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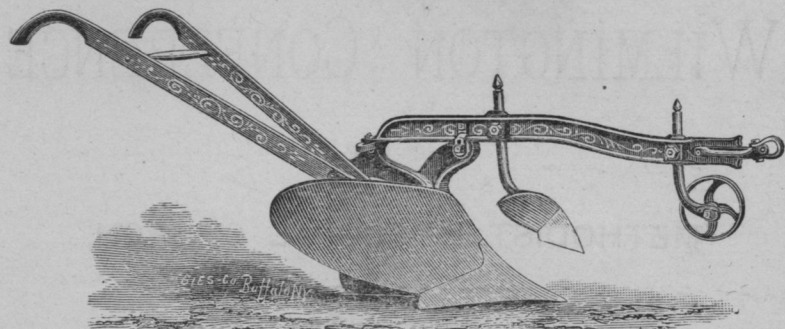
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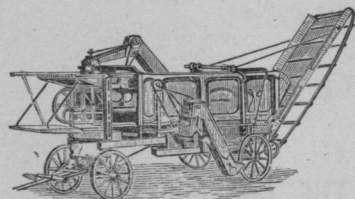


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This certifies that on Sunday the 15th Inst, I ordained the following persons as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, namely: William B. Guthrie, Alpheus S. Mowbray, Isaac L. Wood, William F. Dawson, Lyman J. Muchmore, Edgar S. Mace, James W. Easley, Axel Z. Fryxell. Also, that at the same time and place, with the assistance of Elders present, I ordained the following to the office of Elders: Isaiah D. Johnson, Charles S. Baker and Louis P. Corkran.

S. M. MERRILL.

Done at Snow Hill, Maryland, March 16th, 1885.

**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.

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(The letters designate the present relation. P., Probationer; 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.)

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1877	Atkins, E. C.	E.	Chesapeake City, Md.	2
1870	Arters, J. A.	E.	Centreville, Md.	F
1877	Avery, Walter E.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	3
1870	Ayres, T. O.	E.	Denton, Md.	1
1881	Baker, C. S.	E.	Tangier, Va.	3
1876	Barrett, L. E.	E.	Port Deposit, Md.	1
1836	Barton, George	S.	Church Hill, Md.	
1859	Bell, Thomas E.	Sp.	St. Michaels, Md.	
1876	Bowen, W. L. P.	E.	Parsonsburg, Md.	2
1843	Brindle, James A.	E.	Lewes, Del.	1
1860	Browne, N. M.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1857	Bryan, James E.	E.	Cambridge, Md.	2
1865	Burke, Geo. W.	E.	Harrington, Del.	2
1871	Boyle, J. Richards	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1885	Bowman, Geo. W.	P.	Burrsville, Md.	1
1845	Caldwell, J. H., D. D.	E.	Smyrna, Del.	2
1865	Carroll, James	E.	Leipsic, Del.	2
1876	Chandler, Albert	E.	Delmar, Del.	2
1881	Cochran, F. J.	E.	Farmington, Del.	1
1876	Collins, J. M.	E.	Lincoln, Del.	1
1883	Collins, Vaughn S.	D.	Vienna, Md.	2
1862	Conoway, Geo. S.	E.	Rock Hall, Md.	3
1868	Conner, James	E.	Cambridge, Md.	2
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E.	Gumboro, Del.	3
1881	Corkran, L. P.	E.	Oxford, Md.	1
1885	Corkran, D. H.	P.	Townsend, Del.	1
1873	Creamer, T. R.	E.	Odessa, Del.	1
1854	Dare, Joseph	E.	Christiana, Del.	1
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1868	Fosnocht, I. G.	E. Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1856	France, John	E. Smyrna, Del.	1
1885	Fryxell, A. Z.	P. Wilmington, Del.	1
1856	Gardner, S. T.	Sp. Wilmington, Del.	
1839	Gray, Valentine	S. Gap, Lan. Co., Pa.	
1873	Green, W. M.	E. Galestown, Md.	1
1857	Gregg, Wm. B.	E. Wilmington, Del.	2
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1883	Guthrie, Wm. B.	D. Westover, Md.	2
1885	Gray, J. W.	P. Shortley, Del.	1
1873	Hanna, J. D. C.	E. Deal's Island.	2
1851	Hammersly, J. W.	E. Bellevue, Del.	2
1871	Harding, Thos. H.	E. Mt. Vernon, Md.	1
1848	Haynes, Thos. H.	E. Newark, Del.	3
1845	Hill, Charles	E. Wilmington, Del.	3
1878	Hill, Charles A.	E. Cherry Hill, Md.	2
1833	Houston, J. L.	S. Middletown, Ohio.	
1878	Hubbard, E. L.	E. Wilmington, Del.	2
1850	Hubbard, James	Sp. Laurel, Del.	
1869	Hunter, Thos. B.	E. Booth's Corner, Del.	1
1868	Hutchin, Wm. H.	E. Fairmount, Md.	3
1859	Hynson, E. H.	E. Camden, Del.	1
1883	Hardesty, Geo. L.	D. Magnolia, Del.	1
1882	Howard, J. H.	D. Nanticoke, Md.	1
1885	Hopkins, Geo. F.	P. Hurlock's Md.	2
1870	Jewell, Isaac	E. Felton, Del.	3
1872	Jones, R. C.	E. Wilmington, Del.	1
1881	Johnson, I. D.	E. Blackbird, Del.	1
1884	Jaggard, Wilmer	P. Ellendale, Del.	1
1872	Kemp, John D.	E. Chestertown, Md.	1
1869	Kidney, J. E.	E. Hillsborough, Md.	2
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E. St. George's, Del.	1
1879	Lindale, J. M.	E. Pomona, Md.	1
1885	Mace, E. S.	P. Quantico, Md.	1
1876	Macnichol, E. C.	E. Still Pond, Md.	1
1864	Martindale, T. E.	E. Dover, Del.	2
1868	McFarlane, W. R.	E. Roxanna, Del.	1
1873	McSorley, F. C.	E. Laurel, Del.	2
1873	McQuay, Newton	E. Kent Island, Md.	1
1865	Melvin, A. T.	E. Nassau, Del.	2
1859	Merrill, William	Sp. Fairmount, Md.	
1853	Merritt, James B.	Sp. Dover, Del.	
1842	Milby, A. W.	E. Harrington, Del.	3
1869	Miller, E. H.	E. Sharptown, Md.	2
1885	Mitchell, Jas. M.	P. Bridgeville, Del.	1
1876	Mowbray, J. E.	E. Frederica, Del.	2
1883	Mowbray, A. S.	D. Marydel, Md.	1
1885	Muchmore, L. J.	P. Dame's Quarter, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1871	Murray, W. L. S.	E. Wilmington, Del.	3
1884	McFaul, D. F.	P. Fruitland, Md.	1
1870	Nelson, E. H.	E. Newport, Del.	2

1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E. Chesapeake City, Md.	2
1859	O'Neil, W. J.	E. Church Hill, Md.	2
1872	Otis, J. P.	E. Elkton, Md.	1
1853	Phoebus, G. A., D. D.	S. 53 Third Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.	
1881	Pilchard, S. N.	D. Stockton, Md.	1
1870	Poole, John W.	E. Crumpton, Md.	1
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	E. Wiimington, Del.	3
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	D. St. Michael's, Md.	2
1836	Price, B. F.	E. Wilmington, Del.	2
1850	Quigg, John B.	E. Smyrna, Del.	2
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	E. East New Market, Md.	1
1885	Reese, J. D.	P. Chincoteague, Va.	2
1858	Redman, W. W.	E. Crapo, Md.	1
1867	Rigg, John D.	E. Sudlersville, Md.	1
1877	Robinson, W. S.	E. Milford, Del.	1
1867	Robinson, Jos.	E. Rising Sun, Md.	3
1884	Roberts, E. P.	P. Bishopville, Md.	1
1873	Roe, Robert	E. Millsborough, Del.	1
1845	Sanderson, Henry	Sp. Wilmington, Del.	
1858	Scott, A. T.	Sp. Wilmington, Del.	
1859	Sheppard, C. F.	E. Zion, Md.	1
1879	Smith, Alfred	E. Greensborough, Md.	3
1870	Stengle, Adam	E. Middletown, Del.	3
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	E. Trappe, Md.	3
1860	Sypherd, J. O.	E. St. Michael's Md.	1
1884	Smith, Geo. P.	P. Queenstown, Md.	1
1885	Sears, W. R.	P. Red Lion, Del.	1
1857	Talbot, William F.	Sp. Kingston, Md.	
1876	Terry, Thomas E.	E. New Castle, Del.	1
1858	Thompson, Henry S.	E. Easton, Md.	1
1853	Todd, Robert W.	E. Snow Hill, Md.	1
1860	Tomkinson, T. L.	E. Millington, Md.	3
1871	Tomkinson, W. E.	E. Cordova, Md.	1
1876	Townsend, G. W.	E. Galena, Md.	3
1871	Underwood, W., D. D.	E. Milton, Del.	1
1859	Van Burkalow, J. T.	E. Cecilton, Md.	2
1885	Watt, Robert	P. Princess Anne, Md.	1
1879	Walton, Olin S.	E. Sassafras, Md.	3
1848	Walton, William B.	E. Salisbury, Md.	2
1853	Warner, William M.	E. Wyoming, Del.	2
1840	Way, Elon J.	S. 19 S. Broadway, Baltimore, Md.	
1866	White, E. E.	E. Charlestown, Md.	2
1872	Wilcox, George W.	E. Monie, Somerset Co., Md.	1
1878	Wiley, J. H.	E. Delaware City, Del.	1
1857	Williams, T. S.	E. North East, Md.	1
1869	Wilson, J. A. B.	E. Princess Anne, Md.	3
1877	Wilson, W. W. W.	E. Crisfield, Md.	2
1865	Warthman, John	E. Federalsburg, Md.	2
1874	Waddell, D. F.	E. Berlin, Md.	1
1882	Warren, Benjamin C.	E. Hopewell, Md.	1
1882	Williams, Charles H.	D. Church Creek, Md.	2
1854	Willis, Jonathan S.	Sp. Milford, Del.	
1884	Wise, William A.	P. Wilmington, Del.	2
1884	Wood, Isaac L.	P. Royal Oak, Md.	1

## LOCAL PREACHERS' DIRECTORY.

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### WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

1866	L	Brickley, William	Bay View, Md.
1872	D	Booth, Dr. M. A.	Newport, Del.
1885	L	Carpenter, F. F.	Wilmington, Del.
1855	D	Cann, John	Fair Hill, Md.
	D	Collins, G. T. D.	Wilmington, Del.
	D	Dodd, David	" "
1876	L	Dumbracco, Jas.	" "
1884	L	Ewing, H. W.	Madison, N. J.
1869	L	Flinn, Vincent G.	Newport, Del.
	L	Ford, John	North East, Md.
1864	L	Fryer, Thos.	Cherry Hill, Md.
	L	Galloway, Wm.	Wilmington, Del.
1877	L	Grant, Wm. J.	Cherry Hill, Md.
1866	D	Green, Daniel	Newport, Del.
		Hamilton, Wm.	Wilmington, Del.
		Hodson, Jabez	Wilmington, Del.
1869	L	Hendrickson, Wm. H.	Faulkland, Del.
	D	Kershaw, Wm.	Elkton, Md.
1866	D	Logan, Samuel	Charlestown, Cecil Co. Md.
		McCoy, Jas.	Wilmington, Del.
		McLaughlin, I. T.	" "
1862	L	Mendinhall, Eli	" "
		Moore, Chas.	419 E. Fourth St. Wilmington, Del.
		Mullen, W. H.	Wilmington, Del.
	D	Mulford, Richard H.	Summit Bridge, Del.
1859	L	Miller, Wm. T.	Mechanics Valley, Md.
	L	Rogers, R. L.	Wilmington, D. I.
		Sentman, C. H.	" "
	D	Scott, James T.	Christiana, Del.
	E	Summons, John	Wilmington, Del.
	L	Smith, W. H.	McClellandsville, Del.
		Todd, L. E.	Wilmington, Del.
	E	Taylor, Wm.	Wilmington, Del.
		Thatcher, Albert	Wilmington, Del.
1883	L	Todd, John R.	Madison, N. J.
1870	D	Weldin, Geo. W.	Wilmington, Del.
1876	L	White, John	712 Spruce St. Wilmington, Del.
1879	L	White, Wm. L.	820 Spruce St. Wilmington, Del.
	L	Williamson, J. F.	Newark, Del.
	D	Wilson, John	Wilmington, Del.

### EASTON DISTRICT.

1860	L	Benson, E. T.	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md.
1860	D	Baker, C. A.	Chestertown, Md.
1883	L	Chairs, C. W.	Crumpton, Md.
	E	Clark, John M.	Down's Chapel, Del.
	D	Dill, James, R.	Templeville, Md.
	L	Edes, John P.	Edesville, Kent Co., Md.
1881	L	Faries, William	Smyrna, Del.
	L	Gudgeon, A. M.	Crumpton, Del.
1881	L	Golt, Richard	Down's Chapel, Md.
	E	Genn, Nathan	Greensboro, Md.
	E	Lane, W. H.	Hillsboro, Caroline Co., Md.
1884	L	Johnson, Willard W.	Ford's Store, Q. A. Co., Md.
		Jones, Adam C.	Matthews, Talbot Co., Md.
1858	L	Kendall, James	Fairlee, Md.
1881	L	Lassell, J. C.	Smyrna, Del.
1885	L	Mitchell, J. M.	Oxford, Md.
		Morgan, F. M.	Trappe, Md.
1867		Morris, Charles K.	Sassafras, Md.
1872	L	Nichols, Z. J.	Oxford, Md.
	D	Numbers, Thomas	Millington, Md.
		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	" "

### DOVER DISTRICT.

1868	D	Bell, Jos. H.	Galestown, Dorchester Co., Md.
	D	Brace, Geo. V.	Vernon, Kent Co., Del.
1865	L	Betts, W. H.	Millsboro, Sussex Co., Md.
	L	Conway, Robt. H.	Harrison, Dorchester Co., Md.
	L	Clifton, G. W.	Lincoln, Del.
	L	Cahoon, Wm. R.	Dover, Del.
	E	Creamer, Valentine	Cambridge, Md.
	L	Dawson, E.	Frederica, Del.
1866	E	Donaho, S. M.	Crapo, Dorchester Co., Md.
1820	L	Evans, W.	Lewes, Del.
		Hall, Houston	Milton, Sussex Co., Del.
1873	D	Horney, J. E.	Harrington, Del.
	E	Hazzard, R. B.	Hurlock's, Dorchester Co., Md.
	D	Harris, Wm.	Bridgeville, Del.
	D	Kenney, J. L.	Hynson, Md.
	D	Morgan, W. W.	Concord, Sussex Co., Del.
1859	L	Minner, Saml	Harrington, Del.
1860	L	Millman, Jesse	Ellendale, Sussex Co., Del.
1872	L	Roach, Eli J.	Georgetown, Del.
	D	Rich, Jas. N.	Denton, Caroline Co., Md.
	D	Simmons, C. E.	Harrington, Del.



- L Sullivan, J. E ..... Fowling Creek, Md.  
 D Wright, D. R ..... " " "  
 L Williams, Frank E ..... Middletown, Conn.  
 1884 L Van Burkalow, M. S ..... Magnolia, Del.

### SALISBURY DISTRICT.

- 1881 L Brewington, J. A ..... Upper Fairmount, Md.  
 1872 L Beauchamp, John ..... Fairmount, Md.  
 D Bowen, Z ..... Mt. Vernon, Md.  
 L Conner, N. C ..... Marion, Md.  
 D Covington, Geo. W ..... Pocomoke City, Md.  
 L Connelly, J. H ..... Bethel, Del.  
 1864 D Deveraux, J. H ..... Snow Hill, Md.  
 1874 L Daniel, James F ..... Deale's Island, Somerset Co., Md.  
 L Hitch, E ..... Laurel, Del.  
 L Hill, M. M ..... Delmar, Sussex Co., Del.  
 Jones, J ..... Whitesville, Del.  
 1871 L Kenney, J. T ..... Chincoteague, Va.  
 1864 D Lawson, H ..... Crisfield, Md.  
 D Leatherbury, P. A ..... Onancock, Va.  
 1885 L Lecates, John D ..... Deale's Island, Somerset Co., Md.  
 1883 L Nelson, Alonso ..... Crisfield, Md.  
 1871 L Passwaters, W. B ..... Westover, Md.  
 1851 D Miller, J ..... Pocomoke City, Md.  
 D Reed, J. T ..... Frankford, Del.  
 1858 Robinson, John ..... Sharptown, Md.  
 L Roop, F. A ..... Bethel, Del.  
 1879 L Smith, G. P ..... Lodi, Md.  
 1884 L Simonson, J. N ..... Crisfield, Md.  
 D Tindal, W. J ..... Georgetown, Del.  
 Tyler, John ..... Crisfield, Md.  
 1852 L White, S. Q ..... Salisbury, Md.  
 1852 E Webb, Saml ..... Fruitland, Md.  
 Wilson, J ..... Monie, Md.

### PLANS OF EXAMINATION.

#### FIRST YEAR.

Ancient History.....	W. F. CORKRAN.
Christian Perfection and Rhetoric.....	J. M. COLLINS.
Systematic Theology.....	J. A. ARTERS.
Written Sermon.....	JOS. ROBINSON.
Biblical Theology.....	W. R. MCFARLANE.

#### SECOND YEAR.

Mediæval and Modern History.....	C. F. SHEPPARD.
Biblical Theology.....	E. H. HYNSON.
Systematic Theology.....	N. MCQUAY.
Sacraments and Sermon.....	J. W. HAMNERSLEY.
Lessons in Logic.....	A. CHANDLER.

#### THIRD YEAR.

Harman and Miley.....	A. STENGLE.
History of the Church.....	G. W. BURKE.
Elements of Science.....	E. H. MILLER.
Systematic Theology.....	R. C. JONES.
Kidder's Homiletics.....	J. E. KIDNEY.

#### FOURTH YEAR.

Biblical Theology.....	E. C. MACNICHOL.
Watson's Institutes, Part II.....	L. E. BARRETT.
Butler's Analogy.....	C. A. HILL.
Written Exegesis.....	WM. M. WARNER.
Books to be read.....	A. T. MELVIN.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are received by transfer, and from what Conference?*  
Henry S. Thompson, from New Hampshire Conference; John H. Howard, from Virginia Conference.
2. *Who are admitted on trial?*  
Axel Z. Fryxell, William R. Sears, David H. Corkran, James M. Mitchell, George F. Hopkins, George W. Bowman, James W. Easley, Robert Watt, Lyman J. Muchmore, Edgar S. Mace, Joshua W. Gray, James D. Reese.
3. *Who remain on trial?*  
William A. Wise, Isaac L. Wood, William F. Dawson, Wilmer Jaggard, D. F. McFaul, E. P. Roberts, E. H. Derrickson, George P. Smith.
4. *Who are discontinued?*  
Robert A. Tuff.
5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*  
William B. Guthrie, Alpheus S. Mowbray, V. S. Collins, George L. Hardesty.
6. *Who are re-admitted?*  
None.
7. *Who are received on credentials from other Churches?*  
None.
8. *What traveling preachers have been elected Deacons?*  
William B. Guthrie, Alpheus S. Mowbray.
9. *What traveling preachers have been ordained Deacons?*  
William B. Guthrie, Alpheus S. Mowbray.
10. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*  
Isaac L. Wood, William F. Dawson, Lyman J. Muchmore, Edgar S. Mace, James W. Easley, Axel Z. Fryxell.
11. *What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*  
Isaac L. Wood, William F. Dawson, Lyman J. Muchmore, Edgar S. Mace, James W. Easley, Axel Z. Fryxell.
12. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the first class?*  
William B. Guthrie, Alpheus S. Mowbray, Vaughn S. Collins, George L. Hardesty.
13. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?*  
Benjamin C. Warren, Allison P. Prettyman, Charles H. Williams, Sewall N. Pilchard.
14. *What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*  
Isaiah D. Johnson, Charles S. Baker, Louis P. Corkran.

15. *What traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*  
Isaiah D. Johnson, Charles S. Baker, Louis P. Corkran.
16. *What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?*  
None.
17. *What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*  
None.
18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*  
James Hubbard, James Esgate, William Merrill, Henry Sanderson, A. T. Scott, S. T. Gardner, W. F. Talbot, J. B. Merritt, J. S. Willis, T. E. Bell
19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*  
James L. Houston, E. J. Way, V. Gray, A. A. Fisher, George Barton, John Allen, G. A. Phcebus.
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?*  
I. T. Cooper, D. D., J. L. Taft, John Shilling, Henry Colclazer.
22. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conferences?*  
None.
23. *Have any withdrawn?*  
John E. Smith, Albert W. Lightbourn.
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?*  
Edward P. Aldred.
27. *Have any been expelled?*  
None.
28. *Who are selected to be the Triers of Appeals?*  
T. H. Haynes, H. S. Thompson, J. A. Brindle, A. D. Davis, W. B. Walton, C. W. Prettyman, W. W. W. Wilson.
29. *What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?*  
(See Tables.)
30. *What are the claims on the Conference Fund?*  
\$6375.00.
31. *What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?*  
\$5585.00. (See Stewards' Report.)
32. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*  
(See appointments.)
33. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*  
Elkton, Md.

**APPOINTMENTS.**

**WILMINGTON DISTRICT.**

CHARLES HILL, P. E.

Bethel and Glasgow.....	E. C. ATKINS.
Charlestown.....	E. E. WHITE.
Cherry Hill.....	C. A. HILL.
Chesapeake City.....	T. A. H. O'BRIEN.
Chester.....	T. B. HUNTER.
Christiana.....	JOSEPH DARE.
Claymont.....	To be supplied by I. N. RAWLINS.
Delaware City and Port Penn.....	J. H. WILLEY.
Elk Neck.....	L. C. ANDREW.
Elkton and Crouch's Chapel.....	J. P. OTIS.
Hockessin.....	JULIUS DODD.
Mount Lebanon.....	To be supplied.
Mount Pleasant.....	J. W. HAMMERSLEY.
Newark and Wesley.....	T. H. HAYNES.
New Castle.....	T. E. TERRY.
Newport and Stanton.....	E. H. NELSON.
North East.....	T. S. WILLIAMS.
Port Deposit.....	L. E. BARRETT.
Red Lion.....	W. R. SEARS.
Rising Sun and Hopewell.....	JOS. ROBINSON.
Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant.....	To be supplied by WM. GALLOWAY.
Saint George's and Summit.....	L. W. LAYFIELD.
Wilmington: Asbury.....	W. L. S. MURRAY.
" Brandywine.....	E. L. HUBBARD.
" Epworth.....	W. B. GREGG.
" Grace Church.....	J. R. BOYLE.
" Madeley.....	B. F. PRICE.
" Mount Salem.....	R. C. JONES.
" St. Paul's and Kingswood.....	R. H. ADAMS and W. A. WISE.
" Scott.....	N. M. BROWNE.
" Swedish Mission.....	A. Z. FRYXELL.
" Union.....	C. W. PRETTYMAN.
Zion Circuit.....	C. F. SHEPPARD.

**EASTON DISTRICT.**

J. H. CALDWELL, P. E.

Appoquinimink.....	I. D. JOHNSON.
Cecilton.....	J. T. VAN BURKALOW.
Centreville.....	J. A. ARTERS.
Chestertown.....	J. D. KEMP.
Church Hill.....	W. J. O'NEILL.

Crumpton.....	J. W. POOLE.
Easton.....	H. S. THOMPSON.
Galena.....	G. W. TOWNSEND.
Greensborough.....	ALFRED SMITH.
Hillsborough.....	J. E. KIDNEY.
Ingleside.....	To be supplied by W. W. CHAIRS.
Kent Island.....	NEWTON McQUAY.
King's Creek.....	W. E. TOMKINSON.
Marydell.....	A. S. MOWBRAY.
Middletown.....	ADAM STENGLE.
Massey.....	To be supplied by C. K. MORRIS.
Millington.....	T. L. TOMKINSON.
Odessa.....	T. R. CREAMER.
Oxford.....	L. P. CORKRAN.
Pomona.....	J. M. LINDALE.
Queenstown.....	GEO. P. SMITH.
Rock Hall.....	G. S. CONOWAY.
Royal Oak.....	I. L. WOOD.
St. Michael's.....	J. O. SYPHERD.
Sassafras.....	O. S. WALTON.
Smyrna.....	J. B. QUIGG.
Smyrna Circuit.....	JOHN FRANCE.
Still Pond.....	E. C. MACNICHOL.
Sudlersville.....	J. D. RIGG.
Talbot.....	A. P. PRETTYMAN.
Townsend.....	D. H. CORKRAN.
Trappe.....	R. K. STEPHENSON.
Wye.....	To be supplied by DELAPLAINE GOLLIE.

**DOVER DISTRICT.**

A. W. MILBY, P. E.

Beckwith.....	JAMES CONNER.
Bridgeville.....	EDWARD DAVIS, J. M. MITCHELL.
Burrsville.....	G. W. BOWMAN.
Cambridge.....	J. E. BRYAN.
Camden.....	E. H. HYNSON.
Church Creek.....	C. H. WILLIAMS.
Denton.....	T. O. AYERS.
Dover.....	T. E. MARTINDALE.
East New Market.....	P. H. RAWLINS.
Ellendale.....	WILMER JAGGARD.
Farmington.....	F. J. COCHRAN.
Federalsburg.....	JOHN WARTHMAN, F. L. MORGAN.
Felton.....	ISAAC JEWELL.
Frederica.....	J. E. MOWBRAY.
Galestown.....	W. M. GREEN.
Georgetown.....	W. J. DUHADWAY.
Harrington.....	G. W. BURKE.
Houston.....	W. F. DAWSON.
Hurlocks.....	G. F. HOPKINS.
Leipsic.....	JAMES CARROLL.
Lewes.....	J. A. BRINDLE.
Lincoln.....	J. M. COLLINS.
Magnolia.....	G. L. HARDESTY.
Milford.....	W. S. ROBINSON.

Millsborough.....	ROBERT ROE.
Milton.....	WALTER UNDERWOOD.
Nassau.....	I. N. FOREMAN.
Seaford.....	W. E. ENGLAND.
Vienna.....	V. S. COLLINS.
Woodlandtown.....	W. W. REDMAN.
Wyoming.....	W. M. WARNER.

## SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

Accomac.....	To be supplied.
Annessex.....	B. C. WARREN.
Asbury.....	W. E. AVERY.
Barren Creek.....	To be supplied.
Berlin.....	D. F. WADDELL.
Bethel.....	A. T. MELVIN.
Bishopville.....	E. P. ROBERTS.
Chincoteague.....	J. D. REESE.
Crisfield.....	W. W. W. WILSON.
Deal's Island.....	J. D. C. HANNA.
Delmar.....	A. CHANDLER.
Fairmount.....	W. H. HUTCHIN.
Frankford.....	A. D. DAVIS.
Fruitland.....	D. F. MCFAY.
Girdletree and Connor's.....	J. W. EASLEY.
Gumborough.....	W. F. CORKRAN.
Holland's Island.....	To be supplied.
Laurel.....	F. C. MCSORLEY.
Mount Vernon.....	T. H. HARDING.
Newark.....	To be supplied.
Onancock.....	C. A. GRICE.
Parsonsburch.....	W. L. P. BOWEN.
Pocomoke City.....	I. G. FOSNOCHT.
Pocomoke Circuit.....	E. H. DERRICKSON.
Powellville.....	To be supplied.
Princess Anne.....	ROBERT WATT.
Quantico.....	E. S. MACE.
Roxanna.....	W. R. MCFARLANE.
Salisbury.....	W. B. WALTON.
Sharptown.....	E. H. MILLER.
Shortley.....	J. W. GRAY.
Smith's Island.....	To be supplied by JNO. TYLER.
Snow Hill.....	R. W. TODD.
Somerset.....	L. J. MUCHMORE.
Stockton.....	S. N. PILCHARD.
St. Peters.....	G. W. WILCOX.
Tangier.....	C. S. BAKER.
Tyaskin.....	J. H. HOWARD.
Westover.....	W. B. GUTHRIE.

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FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING.

**Organization.**—The seventeenth session of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, met in Snow Hill, Md., Thursday morning, March 12th, 1885. In the absence of Bishop Merrill, Dr. J. H. Caldwell moved that the Secretary of the last session call the roll, and proceed to organize the Conference, which was done in due form, with T. S. Williams and J. O. Sypherd as tellers, resulting in the election of J. H. Caldwell D. D. as Chairman pro. tem.

**Devotions.**—The opening religious services were conducted by Valentine Gray, who read the 4th Chap. of II Cor., announced the 798th hymn, and led the Conference in prayer.

**Sacramental Service.**—Dr. Caldwell then took charge of the Sacramental Service, being assisted by the Presiding Elders and others, in the distribution of the elements.

**Election of Secretary.**—On motion of J. A. B. Wilson, J. D. Rigg was re-elected Secretary, A. D. Davis casting the ballot of the Conference. E. H. Nelson was re-elected Journalist, and E. C. Macnichol was re-elected Assistant Secretary; J. D. C. Hanna was elected Statistician, with C. A. Hill, Olin S. Walton, R. K. Stephenson, G. W. Wilcox and C. A. Grice as assistants

**Printed Journal.**—A discussion upon the adoption of the printed minutes as a substitute for the usual manuscript Journal, resulted in deferring the subject until to-morrow morning.

**Time to meet and adjourn.**—On motion of W. B. Gregg, the time for meeting and adjournment was fixed at 8½ A. M., and 12 M.; the first half hour to be devotional.

**Conference Bar.**—On motion of J. B. Quigg, the Bar of the Conference was fixed at ropes already adjusted.

**Rules of Order.**—On motion of C. W. Prettyman, the rules of the last session were adopted for this.

**Dr. S. Hunt.**—Dr. Sanford Hunt addressed the Conference respecting the publishing interests of the Church.

**Formula for Minutes.**—On motion of J. B. Quigg, the Conference directed that the Minutes be prepared according to the formula furnished in the Discipline.

**Standing Committees.**—The usual standing Committees were nominated and confirmed. (See list.)

**Conference Stewards.**—On motion of A. W. Milby, the Conference proceeded to the election of four Ministerial Stewards, the Secretary casting the ballot, resulting in the choice of J. France, A. Stengle, J. A. Brindle and W. B. Walton.

**Steward's Call.**—On motion of J. France, the call of the Stewards was made the order of the day for ten o'clock to-morrow.

**Educational Funds.**—On motion of J. B. Quigg, collections for education, not otherwise directed, were ordered to be paid to T. E. Martindale, agent of the Conference Academy. (See Res.)

**Post Master.**—On motion of J. H. Willey, E. S. Mace was appointed Conference post-master.

**Committee on Education Conventions.**—On motion of J. B. Quigg, a committee was appointed to arrange for two conventions in the interests of Education. (See Sp. Com.)

**Statistical Call.**—On motion of T. L. Tomkinson, the statistical reports were called for, and they were handed in, with a good degree of promptness.

**Statistical Session.**—On motion of T. E. Martindale, a Statistical session of the Conference was ordered at two o'clock this afternoon.

**Time Extended.**—On motion the time was extended.—Notices were given, and Conference adjourned by singing the Doxology; W. E. England pronouncing the Benediction.

#### FIRST DAY—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

##### SECOND SESSION.

Conference met at two o'clock, Dr. J. H. Caldwell in the chair.

**Devotions.**—The religious services were led by A. D. Davis.

**Roll Call and Reports.**—The Secretary called the roll of the Conference, and the various reports and moneys were handed to the respective Committees.—Conference then adjourned with the Doxology; T. H. Haynes pronouncing the Benediction.

#### SECOND DAY—FRIDAY MORNING.

##### THIRD SESSION.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, with W. B. Gregg in charge of the devotions.

**Bishop Merrill.**—At 9.15 o'clock Bishop Merrill took the chair.—The roll was called, and 112 members answered to their names.

**The Journal** was read and approved.

**A. W. Lightbourn and E. P. Aldred.**—The documents in the cases of A. W. Lightbourn, and E. P. Aldred, suspended, were presented by Dr. J. H. Caldwell, P. E.

**W. E. Tomkinson.**—The documents in the case of Wm. E. Tomkinson suspended, were presented by J. A. B. Wilson, P. E.

**J. E. Mowbray.**—Charges and Specifications against J. E. Mowbray were presented by A. W. Milby, P. E.

**Communications referred.**—Reports and Communications from the Freedmen's Aid Society, were referred to the Committee on that subject.—The report of the Visiting Committee to Dickinson College was referred to the Committee on Education.—A paper presented by the Bishop was referred to the Temperance Committee, and others from the American Bible Society were referred to the Committee on Bible Cause.

**Western Book Concern Accounts.**—On motion of J. B. Quigg, W. R. McFarlane was appointed to collect certain bills due the Western Book Concern.

**Chartered Fund.**—A draft for thirty dollars was ordered on the Chartered Fund, in favor of the Stewards.

**Draft on Book Concern.**—A draft on the Book Concern for \$170 was ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

**Bishop's Address.**—Bishop Merrill addressed the Conference explaining the hindrance to his being present at the opening of the Conference.

**Steward's Call.**—The order of the day was taken up, and the Stewards made their annual call.

**Commissioners to take Evidence.**—On motion, a Commissioner to take evidence, was appointed in the case of A. W. Lightbourn, W. E. Tomkinson and J. E. Mowbray, respectively.

**Select Number.**—A select number of fifteen was ordered in the case of E. P. Aldred, and on motion of J. B. Quigg, the Presiding Elders were constituted a committee to nominate said select number.

**Delinquents Called.**—The Statistical Secretary called the names of those who had failed to report their Statistics.

**The 13th Disciplinary Question**—Viz: "Who are the travelling Deacons of the second class?" was called. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

**The 3rd Disciplinary Question**—Viz: "Who remain on trial," was called. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

**Discontinued.**—Robert A. Tuff, having left his work to attend school, was discontinued.

**Examination of G. P. Smith.**—George P. Smith, having failed to meet the Committee on account of sickness, was continued on trial, to pass the first year's examination at the next session.

**The 14th Disciplinary Question**—Viz: "What travelling Deacons have been elected Elders," was called. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

**The 10th Disciplinary Question**—Viz: "What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons," was called. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

**First year's Course a Substitute.**—Isaac L. Wood and William F. Dawson, having passed the first year's examination, it was accepted as a substitute for the course prescribed for Local Preachers who are candidates for Deacon's orders.

**The 20th Disciplinary Question** was taken up. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

**Withdrawal of J. E. Smith.**—John E. Smith presented his withdrawal from the Ministry and membership of the M. E. Church, and his name was directed to be returned, "*Withdrawn.*"

**Dr. J. A. McCauley** was introduced to the Conference, and represented the interests of Dickinson College.

**The time** was extended.

**Gift by Jacob Tome.**—R. C. Jones offered resolutions of thanks to Hon. J. Tome for the gift of \$25,000 for a building for Scientific purposes at Carlisle, Pa., which were adopted. (See Res.)

**C. B. Institute.**—Dr. W. M. Frysinger, President of C. B. Institute, addressed the Conference in the interests of that school.

**Select Number in E. P. Aldred's Case.**—The Presiding Elders presented the names of the select number in the case of E. P. Aldred, and after several substitutions, they were adopted. (See Sp. Com.)

**Change in Stewards.**—James A. Brindle was released from the Board of Stewards, and P. H. Rawlins was elected to fill his place, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

**Case of E. P. Aldred.**—The court as organized in the case of E. P. Aldred, with E. H. Nelson as Secretary, received all the documents belonging thereto. (See Sp. Com.)

**A. W. Lightbourn, Wm. E. Tomkinson and J. E. Mowbray.**—The Courts as organized in the cases of these brethren, with I. G. Fosnocht, J. E. Kidney, and V. S. Collins, respectively, as Secretaries, received the documents that belonged thereto.

**Introductions.**—A. Craig, J. W. Young and J. A. Gutteridge, of Newark Conference, T. S. Thomas of Philadelphia Conference, and M. H. Horsey and S. P. Whittington of the Delaware Conference, were introduced.

**To lead Devotions.**—Alfred Smith was appointed to lead the devotional service to-morrow morning.

**Adjourned.**—Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the Doxology; Dr. J. A. McCauley pronouncing the Benediction.

### THIRD DAY—SATURDAY MORNING.

#### FOURTH SESSION.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock. Alfred Smith in charge of the religious services, and at 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair.

**Roll-call dispensed with.**—On motion, it was ordered that further calling of the roll be dispensed with.

**The Journal** was read and approved.

**Transfers Announced.**—The Bishop announced the transfer to this Conference of Henry S. Thompson of the New Hampshire Conference, and Jno. H. Howard of the Virginia Conference.

**The 2d Disciplinary Question.**—"Who are admitted on trial," was called. (See Dis. Quest.)

**The 10th Disciplinary Question.**—"What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons," was resumed. (See Dis. Quest.)

**The 16th Disciplinary Question.**—"What Local Preachers have been elected Elders?" was called. (See Dis. Quest.)

**The 5th Disciplinary Question.**—"Who are admitted into full Connection?" was called. (See Dis. Quest.)

**Axel Z. Fryxell,** a Local Preacher in charge of the Swedish Mission, was elected to Deacon's Orders under the Missionary Rule.

**Report of Trustees of Conference Academy.**—C. H. B. Day, Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Conference Academy, read the Annual Report of that body, and on motion of T. E. Martindale, it was referred to the Committee on Education.

**Committee to Nominate Trustees for Conference Academy.**—A Committee to nominate five Trustees to fill vacancies in the Conference Academy Board, was appointed. (See sp. Committees.)

**The 20th Disciplinary Question.**—was resumed. (See Dis. Quest.)

**Time Extended.**—On motion the time was extended.

**To lead Devotions.**—Jas. Carroll was appointed to lead the devotional service on Monday morning.

**Adjourned.**—Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the Doxology; J. B. Quigg pronouncing the Benediction.

### FOURTH DAY—MONDAY MORNING.

#### FIFTH SESSION.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, J. Carroll in charge of the devotional service. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the Chair.

**The Journal.**—The journal was read, corrected and approved.

**Parchments of J. E. Smith.**—Chas. Hill, P. E., presented the credentials of J. E. Smith, and they were filed in the archives of the Conference.

**Book Concern Exhibit.**—The Bishop presented the annual exhibit of the Book Concern, which was read and filed.

**Certificate of Ordination.**—The Bishop presented the Certificate of ordination of Deacons and Elders.

**The 20th Disciplinary Question** was resumed. (See Dis. questions.)

**Printed Journal.**—The pending question, viz: the adoption of the printed Minutes as the official journal of the Conference, was, on motion of J. S. Willis, indefinitely postponed.

**Pay to E. H. Nelson.**—It was directed that fifty dollars be paid E. H. Nelson to defray expenses of recording the proceedings, and J. D. C. Hanna was appointed to solicit that amount by private contribution.

**Centenary Fund.**—The report of the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund was read, accepted, and ordered to be published in the Minutes.

**Draft on Centenary Fund.**—A draft for \$180 was ordered on the Centenary Fund, in favor of the Board of Stewards.

**Domestic Missionary Society.**—On motion of Dr. J. H. Caldwell, a Conference Domestic Missionary Society was ordered, and a committee to draft a Constitution for the same was appointed. (See Sp. Com.)

**Church Relief Accounts.**—J. O. Sypherd was appointed to audit the accounts of Church Relief with the Presiding Elders. (See Sp. Com.)

**Vacancies in Centenary Board.**—Three vacancies in the Trustees of the Centenary Fund were filled, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference. (See list of officers.)

**Conference Academy Trustees.**—Five vacancies in the Trustees of the Conference Academy were filled, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference. (See list of officers.)

**Drew Theological Seminary.**—Dr. F. S. Upham, of Drew Seminary, was introduced, and represented that Institution.

**Home Missionary Society.**—Mrs. Jennie F. Willing, one of the secretaries of the Woamn's Home Missionary Society, was introduced, and she addressed the Conference in the interests of that work.

**Memorial Session.**—On motion of B. F. Price, a session of Conference was ordered at 2 o'clock this afternoon for a Memorial service.

**The 18th Disciplinary Question.**—"Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was called. (See Dis. Question.)

**Relations changed.**—The relation of Geo. Barton, John Allen and Dr. G. A. Phœbus was changed from Supernumerary to Superannuated. (See 19th Disciplinary Question.) Also that of W. W. Redman and Robert Roe from Supernumerary to Effective.

**The 19th Disciplinary Question.**—"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was called. (See Dis. Questions.)

**Triers of Appeals.**—The Presiding Elders were made a Committee to nominate Triers of Appeals.

**Committee on Education Convention.**—On motion of J. B. Quigg, five additional names were presented for the Committee on Education Conventions. (See Sp. Com.)

**Next Session.**—Elkton and Pocomoke City were put in nomination for the place to hold next session, and Elkton, Md., was unanimously chosen.

**Charter of Wesleyan Female College.**—The Committee to secure the revocation of the Charter of this Institution reported. (See Report.)

**Introductions.**—Isaac Dunn of Vermont Conference, and Dr. Jas. A. Dean of the Louisiana Conference, were introduced.

**Relics to Historical Society.**—T. O. Ayers, J. E. Bryan and Isaac Jewell presented certain relics of early Methodism to the Historical Society of the Conference.

**To lead devotions.**—Walter Underwood was appointed to lead the devotions to-morrow morning. Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology; J. A. B. Wilson pronouncing the Benediction.

#### FOURTH DAY—MONDAY AFTERNOON.

##### SIXTH SESSION.

Conference met at 2 o'clock, J. B. Quigg in the chair by appointment. Isaac Jewell led the opening services.

**Memoirs.**—Chas. F. Sheppard read the memoir of Henry Colclazer; W. H. Hutchin read that of Jno. L. Taft; C. W. Prettyman read that of John Shilling, and that of Dr. I. T. Cooper, prepared by Dr. Caldwell, was read by the Secretary. J. B. Quigg read the memoir of Mrs. Mary Emily Williams, and L. E. Barrett that of Mrs. Annie McQuay. They were all then adopted, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology; A. D. Davis pronouncing the Benediction.

#### FIFTH DAY—TUESDAY MORNING.

##### SEVENTH SESSION.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, W. Underwood in charge of the devotions. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair.

**Journal.**—The journal was read and approved.

**Reports.**—The Committees on Temperance, Sunday-Schools, W. F. M. Society, Tracts, Bible Cause, Education, and W. H. M. Society reported, and the reports were adopted. (See Reports.) The Finance Report was accepted and filed.

**The Church Extension Report.**—T. E. Martindale presented the report of the Conference Board of Church Extension, and it was accepted. (See Reports.)

**Temperance Moneys.**—Certain collections for Temperance, in the hands of the Finance Committee, were ordered to be paid to the Maryland State Temperance Alliance.

**Graduated Financial Showing.**—A graduated financial showing of the various charges of the Conference, prepared by J. W. Young, of the Newark Conference, was presented, and ordered to be published in the Minutes.

**Constitution of Domestic Missionary Society.**—J. B. Quigg presented the report of the Committee on this subject, and after slight amendment, it was adopted. (See Report.)

**Statistical Report.**—J. D. C. Hanna, Statistician, read the Statistical Report for the year.

**Stewards' Report.**—The annual report of the Board of Stewards was read by J. France—it was adopted, and the moneys were disbursed. (See Stewards' Report.)

**Church Relief.**—J. O. Sypherd presented the audited account of Church Relief with the Presiding Elders, and it was filed.

**Stewards' Anniversary.**—On motion of W. H. Hutchin, the Committee on Anniversaries for next year, was directed to arrange for a Stewards' Anniversary.

**Wharton Legacy.**—T. E. Martindale stated that \$3000 were yet to be raised, in order to secure the "Wharton Legacy" to the Conference Academy.

**Historical Society.**—B. F. Price read the report of the Conference Historical Society, and it was adopted. (See Reports.)

**Laymen for Domestic Mission Board.**—J. B. Quigg presented the names of laymen for the Board of Domestic Missions, and they were confirmed. (See list.)

**The 2nd Disciplinary Question.**—"Who are admitted on trial," was resumed. (See Dis. Questions.)

**J. D. Reese Excused.**—The orders of J. D. Reese as a Local Elder in the M. E. Church, South, had been previously recognized, and he was excused from examination in the first year's course.

**Semi-Centennial Sermon.**—On motion of T. R. Creamer, B. F. Price was requested to preach a Semi-Centennial Sermon at the next session. (See Resolutions.)

**Minutes for Snow Hill.**—On motion of R. W. Todd, it was directed that the pastor of Snow Hill furnish a copy of the minutes of the present session to each of the families entertaining ministers.—A collection of \$13.00 was taken to pay for the same.

**Committee on Thanks.**—A Committee of three to prepare resolutions of thanks was appointed. (See Sp. Com.)

**Executive Session.**—On motion, it was directed that when Conference adjourn, it be to meet at 7.30 o'clock this evening in Executive Session.

**To lead Devotions.**—W. E. England was appointed to lead the devotions this evening. Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology; A. W. Milby pronouncing the Benediction.

#### FIFTH DAY—TUESDAY EVENING.

##### EIGHTH SESSION.

Conference met in Executive Session, at 7.30 o'clock, the Bishop in the Chair. The devotions were led by W. E. England. The roll was called, and 119 members answered to their names.

**E. P. Aldred's Case**—T. H. Haynes, chairman, reported that by a unanimous vote of the select number, E. P. Aldred was permitted to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Church, "under charges."

**A. W. Lightbourn's Case**.—The Commissioner in the case of A. W. Lightbourn announced that he was ready to proceed with the case. The charges and specifications were read, and he entered the plea of "Not guilty." The accused claimed invalidity of suspension by the Investigating Committee, and his counsel claimed that, under the third charge, the accused was not amenable to Church law. The Bishop ruled validity of suspension, and that the third Charge was recognizable by the law of the Church.

**Evidence and Argument**.—The testimony was read, and T. S. Williams moved that one hour be given for argument, to be equally divided between the accused and the Church, which prevailed.

**Adjourned**.—On motion Conference adjourned, to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning to hear the argument. Benediction by Chas. Hill.

#### SIXTH DAY—WEDNESDAY MORNING.

##### NINTH SESSION.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, the Bishop in the Chair. Devotions were led by W. Underwood. The proceedings of yesterday's Sessions were read and approved.

**A. P. Nowell**.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, A. P. Nowell was substituted for E. Stevenson on the Board of Domestic Missions.

**Modification of Constitution of D. M. Society**.—On motion of J. B. Quigg, the Committee to prepare a Constitution for the Conference Domestic Missionary Society, were permitted to modify said Constitution, in order to meet a possible legal technicality.

J. B. Quigg presented the report of the Committee on the Barrett's Chapel Celebration, which was accepted, and ordered to be published in the Minutes, (See Reports.)

**E. H. Nelson, \$50**.—J. D. C. Hanna reported the fifty dollars, ordered for E. H. Nelson, raised and paid.

**Stenographer**.—W. J. Duhadway was appointed stenographer to take evidence.

**A. W. Lightbourn's case resumed**.—The case of A. W. Lightbourn was resumed, and additional evidence was presented.

**Argument**.—The case was then argued, resulting in the following vote by the Conference: Specification I, Charge I, was sustained by a vote of fifty-six (56) to twenty-seven (27.) Charge I was sustained by a vote of fifty-eight (58) to sixteen (16.)

Specification I, Charge I, (2nd bill of charge) was not sustained by a vote of sixty-nine (69) to five (5.)

Specification I, Charge II was not sustained by a vote of seventy-one (71) to one (1.)

Specification I, Charge III was sustained by a vote of sixty-four (64) to thirteen (13.) Charge III was sustained by a vote of forty-nine (49) to thirty-four (34.)

**Grade of offence**.—On motion of J. B. Quigg, the Conference ordered that the offence of A. W. Lightbourn be considered "Imprudent Conduct," and it was so graded by a vote of seventy-four (74,) none voting in the negative.

**Counseled by the Bishop**.—On motion of C. F. Sheppard, it was directed that Bro. Lightbourn be called before the Conference, to be counseled by the Bishop.

**Afternoon Session**.—On motion of B. F. Price, it was ordered that when Conference adjourn, it be to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

**Time Extended**.—On motion the time was extended.

**Case of Wm. E. Tomkinson**.—The case of Wm. E. Tomkinson was called, the Charge and Specifications were read, to which he entered the plea of "not guilty." Conference then adjourned with the Doxology; T. S. Williams pronouncing the Benediction.

#### SIXTH DAY—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

##### TENTH SESSION.

Conference met at 2 o'clock, the Bishop in the chair. Devotions were led by J. B. Quigg. The journal was read and approved.

**A. W. Lightbourn**.—The case of A. W. Lightbourn, pending at the close of the morning session, was resumed. He was called before the Conference, and the Bishop carried out the direction of the Conference, from which no appeal was taken. Bro. Lightbourn then presented his withdrawal from the ministry and membership of the M. E. Church, and his name was ordered to be returned "withdrawn."

**Evening Session**.—On motion it was ordered that when Conference adjourn, it be to meet at 7½ o'clock this evening.

**Wm. E. Tomkinson's case resumed**.—The case of Wm. E. Tomkinson was resumed, and the Commissioner presented the testimony taken in the case. It was agreed by the counsel on both sides, and the Conference directed that the case be submitted without argument. The Conference then voted upon the charges and specifications; he was found guilty of "indulging in improper words and tempers."

The charge of "lying" was not sustained by a vote of 59 to 1. On motion, the Conference directed that the penalty be the announcement of the finding of the Conference to Bro. Tomkinson. This was done, no appeal was taken, and his character was passed.

**J. McK. Brewington**.—On motion of J. B. Quigg, it was ordered that J. McK. Brewington, a Local preacher, be not employed, until the consent of all the Presiding Elders be obtained.

On motion, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by N. M. Browne.

#### SIXTH DAY—WEDNESDAY EVENING.

##### ELEVENTH SESSION.

Conference met at 7½ o'clock, the Bishop in the chair. Devotions were led by T. B. Hunter. The journal was read and approved.

**Case of J. E. Mowbray**.—The case of J. E. Mowbray was called, charges and specifications were read, he entered the plea of "not guilty," and the Commissioner presented testimony taken in the case.

**Adjourned**.—Conference adjourned at 10½ P. M. to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. N. McQuay was appointed to lead the devotions, and Conference adjourned with the benediction by J. S. Willis.



## SEVENTH DAY—THURSDAY MORNING.

## TWELFTH SESSION.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, the Bishop in the chair. Devotions were led by N. McQuay. The journal was read and approved.

**Peninsula Methodist.**—A resolution commending the *Peninsula Methodist* to the patronage of our people, was adopted. (See Resolutions.)

**Apportioning Committee.**—On motion of T. S. Williams, the Presiding Elders were made a committee to apportion the Missionary and other collections.

**Case of J. E. Mowbray resumed.**—The case of J. E. Mowbray was resumed, and the testimony was continued.

**Time Extended.**—On motion it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Conference then adjourned with the Benediction by A. W. Milby.

## SEVENTH DAY—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

## THIRTEENTH SESSION.

Conference met at 2 o'clock, the Bishop in the chair. Devotions were led by Edward Davis. The journal was read and approved.

**The Case of J. E. Mowbray resumed.**—The case of J. E. Mowbray was resumed, and further testimony was taken. Upon concluding the testimony, William S. Robinson moved to submit the case to the vote of the Conference without argument, and it was so ordered.

**Spectators to retire during the Vote.**—On motion of C. A. Hill, all who are not members of the Conference were respectfully requested to retire from the room during the vote. The vote showed the three specifications under charge I to be sustained by a vote of 74 to 1, 60 to 9, and 59 to 6, respectively.

Under Charge I, "Sermon Stealing," the general charge of immorality was not sustained, but was made "Improper Conduct," by a vote of 61 to 8. Specification I, of the charge of "Lying," was sustained by a vote of 36 to 31, and the charge was sustained by a vote of 32 to 29. After deliberation, on motion of J. B. Quigg, in view of the circumstances brought out in the testimony, the Conference directed that Bro. Mowbray be publicly censured by the Bishop, by a vote of 62, none voting in the negative; and it was at once carried into effect, and no appeal was taken. The character of J. E. Mowbray was then passed.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock this evening; Alfred Smith pronouncing the Benediction.

## SEVENTH DAY—THURSDAY EVENING.

## FOURTEENTH SESSION.

Conference met at 8 o'clock, J. S. Willis in the chair by appointment. Devotions were led by H. S. Thompson. The journal was read and approved.

**Freedmen's Aid Report.**—W. S. Robinson read the report on Freedmen's Aid, and it was adopted.

**Skating Rink Condemned.**—A resolution condemning the Roller Skating Rink was adopted by a rising vote. (See resolutions.)

**Relation Changed.**—The relation of J. B. Merritt, J. S. Willis and T. E. Bell was changed from Effective to Supernumerary, at their own request.

**Conference Board of Church Extension.**—The Bishop announced the Conference Board of Church Extension, and they were confirmed. (See List.)

**Sexton's Collection.**—A collection for the Sexton was taken, amounting to \$45.68.

**Committee on Anniversaries.**—C. Hill, J. P. Otis and T. S. Williams were made a committee on Anniversaries for next Session.

**Change in Constitution of Conference Education Society.**—W. W. W. Wilson announced an amendment to the constitution of the Conference Education Society so that those called to the Foreign Missionary work, may be excused from the four years' service in this Conference.

**Church Locating Board.**—The Presiding Elders were appointed to nominate the District Church Locating Boards, and they at once reported. (See List of Officers.)

