, Pastor.

Conner's Church.....	\$ 29 50
“ Sunday School.....	6 50
Newark Church.....	12 00
Poplartown Church.....	5 50
“ School.....	5 50
Wesley Church.....	1 00

Total.....\$ 60 00

Parsonsbury—James Conner, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 32 86
Sabbath Schools.....	12 27

Total.....\$ 45 13

Sharptown—R. Roe, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 3 00
Church.....	12 00

Total.....\$ 15 00

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