**Reduced Fare.**—The Presiding Elders were also appointed to secure reduced rates of fare to the next session of Conference.

**Triers of Appeals.**—The Triers of Appeals were announced and confirmed. (See List.)

**Examining Committees.**—The Bishop announced the usual Examining Committees. (See List.)

**Missionary Treasurer's Report.**—On motion, the Conference directed that the report of the Missionary Treasurer be published in the Minutes.

**Final Adjournment.**—On motion, it was ordered that, after devotions, and the announcement of the appointments, the Conference adjourn without date.

**Bishop's Address.**—The Bishop addressed the Conference, announced the appointments, the Doxology was sung, and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEES.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave respectfully to report as follows:

Upon the threshold of her second century, the Methodist Episcopal Church consecrates herself anew and distinctly to the cause of liberal christian culture. Her first hundred years, while recording evangelical triumphs that have rendered our church the most numerous body in the Protestant commonwealth, have also been marked by distinguished educational achievements. These results began in the creation of a few struggling schools. They were completed in the establishment of no less than one hundred and forty-one institutions of learning of various grades, and in the organization of the Board of Education, by which a connectional endowment is attempted, that, supplementing the personal benefactions of the church to this object, provides a wise and comprehensive system of educational activity for the years to come. Upon this carefully laid foundation, the recent General Conference builded bravely and well, its legislation and suggestion on the subject comprehending three important measures. These are, first, that the Theological Seminaries are definitely recognized in the code of the church, and are to exist hereafter "for the benefit of the whole church," and not as mere local institutions; secondly, that "Children's Day" is to be observed as the grand Educational Day of the church, upon which the benefactions of the denomination to this cause are to be concentrated; and thirdly, that candidates for the ministry are counselled to prepare for their work in the schools, before, and not after their entrance upon it. This action is intended to harmonize and extend our educational system, and to develop the highest power of our future ministry, and already its first fruits are witnessed in the establishment of a Woman's College, at Baltimore, with a pledged endowment of \$200,000, the noble reinforcement of the funds of Dickinson College, and an increasing attendance of students in the seminaries.

These facts are full of promise, and inspire us to "thank God and take courage." With their recital, we call the attention of the church within our bounds, to the condition and needs of the several schools that specially appeal to us for sympathy and support.

**DICKINSON COLLEGE.**—The centennial movement in behalf of this honored institution, though still incomplete, has already resulted in an increase of nearly \$120,000 to the endowment fund, and the erection of a new Scientific Hall, a Library, and a Gymnasium, at a cost of more than \$100,000, and has thus enlarged the capital of the College to the handsome sum of \$550,000. The success of this timely movement has also secured to the faculty an addition of three professors, whose work is showing them to be worthy co-laborers with the wise and faithful men whose learning and devotion have sustained the institution during its more recent history. In all respects we regard Dickinson College as now equipped for a career of usefulness that will render it more than ever an honor to Methodism, and we commend it with renewed confidence to the young men of our territory, who are ambitious of securing a liberal education.

**DREW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.**—This school of the prophets continues to merit the confidence and support of the church. During the past year, 94 students have been in attendance, and in some respects, it has been the most prosperous year in its history. The greatest need of the institution at this time, is a fire proof building for the protection of its very valuable library. The trustees have this matter under consideration, and no doubt will, at no distant day, take steps towards its erection. Your committee commend this enterprise for your favorable consideration.

We feel warranted in saying that the institution at no time in its history has been in a sounder condition, or in safer hands than at the present time.

It is in every way deserving of the confidence and patronage of the church.

**THE CENTENARY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE AT BALTIMORE.**—The purposes contemplated in the establishment of this Institute, and the work it is accomplishing in the education and elevation of the colored race, for whom the Methodist Episcopal Church has ever manifested the deepest sympathy, is so evidently a labor in which we may cheerfully and prayerfully participate, that your committee feel constrained to call special attention to its claims upon our christian benevolence; especially when we contemplate the growing influence of this race, as a factor in the future history and character of this country, as a christian and God-fearing nation.

**WILMINGTON CONFERENCE ACADEMY.**—This school is in a very flourishing condition. One hundred and sixty-nine students have attended the Academy during the year. The Music and Art departments are rapidly increasing. More students are preparing for the ministry than at any period in the history of the Institution. Graduates of the Academy have entered our leading Colleges and Universities, and taken the highest positions in their classes. The work of both Professors and students is so thorough, that Dickinson College and similar institutions, admit those who have received diplomas, without an examination. The high grade of scholarship which has characterized its students, its moral and religious tone, and the proficiency of its Professors, should recommend the Academy to every lover of learning and Methodism within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Conference Board desires, respectfully, to submit the following report of the business transacted during the year just closed.

We found it necessary to hold but one session of the Board, inasmuch as the amount to our credit on the books of the Parent Board was nearly covered by urgent and needy cases presented, and receiving official recommendation at that time. The following applications were duly endorsed, namely: Hillsboro donation, \$200; Dagsboro donation, \$200; Westover donation, \$300; Glasgow loan, \$300; total, \$1000.

The following have been granted and paid, namely: Oct. 25, 1884, Hillsboro, \$200; Nov. 21, 1884, Westover, \$275; total, \$475.

From a statement of our account with the Parent Board, it also appears that a donation of \$150 has been granted to Dagsboro, and a loan of \$300 to Glasgow; but that, up to Feb. 23d, the conditions upon which these grants were made, have not been met. If these were paid, it would still leave a balance to our credit of \$47.74.

Summing up the work of the year, there has been actually paid out, \$475; granted, but not yet paid, \$450, including a loan of \$300; unappropriated balance, \$47.74; total, \$972.74.

The Conference indicates its appreciation of this important benevolence by the fact that but a single blank appears in the entire Church Extension column of our last Minutes. Having done so well in the past, let us entreat that the figures filling the blanks shall be increasingly large from year to year.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMAN'S AID.

The work done by the Freedman's Aid Society of the M. E. Church in the South, when we take into consideration the limited means at its disposal, and the indifference with which it has been regarded by most of our members, is very remarkable, and is well summarized by Dr. Hartzell. "Thirty-nine institutions, with 192 teachers and nearly 6,000 young men and women as students, nearly all of whom come from homes smitten with generations of poverty and ignorance, and who are struggling by their own efforts to meet the call of God within them, to prepare for lives of usefulness."

Among the institutions for the education of colored youths, none are better managed, or more efficient in its work, than the Centenary Biblical Institute of the City of Baltimore, and which is supported by a patronizing territory, of which the Wilmington Conference forms a part.

Says Dr. Frysinger, the able President of the institution, "Its patronizing territory embraces the four states of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia. The number of colored persons of ten years of age and upwards in this territory, when the census of 1880 was taken, was 617,419, of whom 427,039 (a little more than 69 per cent.) could not write. The States are doing something for the education of the colored children, but the difficulty is to obtain teachers. Every available young man and woman is employed, but as many more could find employment of this kind, if they were qualified. Here alone is a field which exceeds the utmost endeavors and resources of the Institute to supply it with laborers. Some 60 schools are now being taught by former students of the Institute, and rarely has one of its representatives entered a neighborhood to engage in teaching, that his efficiency has not been acknowledged by an application for more teachers of the same kind."

The money raised for the Freedman's Aid Society this year, and applied to the Centenary Biblical Institute, aggregated \$985.00, an advance of \$122.43.

We submit the following resolutions:

*Resolved:* That in the death of its beloved President, Bishop I. W. Wiley, D. D., LL.D., the Freedman's Aid Society of the M. E. Church has lost a faithful friend, a wise counsellor and a generous benefactor.

*Resolved:* That we endorse the work of the Freedman's Aid Society, and will earnestly endeavor to raise the full amount apportioned this Conference.

*Resolved:* That the usual number of Conference visitors be appointed to visit the Centenary Biblical Institute.

We append Dr. Frysinger's brief report for publication in our Minutes.

#### REPORT OF THE CENTENARY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

Notwithstanding the depression in business and industrial circles, the number of students in the Institute has largely increased, denoting an increasing interest on the part of those whom the institution is intended to specially benefit, and commending it more strongly to those who have been its benefactors. There have been enrolled during the current school year 151 regular students, besides 36 who recite at night only, 9 who take special studies on Saturdays, and 18 in the Model School connected with the Normal Department, making 214 in all who have been receiving instruction, an increase of 34 regular students, and of 37 over the whole number taught during the year preceding. The average age of the regular students is eighteen. There are three departments of study—the Theological, the Classical, and the Normal. There are 20 taking studies in the Theological, 17 in the Classical, and 88 in the Normal Department. Three of the theological students have Africa in view as a field of future labor. Besides the classes in common branches, there are classes in Latin, Geometry, Algebra, Natural Science, Elocution, Vocal Music, and Book-keeping. In addition to the Faculty of six instructors, Mrs. I. Diffenderfer has been rendering special service as teacher of Elocution, and Prof. Burns, of the Eaton & Burnett Business College, as teacher of Book-keeping. Additional school and dormitory furniture and

some scientific apparatus have been placed in the building during the year. Should the increase in the number of students next year be proportionately large, the present building will scarcely be adequate for the work of the school. This remarkable showing challenges the patronizing Conferences to increased efforts for the aid of so laudable and successful an enterprise.

As the report of the Conference collections has not yet been made, it is impossible to tell whether the current expenses of the year will be met in full or not. Unless some liberal private donations are made, there is likely to be a considerable deficiency. It is gratifying to know, however, that the prospect for the future support of the Institute is brightening. Besides the \$10,000 pledged towards an Endowment Fund by the Washington Conference, and \$5,000 by the Delaware Conference, the following subscriptions have been made for the same object:—Rev. J. F. Goucher \$5,000, German H. Hunt, Esq., \$1,000, Robert Poole, Esq., \$1,000, Rev. L. F. Morgan, D. D., \$500, a Methodist Preacher and wife, \$500, various smaller subscriptions, \$1,000. Encouraging as this is as a beginning, it is barely one-half the amount the Centennial Year should have yielded.

We rely with more confidence on the general interest which the Institute and its work will awaken as it becomes better known, than upon any special occasion, to develop a liberality on its behalf which will greatly aid its operations and augment its usefulness.

W. MASLIN FRYINGER, President.

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee cannot express its conviction of the evils resulting from the liquor traffic, morally, socially, politically and financially. But we rejoice that, despite its potency arising from thorough organization, supported by money and political influence, it is gradually yielding to the light of truth and righteousness. Encouraged by the progress of right, and relying upon that power which guides, sometimes slowly, all true reforms, we submit the following resolutions:

1. That while we do not deem it advisable to commit ourselves as a body to any distinct political organization, we do re-affirm our undying hostility to the liquor traffic, and pledge ourselves and urge our members and friends of all parties to insist on Prohibitory legislation, and vote for such men as will aid in the noble work.

2. *Resolved,* That we recognize the good work accomplished by the State Alliances of Delaware and Maryland, and pledge to them our co-operation.

3. Regarding as we do the essay of Dr. Benj. Rush of Phila. published in 1785, as the germ-thought of an organized Temperance Reform, and recognizing the present year as the Centenary of the Temperance movement in this country, we recommend that there be a Temperance Convention held in each district under the auspices of the Presiding Elders, and a collection taken in aid of the State Alliance within our bounds.

4. *Resolved,* That we recommend to our preachers and people, the Delaware Prohibitionist, the only Temperance organ published on the Peninsula.

### REPORT ON TRACTS.

The distribution of tracts as an agency in accomplishing much good, has been greatly blessed of God. We regret that its efficiency is so little understood.

Your Committee would recommend our pastors to fully enlist the Tract Committee in the faithful use of this means of usefulness, and urge them to avail themselves of the disciplinary provision to draw one-half of the amount of tract collections from our Tract Depositories, in tracts, for gratuitous distribution among

our people. In this way, with the aid of our pastors, a greatly neglected lay-agency may place in the hands of the people such reading as will do much to counteract the influence of the pernicious and demoralizing literature so widely circulated.

We would especially recommend "Our Church Service," by J. H. Vincent, D. D., to both pastor and laymen, as a most excellent statement of Methodist Episcopal polity and doctrine.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CENTENARY FUND.

I have in hand to the credit of the Centenary Fund, three mortgages, to wit: One mortgage for \$1000, on house No. 1212 Chestnut street; one mortgage for \$1000, on house No. 1214 Chestnut street; one mortgage for \$1000, on house No. 1216 Chestnut street. These properties are all located in the City of Wilmington, Delaware. These mortgages are all *first mortgages*. The properties are also insured. The policies of insurance are in my hand.

On March 5th, 1884, I held, as per my report of that date, subject to your order, \$180. It being the interest on the above mentioned mortgages for the years 1883-4. On March 8th, 1884, I paid as you ordered by the vote of the Conference, \$180 to the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards. I now have in hand \$180 interest on the above mentioned mortgages, for the years 1884-5. It is subject to your order. Being also the Treasurer of your Tract Fund, I beg leave to report, that of the \$1401.07 which was in hand at the time of my last report, March 5th, 1884, I have invested \$1400 on call at 5 per cent., from June 20th, 1884. There is a balance in the treasury of \$1.07 uninvested.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER KELLEY, *Treasurer.*

#### HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on the Woman's Home Missionary Society beg leave to report as follows:

WHEREAS, The home is the foundation of society, and upon the purity and intelligence of the home depend the welfare and safety of the community, State and nation; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, 1. That we commend the efforts of pious, consecrated womanhood in laboring for the uplifting of the fallen, the reclamation of the outcast, and the bringing in of a better hope to the poor and destitute.

*Resolved*, 2. That in the Woman's Home Missionary Society, recognized by the General Conference of our church, we see an efficient arm of Gospel power, which is capable of reaching and helping into Christian light, and into habits of industry, the millions of degraded, destitute and poor women within the bounds of the United States and Territories, who can best be reached through the instrumentality of Christian women.

*Resolved*, 3. That we commend the work of this sister of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and would recommend the formation of Auxiliary Societies wherever practicable.

*Resolved*, 4. That in order to a more thorough understanding of the objects and aims of this Society, we would recommend the circulation of the "Woman's Home Mission Monthly," a paper published in the interests of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

*Resolved*, 5. That we have listened with pleasure and profit to the instructive addresses of Sister Jennie Fowler Willing, a Secretary of this Society, and assure her of our sympathy and co-operation in her noble and self-sacrificing work.

#### ON WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your Committee on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society respectfully submit the following:—

That the experience of nearly a score of years has unmistakably shown the call of Christian women to this great work in Foreign lands not reached by any other organization.

We heartily rejoice in the precious results, which, under the Divine blessing, have followed the self-denying labors of these heroic women, and desire for the Society abundant and unprecedented success.

We regard the medical department of this Society as demanding the especial attention and liberality of our Church. None other than Christian women educated in medicine, could enter these opening doors, and tell the heathen women, and through them the children, of the "sovereign balm" of the Saviour's blood.

We appreciate highly the recent visit of Miss M. Holbrook to our Conference, and her very instructive and entertaining address, describing social life in Japan, and the character of the work that is being done by the Society there.

We bespeak for the Society, the earnest prayers and enlarged contributions of our people, and as ministers, will continually welcome the accredited agents of the Society within our charges in the interests of this grand and growing cause.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We are more than ever impressed with the importance of our Sunday-School work, and as we gain vantage ground, our vision is enlarged, and our interest intensified. We recognize in the Sunday-School the hope of the future church.

We therefore recommend that great care shall be taken in the selection of teachers, and that none but christians be employed if it be possible to obtain them; as the great object of teaching is to lead the children to Jesus, this can only be done by those who have a personal knowledge of Christ as their Saviour.

We further urge that our own publications, both in books and papers, shall take the precedent of all others, believing that for the quality, they are as cheap as those furnished by other houses. We commend to your special consideration the Sunday-School hymnal that will be published during the year by our Book Concern. Also the Sunday-School paper to be published called "The Young." We were gratified at the report of Dr. Hunt, that the book concern published, and sent out a Sunday-School Journal for every teacher in the M. E. Church of the United States, and a picture lesson-leaf for every child in our Infant Department.

We recommend the organization of the Oxford League, among the older members of our Schools, wherever practicable, that a better knowledge of Methodism may be diffused.

#### REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

WHEREAS, "The Holy Scriptures contain all things necessary to Salvation,"

*Resolved*, That with unshaken confidence in the efficiency of the American Bible Society we rejoice in its large achievements in translating into all languages the Word of God, and in scattering it broadcast among the sons of men.

*Resolved*, That we re-affirm the resolution re-affirmed in the report by this Conference on the Bible Cause in 1884, viz: That in view of the tendency of modern thought it is important to keep the mind 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 we will be more diligent in presenting its claim upon our people, and in urging them to greater liberality.

#### WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGE.

Your Committee appointed at the last session to secure, by suitable legislation the revocation of the Charter of the Wesleyan Female College, beg leave to report that they have attended to the duty assigned them, and that a bill embodying the desired object is now before the General Assembly of Delaware.

Signed,

T. E. MARTINDALE,  
C. H. B. DAY,  
A. W. MILBY.

#### REPORT OF SELECT NUMBER IN CASE OF E. P. ALDRED.

We, members of the Select Number, appointed in the case of the Church *vs.* E. P. Aldred, do hereby certify, that by a unanimous vote, the defendant was permitted to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, under charges.

T. H. HAYNES, *Chairman*.  
E. H. NELSON, *Secretary*.

#### REPORT ON BARRATT'S CHAPEL MEETING.

*Dear Brethren*:—Your Committee desire to state that a celebration was held at Barratt's Chapel on the 11th and 12th days of September last. Addresses were delivered and other exercises had as follows:

On the first day, J. B. Quigg read a historical paper on the event celebrated. Dr. J. H. Caldwell followed with another paper, on "Methodism as an influence upon the religious and patriotic sentiments and institutions of our country." In the afternoon of the same day, Dr. A. S. Hunt made an address upon "The development of religious character, as a product of early Methodism," especially as illustrated in the zealous and holy lives of Freeborn Garrettson and others. In the evening, J. S. Willis spoke to a large audience, on "Methodism, its characteristics and relations."

At 9 o'clock on the morning of the second day, we met in the Chapel for the administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. A large audience, representing the various parts of the Peninsula, were present, and quite a number of people from remote places. We were reminded of the early days, and that within the walls where we were assembled, the first service of the kind had been held in America under the administration of Methodist preachers. It was good to be there; and we hope future Centennial celebrations will be held in Barratt's Chapel, that will witness the triumphant progress of the Church toward the utter overthrow of Satan's kingdom, and the sure establishment of the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This service was followed by an address from Dr. S. F. Upham on "The distinctive doctrines of Methodism, and their influence." In the afternoon Dr. H. A. Buttz made the closing address on "The adaptation of the fathers to their work."

The occasion was made memorable by the presence and efficient services of our distinguished brethren from abroad, the large and representative gatherings at each service, and the enthusiastic interest which increased from the beginning to the end. Prof. Sweeny, with his usual ability, conducted the music, and we

desire to express our indebtedness to him for his services. The expenses incurred were considerable, but were fully paid by the appreciative assemblies that met from time to time.

Committee:

J. B. QUIGG,	T. MALLALIEU,
T. E. MARTINDALE,	J. T. MATTHEWS,
A. W. MILBY,	J. S. WILLIS.

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE WILMINGTON CONFERENCE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1. The object of this Society shall be the support of the Missions which are, or may be established in the destitute portions of the regular work of this Conference; and, also, to establish a Fund, to be used in the purchase of building lots in eligible places for churches.

2. The affairs of this Society shall be under the direction of a Board, to be constituted of the Presiding Elders, as *ex-officio* members, and four other ministerial, and nine lay members, elected by the Conference, annually.

3. The Board shall meet, annually, in the town of Dover, Del., on such day as may be agreed upon, in the month of May, for the transaction of business, and at such other times and places, as they may select, and necessity may require.

4. The officers of the Board shall be elected by ballot, at the annual meeting; and shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee.

5. The Executive Committee shall devise plans for the organization of Branch Societies, and shall be authorized to execute all practicable measures approved by the Board for that purpose.

6. When any Presiding Elder shall deem it necessary for the interests of the Church, to purchase a lot in any eligible place, he may apply to the Executive Committee; and if they agree with him in the necessity of the case, they shall have the power to appropriate such sum as they deem proper.

7. The funds of this Society shall be raised by such methods as shall not interfere with the collections for the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and twenty per cent. thereof shall be set apart for the purchase of building lots in eligible and needy places.

8. This Board shall be duly incorporated according to law, with such powers and prerogatives as may be needful to secure the objects of the Society, and shall be qualified to receive bequests and donations for the support of missions, or the purchase of lots for church buildings, and to hold and transfer such building lots in accordance with the designs and objects of this Society. Any bequests or donations received by this Society, shall be held and used according to the design of the donor.

9. The collections heretofore known as the Church Relief, shall be designated, Domestic Missions, and shall be paid to the Treasurer of this Society, and eighty per cent. thereof shall be subject to the drafts of the Presiding Elders, for the support of missions, as constituted by the Bishop and his council, in the regular work of this Conference.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Managers of the Conference Historical Society beg leave to submit their first annual report.

The Society was formed at the session of our Conference which dates the Centenary year of Methodism, March, 1884. The Managers consist of nine Ministers, nine laymen, and a Custodian. The chief object of the Society is to gather Memorials and Relics of Methodism, especially from within our Conference territory, and to take care of the same. At the last annual Conference, the first memento placed in the custody of the Society was the Centenary address delivered before the Conference by Rev. B. F. Price.

At the present session a meeting of the Managers was held, and we regret to say that owing to the absence of most of the laymen from the seat of Conference, and the pressure of business that required the presence of several of the ministers on other committees, only five of the Managers were present. We report the following items of business:—Bros. J. E. Bryan and H. S. Thompson were appointed in the place of Bros. Phoebus and Lightbourn.

As Snow Hill, the seat of the present session, occupies a prominent place in Methodist annals, Rev. T. S. Thomas, Editor of the Peninsula Methodist, is requested to prepare a paper on Snow Hill Methodism, and as Elkton is to be the seat of our next session, the Pastor of that charge is invited to prepare a paper on the Methodism of Elkton and vicinity, and put them in the custody of the Society.

Several relics were handed to the Managers, which were assigned to the Custodian for safe keeping.

For the good of the Society, we would recommend that an anniversary of the Society be held at the next session of our Conference, at which time the papers asked for be read, and relics be received.

On behalf of the Managers.

B. F. PRICE.

## RESOLUTIONS.

### BISHOP MERRILL.

WHEREAS, We have been favored as a Conference, by the presence and skilful administration of Bishop Merrill during this most difficult and embarrassing session; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we appreciate his patient, courteous, and considerate bearing, and desire to express our thanks, as well as the hope, that we may speedily see him again as our own presiding Bishop.

### HON. JACOB TOME.

*Resolution of Commendation for Hon. Jacob Tome, of Port Deposit, Md.*

WHEREAS, This Conference has learned of the munificence of Hon. Jacob Tome, of Port Deposit, Md., in erecting a building at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., for Scientific purposes, at a cost of \$25,000, and,

WHEREAS, It is proper that this Conference should give expression to its high appreciation of so noble and appropriate an offering. Therefore,

*Resolved*, 1st. That the thanks of this Conference be extended to Hon. Jacob Tome, for this liberal gift to the cause of Science and Education.

*Resolved* 2d. That we congratulate Dickinson College on securing as a trustee a gentleman of such large financial and excellent business ability, and liberal purposes for the future.

*Resolved*, 3d. That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the President and Secretary of this Conference, and properly engrossed, be furnished Mr. Tome.

### THE SKATING RINK.

WHEREAS, The Skating Rink is proving itself a demoralizing amusement of evil tendency to health, as well as morals; therefore,

*Resolved*, That it is our duty to discountenance and discourage it by whatever influence we can exert as a Conference and as a Church.

### B. F. PRICE—SEMI-CENTENNIAL SERMON.

WHEREAS, Our brother, Rev. B. F. Price, if spared until the year 1886, will have completed fifty years in the active work of the ministry; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Conference request him to preach a semi-centennial sermon at our next session, the same to become the property of the Conference Historical Society.

### EDUCATION COLLECTIONS.

*Resolved*, That all collections for Education, not specifically directed elsewhere, be paid to Rev. T. E. Martindale, agent of the Conference Academy.

## "PENINSULA METHODIST."

WHEREAS, The *Peninsula Methodist*, published in Wilmington, Del., by the Rev. T. Snowden Thomas, is devoted chiefly to matters of interest to Methodism within the bounds of our Conference; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we recommend it to the patronage of our people.

## THANKS.

The Wilmington Annual Conference, now holding its Session in Snow Hill, Md., being cordially and pleasantly entertained, not only by the membership of our own communion, but also of the other churches and community generally, desire to express their appreciation of the hospitality extended; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered for the cordiality with which they welcome us in their midst.

To the pastor, for his earnest and successful efforts in providing for our entertainment.

To the trustees, in putting at our disposal the use of their church, and other officials for their churches and Court House.

To the choir, for music furnished us.

To the Railroad Companies, for reduction of fare in coming to and returning from the seat of Conference.

## 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. D.	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. Matlack, D. D.,	June 24th, 1883,	Cambridge, Md.
" I. T. Cooper, D. D.,	April 12th, 1884,	Camden, Del.
" Henry Colclazer,	December 18th, 1884,	Philadelphia, Penna.
" John L. Taft,	May 30th, 1884,	Norristown, Penna.
" John Shilling,	July 22nd, 1884,	Wilmington, Del.

## IN MEMORIAM.

### REV. I. T. COOPER, D. D.

Rev. I. T. Cooper, D. D. was born in Dover, Del., March 16th 1806. In early life he was inclined to the gayeties and follies which were common among the young men of his age and class. But when he was about twenty-three years old he was happily converted, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. From that time on till the day of his death, he led the life of a pure and devoted Christian. For many days and nights he sought the Lord with all his heart, pouring out his soul in deep contrition and penitence. He was converted in his bed, at the hour of midnight, in his mother's house, the one which was afterwards owned and occupied by the late Governor Saulsbury.

Dr. Cooper studied law under Thos. Clayton, was admitted to the bar in 1831, and continued the practice of his profession till 1834, when, in the Spring of that year, he was admitted into the Philadelphia Conference. His first appointment was to Talbot Circuit as Junior Preacher with Rev. Joshua Humphries as his Senior. He was afterward appointed, successively, to Kent Circuit in 1835-6; Eighth Street Philadelphia, 1837; Salem, in the same city, 1838-9; Chester Circuit, 1840-1; Dover Circuit, 1842-3; Middletown and Odessa, 1844; St. Georges, 1846. It was during this year that he attended his aged uncle, the venerable Ezekiel Cooper, in his last sickness and death, and contracted a violent cold which disabled him so that he did not take an appointment in 1847. He was stationed at Wharton Street in 1848, but in a few months was placed on the South Philadelphia District, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the election of the late Bishop Scott, to the agency of the Book Concern in New York. In 1851 Dr. Cooper was appointed to Nazareth in Philadelphia. Concluding about that time to leave the city, for the benefit of his health, he purchased a lot at Village Green, and was appointed to that charge in 1852-3. He was at Crozierville in 1854-5, and at Union in Wilmington in 1856. His health having failed again, he returned to Village Green where he remained two years. His health improved, and being anxious to die in the regular work, he sold his place at Village Green, and was sent to Talbot Circuit in 1859, where, a quarter of a century before, he began his Itinerant career. It was his last appointment in the effective work of the Itinerancy.

In 1860, he removed to Camden, Del., where he purchased a home, and spent the remainder of his life. During the twenty-four years of his residence there, he was at times a great sufferer, but whenever he was able, he engaged zealously and earnestly in his Master's work, preaching, leading class, attending the Sunday School, and all other means of grace. Thoroughly Methodist in doctrine, he defended the tenets of his church with clearness and ability. His faith in God and the atonement of Christ was unwavering, and his confidence in the higher attainments of Christian experience, was bright and cheerful. Nothing delighted him more than to be in a religious revival, where he could mingle his shouts and praises with those of the redeemed, and counsel those who were seeking "to enter in at the straight gate."

Dr. Cooper was an able and impressive preacher. Persons are still living, who, thirty or forty years ago, heard him preach sermons which they

still remember, and speak of as remarkable for their eloquence and power. He was a man of unbending principle, of positive convictions, and uttered his sentiments fearlessly, but with a dignity becoming the lofty character which he sustained. A warm advocate of temperance, and every progressive movement in moral reform, he was unswerving in his devotion to the cause he espoused. This characteristic gained him some bitter enemies, but attached to him true friends of the better type, who loved him for his goodness and admired him for his manliness.

Before the last agony of expiring nature came, he was apprehensive that the physical pangs of the dying struggle would be a great trial to his faith, and at times he seemed to shrink from "the pains, the groans, the dying strife." But when he approached that passage so dreadful to mortals, all his misgivings were lost in the glory that he saw beyond. In answer to a question asked by his son, Dr. E. W. Cooper, he gave a speechless signal that all was well. Thus, on the 12th of April, 1884, our venerable brother exchanged the sufferings and solitudes of earth for the bliss of heaven.

### REV. HENRY COLCLAZER.

Rev. Henry Colclazer, son of Thomas and Elizabeth Colclazer, was born at Georgetown Heights, District of Columbia, September 1st, 1809, and died December 18th, 1884, in Philadelphia. In 1826 the family removed to Ohio, and in August, 1828, Henry Colclazer was licensed to preach. In the spring of 1829 he entered the Ohio Annual Conference, and was appointed to Wayne, Ohio. For awhile he was extensively known as the "boy preacher." In 1830 he was sent to Black River. In 1831 he was received into full connection and appointed to Ann Arbor, Michigan. In 1832 he was sent to Detroit, then the most important station in Michigan, where he remained two years. From there he was returned for six years to Ann Arbor, two years as pastor of the station, and four years as presiding elder. In 1840 he was sent to Detroit again, and for six years remained there, first as pastor of Detroit Station, then as presiding elder of Detroit District, and then for one year as agent of the American Bible Society.

On account of affliction in his family, in 1846, he asked for and obtained a location, but in October of that year, he was requested by Bishop Hedding to take charge of the church at New Brunswick, New Jersey, made vacant by the appointment of Rev. William Roberts to the Mission in Oregon. He came and remained till the spring of 1848, when he went to fill out an unexpired term at Wharton street, Philadelphia.

In 1849 he was re-admitted into the travelling connection by the Philadelphia Conference. The appointments which followed, in the order as named, were Cambridge, Md.; Pottsville, Pa.; Port Deposit, Md.; Nazareth, Philada., and Milford, Del. In the spring of 1857 he was made Presiding Elder of Snow Hill District, serving the church faithfully and wisely in that critical portion of the work, during those unsettled years which preceded the breaking out of the civil war.

In 1861 he was appointed to the pastorate of Centreville, Md. He was next sent to St. Michael's; next to Dover, and then to Middletown. Following these, his successive fields were Newark, New Castle, Galena, Felton, Seaford, Georgetown, in all which places his work was blessed in the conversion of souls, and the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom.

In 1882 he was sent to Bethel, Md., where he spent two years in the midst of an appreciative and loving people. This was his last charge.

At the Conference of 1884, having been in the active work for five years more than half a century, he asked for and obtained a superannu-



ated relation, and went to reside in Bainbridge street, Philadelphia. It was the writer's privilege of meeting him once during May of last year, and it was very apparent that the grand old hero of many a well fought battle was still yearning for the active service, and hoping yet to do something towards vanquishing the hosts of the enemies of the Lord, but on December 18th, 1884, after a brief illness, throughout which he was sustained by that Jesus whom he had so long and ably preached to others, he committed himself, soul and body, to heaven's care, and "fell on sleep," going to swell the number of those to whom he so tenderly refers in his semi-centennial sermon, as our promoted follow-workers.

Bro. Colclazer was one of three brothers, who were Methodist itinerants. The others were Rev. Thomas Colclazer, of the North Indiana Conference, who died in 1865, and Rev. Jacob Colclazer, an aged superannuate of the Indiana Conference, and who is still living.

Bro. Colclazer in 1840, represented the Michigan Conference in the General Conference, and in 1860, he was elected to the General Conference, by the Philadelphia Conference.

He was twice married. First, to Asenath True, in 1836, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Next, in 1861, in Cambridge, Md., to Sallie A. Hicks, daughter of Thomas Holliday Hicks, then Governor of Maryland. His second wife went to the Itinerants' heavenly rest in 1857 or 1858, thus strengthening the ties that drew him heavenward. One child of the first marriage, and three of the second still survive him.

Of his home and social life, a graceful writer says; "Fancy could not create anything more beautiful," he was so "gentle and noble, though with a firmness, tempered by affliction and by self-sacrificing devotion to those about him." Such is the tribute of one of those who knew him best.

As a preacher, he was evangelical, pathetic, instructive, logical, full of striking incidents, always interesting, and often grandly eloquent.

As a pastor, he was watchful, faithful, tender, and his walk among the people everywhere awakened profoundest respect.

As a presiding elder, he was skillful, diligent, useful, full of sympathy for his brethren, and his quarterly visits were seasons of spiritual and social delight, and especially helpful to young ministers under his care.

To his brethren in the ministry he always exhibited the character of the true, refined, polished, dignified and considerate christian gentleman. In and out of the pulpit, his life was above reproach.

But we miss him from our midst, now and from henceforth his voice is hushed into the silence of the grave. In nearly his own language we would remark; "Our old companions, they have passed away like music tones, in a fadeless clime to dwell. They stretch out their hands, beckoning us to come up to the imperishable heights on which they stand."

His tender utterances, so prophetic, have found fulfillment at last in his own history, for he is not here now with the militant, to answer at roll call, but stands on those "imperishable heights" with "our promoted brethren."

"O very blessed place  
Where saints and angels meet,  
There we shall see each other's face,  
And all our brethren greet."

In the midst of these solemnities, we seem to hear the echo of the dying utterance of the dear departed, as he declared to those who stood weeping about his pillow, "I shall soon be at rest, where there is no sorrow, nor pains, nor death, nor tears."

## REV. JOHN LEROY TAFT.

Rev. John Leroy Taft was born in the State of Virginia, December 25th, 1812, and died at his residence, in Norristown, Pennsylvania, May 30th, 1884.

He was educated at St. Mary's College, Baltimore, Md., and was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the same city. In 1829 he removed to Philadelphia, and in 1833 was received on trial in the Philadelphia Annual Conference.

His appointments were: Snow Hill, Md.; Salem, N. J.; Mauch Chunk, Norristown, Bustleton, Germantown, Frankford, Pa.; New Castle, Del.; and four years in Philadelphia, Port Deposit, Easton, Pa., Pottsville, and Manayunk.

At Manayunk his health gave way, and the Conference, at his own request, granted him a supernumerary relation, and he moved his family to Norristown.

In 1865 Bishop Scott sent him as Presiding Elder to Richmond, Va., where he was very successful. In 1866 he was appointed to Northampton county, Va.; 1867, Accomac and Northampton, Va.; 1868-69, Seaford, Del.; 1870, his appointment was merely nominal; 1871-72-73-74, he was Presiding Elder on Snow Hill District.

At the end of his term as Presiding Elder, he took a supernumerary relation, never again to enter the effective work. About 1876 he became totally blind, and in November, 1883, was stricken with paralysis. After suffering in patient resignation the will of the God whom he loved, for some months, he was received into rest. Funeral services were held in the Oak street Methodist Episcopal Church, Norristown, Monday, June 2d, conducted by the pastor, Rev. G. W. F. Graff, assisted by Rev. M. D. Kurtz, after which the remains were interred in Norris City Cemetery.

In person, Bro. Taft was of slight build, and in both manner and feature he betrayed his French extraction. Socially, he was affable and companionable, and it required no apparent effort on his part to maintain the reputation which entitled him "a Christian gentleman." As a preacher, his pulpit efforts were well received, and he was exceedingly happy in pastoral supervision.

In this brief notice of a long term of active service in the ministry, we note the faith, and mark a few of the characteristics, of the worker, but the man himself, the true measure of his endeavor, and of the value of his work, we can never know until we meet him in heaven.

## REV. JOHN SHILLING.

The Rev. John Shilling was born, February 15th 1832, in Halstead Parish, Kent, near London, England. His father, a Local Preacher of the Wesleyan connection, came to the United States in 1846 and settled at Mount Holly, New Jersey. Here, under the ministry of Rev. George Hughes, John was converted and united with the Church in 1847. Having made the choice of blacksmithing as a pursuit, and completed his apprenticeship, he moved to Felton, Del. Dowered with gifts, grace, and usefulness, his brethren commended him as a suitable person to exhort, and afterward for license to preach. In these relations he served the Church with marked fidelity and acceptability. Though born on foreign soil, he was among the first to respond to the Nation's call, to enter the great conflict for the maintenance of the union, and enlisted in Co. H., 3rd Del. Regiment, April, 1861.

By personal courage in many hard fought battles, he successively graded from the ranks to a captaincy, and was awarded special distinction for gallant conduct. From the hands of Gen. Meade, as he stood beneath a "galaxy of stars," and surrounded by admiring thousands, he received the first medal of honor awarded by act of Congress, for capturing a South Carolina flag, in front of the tavern, back of Petersburg. Called to the Chaplaincy of his regiment, he was ordained during the session of the Philadelphia Conference in March, 1865, by Bishop D. W. Clark. Convinced he must preach the gospel, he was assigned work on Princess Anne Circuit, in 1868, as the colleague of Rev. James Carroll. At the first session of the Wilmington Conference in Asbury Church, Wilmington, March, 1869, he was received on trial and appointed to Brandywine, and re-appointed in 1870 and '71. His subsequent appointments were Princess Anne, '72 and '73; Annamessex, '74, '75 and '76; Roxanna, '77; Appoquinimink, '78 and '79; Christiana, '80; Brandywine, '81, '82 and '83. In 1884, in Asbury Church, Wilmington, where, fifteen years before, he was received on trial, he was granted a supernumerary relation.

Bro. Shilling was twice married. In 1853 to Margaret Kirkbride, of whom he was bereft by death in 1867, after the gift of three sons; and in 1869 to Emma Massey, who survives him with four sons, to cherish his memory. He was a humble, pious, brave and noble man of God.

Always positive in his convictions, he was radical, and never conservative; indeed, he could not be conservative. To him there was no middle-ground in anything; everything had the aspect of being virtuous or vicious. As he steadfastly supported the one, he aggressively denounced the other.

In his home he was kind but firm; among the people, gentle and sympathetic, yet wise and trusty, preserving the poise of sanctified manliness. His religious experience was clear and permanent, joyous and exultant. Possibly less brilliant than many of his brethren, he was earnest and acceptable as a preacher. Twice called to two charges, and spending in them ten of the fifteen years of his ministry, it stands a monument to his memory. Though blessed with a vigorous body, he contracted acute rheumatic and neuralgic symptoms in the army, which developed, a few months before his death, into congestion of the brain. His paroxysms became more frequent and violent; and after some weeks of suffering, in the early morning of July 22nd, 1884, his soul sank gently into rest.

"He set, as sets the morning star,  
Which goes not down behind the darkened West,  
Nor hides obscured among the tempests of the sky,  
But melts away into the light of heaven."

Religious services were held in St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, and his remains were placed in Riverview Cemetery, there to await the call of Him who said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

## Mrs. MARY EMILY WILLIAMS

Mrs. Mary Emily Williams, who died at Milton, May 29th, and was buried at Bethel, near Summit Bridge, was born near Greensborough, Caroline county, Md., November 15th, 1839. She was of English descent, her grand-parents having come from England and settled in Caroline county.

Her mind was *always* of a religious cast, and in her tenth year she was converted, under peculiar circumstances. While at school she, with several of her schoolmates, met at noon one day to conduct a play prayer-meeting. The play became serious, and our sister and two of her companions were there converted. The older scholars became interested and

many of them professed faith in Christ. The community around was impressed, great numbers attended, and in a short time those noonday prayer meetings became the seat of a *wonderful revival*, and 112 souls, old and young, were brought into the church of God by their instrumentality. Thus early in life had God seen fit to make her a laborer in extending his kingdom.

In her 17th year she took charge of a Sabbath school class and became the honored instrument in the hand of God of leading many young people to the Saviour.

She was united in holy matrimony to Rev. T. S. Williams, Nov. 22, 1860. Her removal from the community, in which she was a great favorite, was deeply regretted by old and young.

The itinerancy opened a yet wider field for the use of those gifts and graces with which she was so largely endowed.

She took great delight in making her home not only a happy place to her family, but a place of welcome to the people whom she served. A physician calling in one day, to visit her in her sickness, remarked afterward, "I have found in Mrs. Williams a model woman, a model housekeeper and a model Christian."

Any one would, even upon a slight acquaintance, affirm the truth of that statement; for she was distinguished by such a quiet, steady, consistent habit, that no one could fail to notice it.

Unto her beloved and bereaved partner she was indeed a stay and a strong right hand. Her piety was of that unobtrusive, undemonstrative kind which shines with greater lustre in the presence of the observing and thoughtful, making its impression deep and lasting.

Her devotion to her family and the sacrifices made for its enjoyment and welfare cannot be told. Said the grown sons and daughter, "O that she could have lived, that we might in *some* degree have repaid her exceeding love and labor for us."

When disease took hold of her to end its work in death, the same calmness and composure that characterized her whole life deserted her not. The Christian fortitude with which she bore the struggle showed the support of a stronger arm than the human—and never for a moment did she doubt the power of that arm to bear her gently and safely over the river. She would talk of meeting death with that resignation, and of going to the grave with that holy triumph, and of meeting her loved ones in Heaven with that inexpressible faith and joy which could come only from a heart wholly in unison with the Divine Will. Said the Methodist Protestant Pastor who had talked and prayed with her, "I esteem it not only a rare privilege, but a peculiar pleasure to have been in the presence of a Christian wife and mother so grandly triumphing over death." To Brother Hazzard, who had prayed touchingly and comfortingly with her, she bade good-bye, saying she would meet him no more on earth, but would meet him in Heaven.

A few days before her death she said to her husband, "Pa, I heard Bishop Simpson preach in Philadelphia once, and he said we would have living grace while living and dying grace when we came to die. The latter part of the expression I could not realize until now. The Bishop was right. I know the truth of his remark. His grace is sufficient. The way is all clear to me." Thus calmly and trustingly she passed into the valley.

Rev. T. E. Bell, of this Conference, a brother of Sister Williams, exhibited in his attentions to her during her afflictions, an affection which was worthy of praise, and deserves notice.

So radiant was Sister Williams' entrance into her heavenly home, and so bright is still the glow of her character, her life, and her works, that it will lead many to the gates of gold, and to the City of God.

## MRS. ANNIE McQUAY.

At Marydel, Md, on the 24th of February, 1885, after a painful illness of forty-one days, Mrs. Annie McQuay, wife of Rev. Newton McQuay, gently fell asleep in Jesus.

She was converted in girlhood, in Still Pond Church, under the ministry of Rev. J. E. Bryan, and at once became an active and devoted member of that church. Realizing that the religion of Jesus Christ, which she professed, was not to be a mere sentiment, but a living principle, which should direct and control the current of her life, she at once commenced to work for the Master. Her father was not at that time a professor of religion, but Annie, realizing the responsibility resting upon her to let the light which had been kindled in her soul shine, she erected the family altar, and led the devotion in her home; and through her influence and the power of her example in leading a consistent life, it was not long before the father felt the power of God's Spirit, and was led to the cross, where the burden of sin fell from his soul, and he rejoiced in the light and liberty of the children of God. This christian daughter never allowed the family altar to fall to ruin, nor its fires to go out, while she remained at home.

In a few years, feeling that she could be of more use in a wider field, she left home, which was to her the dearest spot on earth, to engage in teaching. In this enlarged sphere she had much success, displaying great aptitude in enlisting and training the mind of childhood. On the 9th of March, 1876, she was united in marriage to Rev. Newton McQuay, before the same altar where, in her childhood, she became united to Christ. As a wife, her attachment was of the most tender and sacred character. She entered, with deepest interest, into all her husband's plans and became his counsellor in all things pertaining to his work. She felt with greatest keenness every trial he endured, and had the most grateful appreciation of every kindness shown him, and rejoiced in all his successes; and during her last illness her great desire was to be restored to health that she might continue to encourage, support and aid her husband in the great work of saving souls, but in entire submission to the Divine Will, she said she was willing to live or to die. She delighted in Sabbath School work and was very successful as a teacher of Bible truth.

For several years previous to her death, enfeebled health and the care of an afflicted mother, deprived her of the cherished privileges of God's house, and her sphere of labor became confined almost exclusively to her home. Here, as daughter, wife and mother, she was a ministering spirit in sickness and health, in joy and grief. All went to her for counsel. In sickness, the tender and skillful ministry of her hand was the first that was sought. During the illness which terminated in releasing her spirit from the bondage of flesh, her mind was at all times clear, her patience remarkable, and her departure peaceful. She calmly laid down the crosses, trials and sufferings of earth and grasped the joys and glories of heaven. She leaves upon this side those who will sigh

“— for the touch of a vanished hand,  
And the sound of the voice that is still.”

On Friday, February 27th, her body was taken to Still Pond and placed before the altar, where in girlhood her heart was consecrated to God, and where, in after years, she took upon her the sacred vows of matrimony. Appropriate services were held by the Pastor, after which, her remains were laid beside the sleeping dust of father, brother and sister, whom she so tenderly loved in life, to await the Resurrection of the just.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

We beg leave to submit the following report: The Board of Stewards in making this, their Annual report to the Conference, feels profoundly thankful that notwithstanding the depressed condition of the monetary affairs which has prevailed throughout the country during the past year, this collection has not been suffered to decline.

The aggregate amount for distribution this year is \$5,585. A slight advance over last year. The whole amount has been gathered from the following sources, viz.

	<i>Apportioned.</i>	<i>Raised.</i>	<i>Excess.</i>	<i>Deficit.</i>
Wilmington District .....	\$1,590 00	\$1,600 25	\$10 25	
Easton “ .....	1,280 00	1,252 30		28 00
Dover “ .....	1,135 00	1,087 00		48 00
Salisbury “ .....	845 00	938 00	93 00	
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Total from Collections.....		\$4,877 55		
From Chartered Fund.....		30 00		
From Centenary Fund.....		180 00		
Book Concern Dividend.....		170 00		
Interest on Riddle Legacy.....		120 00		
Interest on Bates Mortgage.....		141 00		
Carried forward from last year.....		56 25		
Contributed by Friends.....		10 20		
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Total for distribution.....		\$5,585 00		
Excess over last year.....		\$15 00		

In the distribution of this money, your Board of Stewards have endeavored carefully and prayerfully to consider all the claims presented to them. And if any of the brethren think there has been a want of liberality on the part of the Board towards some needy claimant, we can only say that we have striven to do the best we could, in the presence of the facts placed before us. The Board often feels itself greatly embarrassed in the distribution of its funds, by the want of definite information concerning the condition of claimants. In some instances the Board is left to guess at the real needs of those expecting assistance from your funds.

The Board of Stewards have hailed with pleasure the holding of an anniversary at this session of the Conference, called the “Stewards’ anniversary of the Wilmington Conference.” We express the desire that it will become the uniform custom of the Committee on Conference Anniversaries to provide for such an anniversary at each succeeding session of the Conference.

Your Board of Stewards would also invite attention to the desirableness of securing a larger endowment of this Fund. The present endowment amounts to \$4,350: consisting of the Bates legacy of \$2,350, and of the Riddle legacy of \$2,000. In other Annual Conferences this matter is receiving considerable attention, and we believe the time has come when we, as a Conference, should also awake to its importance.

Though the demands upon this fund are increasing, yet the Board judges it best not to advance the appointment upon the several charges for the ensuing year, believing that the pastors will, as in the past, endeavor to bring as large a collection as possible.

The following we believe to be an equitable distribution of the funds placed in our hands at this session of the Conference.

Apportionment and Collections for Conference Claimants.

DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE FUNDS, MARCH 17th, 1885.

Date of Claim.	Term of Service.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	POST-OFFICE.	Estimates of Quarterly Confer-ences.	Amount receiv'd by each Claimant.
<b>SUPERANNUATED.</b>					
1875	43yr	James L. Houston.....	Middletown, Butler Co., Ohio...	\$200 00	\$ 200 00
1878	37yr	E. J. Way.....	No. 19 S. Broadway, Baltimore.	300 00	100 00
1882	43yr	Valentine Gray.....	Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa.....	400 00	350 00
1878	18yr	A. A. Fisher.....	Federalburg, Caroline Co., Md.	350 00	300 00
<b>SUPERNUMERARY.</b>					
1847	12yr	George Barton.....	Ch. Hill, Queen Anne's Co., Md	227 00	225 00
1877	35yr	John Allen.....	25 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y..	500 00	200 00
1880	22yr	W. W. Redman.....	Dover, Del.....	300 00	100 00
1881	15yr	James Esgate.....	Cliftondale, Mass.....	.....	50 00
1883	31yr	G. A. Phoebus.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	.....	300 00
1885	40yr	Henry Sanderson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	.....	50 00
1885	28yr	W. F. Talbot.....	Kingston, Somerset Co., Md. .	300 00	175 00
1885	12yr	Robert Roe.....	.....	.....	50 00
<b>WIDOWS, &amp;c.</b>					
1846	6mo	Hester A. Henderson.....	725 N. 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa	200 00	175 00
1844	3yr	Drucilla Willetts.....	Berlin, Worcester Co., Md.....	200 00	75 00
1865	10yr	Carrie B. Dennison.....	1010 W. 3rd St. Wilmington, Del	200 00	200 00
1873	14yr	Rebecca M. Brandreth.....	201 Ashmead St., Germantown.,	.....	375 00
1878	15yr	Laura E. Weston.....	Dover, Del.....	300 00	290 00
1878	21yr	Mary S. Thomas.....	1103 Tatuall St. Wilmington, Del	250 00	195 00
1879	21yr	Annie H. Irwin.....	Wilmington, Del.....	400 00	325 00
1879	10yr	Annie D. Chatham.....	214 W. 10th St. Wilmington, Del	300 00	300 00
1879	22yr	Sallie E. Williams.....	Georgetown, Del.....	.....	100 00
1881	11yr	Sadie B. Bain.....	Tyrone, Blair county, Pa.....	300 00	200 00
1882	49yr	E. M. Thompson.....	Smyrna, Del.....	150 00	50 00
1882	.....	Catharine B. Miller.....	832 Pine St., Phila. Pa.....	300 00	150 00
1882	45yr	Ehiza Pierson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	200 00
1882	8yr	Emma Prettyman.....	E. New Market Dorch'r Co. Md	250 00	200 00
1883	.....	Child of B. W. Chase.....	Onorga, Ill.....	.....	50 00
1884	33yr	Rebecca E. Hough.....	Smyrna, Del.....	150 00	50 00
1884	.....	Bertie H. Matlack.....	Port Deposit Cecil Co., Md.....	200 00	100 00
1884	15yr	Emma L. Shiling.....	211 11th St., Wilmington, Del..	400 00	350 00
1884	56yr	Funeral Expenses of H. Colclazer.....	.....	.....	100 00
Total.....				\$6375 00	\$5585 00

Wilmington District.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Appor-tionment last year	Amount C'lected this year	Appor-tionment next ye'r
Bethel and Glasgow.....	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00
Charlestown.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Cherry Hill.....	45 00	45 00	45 00
Chesapeake City.....	35 00	30 00	35 00
Chester.....	35 00	30 00	35 00
Christiana.....	25 00	15 00	25 00
Claymont.....	20 00	15 00	20 00
Delaware City&Port Penn	25 00	16 25	25 00
Elk Neck.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Elkton & Crouch's Chapel	70 00	70 00	70 00
Hockessin.....	.....	5 00	10 00
Mt. Lebanon.....	25 00	8 00	25 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Newark and Wesley.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
New Castle.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
Newport and Stanton.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
North East.....	40 00	41 00	40 00
Port Deposit.....	85 00	85 00	85 00
Red Lion.....	25 00	11 00	25 00
Rising Sun.....	50 00	41 00	50 00
St. George's and Summit	35 00	30 00	35 00
W'ton, Asbury.....	150 00	152 00	150 00
" Brandywine.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
" Epworth.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
" Grace Ch. & Madely	250 00	350 00	250 00
" Mt. Salem.....	50 00	35 00	50 00
" St. Paul's & K'gsw'd	150 00	150 00	150 00
" Scott.....	35 00	35 00	35 00
" Swedish Mission.....	.....	.....	.....
" Union.....	125 00	121 00	125 00
Zion Circuit.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
\$1590 00 \$1600 25 \$1600 00			

Easton District.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Appor-tionment last year	Amount C'lected this year	Appor-tionment next ye'r
Appoquinimink.....	\$ 30 00	\$ 24 00	\$ 30 00
Cecilton.....	50 00	50 00	50 00
Centreville.....	55 00	100 00	55 00
Chestertown.....	80 00	66 00	80 00
Church Hill.....	30 00	51 00	30 00
Easton.....	65 00	50 00	65 00
Crumpton.....	.....	.....	10 00
Galena.....	35 00	37 00	35 00
Greensborough.....	30 00	25 00	30 00
Hillsborough.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Ingleside.....	10 00	.....	10 00
Kent Island.....	45 00	45 00	45 00
King's Creek.....	20 00	10 00	20 00
Marydel.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Middletown.....	75 00	85 00	75 00
Millington.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Odessa.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
Oxford.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Pomona.....	30 00	25 00	30 00
Queenstown.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Rock Hall.....	20 00	15 00	20 00
Royal Oak.....	20 00	18 00	20 00
St. Michael's.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
Sassafras.....	30 00	25 00	30 00
Smyrna.....	150 00	150 00	150 00
Smyrna Circuit.....	55 00	40 30	55 00
Still Pond.....	75 00	90 00	75 00
Sudlersville.....	45 00	33 00	45 00
Talbot.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Townsend.....	20 00	8 00	20 00
Trappe.....	30 00	40 00	30 00
\$1280 00 \$1252 30 \$1285 00			

Dover District.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Appor-tionment last year	Amount collected this year	Appor-tionment next ye'r
Beekwith's.....	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00
Bridgeville.....	100 00	85 00	100 00
Cambridge.....	35 00	40 00	35 00
Camden.....	40 00	49 00	40 00
Church Creek.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Denton.....	50 00	50 00	50 00
Dover.....	150 00	150 00	150 00
East New Market.....	.....	25 00	25 00
Elendale.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Farmington.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Federalburg.....	55 00	55 00	55 00
Felton.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Frederica.....	55 00	50 00	55 00
Galestown.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Georgetown.....	35 00	25 00	35 00
Harrington.....	65 00	30 00	65 00
Houston.....	.....	25 00	25 00
Hurlock's.....	.....	20 00	20 00
Leipsic.....	35 00	35 00	35 00
Lewes.....	55 00	55 00	55 00
Lincoln.....	25 00	21 00	25 00
Magnolia.....	25 00	20 00	25 00
Millford.....	75 00	75 00	75 00
Hillsborough.....	20 00	17 00	20 00
Milton.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Nassau.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Seaford.....	30 00	20 00	30 00
Vienna.....	.....	20 00	20 00
Woodlandtown.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Wyoming.....	20 00	15 00	20 00
\$1135 00 \$1087 00 \$1165 00			

Salisbury District.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Appor-tionment last year	Amount collected this year	Appor-tionment next ye'r
Accomac.....	.....	.....	.....
Annamessex.....	25 00	30 00	25 00
Asbury.....	30 00	30 00	40 00
Barren Creek.....	10 00	7 00	5 00
Berlin.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Bethel.....	15 00	15 00	20 00
Bishopville.....	10 00	16 00	15 00
Chincoteague.....	10 00	15 00	10 00
Crisfield.....	40 00	50 00	40 00
Deal's Island.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Delmar.....	20 00	22 00	20 00
Fairmount.....	80 00	105 00	70 00
Frankford.....	35 00	35 00	35 00
Fruitland.....	20 00	20 00	15 00
Girdletree and Connor's	.....	.....	20 00
Gumborough.....	25 00	45 00	35 00
Holland's Island.....	10 00	15 00	10 00
Laurel.....	55 00	55 00	60 00
Mt. Vernon.....	.....	.....	15 00
Newark.....	25 00	25 00	10 00
Onancock.....	35 00	35 00	30 00
Parsonsborg.....	15 00	30 00	15 00
Pocomoke City.....	25 00	30 00	15 00
Pocomoke Circuit.....	10 00	15 00	10 00
Powelville.....	10 00	10 00	5 00
Princess Anne.....	50 00	26 00	10 00
Quantico.....	40 00	40 00	10 00
Roxanna.....	35 00	20 00	35 00
Salisbury.....	40 00	50 00	30 00
Sharptown.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Shortley.....	.....	.....	5 00
Smith's Island.....	10 00	10 00	25 00
Snow Hill.....	40 00	47 00	30 00
Somerset.....	.....	.....	10 00
Stockton.....	20 00	20 00	15 00
St. Peters.....	.....	.....	20 00
Tangier.....	30 00	35 00	30 00
Tyaskin.....	.....	.....	30 00
Westover.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
\$ 845 00 \$ 938 00 \$ 855 00			



WILMINGTON DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 2.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTORS.		PRES'DNG ELDERS.	BISHOPS.	CONF. CLAIMANTS.
		Claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or House Rent.	Receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or House Rent.			
Bethel and Glasgow.....	E. C. Atkins.....	\$650	\$656	\$40	\$10	\$25
Charleston.....	E. E. White.....	760	760	24	10	20
Cherry Hill.....	C. A. Hill.....	825	825	52	12	45
Chesapeake City.....	T. A. H. O'Brien.....	720	720	36	12	30
Chester.....	L. W. Layfield.....	786	786	44	10	35
Christiana.....	W. M. Green.....	570	570	37	26	15
Claymont.....	J. W. Rawlings.....	310	270	40	14	4
Del. City and Port Penn.....	T. B. Hunter.....	725	725	34	4	25
Elk Neck.....	L. C. Andrews.....	540	540	16	8	10
Elkton and Crouch's.....	C. F. Sheppard.....	1075	1075	76	76	70
Hockessin.....	W. R. Sears.....	400	400	10	10	5
Mt. Lebanon.....	H. Sanderson.....	155	155	30	15	25
Mt. Pleasant.....	J. W. Hammersley.....	700	700	32	32	25
Newark and Wesley.....	T. H. Haynes.....	1050	1050	54	15	40
New Castle.....	N. M. Browne.....	1250	1250	74	16	60
Newport and Stanton.....	E. H. Nelson.....	975	975	66	16	40
North East.....	R. W. Todd.....	925	925	60	60	40
Port Deposit.....	R. C. Jones.....	1302	1302	84	18	85
Red Lion.....	Julius Dodd.....	450	450	24	24	25
Rising Sun.....	Joseph Robinson.....	865	668	203	50	40
St. Georges and Summit.....	F. J. Cochran.....	700	700	50	15	30
Wilmington, Asbury.....	W. L. S. Murray.....	1650	1650	160	25	150
" Brandywine.....	E. L. Hubbard.....	1180	1180	40	40	25
" Epworth.....	W. B. Gregg.....	692	692	24	15	10
" Grace.....	J. R. Boyle.....	2950	2950	236	50	350
" Madley.....	B. F. Price.....	500	677	76	76	1
" Mt. Salem.....	J. E. Smith.....	1125	1125	76	20	50
" St. Paul & Kingswood.....	R. H. Adams & W. A. Wise.....	1700	1700	160	25	150
" Scott.....	T. R. Creamer.....	1218	1218	56	20	35
" Swedish Miss.....	Axel Z. Fryxell.....	250	250	2	2	2
" Union.....	C. W. Prettyman.....	1400	1400	118	20	125
Zion.....	Jno. France.....	950	950	74	74	60
Total this year.....		29338	29294	243	1851	1593
Total last year.....		27589	27430	159	1850	1545
Increase.....		1749	1864	84	1	50
Decrease.....					30	39

EASTON DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 1.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.			CHURCH PROPERTY.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.			MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		
	No. of Probationers.	No. of full Members.	No. Local Preachers.	No. of Children.	No. of Adults.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	For Pastors; Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.		
Appoquinimink.....	17	242	3	81	5	2	\$ 9000	1	2000	\$ 2000			\$ 301		
Cecilow.....	3	111	3	21	1	1	4000	1	300	993			50		
Centerville.....	24	349	3	28	1	2	11,000	2	400	1228			100		
Cheserow.....	115	143	3	2	2	1	9000	1	400	1245			66		
Church Hill.....	21	189	3	6	4	4	5000	1	1500	912			51		
Crumpton.....	20	89	2	3	2	2	2500	1	5500	315			57		
Easton.....	120	239	2	2	2	2	17,000	1	5500	1392			50		
Galeana.....	2	134	4	14	3	3	5500	1	2000	758			40		
Glenborough.....	12	160	1	1	20	1	5000	1	2000	759			37		
Hillsdale.....	81	202	1	4	2	4	10,500	1	1300	808			25		
Ingleside.....	20	152	1	6	18	1	6000	1	2000	428			20		
Kent Island.....	30	115	2	10	2	3	4500	1	2000	1014			45		
King's Creek.....	90	185	1	8	1	1	7000	1	150	312			10		
Marydel.....	175	235	2	4	21	4	4500	1	4000	708			50		
Middleton.....	32	234	3	5	5	2	15,000	1	4000	1391			85		
Millington.....	29	225	2	3	17	2	18,000	1	2500	1055			40		
Odena.....	8	183	3	20	2	3	7000	1	3000	1174			60		
Pomona.....	43	78	1	7	2	1	8500	1	2500	436			15		
Queenstown.....	40	155	1	4	15	1	3500	1	2000	644			4		
Rock Hall.....	25	138	1	5	20	1	5000	1	2000	436			25		
St. Michael's.....	6	97	1	1	11	1	3000	1	2000	535			18		
Sassafras.....	313	351	6	6	4	1	25,000	1	2500	1239			36		
Smyrna.....	6	35	1	9	1	1	2000	1	4000	436			15		
Smyrna Circuit.....	32	544	5	12	19	1	25,000	1	4000	1582			150		
Still Pond.....	13	279	1	2	10	1	10,500	1	2500	917			40		
Sudlersville.....	8	206	1	6	25	3	18,000	1	2000	1139			90		
Talbot.....	24	157	4	13	1	3	12,700	1	1800	927			33		
Towson.....	60	281	1	4	17	1	6500	1	1800	845			37		
Towson.....	67	107	1	5	10	1	1200	1	2500	258			8		
Trappe.....	87	160	1	7	20	1	6500	1	2500	825			40		
Total this year.....	1213	5963	26	111	386	44	274,400	22	54,400	14,590			836		
Total last year.....	908	5990	23	93	374	30	264,700	23	57,000	11,830			572		
Increase.....	305	973	3	18	112	14	9700	1	8000	2600			264		
Decrease.....	87	160	1	7	20	1	6500	1	2500	825			40		



DOVER DISTRICT—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 2.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTORS.		PRES'DNG	BISHOPS.		CONF.
		Claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or house rent.	Receipts, including rental value of Parsonage, or house rent.	ELDERS.	Amount apportioned.	Amount paid.	Amount apportioned.
Beckwith	James Connor	\$ 750	\$ 750	50	50	6	25
Bridgeville	W. S. Robinson	1325	1325	85	85	10	100
Cambridge	J. E. Bryan	1150	1150	60	60	10	100
Camden	J. A. Brindle	850	850	50	50	15	35
Church Creek	C. H. Williams	375	375	30	30	3	40
Denton	A. D. Davis	1195	1141	54	60	10	15
Dover	T. E. Martindale	1500	1500	100	100	22	50
East New Market	T. O. Ayers	800	800	35	35	6	150
Ellendale	J. M. Collins	650	506	144	35	5	25
Farmington	J. W. Poole	540	503	37	35	5	20
Federalburg	Jno. Warthman	1150	1150	37	35	3	15
Felton	Isaac Jewell	850	850	60	55	9	55
Frederica	J. E. Mowbray	950	1000	50	50	5	40
Galestown	Joseph Dare	700	650	50	75	12	50
Georgetown	P. H. Rawlins	800	800	40	35	5	15
Harrington	G. W. Burke	700	700	55	55	6	35
Houston	W. F. Dawson	450	450	35	35	5	40
Hurlock's	G. F. Hopkins	525	525	35	35	5	25
Leipsic	J. Carroll	680	460	220	35	5	25
Lewes	J. D. Kemp	1025	1025	70	70	10	35
Lincoln	E. Davis	715	487	228	40	30	55
Magnolia	S. N. Pilchard	775	775	55	55	5	25
Millford	J. S. Willis	1200	1200	85	75	20	85
Millsboro	D. F. McFaul	570	422	148	35	35	20
Milton	T. S. Williams	860	860	60	43	8	40
Nassau	I. N. Foreman	800	800	45	45	8	20
Seaford	W. Underwood	1050	951	99	50	10	30
Vienna	V. S. Collins	639	639	35	35	4	20
Woodlandtown	G. L. Hardesty	525	531	40	40	4	15
Wyoming	W. M. Warner	725	725	35	35	5	20
Total this year		24824	23900	980	1515	1436	239
Total last year		22853	22824	208	1505	1431	245
Increase		1971	1076	772	10	5	11
Decrease						6	5

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 1.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.			BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.								
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. 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 Chs. and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. property.	Present Indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses, (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)
Annemessex	40	110	1	5	12	1	2	\$ 3250	1	\$ 750	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 65	
Asbury	25	175	2	4	16	1	1	10000	1	2000	384	1500	156	
Barren Creek	31	115	1	1	1	1	3	1200					3	
Berlin	36	112	5	3	6	3	3	5000	1	1000		56	100	
Bethel	23	205	2	1	10	2	2	5500	1	1600	1400	3000	60	
Bishopville	22	162	3	11	3	3	3	3000				54	80	
Chincoteague	7	124	1	4	38	9	1	1000					25	
Crisfield	60	140	1	1	41	5	1	6000	1	2000	100	125	1000	
Deal's Island	67	103	2	3	74	2	2	4000	1	1500	100	35	120	
Delmar	27	176	1	4	21	4	4	5300			1500		400	
Fairmount	20	317	2	6	26	2	2	12000	1	2500	50	186	355	
Frankford	72	446	1	4	40	4	4	8000	1	1200	3500	100	800	
Fruitland	20	190	1	3	12	1	4	3200			175		50	
Gumboro	30	330	1	1	96	4	4	2700	1	600	250	100	75	
Holland's Island	9	59	2	7	7	1	1	500					45	
Laurel	16	207	1	7	9	1	1	9000					190	
Newark	83	248	2	19	5	4	4	3000	1	1200	331	208	400	
Onancock	27	190	1	6	15	2	4	6000	1	2000	1400		75	
Parsonsburg	111	210	2	21	1	4	4	3300	1	250	10	40	70	
Pocomoke Circuit	80	115	2	2	10	4	4	3500					45	
Pocomoke City	22	105	2	4	2	1	1	1500	1	2500	26		136	
Powellville	9	91	1	8	2	2	3	250					400	
Princess Anne	75	520	7	3	67	3	7	12000	1	800	300		530	
Quantico	46	180	1	6	14	4	4	6500	1	1000	138			
Roxanna	150	350	1	6	75	2	3	3500	1	1000			100	
Salisbury	12	188	1	3	5	2	2	7250	1	2500	38		172	
Sharptown	6	117	1	4	9	1	1	2000						
Shortly	17	98	1	5	1	3	3	3700			26		15	
Smith's Island	9	152	1	3	7	1	1	2000			300		50	
Snow Hill	16	184	1	3	13	2	1	8000	1	800	300		200	
Stockton	10	231	1	16	1	4	4	6250	1	1800	322		200	
Tangier	8	135	1	29	1	1	1	1500			100		80	
Westover	29	60	1	1	4	4	4	5000			286	572	490	
Total this year	1215	6145	30	110	751	59	89	154900	19	27000	11590	1558	9140	3360
Total last year	918	6587	32	93	588	35	89	146900	19	27850	8787	1560	6248	3098
Increase	297	558	1	17	163	24	0	8000			2803		2892	262
Decrease	442	2	1	1	1	1	1	850					2	
<i>Recapitulation by Districts.</i>														
Wilmington	1043	6416	39	108	666	215	53	629250	19	47400	11384	3642	19041	12332
Easton	1213	5963	26	111	386	44	76	274490	22	54400	14590	2244	7124	5673
Dover	1405	7909	25	130	615	87	99	254240	23	40300	17135	2150	17867	5183
Salisbury	1215	6145	30	110	751	59	89	154900	19	27000	11590	1558	9140	3360
Total this year	4876	26433	120	459	2418	405	317	1312790	83	160100	54699	9594	53172	26548
Total last year	3578	26857	118	365	2189	185	316	1270028	79	163350	53495	14248	46062	29605
Increase	1298	9576	2	94	229	220	1	42762	4	5750	1204		7110	
Decrease	424	2	1	1	1	1	1	4654					3057	



SALISBURY DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 1.

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.															MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.	
		FOR MISSIONS			For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday-School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	For Pastors, Presiding Elder and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Collections.			
		From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Total.														
Annamesssex	2	25	135	\$ 42	\$ 23	\$ 65	\$ 12	3	5	11	\$ 7	\$ 6	\$ 6	\$ 5	\$ 11	\$ 815	30	\$ 5
Asbury	1	17	175	5	120	125	20	4	4	20	20	8	5	1	1110	30	4	
Barren Creek	3	20	75	5	1	6	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	268	7	3	
Berlin	3	20	225	30	50	80	10	1	1	15	15	25	2	2	780	25	13	
Bethel	2	14	150	44	6	50	10	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	655	15	5	
Bishopville	2	25	220	8	22	30	10	2	2	12	4	6	1	1	381	16	5	
Chincoteague	3	23	159	24	6	30	10	1	1	5	3	1	1	1	563	15	5	
Crisfield	1	32	260	50	75	125	20	5	5	20	30	11	14	1	1110	50	22	
Deal's Island	2	33	175	7	68	75	20	4	4	20	25	7	50	1	1010	40	50	
Delmar	4	55	300	72	33	105	12	5	5	16	9	9	9	1	698	22	35	
Fairmount	3	50	346	40	510	550	30	6	11	13	113	11	130	1	1265	105	56	
Frankford	4	60	425	85	15	100	15	1	1	5	25	1	9	1	1055	35	56	
Fruitland	4	36	200	20	25	45	10	1	1	5	11	1	1	1	536	20	6	
Gumboro	5	35	350	100	25	125	25	3	3	20	26	2	2	1	1010	45	6	
Holland's Island	1	9	60	44	16	60	10	2	2	5	13	2	2	1	355	15	10	
Laurel	1	24	215	58	62	120	15	2	2	12	10	2	2	1	1020	55	10	
Newark	4	50	220	61	3	64	10	2	2	10	43	2	2	1	750	25	5	
Onancock	3	26	280	58	42	100	10	2	2	5	11	2	15	1	780	35	8	
Parsonsbury	3	30	196	68	7	75	16	3	3	10	9	2	15	1	630	30	15	
Pocomoke Cir.	4	22	110	40	15	55	15	2	2	8	8	3	1	1	384	15	9	
Pocomoke City	1	28	100	26	32	58	15	2	2	5	5	3	10	1	700	30	5	
Powellville	3	27	140	12	3	15	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	268	10	9	
Princess Anne	6	70	500	94	36	130	10	10	10	2	44	10	34	1	1091	26	4	
Quantico	4	39	226	75	5	80	10	1	1	3	4	2	23	1	750	40	2	
Roxanna	3	40	250	37	23	60	10	2	2	13	3	10	10	1	805	20	5	
Salisbury	2	31	223	48	72	120	32	4	4	15	24	8	1	1	1035	50	52	
Sharptown	1	24	170	15	10	25	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	485	10	4	
Shortly	4	22	155	20	4	24	10	1	1	1	6	2	1	1	288	10	2	
Smith's Island	4	19	138	107	13	120	10	3	3	10	8	5	1	1	144	10	10	
Snow Hill	1	22	144	75	75	150	18	4	4	12	8	61	1	1	920	47	20	
Stockton	4	40	300	22	14	36	10	4	4	3	5	5	1	1	860	20	11	
Tangier	2	30	175	87	38	125	12	3	3	10	5	6	1	1	725	35	10	
Westover	4	27	90	31	15	46	10	2	2	2	18	1	1	1	357	10	6	
Total this year..	95	1045	6887	1510	1464	2974	457	79	95	251	635	137	403	12	23603	938	352	
Total last year..	87	955	6615	1153	1486	2679	460	68	69	139	75	100	294	11	21685	942	413	
Increase	8	90	272	357	22	295	11	26	112	560	37	109	12	1	1918	4	61	
Decrease																		
Recap. by Dists.																		
Wilmington	63	1227	9476	1836	4635	6471	548	93	100	419	737	99	892	5	31495	1593	477	
Easton	74	1013	6486	1336	2010	3346	276	87	81	183	703	105	454	4	26073	1272	836	
Dover	102	1530	9665	1311	1146	2457	234	54	51	138	607	111	434	6	25587	1082	605	
Salisbury	95	1045	6887	1510	1464	2974	457	79	95	251	635	137	403	12	23603	938	352	
Total this year	334	4815	32514	5993	9255	15248	1515	313	327	991	2682	452	2183	27	106758	4885	2270	
Total last year..	336	4523	30708	6211	9904	16115	1576	324	307	872	536	446	2245	27	92307	4928	1943	
Increase	2	292	1806	282	251	1633	139	11	20	119	2146	6	27	1	14451	327	327	
Decrease																		

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 2.

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTORS.	PASTORS.			PRES'DNG ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONF. CLAIMANTS.	
		Claim, including rental value of Parsonage, or house rent.	Receipts, including rental value of Parsonage or house rent.	Deficiency.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.
Annamesssex	J. D. Johnson	\$ 750	\$ 750	\$ ..	\$ 60	\$ 60	\$ 5	\$ 5	\$ 25	\$ 30
Asbury	W. E. Avery	1025	1025	..	75	75	10	10	30	30
Barren Creek	J. W. Gray	268	268	..	20	20	..	..	10	7
Berlin	C. A. Grice	725	725	..	50	50	5	5	25	25
Bethel	A. T. Melvin	600	600	..	50	50	5	5	15	15
Bishopville	E. P. Roberts	350	350	..	25	25	4	4	10	16
Chincoteague	J. D. Reese	525	525	..	45	35	5	5	10	15
Deal's Island	W. W. Wilson	1025	1025	..	75	75	10	10	40	50
Delmar	J. D. C. Hanna	925	925	..	75	75	10	10	40	40
Fairmount	A. Chandler	660	695	..	55	55	8	8	20	22
Frankford	W. H. Hutchin	1150	1150	..	100	100	15	15	80	105
Fruitland	W. J. Duhadway	960	960	..	80	80	15	15	35	35
Gumboro	J. M. Lindale	515	493	22	40	35	5	5	20	20
Holland's Island	W. F. Corkran	925	925	..	70	70	15	15	25	45
Laurel	Robt. Roe	325	325	..	25	25	5	5	10	15
Newark	F. C. McSorley	930	930	..	75	50	15	15	55	55
Onancock	G. W. Wilcox	800	750	50	55	50	5	5	25	25
Parsonsbury	I. G. Fosnacht	725	725	..	50	50	5	5	35	35
Pocomoke Cir.	W. L. P. Bowen	625	575	50	55	50	5	5	15	30
Pocomoke City	E. H. Derrickson	360	360	..	20	20	4	4	10	15
Powellville	W. E. England	800	800	..	45	45	5	5	25	30
Princess Anne	W. W. Johnson	241	241	..	20	20	2	2	10	10
Quantico	W. E. Tomkinson	1138	988	150	100	86	20	15	50	26
Roxanna	T. H. Harding	750	727	23	70	55	5	5	40	40
Salisbury	E. H. Hynson	800	800	..	50	50	10	10	35	20
Sharptown	W. B. Walton	950	950	..	75	75	10	10	40	50
Shortly	E. H. Miller	450	450	..	35	35	2	1	10	10
Smith's Island	W. Jaggard	288	288	..	25	5	2	1	10	10
Snow Hill	Jno. Tyler	400	400	..	40	40	10	10	10	10
Stockton	J. H. Willey	850	850	..	60	60	10	10	40	47
Tangier	W. R. McFarlane	960	734	226	70	57	10	8	20	20
Westover	C. S. Baker	660	660	..	60	60	5	5	30	35
	W. B. Guthrie	350	327	23	20	20	2	2	10	10
Total this year		22805	22296	544	1770	1558	234	224	865	938
Total last year		21936	21500	536	1650	1572	241	225	790	942
Increase		869	796	8	120	114	7	1	75	10
Decrease										
Recapitulation by Districts.										
Wilmington		29338	29294	243	1858	1821	435	382	1595	1593
Easton		25189	24815	514	1542	1542	310	296	1320	1272
Dover		24824	23900	980	1505	1455	239	195	1140	1082
Salisbury		22805	22296	544	1770	1558	234	224	865	938
Total this year		102156	100305	2281	6675	6376	1218	1097	4920	4885
Total last year		90328	95787	961	6507	6326	1213	1042	4710	4928
Increase		5828	4518	1320	168	50	5	55	210	327
Decrease										



# TABULATION OF THE COLLECTIONS.

J. W. YOUNG.

## SALISBURY DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	No. of 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 Probat nrs.	No. of Conversions.
Annemessex	2	25	135	60	50	25	100	100	\$ 50 00	15	23	50	17		
Asbury	1	17	175	100	35	40	140		33 00	12	17	45	15		
Barren Creek	3	20	75	40	15	20	50					20	8		
Berlin	3	40	225	70	130	25	145	200	100 00	13	40	100	25		
Bethel Circuit	3	14	150	45	55	50	85	120	30 00	3	14	35	7		
Bishopville	2	25	220	25	180	15	150		40 00	6	25	10	10		
Chincoteague	3	23	159	40	80	39	112	250	8 00		20	8	6		
Crisfield	1	32	260	100	80	80	222	200	125 00	25	27	35	20		
Deal's Island	2	33	175	50	90	35	100		50 00		24	32	22		
Delmar	4	55	300	100	140	60	210	400	60 00		50		6		
Fairmount	3	50	346	175	83	88	200	100	144 00	30	41	49	117	38	
Frankford	4	60	425	125	200	100	300		85 00		12	60		25	5
Fruitland	4	36	200	65	103	32	100	320	25 00		35	30	20		
Gumboro	5	35	350	50	175	125	200	200	60 00		10	35	60	7	7
Holland's Island	1	9	60	25	29	6	45	100	10 00	24	6	9	13	4	
Laurel	1	24	215	100	30	85	130		129 00	35	40	20	24	63	29
Newark	4	50	220	62	75	83	170	350	50 00		15	50	60	29	
Onancock	3	26	280	50	152	78	140	425	94 00	55		23	50	17	
Parsonsborg	3	30	196	98	60	34	115	125	30 00		11	30	70	40	
Pocomoke Circuit	4	22	110	40	50	20	80	60	60 00		12	24	35	16	
Pocomoke City	1	28	100	30	45	25	80	135	25 00		20	27	20	20	
Powellville	3	27	140	40	75	25	90		10 00			19	25		
Princess Anne	6	70	500	200	250	50	300	500	100 00		30	80	250	50	
Quantico	4	39	226	100	75	51	138	237	38 00		6	26	43	10	
Roxanna	3	40	250	150	100		175	100	30 00	45	12	40	90	71	
Salisbury	2	31	223	101	66	56	120	331	132 00		20	29	62	6	
Sharptown	1	24	170	75	50	45	150	150	20 00		2	20	15	7	
Shortly	4	22	155	103	30	22	125	130	25 00		4	16	70	8	
Smith's Island	4	19	138	47	55	36	90	200	20 00	9	6	19	25	2	
Snow Hill	1	22	144	48	59	37	110	420	28 00		19	22	46	6	
Stockton	4	40	300	75	150	75	175		46 00		24			8	
Tangier	2	30	175	85	55	35	150		20 00		2	25	24	2	
Westover	4	27	90	45	25	20	60		14 00		12	15	21	12	
Total this year	95	1045	6887	2519	2847	1521	4557	5143	1711 00	198	40	382	945	1511	536
Total last year	87	955	6615	1663	2080	958	2967	4583	1464 00	160	55	331	756	1002	268
Increase	8	90	272	856	767	563	1590	560	247 00	38	15	51	189	509	268
Decrease															
Recapitulation by Districts.															
Wilmington District	63	1227	9476	3339	3435	2702	6255	13599	5091 00	573	30	760	1120	1802	607
Easton District	74	1013	6486	2300	2722	1464	4011	9258	2469 00	279	35	536	949	1284	455
Dover District	102	1430	9665	3808	3737	2120	6595	8785	3391 00	100	220	606	1351	2028	594
Salisbury District	95	1045	6887	2519	2847	1521	4557	5143	1711 00	198	40	382	945	1511	536
Total this year	334	4715	32514	11966	12741	7807	21418	36785	12662 00	1150	325	2374	4374	6625	2192
Total last year	336	4571	30708	10485	11185	6909	17562	40495	12556 00	824	302	2348	3859	5957	1806
Increase	...	144	1806	1481	1456	898	3856		106 00	326	23	26	515	668	386
Decrease	2							3710							

The collections here tabulated are the seven ordered by the General Conference for aggressive Evangelical work, namely: for Missions, Church Extension, Freedmen's Aid, Tract, Sunday School and Bible causes, and for Board of Education.

The Charges are graded by the average per member, including probationers, to the seven collections added together. Charges, giving equally, take the same number in the scale.

The minimum standard is: for Missions, 40 cents; Church Extension, 8 cents; Freedmen's Aid, 7 cents; Bible, 4 cents; and for Tract, Sunday School and Board of Education, each 2 cents; total 65 cents.

The charges marked G. are such as have a group of not less than three collections which are not above half the minimum standard; or, if they are uniform in amount, not above two-thirds of the standard.

This is the class of charges counted in the "Pseudo Group" in tabulation of the districts as they appear in the Manual of October, 1884, and will appear again in the next number of the Manual, where further explanations and illustrations may be found.

Rank of the charges in 1885.	Rank in a similar table for 1884.	Rank in a similar table for 1883.	Rank in a similar table for 1882.	Rank in a similar table for 1881.	CHARGES GRADED BY THEIR AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION PER MEMBER TO THE SEVEN COLLECTIONS.	Ministerial Support.	Members, including Probationers.	Average per member for the seven collections.	Number of blanks.	No under min. standard.	Group of small collections.
1	1	1	1	1	Grace, Wilmington	\$ 3236	495	\$6.14	0	I	..
2	3	4	3	104	Fairmount	1265	337	2.18	0	I	..
3	4	2	4	5	Middletown	1391	266	2.04	0	I	..
4	7	6	9	7	Odessa	1174	191	1.62	0	I	..
5	6	8	10	6	Asbury, Wilmington	1835	830	1.55	0	I	..
6	5	3	2	2	Hockessin	415	37	1.51	2	I	..
7	8	20	6	13	Dover	1622	557	1.48	0	I	..
8	20	40	31	18	Holland's Island	355	68	1.40	0	I	..
9	10	14	2	3	St. Paul's and Kingswood, Wilmington	1885	535	1.35	0	I	..
10	9	11	8	8	Port Deposit	1302	262	1.28	0	I	..
11	35	20	27	31	Newport and Stanton	1059	229	1.21	0	I	..
12	12	16	33	20	North East	1000	185	1.19	0	I	..
13	16	10	16	13	Tangier	725	143	1.15	0	I	..
14	18	22	36	22	Still Pond	1139	268	1.15	0	I	..
15	17	61	59	46	Galena	758	156	1.15	0	I	..
16	121	3	5	110	Claymont	288	34	1.12	4	I	..
17	10	13	14	14	Smyrna	1582	556	1.09	0	I	..
18	25	59	45	57	Crisfield	1110	200	1.08	0	I	..
19	2	5	8	..	Sassafras	436	41	1.07	0	I	..
20	23	25	115	43	Snow Hill	920	200	1.05	0	I	..
21	21	39	29	35	Salisbury	1035	200	1.04	0	I	..
22	45	96	56	102	Asbury	1110	200	1.01	0	I	..
23	15	11	15	10	Elkton and Crouch's Chapel	1269	291	1.01	0	I	..
24	50	101	110	101	Smith's Island	144	161	1.00	0	I	..
25	47	30	33	98	Kent Island	1014	145	.99	0	I	..
26	47	28	50	35	St. Michael's	1068	313	.94	0	I	..
27	77	116	45	..	Westover Circuit	357	89	.91	0	I	..
28	32	36	54	42	Deal's Island	1010	170	.88	0	I	..
29	9	10	6	4	Chestertown	1245	330	.81	0	I	..
30	26	22	27	18	Newark and Wesley	1119	216	.81	0	I	..
31	64	88	69	63	Delmar	608	203	.77	0	I	..
32	84	74	108	92	Berlin	780	148	.77	0	I	..
33	41	42	38	28	Centerville	1228	349	.77	0	I	..
34	14	15	16	15	Union, Wilmington	1538	545	.77	0	I	..
35	62	94	48	..	Oxford	436	108	.76	0	I	..
36	26	34	23	46	Laurel	1020	223	.73	0	I	..

COLLECTIONS OF CHARGES.—CONTINUED.

RANK OF THE CHARGES IN 1885.					RANK IN A SIMILAR TABLE FOR 1881.					RANK IN A SIMILAR TABLE FOR 1883.					RANK IN A SIMILAR TABLE FOR 1882.					RANK IN A SIMILAR TABLE FOR 1881.					CHARGES GRADED BY THEIR AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION PER MEMBER TO THE SEVEN COLLECTIONS.					MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		MEMBERS, INCLUDING PROBATIONERS.		AVERAGE PER MEMBER FOR THE SEVEN COLLECTIONS.		NUMBER OF BLANKS.		NO. UNDER MIN. STANDARD.		GROUP OF SMALL COLLECTIONS.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																												
37	19	18	16	13	37	52	53	25	28	39	32	37	12	75	41	58	103	81	57	41	36	38	59	62	43	66	61	40	27	44	...	...	...	...	44	...	...	...	...	45	23	18	23	25	46	41	34	20	28	47	41	45	55	51	49	...	...	...	...	50	26	28	30	77	51	38	26	44	37	52	52	44	64	31	52	82	107	108	98	55	36	27	33	12	56	93	69	70	63	57	38	33	57	2	58	22	22	18	26	58	55	64	70	41	60	47	72	40	85	61	75	50	57	50	61	40	21	20	22	63	72	83	83	72	63	29	96	97	...	66	46	41	86	22	67	85	77	68	43	67	75	55	52	51	67	52	55	39	31	70	63	30	7	11	71	70	66	93	95	71	29	47	37	34	73	13	50	45	39	73	85	79	67	72	73	85	103	73	18	76	120	103	73	18	77	85	83	81	67	78	97	105	101	95	78	61	79	86	80	78	78	61	73	57	82	50	32	40	63	82	74	74	51	39	82	34	17	22	17	82	64	79	86	83	86	66	93	83	85	86	77	96	101	95	88	58	66	91	67	89	...	...	...	...	89	97	88	79	63	89	107	108	106	77	89	80	88	83	93	89	80	96	97	57	93	120	116	115	...	95	...	...	...	...	96	82	50	52	46	96	58	96	93	104	96	89	112	95	83	96	80	45	43	37	100	103	53	73	55	100	97	94	76	85	102	93	86	92	93	102	93	83	59	55	102	55	42	31	43	105	...	...	...	...

COLLECTIONS OF CHARGES.—CONTINUED.

RANK OF THE CHARGES IN 1885.					RANK IN A SIMILAR TABLE FOR 1884.					RANK IN A SIMILAR TABLE FOR 1883.					RANK IN A SIMILAR TABLE FOR 1882.					RANK IN A SIMILAR TABLE FOR 1881.					CHARGES GRADED BY THEIR AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION PER MEMBER TO THE SEVEN COLLECTIONS.					MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.		MEMBERS, INCLUDING PROBATIONERS.		AVERAGE PER MEMBER FOR THE SEVEN COLLECTIONS.		NUMBER OF BLANKS.		NO. UNDER MIN. STANDARD.		GROUP OF SMALL COLLECTIONS.																																																											
106	66	59	59	53	*106	71	56	64	67	108	89	...	...	...	†109	109	108	110	98	109	107	79	59	...	111	110	86	101	102	111	104	47	64	82	†111	120	91	97	77	†114	...	...	...	...	†115	113	105	105	89	†115	97	69	86	75	†118	97	...	...	...	†118	55	74	76	67	†120	114	112	104	89	121	112	...	...	...	122	115	110	95	85	122	111	102	97	87	*122	120	...	...	...	†125	97	91	73	21	126	...	...	...	...

\* Large amounts raised for "Building and Improvement," or for payment on "Old Indebtedness on Church Property." No charges are thus marked which have raised less for these purposes than the amount of their own pastoral support.

† Large number of probationers—none being thus marked which have less than one-fourth as many probationers as they have full members.

MEMORABILIA.

No.	Date.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.	Delegates to General Conference.
1	Mar. 17, '69.	Wilmington.	M. Simpson.	S. L. Gracey.	
2	Mar. 16, '70.	Port Deposit.	E. S. Janes.	"	1872.—{ J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney.
3	Mar. 8, '71.	Dover.	L. Scott.	"	{ Chas. Hill, Reserves—J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd.
4	Feb. 21, '72.	Laurel.	E. R. Ames.	T. E. Martindale.	
5	Mar. 5, '73.	Easton.	L. Scott.	"	
6	Mar. 4, '74.	Salisbury.	I. W. Wiley.	"	1876.—{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England.
7	Mar. 17, '75.	Smyrna.	E. S. Janes.	"	Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.
8	Mar. 15, '76.	Wilmington.	L. Scott.	"	
9	Mar. 7, '77.	Milford.	E. R. Ames.	"	
10	Mar. 13, '78.	Chestertown.	R. S. Foster.	"	
11	Mar. 19, '79.	New Castle.	M. Simpson.	"	1880.—{ L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby, Chas. Hill
12	Mar. 17, '80.	Dover.	E. G. Andrews.	"	Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R. W. Todd.
13	Mar. 16, '81.	Lewes.	Thos. Bowman.	Jno. D. Rigg.	
14	Mar. 8, '82.	Middletown.	J. F. Hurst.	"	
15	Mar. 7, '83.	Cambridge, Md.	M. Simpson.	"	1884.—{ J. H. Caldwell, Chas. Hill, J. B. Quigg.
16	Mar. 5, '84.	Wilmington.	W. L. Harris.	"	
17	Mar. 12, '85.	Snow Hill, Md.	S. M. Merrill.	"	Reserves—T. E. Martindale, I. A. B. Wilson.

## REPORTS OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

### WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

In presenting this, my second report of the work on Wilmington District, I desire first of all, to express my grateful acknowledgments to the Giver of all good for the perservation of health and strength; with but two or three exceptions, the work assigned, has been performed with the devotement of my whole time and energy. Bro. John Shilling who received a supernumerary relation at the last Conference, died in peace at his home in Wilmington, July 22nd. Rev. Henry Colclazer, after 56 years' faithful service, during which time he was honored with positions of trust and distinction, by his own request, at our last session, was also placed on the supernumerary list. After a brief illness, he passed to his heavenly home on the 18th of December. Suitable memoirs have been prepared and will be read at the memorial service. Several weeks before the close of the Conference year, Our Bro. T. R. Creamer was called to endure intense personal suffering. I am most glad to state, however, that, restored to his health, he is now able to take his place among his brethren, and with them, still engage in the work of "proclaiming the acceptable year of the Lord." With these exceptions, the ministers and their families, have been mercifully preserved, and the brethren have been able to attend to their work uninterruptedly. This District embraces several manufacturing towns, which have felt the effects of the wide-spread depression in business: consequently, I fear the benevolences may suffer. Some effort has been made to awaken and support a healthy sentiment in the cause of temperance; that portion of the District lying in Maryland has a local option law, and though the law is somewhat defective, it places the fearful traffic under legal condemnation. In Delaware, liquor selling wears the garb of respectability conferred by legislation. I trust the time is not far distant, when, instead of the rippling waves, so recently heard, there shall be a mighty ground-swell of awakened purposes, that will sweep from the land this fearful iniquity, which blights so many homes, and produces so much distress.

Our Sunday School work has been well sustained, even in the rural districts. Many of the schools are continued through the year, and are well supplied with library books, journals, lesson-leaves, and a noble corps of teachers. I have directed special attention to the Catechism, insisting that it shall go side by side with the "Berean lessons," and have reason to believe its use is becoming more general. The reports show that a large percentage of the conversions is from the Sunday School. Children's Day was generally observed with appropriate exercises and with most excellent results. The reports of the class leaders, show an average attendance upon the class meeting of a little less than one-third of the membership. They also reveal the fact that many are habitually absent. This is a cause for sadness. The good which has accrued to the church from this means of grace, cannot be estimated. Whenever and wherever the class has been regularly attended, it has incited the membership to higher personal experience, and, by affording greater facilities for religious conversation and labour, has brought the Church into more intimate fellowship, while the experience and counsel of the fathers and mothers in Israel have been of incalculable service to the younger and less advanced portion of the flock. Standing as we now do, at the close of our first century, and looking back upon our growth and development, we must admit that the

class meeting has been a prominent factor in our advancement, in that it has contributed so largely to help the weak, and to develop a stronger, and more vigorous type of Christianity. It would be a cause for thankfulness and congratulation if we could enter upon our second century with the same zeal for the class meeting which characterized our fathers in Methodism.

At our last session it was resolved, "that the special centenary collection, as well as the general education collection, should be for the benefit of the Conference Academy." The committee designated a day on which the collection should be taken but as only sixteen charges of the thirty responded, the offering is small, aggregating \$548.75. The Conference also recommended Dickinson College as a worthy object of Centennial benefaction, although no special collection has been taken for the College. The Hon. Jacob Tome, residing in the bounds of the District, has given the handsome sum of \$25,000,—for the purpose of erecting a building on the College grounds, to be known as "The Tome Memorial Scientific Building." Revival meetings have been held in all the charges, and attended with success; and in some the result has been truly glorious; the number of conversions, being, as reported, 1520. The church at Glasgow, named in my last report, has been finished at a cost of \$3300.00 \$2400.00 has been paid, leaving a balance of \$960.00, a part of which is provided for by subscription. The dedication was followed by revival services which resulted in about eighty accessions to the church. The Brandywine church has been enlarged by an addition of fifteen feet, and a recess-pulpit of six feet. They now have a beautiful audience room, walls frescoed, floor carpeted, seats cushioned, with every necessary convenience for Sunday School work, costing \$4300.00, all of which has been paid. I regard this as a very great success, and it is attributable, under the blessing of the Lord, to the pastor, Rev. E. L. Hubbard, and his faithful co-laborer, Bro. Eli Mendenhall. While these improvements were being made, a large tent was raised on the green, near the church, in which revival meetings were held, resulting in over one hundred and fifty conversions, doubling the membership. A class of twenty five members, largely the result Sunday of School effort, has been formed at Edge Moor, and placed under the care of the pastor of Brandywine Church. A board of Trustees has been formed according to law, a lot has been donated, \$300.00 has been subscribed toward building a house of worship, and the time is not far distant when a neat Chapel will be erected to meet the demands of Methodism at that place. Salem Church, on Christiana Circuit, has been thoroughly repaired at a cost of \$750.00; \$600.00 have been paid, leaving a balance of \$150.00, a part of which is provided for by subscription. Ebenezer Church, on the same Circuit, has been greatly improved. A debt of \$2000.00, which has rested upon Bethel, Chester Circuit, from the time of its dedication, has been paid, and the Trustees of the same church have purchased a very desirable parsonage, with four acres of ground, at a cost of \$2800.00. For this advanced movement, great credit is due the pastor, Rev. I. W. Layfield. The Sunday School of Asbury, Wilmington, numbers nearly eight hundred. The church feels the need of larger and better accommodations to meet this demand. The trustees, under the lead of the pastor, the Rev. W. L. S. Murray, contemplate certain improvements which will give them about one-third more room for Sunday School purposes, two additional class rooms, and a library room. The estimated cost of the improvement is about \$7000.00, \$2000.00 of which have been secured. Silver Brook, a mission of Asbury, located in the western part of the city, has a class of thirty members and probationers, a Sunday School of forty-five scholars, and thirteen officers and teachers. A lot has been purchased, and deeded to a board of trustees, elected according to the laws of the State of Delaware, a neat Chapel twenty-eight by forty is being erected, and will soon be ready for dedication. The cost of the Chapel will be about \$1500.00. To meet this, the trustees have about \$1000.00 of available funds. Improvements have been made on the church at North East, costing \$260.00 which have been paid, and the debt resting on the church, reduced to \$100.00. A bequest of \$5000.00 to the Methodist Episcopal Church at North East, made by the late Jethro McCullough, now

becomes available by the recent death of his widow; \$3000.00 of which go into the hands of the trustees, for the improvement of the Cemetery of the Church, and the remaining \$2000.00 are held in trust by his son Enoch, the interest of which, is to aid in the support of the Church at North East. The Sunday School room at St. John's, on Zion Circuit, has been re-fitted and re-furnished, and the infant school room at New Castle has been greatly beautified. The parsonage at Mt. Pleasant has been improved at a cost of \$425.00, and the parsonage at Newark, Delaware has been made very comfortable by an outlay of \$300.00. The cost of these improvements has been paid. The Swedish Mission of Wilmington was without a pastor from March until August. After making several ineffectual attempts to supply it from the Swedish work, I obtained, through the influence of Rev. B. T. Carlston, the delegate from Sweden to the late General Conference, Rev. Axel Z. Fryxell, direct from Sweden. I am glad to report that the Mission is doing well. It has a membership of thirty-seven members, and eleven probationers. The Missionary is extending his labour among the Swedes in Chester, and in Philadelphia, and has formed a class in each place. This is an important work. There are many Swedish families in these cities, and yet there is not an ordained Methodist minister among the Swedes in all the region of country extending from Wilmington to New York.

In several of the churches, the committees on education have formed, under the supervision of their Quarterly Conference, Lyceums for mental and social improvement. The effect of these upon our young people has been most encouraging, and promises permanent good to the church. In a few of the churches, under the direction and leadership of the pastor, Chautauqua L. S. C.'s have been organized, placing within the reach of our people increased advantages for intellectual growth and development. There are five hundred and eight subscribers to the *Advocate* on the District. I have been received kindly by my brethren in the ministry and laity, and nothing has occurred to mar our peace, or to interrupt our pleasant associations.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. HILL, P. E.

#### EASTON DISTRICT.

Through the tender mercy of my adorable God and Savior, I have been preserved in bodily health and vigor through my first year on the Easton District. The lives of the preachers under my charge have also been preserved, and few of them have suffered any serious illness during the year. Death has entered the households of three of our brethren. Bros. J. E. Kidney and A. S. Mowbray have each lost an infant, and Bro. Newton McQuay, about two weeks ago, was called to mourn the death of his amiable wife. He nursed her for forty-one days of suffering, and at the same time conducted revival meetings which resulted in the conversion of two hundred souls. Such success, amid patient vigils and tears of bereavement, has scarcely a parallel in our history.

I found the District well manned with a corps of efficient and zealous workers, who, for the most part, have performed their duties faithfully. Most of them have been very successful in the main object of the ministerial vocation—winning souls for Christ.

There has been an unusual number of changes on the District. Church Hill was left at the last Conference with "one to be supplied," and Rev. John M. Clark, a venerable Local Elder, was appointed at the first Quarterly Conference, but retired at the end of the second quarter, and Bro. O'Neill, since then, has performed all the work on the circuit with great satisfaction and success.

Bro. Isaac L. Wood, after his graduation from Dickinson College, entered upon his work on King's Creek Circuit early in June, his place having been previously supplied by Bro. Jones, a Local preacher.

About the 1st of July, Bro. T. E. Bell felt constrained, by the pressure of necessity, to give up his work on Ingleside Circuit, and a Local preacher, Rev. W. W. Chairs, was appointed a supply for the remainder of the year.

About the middle of October the pulpits of two prominent stations—Easton and Chestertown—became vacant by judicial action. The former was supplied by the transfer of Rev. H. S. Thompson from the New Hampshire Conference, and the latter by the appointment of Rev. C. H. Baker, an excellent Local preacher, residing in the place. These two changes were followed by the most salutary results. At Easton, Bro. Thompson commenced revival services the first of the year, which, with but little abatement of interest, have continued to the present, resulting in the conversion of 185 souls.

At Chestertown, Bro. Baker commenced revival services which continued several weeks and resulted in the conversion of 182 souls. He was assisted by two lady evangelists, Mrs. Kenney and Mrs. Smith, of Philadelphia.

By means of faithful labor on the part of consecrated workers, and the blessed influences of the Holy Ghost, the church membership at both of these places has been brought to a higher plane of spirituality than was ever known among them before. The most hardened sinners, and bitterest scoffers have been subdued by the power of saving grace and become "new creatures in Christ Jesus." Thus the broken walls of our Zion have been repaired so gloriously as to be unprecedented in the history of our Conference.

Revival power has in like manner visited other charges in the district; no less than twenty-two, or more than two thirds of them, having experienced rich outpourings of the Holy Spirit. Besides Marydel, Easton and Chestertown, which have been mentioned, J. E. Kidney reports for Hillsborough 95 conversions; I. L. Wood for King's Creek, 90; R. K. Stephenson, for Trappe, 97; C. K. Morris, for Townsend, 62; L. P. Corkran, Queenstown, 60; E. C. Macnichol, Pomona, 64; A. Stengle, Middletown, 50; J. B. Quigg, Smyrna, 36; D. H. Corkran, Crumpton, 31; T. L. Tomkinson, Millington, 29; A. P. Prettyman, Talbot, 30; J. O. Sypherd, Suddlersville, 23; W. J. O'Neill, Church Hill, 30; G. S. Conoway, Rock Hill, 20; J. A. Arters, Kent Island, 25; D. F. Waddell, Appoquinimink, 17; A. Smith, Greensboro, 16; O. S. Walton, Sassafras, 13; T. E. Terry, Centreville, 12. Other pastors report smaller numbers, aggregating 50, all footing up 1415 conversions for Easton District during the past year. If these conversions were equally distributed among the 31 charges, it would give to each an average of over 45. This is the Lord's doing and marvelous in our eyes. We mark especially, the presence and influence of consecrated women as an evangelistic force. Now, as in the olden time, the "daughters" as well as the "sons" of the Church do "prophecy."

The benevolent collections have nearly all been taken, some of them in advance of former years. The salaries of the pastors on several charges have also been increased, and further advances are expected the coming year.

The building and improving of churches and parsonages, and payment of church debts, have been progressing with very encouraging results. At Suddlersville, under the supervision of Bro. Sypherd, who deserves credit for his intelligent skill in plan and management, a beautiful and attractive church has been erected at a cost of \$8,500. It has been called the "Gem of the Peninsula."

At Cordova, on King's Creek charge, under Bro. Isaac L. Wood, a small chapel has been built at a cost of nearly \$1,500, and will soon be ready for use.

At Golts, on Queen Anne and Kent R. R., a lot has been secured, properly deeded, with a subscription of several hundred dollars, and at an early day it is proposed to build a chapel.

Arrangements have been commenced to build a church at Hawkins, on Marydel Circuit, near Hartley, on D. & C. R. R.

At Union and Betterton, on Still Pond charge, under the energetic supervision of Bro. Barrett, the churches have been repaired at a cost of \$612, making, with the improvement of Still Pond church last year, an expenditure of about \$10,000 under his pastorate; all paid for.

At Holden's and Blackiston's, under Bro. Tomkinson, about \$1000 have been paid out for suitable improvements, including something paid on the parsonage at Millington.

Bro. Macnichol has succeeded in beautifully renovating Salem Church, at Fairlee, on Pomona charge, at a cost of \$1050.

Bro. D. H. Corkran has had the Churches at Crumpton and Double Creek improved; cost about \$800.

At Church Hill, Sister M. A. Evans, at her own expense, improved the parsonage by adding a handsome front porch. She also supplied the Church with a beautiful communion service.

The parsonage at Royal Oak, Rev. B. C. Warren, pastor, has been completed and partly furnished. Other improvements have been made at various points. The amount expended on buildings and improvements, is about \$14,000.

At Easton, a sexton's dwelling was erected a few months ago, at a cost of \$900. Over \$1,200 have been paid on Church debts during the year.

Under the new rule which authorizes a Presiding Elder, when unavoidably absent, to appoint a traveling Elder to hold quarterly Conferences, I appointed Bro. T. L. Tomkinson to hold three, while I was called to another part of the district on important official business. These three and eight others, held by preachers in charge during the session of the General Conference, are all the Quarterly Conferences that I missed; all the rest, 113 in number, I held myself. Great peace and harmony have prevailed in nearly all the Quarterly Conferences, and they have been generally well attended by the official members. I have endeavored to impress them with a sense of their obligation to attend them, and to regard them not merely as business meetings, but religious meetings as well. In many instances the quarterly meetings have been pervaded with earnest religious feeling.

The Sunday-school cause is flourishing throughout the district, and the late revivals will accelerate this interest by the addition of many new scholars, as well as the increase of teachers from among the new converts, who will find in the Sunday-school an open field for the exercise of their gifts, and thus keep the sacred fire, which now warms their hearts, still burning.

The attention of all the pastors has been called to the necessity of observing the rules for the instruction of children, and they have been urged to organize the children's classes in accordance with paragraph 52, of the Discipline. Some of them have done so with gratifying results, and all have been more or less diligent in caring for the children, so that I do not have to report the name of a single pastor as culpably negligent.

Reports of Class Leaders in Quarterly Conferences show that the average attendance on Class-meetings is far below what it ought to be, and this fact should awaken serious concern among our pastors and people.

Due attention has been paid to the circulation of our Church periodicals, and to the cause of education. It is very gratifying to be able to report that our Conference Academy is well patronized in the Easton District.

With earnest prayers that, in labors and successes, the future may be as the past and much more abundant, I respectfully submit this first annual report.

J. H. CALDWELL, P.E.

#### DOVER DISTRICT.

Dover District has had, during the year, peace and prosperity. The health of the brethren has been generally good. Rev. Ignatius T. Cooper, D. D., an aged and honored member of this Conference, died at Camden, Del., April 12th, 1884.

Mrs. Mary Emily Williams, wife of Rev. T. S. Williams, departed this life at Milton, Del., May 29th, 1884. Suitable memoirs will be presented to the Conference.

The grand event of the year was the Centennial at Barrett's Chapel, September 11th and 12th. The speakers were Dr. A. S. Hunt of New York, Drs. Butts and Upham, of Drew Theological Seminary, Bros. Quigg, Willis and Dr. Caldwell of our own body. The addresses were able, interesting and instructive; and the old building was transfigured and glorified in the light of grand historic facts.

To my mind that which is worthy of note is the result of the division of two of our circuits at the last conference. Dover District has been burdened with a large number of double circuits, by which I mean a circuit requiring the services of two preachers. Last year we had five, and at the request of some, though opposed by others, we ventured to recommend a division of two: Dorchester and Harrington. The former was divided into three charges, the latter into two. East New Market, Vienna and Hurlock's were formed out of Dorchester circuit which had a history of nearly an hundred years; Harrington was divided, and Houston circuit was made. When divided, Dorchester circuit had a parsonage embarrassed with debt, which they felt themselves unable to pay, but since, East New Market has purchased the parsonage and paid for it; Vienna has bought a house for \$1200, and put \$300, worth of furniture in it, \$160 repairs on it, and reduced the entire debt to \$800. Hurlock's has bought a church of the Baptists at Cabin Creek for \$600, put \$150 of repairs on it and paid all, save \$100. On the same circuit, Washington church has been improved at a cost of \$670; all paid. The circuit has also built a parsonage for \$1800, upon which they have paid \$500; The building is not yet completed.

Harrington has improved its church property to the amount of \$760; all paid; and Houston has completed a church costing \$2152, paid \$1715, leaving a debt of \$437, of which \$165 are provided, leaving a debt, for which there is no provision, of \$272. But all this is not simply the result of division, but is mainly due to the efficiency of the men who had their work before them. I have several times during the year heard the remark made of Bro. Burke, pastor of Harrington, "he was the right man in the right place," and in connection with Bros. Collins, pastor of Vienna, Dawson of Houston, and Hopkins of Hurlock's, I have often thought of the remark made by an old minister to a young man just from college who said he wanted a place, the old minister said: "Go and make a place." That is what these brethren have done. As for Bro. Ayres, the pastor of East New Market, he has proved himself to be like old wine, the longer he is kept the better he is.

The classes have had much of my care, but I am not prepared to give a full report, owing to the fact that leaders do not give their regular quarterly reports. But I am satisfied that our classes fail not, solely because of the unwillingness of the members to attend this means of grace, but more especially for the want of church accommodations. In the country the complaint is: "We have no time for class; Sunday school at 9 o'clock; public service until 12 o'clock, and after that the people will not remain. Is it not strange that we who claim him who said: "The world is my parish!" are too modest or too mean to claim room enough in the world for a well-ordered, well-appointed church. The evidences of progress, both material and spiritual upon the district, lie all around.

Bro. J. Carroll pastor of Leipsic, has had his head, heart, and hands full in his efforts to carry to completion a church enterprise at Little Creek. The building is way beyond the wants of the people, consequently the burden is extremely heavy; cost \$3600, paid about \$2600, leaving a debt of \$1000 for a small society to carry. May they have sympathy and aid. Rev. T. E. Martindale, pastor of Dover, has had a year of prosperity in every way. The church has been greatly improved at a cost of \$6000, all paid or provided for; and God has been pleased to visit his people, and 60 souls have been added to the church. Among the number are a large proportion of the students of Wilmington Conference Academy, and the pastor's personal comfort has been kindly ministered unto. Rev. W. M. Warner, pastor of Wyoming, has shown himself a true son of Wesley, in that he has been always at it, and at it with all his might. More

than 100 have been converted, a comfortable parsonage has been built, though not paid for, yet not at all embarrassed, except by the indifference of those who, if they were made willing, are amply able to pay for the parsonage and make the circuit a most desirable appointment. Cambridge, Rev. J. E. Bryan pastor, is coming up out of the wilderness leaning upon the arm of her beloved. The church has had a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord; seventy accessions and more to follow, the membership greatly quickened and hopeful, the debt not paid, but reduced about \$680 and clearly ascertained, and interest met. There are in the town of Cambridge a great many of "God's hidden ones;" many who move to town, with or without a certificate, who fail to unite with the church, but if you make a financial statement you will be forcibly reminded of what St. John says: They went out from us, but they were not of us, for if they had been with us, they would no doubt continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. Federalsburg: Revs. J. Warthman and J. P. Smith, pastors, have done nobly. In the town the church has been improved at a cost of \$1650, paid. The church has nine memorial windows: one in honor of Bishop Scott, an other in honor of Bishop Simpson. Woodlandtown: Rev. Geo. L. Hardesty, pastor, has built, and quite paid for a parsonage, for \$1100, which meets a long-felt want. Lincoln: Rev. E. Davis, pastor, has had a revival of great power: sixty nine souls have been converted. Felton: Rev. I. Jewell has had a glorious success. Bridgeville: Rev. W. S. Robinsons, pastor, has been highly favored. The Bethel appointment, which has a history of over an hundred years, has put on the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Altogether 100 have been added to the church. Frederica: Rev. J. E. Mowbray, pastor, has been wonderfully blest; ninety-one have found peace, but the society has been sadly afflicted in the loss of that good man, Mr. William Townsend, whose name, whether living or dead, is an honor to the place. As for Bro. Mowbray he can infuse more enthusiasm into a church and congregation than any one I have the happiness to know, and, in my judgment, he is one of the most original and spiritual preachers of the Conference, and I unhesitatingly place him in the front rank for devotion to God, and success among men.

Rev. A. D. Davis has labored as usual, faithfully, and God has most graciously rewarded him with a most sweeping revival in Denton. Rev. D. F. McFaul is not without abundant fruit of his labors in Millsboro. God has been pleased to pour out his spirit, and souls have been converted. Bethesda appointment has been greatly improved at a cost of \$350: all paid.

As to the benevolences you must wait the reports of the brethren. I herewith present the report of the Institution within the district.

Name, Wilmington Conference Academy; grade, Secondary. Joint Principals, W. L. Gooding, A. M., C. S. Conwell, A. M. Founded, 1873. Number of teachers, 8; number of Students, 169; number of graduates, 75; number of graduates in the ministry, 5. Value of property, \$60,000; indebtedness, \$20,800. Volumes in library, 800.

Value of philosophical apparatus, \$150. Number of mineral and geological specimens, 1500.

Income from tuition, .....	\$11,833 21
" " Educational Fund, .....	388 50

Total .....	\$12,221 71
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Commencement, June 19.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. MILBY, P. E.

### SALISBURY DISTRICT.

The field-work of another year is done, and it remains but to recount its achievements.

With gratitude to the Lord of the harvest, we record that the lives of the laborers have been precious in his sight. But one circle has been broken. Brother and Sister Hanna, in October, were bereaved of their infant daughter, which was permitted to gladden their hearts but one year.

Though no pastor has been for any considerable time incapacitated from labor, yet, in some of our parsonages, sickness has been an almost abiding guest.

At the adjournment of last Conference the District numbered thirty-two appointments, with authority from Bishop Harris to divide Roxanna Circuit, if it should seem best. It so appearing at the second Quarterly Meeting, three months after Conference, Wilson, Ebenezer and St. Martin's were constituted a separate circuit, under the name of Bishopville, with Rev. E. P. Roberts, the Junior Preacher in charge; Rev. E. H. Hynson retaining, under the old name, Roxanna, Bethel and Sound.

Princess Anne Circuit was left to be supplied with a Junior Preacher, and Rev. Jas. Purnell was employed, but resigned in a short time, and Rev. Jas. McK. Brewington was appointed to fill the vacancy, in which position he has grandly acquitted himself, by hard, sterling work, eminently successful revival labor, and has greatly endeared himself to the people of the Circuit.

The success of the year in soul saving, was indicated at the District Association in May, by the solicitude of the pastors for this result. During the whole of the meeting, which was a time of spiritual power, "A revival in my charge" was the theme and burden of every brother.

The Camp Meeting ulcer has broken out in but two places this year, against five eruptions last. The only church on one of the Circuits that fails to pay its pro rata of the preacher's support, is where a Camp was held.

At the first Quarterly Meeting on Deal's Island, the question of their usual annual Camp was mooted and voted down, which, when it became known, greatly aroused Demetrius and his fellow craftsmen, who by this shrine obtained their wealth, and their shouts of "Great is Diana of the Ephesians" were long and loud. But the Paul of the period, unterrified by praises to the goddess, or menace of the craftsmen, at once opened a tabernacle campaign for salvation, without the appliance of horsepound, boarding tent, watermelon booth, confectionery stall, lemonade well, ice cream stand and Sabbath traffic. The Master set the seal of his approval upon the new order of things, and such a revival as the Island has not known in a quarter of a century was the result. 175 professed conversion, and 150 joined the church.

Even Demetrius seems to have been silenced, if not convinced that they can get along toward heaven without their great goddess Diana of the Ephesians, alias, the modern Camp Meeting, whom so many of this world worship.

Though the Deal's Island meeting in June was the beginning, it has by no means been the end, as the following tabulation will show. This arrangement is not in the order of time, but of numerical accomplishment, in the way of probationers actually on the roll at this time.

1. Roxanna Circuit, where Brother E. H. Hynson is closing his third year, leads the District with 152 probationers.
2. Parsonsburg is second with 111, where Brother W. L. P. Bowen is in the first year of his second term of service.
3. Newark, G. W. Wilcox Pastor, in his first year, rejoices over an ingathering of 83.
4. Pocomoke Circuit, E. H. Derrickson, a probationer of the Conference, in his first year on the charge, numbers 80. A blessed beginning to a zealous ministry.
5. Not less than 75 have been given as a reward to faithful labor on Princess Anne Circuit; the converts numbering 120.



6. W. J. Duhadway closes his third year at Frankford with 72 accessions.
7. J. D. C. Hanna at Deal's Island, whose revival opened in June, has severely pruned his list down to 67.
8. Crisfield, with W. W. W. Wilson in his first year, tells the number of 60.
9. From Barren Creek, where J. W. Gray has been toiling for two years on a very small support, he comes rejoicing with a sheaf of fifty souls. From sixty members, under his earnest efforts, the Circuit has grown to 132. A blessed record, yet reached at such a sacrifice and privation as no other man in this conference has experienced. A support of \$300 for a brother with wife and four children, and who must keep a horse with which to do his work, means suffering for some one, and you will not wonder when I tell you that after two years of the most grinding economy, Bro. Gray has fallen behind \$100. I wish we might sympathize with him \$100 worth.
10. Bro. T. H. Harding's second year on Quantico has been fruitful to the extent of 46 accessions.
- Bro. I. D. Johnson returns rejoicing from his second year at Annessex with 40 probationers.
11. Bro. C. A. Grice closes his three successful years at Berlin with 35.
12. Bro. J. D. Reese, a supply at Chincoteague, has received 70 members from the M. P. Church, and has also gained 30 probationers. A good showing for his first year.
- From Gumborough, Bro. W. F. Corkran, for his second year of labor, has a showing of 30.
13. At Westover, W. B. Guthrie has added to the small membership of 60, 29 on trial, and the whole charge shows the result of his sturdy vigor and earnest effort.
14. Delmar, where Bro. A. Chandler is pastor, shows 27, and
15. Onancock, where Bro. I. G. Fosnocht is closing his third year, reaches the same figure, 27.
17. At Asbury, Bro. W. E. Avery, still the beloved and honored pastor, who led his district last Conference with 105 probationers, from 30 conversions this year, has saved, as candidates for membership, 25.
18. Pocomoke City, ministered unto by Rev. W. E. England, one of the Fathers whom we all delight to honor, has been given 24 to gladden his, and the hearts of his heroic people.

Below this number specific mention cannot be made, though many others have toiled just as earnestly and are seemingly as deserving. But their toil is not lost, and shall yet fructify in large results for the future. Every charge, however, has been blessed with accessions, and but four with fewer than ten. 1500 have been converted on the District, and of these more than 1200 remain probationers at this time.

The difference in numbers is caused by the careful weeding of their lists, by the pastors. After all, the care of probationers is still an unsolved problem with us. It seems easier for persons to profess conversion, than to live godly lives in Christ Jesus afterward; hence our shrinkage, and disparaging comments from our sister Churches. Much of the unfavorable contrast we make on the retention of converts, however, is more in appearance than in fact.

We bring them to higher experimental requirements and severer tests, so that it takes a very marked type of piety, (conventional at least,) to meet it. I have observed that our backsliders make acceptable members in other communions. Is it because our conditions of membership are too rigorous, or theirs too lax? In either case it appears better to lose in numbers, than gain by keeping in the church those who have gone back to the world, or to have them enter the church before they leave the world.

Of our 912 probationers last year, but 383 were admitted to full connection. Yet, with these accessions to our list of 6587 and only 95 deaths, we report this year but 5854 full members; a falling off of 733, or taking into account the

additions and deaths, a shrinkage of 1021 appears. The reason is found in the fact that this has been a year of the severest pruning. Most brethren have diligently sought to make their registers represent but *bona fide* members. Hence, while the statistics of the year may not show so favorably as under a less careful supervision, the reduction represents no diminution of strength. We have as many actual members as though a thousand were left for count.

The closeness in monetary affairs has been sorely felt. Not only has the general depression reached us in common with all, but local causes have contributed to a much more serious embarrassment. Our great dependence is the oyster trade, in which our people are extensively engaged. Among the planters on the Eastern side of the District, it has been a total failure, and with the catchers of the Western border, not many removes from the same misfortune. Hence, all financial operations have been greatly hindered.

Church building and improvement, however, have been prosecuted at many points. Soon after conference, Salem, at Selbyville, on Frankford Circuit, a beautiful structure, with two rooms, and spire, was built according to a Church Extension plan, at a cost of \$3500, and was dedicated free from debt.

At Bethel, also, Bro. Melvin, with a subscription nucleus of \$1500, left by his predecessor, Bro. Bowen, with the full co-operation of the noble people of that appointment, has completed an elegant and commodious house of worship at a cost of \$4100, and dedicated it in January. Though the debt, save two hundred dollars was all subscribed, \$3000, of it is still unpaid. It is safe however, and we predict that this appointment will be heard from, grandly, in the near future. They began the year with a handsome increase on the support of their pastor, and followed it with a \$250 improvement on the church at Mt. Zion, and this was followed by the beautiful church at Bethel.

Brother Chandler on Delmar Circuit has succeeded in replacing old Hepburn with a neat and suitable church at a cost of \$1200. All provided for, yet with \$400 of the subscriptions unpaid. The church at Delmar has also been improved with spire and paint to the amount of \$500, which is paid.

On Fruitland Circuit, Bro. Lindale has completed this year a comfortable church, to take the place of old Zion, one of the historic places of our Methodism. For this improvement great credit is due to Bro. Marcellus Brown, a layman, who has tarried by the stuff here for more than half a century, and whose ambition it has been to leave the community a better place of worship, before taking possession of his "house not made with hands." He was sadly disappointed at the failure of his application for Church Extension aid last spring. But like Christian heroes he and his people made still further sacrifices, and have gotten into their building. May the Lord send the power upon them, and make the glory of the latter house greater than the former.

At Franklin City the way opened for a church enterprise, and a building on a Church Extension plan was started and enclosed, when the stringency of the times compelled a suspension of labor. This is the only enterprise on new ground, the others taking the place of old buildings. Here, however, on Virginia soil, in a new place, we set up our banner. May this prove to be the firstling to an extended line of appointments where so much was lost. Now the opportunities open and beckon us with many hands to come to new centres, where we will collide with no rival, nor build on another's foundation. Shall not the Church awaken to her opportunity, and with missionary aid, sustain a man of God on this soil, hallowed to us by the story of triumphs in the days agone? The chance has come and it is now or never. We must occupy, or lose the opportunity for all the future. Let us not permit another to take this crown.

At Onancock, the home of the true and the tried, the church edifice has been greatly improved and beautified by the addition of a spire, bell, external and internal adorning. To the untiring energy and good management of the pastor, Bro. I. G. Fosnocht, as well as to their loyalty and liberality, the people owe the improved condition of their house of worship.

On the same charge, Leatherburry Chapel has been enlarged to accommodate the ever increasing congregations. The cost of improvement on both buildings was \$1400, and it is all paid.

The Stockton Church, where Bro. McFarlane is pastor, has been decorated at a cost of \$300, paid.

Jones Church on Gumboro Circuit, W. F. Corkran, pastor, has put on sightliness at a cost of \$250, paid.

St. Peter's, Annessex, Bro. I. D. Johnson, pastor, has received the addition of spire and bell, at a cost of \$500.

Asbury, Bro. Avery, pastor, has been repainted at an expense of \$385.

At Snow Hill, Bro. Willey closes three successful and grandly prosperous years, by further improvement on the church building, in an enlarged vestry, at an expense of \$200.

At Westover, Bro. Guthrie found a beautiful church building, pre-empting the place for our denomination, yet burdened with a crushing debt. \$275 was received from Church Extension; by great effort \$286 additional has been raised, leaving an unpaid balance of \$490, which will come some how—from some where. Great credit is due to Bro. Wm. M. Ruark, a layman, who has consecrated himself to this enterprise, and will see it through; though at an expense to himself of \$600.

There have been numerous other improvements costing \$150 and less, which cannot be mentioned here.

Notwithstanding the stringency of the times, during the first Quarter of the year, seventeen of the charges increased the estimates for the support of their pastors, seven of them being of the eighteen which advanced last year.

Asbury went up from \$800 to \$900. Salisbury, Deal's Island and Stockton, from \$700 to \$800. Gumboro, though weakened by loss of appointments, taken from her for a new Circuit, advanced her estimates to the remaining churches, keeping her salary at \$850. Roxanna, though losing in members and financial strength by division of the circuit, yet holds up to \$750, by increased assessments upon her three churches.

Bethel, also divided, advances to \$600, with two churches, where last year four paid but \$550, also an advance at the time. Newark changes her estimate from \$600 to \$650.

Pocomoke City, where last year they paid to ministerial support, exclusive of rent, \$6.19 per member, advanced the salary to \$650, bringing up the average to \$6.60 per member and probationer, including rental value of parsonage, more than \$8.00 each. With their limited means, how they do it is the mystery. Surely no man can be too good for such a people. The others moving up are Sharptown, Smith's Islands, Holland's Island, Shortly, Westover, Chincoteague, Bishopville, and Berlin, the last of which, for three consecutive years has advanced \$50 per annum, until it has also reached \$650.

The unexpected poverty of this year may compel some of the appointments to do less than their estimates. If so, less blame than usual will attach to them. At the same time a more thorough working of the plans early in the year would banish the "black kite shadow" from all this region.

The *connectional interests* must be mentioned, though at the risk of wearying you with much reporting. Yet, for once in each year should we not bear patiently with the commendation of the diligent? Few, if any, concerns of a preacher are more important or better indices of his loyalty to God, and faithfulness to his trust than are the collections; and it had been my hope to individually name the brethren who advance upon their own, and the record of the appointments this year; but time will not allow the detail.

Though money has been scarce, and hard to obtain, by extra effort, larger self-denial, and, withal, a stricter adherence to plan, the collections will be in advance. We are hoping for and expecting a near approach to the long coveted \$3,000 for missions. Then \$150 more, and our share of the million will be in the treasury of the Lord, and we will attempt the two millions.

Church Extension, I fear, will be short \$3.00, but with the record of last year maintained, of not less than \$10 00, from any appointment.

Freedman's Aid, from the last Conference report of \$139, will pass to \$250 this year, and when we all get the courage of our convictions, and teach our people its importance, we will double upon this amount.

Bible, Tract, and Sunday School Union, will be far beyond the figures of a year ago.

The Education Collection is largely in advance, and needs to be. Four young men, called of God and with the endorsement of their home churches upon them, have been sent to begin their preparation at the Conference Academy, with the writer responsible for \$263 of their expenses. He hopes for and asks that the Conference Educational Society will grant aid to these young men, of an amount, at least equivalent to the Conference Educational collection from this District, and more if possible. Indeed the collection, for the most part, was lifted with this end in view.

It may be said that this was a risk, and one for which the Presiding Elder of the District had no warrant. To all of which we plead guilty, but offer in extenuation, the terrible thing of suffering men, with gifts, grace and usefulness, whose hearts God hath touched, and the almost equally terrible thing of sending them into this great work half furnished and raw, to watch for souls. The writer knows from experience, the evil of this mistaken policy—too common sixteen years ago—to give it any favor in his administration now. Either we must take the high schools out of almost every neighborhood, turn back the hand on the dial of our people's intellectual advancement, or educate our young ministers up to, and beyond, the level of those over whom the Holy Ghost doth make them overseers.

Two of our laymen, Brothers Levin S. Melson of Bishopville, and Wm. H. Jackson of Salisbury, have gladdened our hearts by a \$100 donation, each, to the Conference Academy. Would that a score of others might catch the inspiration, and emulate their worthy example.

Many items of which I had hoped to speak must be omitted, lest our length be greater than you can bear. I cannot close the report, however, without reference to that all important branch of ministerial endeavor,

#### PASTORAL VISITING.

In response to my request, twenty-eight of the thirty-three preachers have reported to me their efforts in this direction, and the following, in the numerical order, have reached and passed the minimum number of 300.

W. W. W. Wilson leads the list with 1100; W. E. Avery, 1000; J. H. Willey, 900; F. C. McSorley, 700; John Tyler a local preacher supplying Smith's Island, a difficult field for this work, 642; J. D. C. Hanna, 624; G. W. Wilcox on a Circuit, 600. Considering their fields, none have done better than he and Bro. Tyler.

W. H. Hutchin, 550; W. B. Walton, 525; W. R. McFarlane, 500; J. D. Reese, 475; A. T. Melvin, 473; C. S. Baker, 422; W. W. Johnson, 420; W. E. England, 410; I. D. Johnson, and C. A. Grice, 400 each; W. B. Guthrie, 357; E. H. Derrickson, 350.

From 300 to 350 have been reached by W. F. Corkran, A. Chandler, E. P. Roberts, I. G. Fosnocht and Jas. Mc. K. Brewington, aggregating for these and the Brethren reporting under 300, a total of 13,363 pastoral visits for the twenty-eight. An average of 477 each! Can an equal number of men anywhere show a greater degree of fidelity to this sacred duty? It will be remembered that many of these labored on Circuits where 300 visits represent more labor than 600 in a station. Long observation and seventeen years experience, have taught me that pastoral diligence is a necessary attendant upon success, and seldom, if ever, separated from it.

My own personal work may be briefly told. A diseased throat has curtailed my preaching to 168 sermons against 226 last year; 56 lovefeasts, 126 Quarterly Conferences, 224 days absent from home, and 6,730 miles traveled.

I am indebted to W. R. McFarlane for holding one Quarterly Meeting, and to J. D. C. Hanna for holding three, when illness prevented my attending in person.

In conclusion, may I be permitted to invite special attention to the statistical tables of these my brethren, who have made the year glorious by hard toil, nor sought a golden way of success, content to work for what they won. I am impressed that a District, as a whole, is seldom manned by an equal, and never by a more, consecrated, enthusiastic and untiring band of laborers. I thank God for permitting me to stand with them as a fellow helper to the truth. All honor to these men, who, with clear heads, hot hearts, and ready hands, are moving Salisbury District up to her legitimate place among the thousands of our Israel. The Church—appreciating heroic and holy endeavor—will find them out, and bid them go up to her higher opportunities and graver responsibilities.

To speak of our noble people who, in the time of depression and poverty, have so royally responded and rallied to the call of their leaders, would intrench too heavily upon your time, yet be but an inadequate tribute to their faithfulness this year. God keeps their score, their record is on high. Under continued, earnest, intelligent, devoted, self-sacrificing leadership, they will march out and up to larger things than the most sanguine have yet written as a possibility.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. B. WILSON.

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IN ACCOUNT WITH ALFRED G. COX, TREASURER.

SNOW HILL, MARCH 12, 1885.

### WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. E. C. Atkins.....	Bethel and Glasgow.....	\$	40 00
" " " E. E. White.....	Charlestown.....		36 00
" " " C. A. Hill.....	Cherry Hill.....		75 00
" " " T. A. H. O'Brien.....	Chesapeake City.....		50 00
" " " L. W. Layfield.....	Chester.....		50 00
" " " W. M. Green.....	Christiana.....		44 00
" " " I. N. Rawlings.....	Claymont.....		35 00
" " " T. B. Hunter.....	Delaware City & Port Penn		40 00
" " " L. C. Andrew.....	Elk Neck.....		10 00
" " " C. F. Sheppard.....	Elkton & Crouch's Chapel		225 00
" " " W. R. Sears.....	Hockessin.....		40 00
" " " H. Sanderson.....	Mount Lebanon.....		9 00
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" " " T. H. Haynes.....	Newark and Wesley.....		112 00
" " " N. M. Browne.....	New Castle.....		130 00
" " " E. H. Nelson.....	Newport and Stanton.....		154 00
" " " R. W. Todd.....	North East.....		120 00
" " " R. C. Jones.....	Port Deposit.....		270 00
" " " Julius Dodd.....	Red Lion.....		20 00
" " " Joseph Robinson.....	Rising Sun.....		41 00
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" " " W. L. S. Murray.....	Wil., Asbury.....		900 00
" " " E. L. Hubbard.....	" Brandywine.....		50 00
" " " W. B. Gregg.....	" Epworth.....		35 00
" " " J. R. Boyle.....	" Grace.....		2,682 00
" " " B. F. Price.....	" Madeley.....		24 50
" " " J. E. Smith.....	" Mount Salem.....		100 00
" " " R. H. Adams.....	" St. Paul & K'gswood		500 00
" " " T. R. Creamer.....	" Scott.....		100 00

Received from Rev. A. Z. Fryxell.....Wil., Swedish Mission.....	5 00
“ “ “ C. W. Prettyman..... “ Union.....	344 00
“ “ “ Jno. France.....Zion Circuit.....	161 00
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Total amount received this year.....	\$6,492 50
Total amount received last year.....	7,515 28
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Decrease.....	1,022 78
Apportionment.....	5,575 00
Excess.....	917 51

EASTON DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. D. F. Waddell....Appoquinimink.....	\$ 40 00
“ “ “ J. T. VanBurkalow,Cecilton.....	100 00
“ “ “ T. E. Terry.....Centreville.....	226 00
“ “ “ Chas. H Baker...Chestertown.....	200 00
“ “ “ W. J. O'Neill.....Church Hill.....	117 25
“ “ “ H. S. Thompson...Easton.....	125 00
“ “ “ G. W. Townsend...Galena.....	87 00
“ “ “ Alfred Smith.....Greensborough.....	75 00
“ “ “ J. E. Kidney.....Hillsborough.....	50 00
“ “ “ W. W. Chairs.....Ingleside.....	14 00
“ “ “ J. A. Arters.....Kent Island.....	77 00
“ “ “ I. L. Wood.....King's Creek.....	30 00
“ “ “ N. McQuay.....Marydel.....	70 00
“ “ “ Adam Stengle.....Middletown.....	400 00
“ “ “ T. L. Tomkinson...Millington.....	126 00
“ “ “ J. P. Otis.....Odessa.....	196 00
“ “ “ A. S. Mowbray...Oxford.....	50 00
“ “ “ E. C. Macnichol...Pomona.....	40 00
“ “ “ L. P. Corkran.....Queenstown.....	50 00
“ “ “ G. S. Conaway...Rock Hall.....	46 00
“ “ “ B. C. Warren.....Royal Oak.....	30 00
“ “ “ J. D. Rigg.....Saint Michaels.....	180 00
“ “ “ O. S. Walton.....Sassafras.....	20 00
“ “ “ J. B. Quigg.....Smyrna.....	470 00
“ “ “ J. B. Merritt.....Smyrna Circuit.....	80 00
“ “ “ L. E. Barrett.....Still Pond.....	209 00
“ “ “ J. O. Sypherd.....Suddlersville.....	92 00
“ “ “ A. P. Prettyman...Talbot.....	40 00
“ “ “ C. K. Morris.....Townsend.....	21 00
“ “ “ R. K. Stephenson...Trappe.....	85 00

Total amount received this year.....	\$3,346 25
Total amount received last year.....	3,251 32
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Increase.....	94 93
Apportionment.....	3,475 00
Deficit.....	128 75

DOVER DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. Jas. Conner.....Beckwith.....	\$ 62 00
“ “ “ W. S. Robinson...Bridgeville.....	200 00
“ “ “ J. E. Bryan.....Cambridge.....	110 00
“ “ “ J. A. Brindle.....Camden.....	59 00

Received from Rev. C. H. Williams...Church Creek, Md.....	25 00
“ “ “ A. D. D'vis.....Denton.....	65 00
“ “ “ T. E. Martindale...Dover.....	451 00
“ “ “ T. O. Ayers.....East New Market.....	50 00
“ “ “ J. M. Collins.....Ellendale.....	25 00
“ “ “ J. W. Poole.....Farmington.....	40 00
“ “ “ Jno. Warthman...Federalsburgh.....	103 00
“ “ “ Isaac Jewell.....Felton.....	65 00
“ “ “ J. E. Mowbray...Frederica.....	140 00
“ “ “ Joseph Dare.....Galestown.....	50 00
“ “ “ P. H. Rawlins...Georgetown.....	60 00
“ “ “ G. W. Burke.....Harrington.....	58 00
“ “ “ W. F. Dawon...Houston.....	75 00
“ “ “ G. F. Hopkins...Hurlocks.....	55 00
“ “ “ Jas Carroll.....Leipsic.....	50 00
“ “ “ J. D. Kemp.....Lewes.....	150 00
“ “ “ Edw. Davis.....Lincoln.....	18 00
“ “ “ S. N. Pi'chard...Magnolia.....	65 00
“ “ “ J. S. Willis.....Milford.....	175 00
“ “ “ D. F. McFaul...Millsborough.....	25 00
“ “ “ T. S. Williams...Milton.....	52 00
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“ “ “ W. Underwood...Seaford.....	50 00
“ “ “ V. S. Collins...Vienna.....	50 00
“ “ “ C. L. Hardesty...Woodlandtown.....	50 00
“ “ “ W. M. Warner...Wyoming.....	23 00

Total received this year.....	\$ 2,466 00
“ “ last year.....	2,685 89
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Decrease.....	\$ 219 89
Apportionment.....	3,100 00
Deficit.....	634 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. I. D. Johnson.....Annamessex.....	\$ 65 00
“ “ “ W. E. Avery.....Asbury.....	125 00
“ “ “ E. P. Roberts...Bishopville.....	30 00
“ “ “ J. W. Gray.....Barren Creek.....	5 00
“ “ “ C. A. Grice.....Berlin.....	80 00
“ “ “ A. T. Melvin...Bethel Circuit.....	50 00
“ “ “ J. D. Reese.....Chincoteague.....	30 00
“ “ “ W. W. W. Wilson...Chrisfield.....	125 00
“ “ “ J. D. C. Hanna...Deal's Island.....	75 00
“ “ “ Albert Chandler...Delmar.....	105 00
“ “ “ W. H. Hutchin...Fairmount.....	550 00
“ “ “ W. J. Duhadway...Frankford.....	100 00
“ “ “ J. M. Lindale...Fruitland.....	45 00
“ “ “ W. F. Corkran...Gumboro.....	125 00
“ “ “ Robert Roe.....Holland's Island.....	60 00
“ “ “ F. C. McSorley...Laurel.....	120 00
“ “ “ G. W. Wilcox...Newark, Md.....	64 00
“ “ “ I. G. Fosnocht...Onancock.....	100 00
“ “ “ W. L. P. Bowen...Parsonsburgh.....	75 00
“ “ “ E. H. Derrickson...Pocomoke Circuit.....	55 00
“ “ “ W. E. England...Pocomoke City.....	58 00

Received from Rev. W. W. Johnson.....	Powellville.....	15 00
“ “ “ J. A. B. Wilson.....	Princess Anne.....	130 00
“ “ “ T. H. Harding.....	Quantico.....	80 00
“ “ “ E. H. Hynson.....	Roxanna.....	60 00
“ “ “ W. B. Walton.....	Salisbury.....	120 00
“ “ “ E. H. Miller.....	Sharptown.....	25 00
“ “ “ Wilmer Jaggard.....	Shortly.....	24 00
“ “ “ John Tyler.....	Smith's Island.....	120 00
“ “ “ J. H. Willey.....	Snow Hill.....	150 00
“ “ “ W. R. McFarlane.....	Stockton.....	35 50
“ “ “ C. S. Baker.....	Tangier.....	125 00
“ “ “ W. B. Guthrie.....	Westover Circuit.....	46 00

Total received this year.....\$2,972 50  
Total received last year.....2,682 35

Increase.....290 15  
Apportionment.....2,100 00  
Excess.....872 50

## RECAPITULATION.

Received from Salisbury District.....	\$ 2,972 50
“ “ Dover “.....	2,466 00
“ “ Easton “.....	3,346 25
“ “ Wilmington “.....	6,492 51

\$15,277 26

Received from Salisbury District last year.....	\$2,682 35
“ “ Dover “.....	2,685 89
“ “ Easton “.....	3,251 32
“ “ Wilmington “.....	7,515 28

\$16,134 84

Decrease.....\$ 857 58  
Apportionment.....14,250 00  
Excess.....1,027 26

## LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS.

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

## Asbury—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 561 16
Church.....	338 84
Total.....	\$ 900 00

## Cherry Hill—Charles A. Hill, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 31 00
Sunday School.....	44 00
Total.....	\$ 75 00

## Christiana—W. M. Green, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 30 00
Sunday Schools.....	14 00
Total.....	\$ 44 00

## Madeley Chapel—B. F. Price, Pastor.

Sabbath School.....	\$ 23 50
Congregation.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 24 50

## Rising Sun and Hopewell—Joseph Robinson, Pastor.

Rising Sun School.....	\$ 10 00
Hopewell School.....	26 00
Mrs. Barnes.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 41 00

## Union—C. W. Prettyman Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 94 00
School.....	250 00
Total.....	\$ 344 00

## Mt. Salem—J. E. Smith, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 54 80
Congregation.....	45 20
Total.....	\$ 100 00

## St. Paul—R. H. Adams, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 300 00
Congregation.....	200 00
Total.....	\$ 500 00

## Grace—J. Richards Boyle, Pastor.

Church .....	\$ 715 68
Sunday School .....	1,966 32
Total .....	\$2,682 00

## Charlestown—E. E. White, Pastor.

Principio .....	\$ 11 00
Perryville .....	9 00
Asbury .....	9 00
Charlestown .....	7 50
Total .....	\$ 36 50

## Zion Circuit—Jno. France, Pastor.

Zion Sunday School .....	\$ 30 00
St. John's Sunday School .....	45 00
Union " " .....	15 00
Ebenezer " " .....	18 00
Church collection .....	53 00
Total .....	\$ 161 00

## Elk Neck—Lewis C. Andrew, Pastor.

Churches .....	\$ 10 00
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## North East—Robt. W. Todd, Pastor.

Contributed by Congregation .....	\$ 22 00
" " Sunday School .....	98 00
Total .....	\$ 120 00

## Delaware City and Port Penn—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.

Sunday School .....	\$ 40 00
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## Bethel and Glasgow—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

Church .....	\$ 36 57
Sunday Schools .....	3 43
Total .....	\$ 40 00

## New Castle—N. M. Browne, Pastor.

Sunday School .....	\$ 130 00
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## Hockessin—William R. Sears, Pastor.

Sunday School Misisonary Society .....	\$ 45 00
Cash paid for Sunday School Banner .....	5 00
Balance .....	40 00

## Newark and Wesley—T. H. Haynes, Pastor.

Church .....	\$ 22 00
Sunday School .....	90 00
Total .....	\$ 112 00

## Red Lion—Julius Dodd, Pastor.

Sunday School .....	\$ 11 00
Church .....	9 00
Total .....	\$ 20 00

## Mount Pleasant—J. W. Hammersly, Pastor.

Sunday School .....	\$ 42 00
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## Mt Lebanon—Henry Sanderson, Pastor.

Church .....	\$ 7 00
Sunday School .....	2 00
Total .....	\$ 9 00

## Elkton and Crouch's—Chas. F. Sheppard, Pastor.

Church .....	\$ 31 90
Elkton Sunday School .....	153 10
West Amwell Sunday School .....	30 00
Crouch Sunday School .....	10 00
Total .....	\$ 225 00

## Chester—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

Church .....	\$ 21 50
Sunday School .....	28 50
Total .....	\$ 50 00

## Newport and Stanton—Edwin H. Nelson, Pastor.

Newport Church .....	\$ 22 00
" Sunday School .....	100 00
Stanton Church .....	22 00
" Sunday School .....	10 00
Total .....	\$ 154 00

## Port Deposit—R. C. Jones, Pastor.

Church .....	\$ 49 00
Sunday School .....	221 00
Total .....	\$ 270 00

## St. George's and Summit—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

St. George's Church .....	\$ 20 00
" Sunday School .....	19 00
Summit Church .....	7 00
" Sunday School .....	2 00
Total .....	\$ 48 00

## Chesapeake City—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.

Church .....	\$ 23 00
Sabbath School .....	27 00
Total .....	\$ 50 00

## Claymont—John N. Rawlings, Pastor.

Sunday School .....	\$ 35 00
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## Scott—T. R. Creamer, Pastor.

Sunday Schools .....	\$ 100 00
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## Epworth—W. B. Gregg, Pastor.

Missionary Money for Parent Society .....	\$ 35 00
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## Brandywine—E. L. Hubbard, Pastor.

Collections .....	\$ 50 00
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EASTON DISTRICT

<b>Appoquinimink—D. F. Waddell, Pastor.</b>	
Union Sunday School.....	\$ 8 13
Friendship Sunday School.....	9 34
Church Collection.....	22 53
Total.....	\$ 40 00
<b>Cecilton—J. Van Burkalow, Pastor.</b>	
Cecilton Church.....	\$ 5 00
Cecilton Sunday School.....	73 00
St. Paul's Church.....	20 00
St. Paul's Sunday School.....	20 50
Total.....	\$ 100 00
<b>Chestertown—C. H. Baker, Pastor.</b>	
Church.....	\$ 102 88
Sunday School.....	97 12
Total.....	\$ 200 00
<b>Centreville—Thos. E. Terry, Pastor.</b>	
Churches.....	\$ 54 00
Sunday Schools.....	172 00
Total.....	\$ 226 00
<b>Church Hill—W. J. O'Neill, Pastor.</b>	
Church Hill Sunday School.....	\$ 7 50
“ “ Congregation.....	70 75
Union Sunday School.....	4 60
“ Congregation.....	26 90
Salem Congregation.....	7 50
Total.....	\$ 117 25
<b>Easton—Henry S. Thompson, Pastor.</b>	
Sunday School.....	\$ 100 00
Church.....	25 00
Total.....	\$ 125 00
<b>King's Creek—Isaac L. Wood, Pastor.</b>	
Church, Sunday School included.....	\$ 30 00
<b>Greensboro—Alfred Smith, Pastor.</b>	
Church.....	\$ 43 18
Sunday School.....	31 82
Total.....	\$ 75 00
<b>Galena—Geo. W. Townsend, Pastor.</b>	
Galena Church.....	\$ 16 00
“ Sunday School.....	15 00
Chesterville Church.....	19 00
“ Sunday School.....	8 00
Locust Grove Church.....	23 00
“ Sunday School.....	6 00
Total.....	\$ 87 00

<b>Hillsboro—J. Elmer Kidney, Pastor.</b>	
Hillsboro Church.....	\$ 7 23
“ Sunday School.....	12 56
Ridgely Church.....	5 10
“ Sunday School.....	5 11
Wye Church.....	8 50
Hall's Church.....	6 00
“ Sunday School.....	5 50
Total.....	\$ 50 00
<b>Ingleside—W. W. Chairs, Pastor.</b>	
Ingleside.....	\$ 75
Roesville.....	9 25
Bridgetown.....	75
Pippin.....	2 25
Total.....	\$ 13 00
<b>Kent Island—J. A. Arters, Pastor.</b>	
Sunday Schools.....	\$ 45 00
Churches.....	32 00
Total.....	\$ 77 00
<b>Marydel—N. McQuay, Pastor.</b>	
Collections.....	\$ 70 00
<b>Millington—T. L. Tomkinson, Pastor.</b>	
Church.....	\$ 46 00
Sabbath School.....	80 00
Total.....	\$ 126 00
<b>Middletown—Adam Stengle, Pastor.</b>	
Church.....	\$ 150 00
Sabbath School.....	250 00
Total.....	\$ 400 00
<b>Oxford—A. S. Mowbray, Pastor.</b>	
Sunday School.....	\$ 15 00
Church.....	35 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00
<b>Odessa—J. P. Otis, Pastor.</b>	
Congregation.....	\$ 49 00
Sunday School.....	147 00
Total.....	\$ 196 00
<b>Pomona—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.</b>	
Sunday Schools.....	\$ 40 00
<b>Queenstown—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.</b>	
Churches.....	\$ 6 65
Sunday Schools.....	43 35
Total.....	\$ 50 00
<b>Royal Oak—Benj. C. Warren, Pastor.</b>	
Churches.....	\$ 7 00
Sunday Schools.....	23 00
Total.....	\$ 30 00



<b>Rock Hall—G. S. Conaway, Pastor.</b>	
Rock Hall Sunday School.....	\$ 36 00
Rock Hall Church.....	50
Piney Neck Sunday School.....	9 00
Piney Neck Church.....	50
Total.....	\$ 46 00
<b>Smyrna Circuit—J. B. Merritt, Pastor.</b>	
Churhes.....	\$ 41 45
Schools.....	38 55
Total.....	\$ 80 00
<b>St. Michael's—J. D. Rigg, Pastor.</b>	
Church.....	\$ 26 00
Sunday School.....	154 00
Total.....	\$ 180 00
<b>Sassafras—O. S. Walton, Pastor.</b>	
Sunday School.....	\$ 2 00
Church.....	18 00
Total.....	\$ 20 00
<b>Smyrna Station—John B. Quigg Pastor.</b>	
Church collection.....	\$ 120 00
Sunday School.....	350 00
Total.....	470 00
<b>Still Pond—Louis E. Barrett, Pastor.</b>	
Still Pond Church.....	\$ 69 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	104 00
Union Church.....	10 00
Betterton Church.....	23 00
“ Sunday School.....	3 00
Total.....	\$ 209 00
<b>Sudlersville—J. Owen Sypherd, Pastor.</b>	
Sudlersville Church.....	\$ 10 00
“ Sunday School.....	74 00
Busicks' Church.....	3 00
“ Sunday School.....	2 00
Dudley's Church.....	2 00
“ Sunday School.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 92 00
<b>Townsend—C. K. Morris, Pastor.</b>	
Church.....	\$ 11 00
Sunday School.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 21 00
<b>Talbot—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.</b>	
Churches.....	\$ 25 00
Sunday Schools.....	15 00
Total.....	\$ 40 00

**Trappe—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor**

Trappe Church.....	\$ 40 00
“ Sunday School.....	6 00
Landing Neck Church.....	28 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	2 00
Bolingbrook Church.....	8 00
“ Sunday School.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 85 00

**DOVER DISTRICT.****Beckwith and Spedden's—James Connor, Pastor.**

Mrs. Sallie North.....	\$ 10 00
Mrs. Jennie Willey.....	4 00
Mrs. Bromwell.....	12 75
Castle Haven, by the Pastor.....	5 00
Mrs. Elinda Wright.....	5 00
Mrs. Spedden.....	4 75
Mrs. Whilney.....	6 50
Collected by J. Connor.....	14 00
Total.....	\$ 62 00

**Bridgeville—W. S. Robinson, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$ 200 00
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**Camden—J. A. Brindle, Pastor.**

Total.....	\$ 59 00
Forty dollars, to make George Night and Mrs. Elizabeth Lord members of the Parent Missionary Society, New York.	

**Cambridge—J. E. Bryan, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$ 60 00
Sunday School.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 110 00

**Church Creek—C. H. Williams, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$ 21 00
Sunday School.....	4 00
Total.....	\$ 25 00

**Denton—A. D. Davis, Pastor.**

Congregations.....	\$ 43 00
Sunday Schools.....	22 00
Total.....	\$ 65 00

**Dover—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$ 61 00
Sunday School.....	390 00
Total.....	\$ 451 00

**East New Market—T. O. Ayres, Pastor.**

Churches.....	\$ 15 00
Sunday Schools.....	35 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

**Ellendale—J. M. Collins, Pastor.**

Ellendale.....	\$ 10 00
Union.....	12 00
Cokesbury.....	3 00

Total.....\$ 25 00

**Farmington—Jno. W. Poole, Pastor.**

Sunday Schools.....	\$ 6 00
Churches.....	34 00

Total.....\$ 40 00

**Frederica—J. E. Mowbray, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$ 47 00
Sunday School.....	93 00

Total.....\$ 140 00

**Felton—Isaac Jewell, Pastor.**

Churches.....	\$ 45 00
Sunday School.....	20 00

Total.....\$ 65 00

**Federalburg Circuit—John Warthman, Pastor.**

Federalburg Church.....	\$ 48 00
Preston Church.....	10 00
Friendship Church.....	2 25
Harmony Church.....	1 35
Chestnut Grove Church.....	10 00
St. Paul's Church.....	8 00
Bethlehem Church.....	10 00
Federalburg Sunday School.....	21 40

111 00

Expenses.....	8 00
Total.....	\$ 104 00

**Georgetown—P. H. Rawlins, Pastor.**

Georgetown Church.....	\$ 27 00
“ Sunday School.....	23 00
St. John's Church.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 60 00

**Galestown—Joseph Dare, Pastor.**

Churches.....	\$ 30 00
Sunday Schools.....	20 00

Total.....\$ 50 00

**Harrington—Geo. W. Burke, Pastor.**

Sunday Schools.....	\$ 58 00
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**Houston—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.**

Houston.....	\$ 15 00
Laws'.....	30 00
Milford Neck.....	25 00
Statensville.....	5 00

Total.....\$ 75 00

**Lincoln—E. Davis, Pastor.**

Churches.....	\$ 18 00
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**Leipsic and Raymond's—James Carroll, Pastor.**

Leipsic Church.....	\$ 18 00
“ Sunday School.....	1 00
Raymond's Church.....	14 00
“ Sunday School.....	2 00
Little Creek.....	12 00
“ Sunday School.....	3 00

Total.....\$ 50 00

**Lewes—Jno. D. Kemp, Pastor.**

Sunday School.....	\$ 102 50
Church.....	47 50

Total.....\$ 150 00

**Magnolia—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.**

Magnolia Church.....	\$ 22 59
“ Sunday School.....	2 00
Canterbury Church.....	22 49
“ Sunday School.....	12 12
Barrett's Church.....	5 00
“ Sunday School.....	80

Total.....\$ 65 00

**Milton—T. S. Williams, Pastor.**

Sunday School.....	\$ 52 00
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**Millsboro—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$ 23 00
Sunday School.....	2 00

Total.....\$ 25 00

**Milford—J. S. Willis, Pastor.**

Chapel School.....	\$ 40 00
Avenue School.....	126 00
Church Collections.....	9 00

Total.....\$ 175 00

**Nassau—I. N. Forman, Pastor.**

Connelly's Chapel.....	\$ 15 00
Connelly's Sunday School.....	5 00
White's Chapel.....	9 00
White's Sunday School.....	11 00
Ebenezer.....	15 00
Zion.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 65 00

**Seaford—W. Underwood, Pastor.**

Churches.....	\$ 25 00
Sunday School.....	25 00

Total.....\$ 50 00

**Vienna—Vaughn S. Collins, Pastor.**

Vienna.....	\$ 33 00
Wainwrights.....	12 00
Manship.....	5 00

Total.....\$ 50 00

**Wyoming—W. M. Warner, Pastor.**

Wyoming Sunday School.....	\$ 3 00
Willow Grove Church.....	5 00
Sunday School.....	5 00
Union Sunday School.....	5 00
Asbury Sunday School.....	5 00

Total.....\$ 23 00

**Woodlandtown—Geo. L. Hardesty, Pastor.**

Churches.....	\$ 39 00
Sunday Schools.....	8 00
Sunday School.....	3 00

Total.....\$ 50 00

**SALISBURY DISTRICT.**

**Annessex—I. D. Johnson, Pastor.**

St. Peters Church.....	\$ 16 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	16 50
Quindocqua Church.....	26 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	6 50

Total.....\$ 65 00

**Asbury—W. E. Avery, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$ 5 00
School.....	120 00

Total.....\$ 125 00

**Barren Creek—Joshua W. Gray, Pastor.**

Springgrove.....	\$ 2 00
Covingtons Chapel Mills.....	3 00

Total.....\$ 5 00

**Berlin—C. A. Grice, Pastor.**

Sunday School.....	\$ 6 00
Magnolia Missionary Society.....	44 00
Churches.....	30 00

Total.....\$ 80 00

**Bethel—A. T. Melvin, Pastor.**

Churches.....	\$ 44 00
Bethel Sunday School.....	6 00

Total.....\$ 50 00

**Bishopville—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.**

Wilson Sunday School.....	\$ 22 00
Ebenezer Appointment.....	8 00

Total.....\$ 30 00

**Chincoteague—J. D. Reese, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$ 24 00
Sunday School.....	6 00

Total.....\$ 30 00

**Crisfield—W. W. Wilson, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$ 50 00
Sunday School.....	75 00

Total.....\$ 125 00

**Deal's Island—Jno. D. C. Hanna, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$ 7 00
Sunday Schools.....	68 00

Total.....\$ 75 00

**Delmar—Albert Chandler, Pastor.**

Churches.....	\$ 72 00
Delmar Sunday School.....	33 00

Total.....\$ 105 00

To make the following members of Conference Missionary Society: Etta Nelson, Matilda M. Freeny, Edith Watson, Annie Bradley, Amanda E. Sirmon, Rosa B. James.

**Fairmount—Wm. H. Hutchin, Pastor.**

Christ Church.....	\$ 17 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	446 00
Union Church.....	23 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	52 00
Fishing Island Sunday School.....	12 00

Total.....\$ 550 00

**Frankford—W. J. Duhadway, Pastor.**

Churches.....	\$ 85 00
Sunday Schools.....	15 00

Total.....\$ 100 00

**Fruitland—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.**

Churches.....	\$ 20 00
Sunday Schools.....	25 00

Total.....\$ 45 00

**Gumboro—W. F. Corkran, Pastor.**

Churches.....	\$ 100 00
Sunday Schools.....	25 00

Total.....\$ 125 00

**Holland's Island—Robt. Roe, Pastor.**

Sunday School.....	\$ 16 00
Church.....	44 00

Total.....\$ 60 00

**Laurel—F. C. McSorley, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$ 57 50
Sunday School.....	62 50

Total.....\$ 120 00

**Newark—Geo. W. Wilcox, Pastor.**

Conner's M. E. Church.....	\$ 32 64
Wesley.....	10 00
Bowen's.....	11 36
Poplartown.....	10 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 64 00</b>

**Onancock—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.**

Sunday Schools.....	\$ 42 00
Churches.....	58 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 100 00</b>

**Parsonsbury—Wm. S. P. Bowen, Pastor.**

Jerusalem Church.....	\$ 42 88
“ School.....	5 80
Zion Church.....	10 75
“ School.....	5 00
Mission Church.....	10 25
“ School.....	3 32
Wesley Church.....	4 50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 75 00</b>

**Pocomoke City—W. E. England, Pastor.**

Sunday School.....	\$ 32 00
Church.....	26 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 58 00</b>

**Pocomoke Circuit—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.**

Churches.....	\$ 40 00
Sunday Schools.....	15 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 55 00</b>

**Powellville—Willard W. Johnson, Pastor**

Churches.....	\$ 12 00
Sunday Schools.....	3 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 15 00</b>

**Princess Anne—Jas. M. K. Brewington, Pastor.**

Princess Anne Sunday School.....	\$ 26 00
St. Peters Church.....	44 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	3 00
Dames Quarter.....	12 00
Rock Creek.....	11 00
John Wesley Church.....	12 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	7 00
Asbury.....	15 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 130 00</b>

**Quantico—T. H. Harding, Pastor.**

Quantico.....	\$ 11 50
Messick.....	11 50
Trinity.....	30 00
Jones'.....	27 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 80 00</b>

**Roxanna—E. H. Hynson, Pastor.**

Roxanna Church.....	\$ 21 00
“ Sunday School.....	22 00
Bethel Church.....	10 00
“ Sunday School.....	1 00
Sound Church.....	6 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 60 00</b>

**Salisbury—W. B. Walton, Pastor.**

Salisbury Church.....	\$ 42 00
“ Sunday School.....	68 00
Rockawalking Church.....	6 00
“ Sunday School.....	4 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 120 00</b>

**Sharptown—E. H. Miller, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$ 15 00
Sunday School.....	10 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 25 00</b>

**Shortly—Wilmer Jaggard, Pastor.**

Bethesda Church.....	\$ 7 00
“ Sunday School.....	4 00
Mission Hill (School House).....	5 00
St. Thomas Church.....	5 00
Asbury.....	3 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 24 00</b>

**Smith's Island—John Tyler, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$ 107 00
Sunday School.....	13 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 120 00</b>

**Snow Hill—J. H. Willey, Pastor.**

Church.....	\$ 75 00
Sunday School.....	75 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 150 00</b>

**Stockton—Wm. R. Farlane, Pastor.**

Remson's Church.....	\$ 3 00
Goodwill “.....	3 00
Stockton Sunday School.....	10 50
“ Church.....	8 00
Girdle Tree Church.....	8 00
“ “ Sunday Sc.hool.....	3 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 35 50</b>

**Tangier—C. S. Baker, Pastor.**

Sunday School.....	\$ 38 00
Church.....	87 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 125 00</b>

## Westover—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.

Mt. Olive Chnrch.....	\$	14	00
“ “ Sunday School.....		6	00
Rehoboth Church.....		8	00
“ Sunday School.....		3	00
St Paul's Sunday School.....		4	00
“ Church.....		6	00
Kingston Church and Sunday School.....		5	00
Total.....	\$	46	00

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