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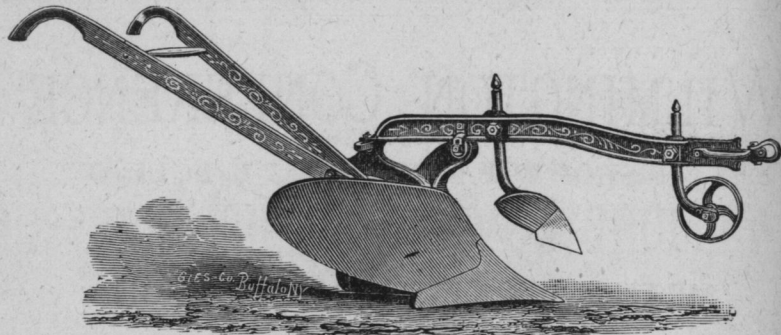
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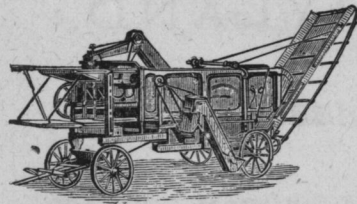
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W. F. MALLALIEU.

This is to certify that the undersigned, at Elkton, Md., March 7th, 1886, assisted by several Elders, ordained to the office of Elder, the following persons:—Benjamin C. Warren, Allison P. Prettyman, Chas. H. Williams, Sewell N. Pilchard, Vaughan S. Collins, William W. Taylor, and James R. Dill.

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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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1870	Ayres, T. O.	E.	Denton, Md.	2
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1876	Bowen, W. L. P.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	I
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1860	Browne, N. M.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
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1885	Gray, J. W.	P. Shortley, Del.	2
1873	Hanna, J. D. C.	E. Deal's Island, Md.	3
1851	Hammersly, J. W.	E. Bellevue, Del.	3
1871	Harding, Thos. H.	E. Mt. Vernon, Md.	2
1848	Haynes, Thcs. H.	E. Frederica, Del.	1
1845	Hill, Charles	E. Wilmington, Del.	4
1878	Hill, Chas. A.	E. Cherry Hill, Md.	2
1833	Houston, J. L.	S. Middletown, Ohio	2
1878	Hubbard, E. L.	E. Wilmington, Del.	3
1850	Hubbard, James	Sp. Laurel, Del.	2
1869	Hunter, Thos. B.	E. Booth's Corner, Del.	2
1868	Hutchin, Wm. H.	E. Greensboro, Md.	1
1859	Hynson, E. H.	E. Camden, Del.	2
1883	Hardesty, G. L.	D. Magnolia, Del.	2
1882	Howard, J. H.	E. Nanticoke, Md.	2
1885	Hopkins, Geo. F.	P. Hurlocks, Md.	3
1870	Jewell, Isaac	E. Rising Sun, Md.	1
1872	Jones, R. C.	E. Wilmington, Del.	2
1881	Johnson, I. D.	Sp	2
1884	Jaggard, Wilmer	D. Ellendale, Del.	2
1886	Johnson, W. W.	P. Parsonsburg, Md.	1
1872	Kemp, John D.	E. Chestertown, Md.	2
1869	Kidney, J. E.	E. Kent Island, Md.	1
1886	Koons, Wm. G.	P. Westover, Md.	1
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E. St. George's, Del.	2
1879	Lindale, J. M.	E. Pomona, Md.	2
1885	Mace, E. S.	P. Selbyville, Md.	1
1875	Macnichol, E. C.	E. Still Pond, Md.	2
1864	Martindale, T. E.	E. Dover, Del.	3
1868	McFarlane, W. R.	E. Roxanna, Del.	2
1873	McSorley, F. C.	E. Laurel, Del.	3
1873	McQuay, Newton	E. Rock Hall, Md.	1
1865	Melvin, A. T.	E. Bethel, Del.	3
1849	Merrill, Wm.	Sp. Fairmount, Md.	2
1853	Merritt, James B.	Sp. Dover, Del.	2
1842	Milby, A. W.	E. Harrington, Del.	4
1869	Miller, E. H.	E. Sharptown, Md.	3
1885	Mitchell, Jas. M.	P. Houston, Del.	1
1883	Mowbray, A. S.	D. Marydel, Md.	2
1885	Muchmore, L. J.	D. Bridgeville, Del.	1
1871	Murray, W. L. S.	E. Wilmington, Del.	1
1884	McFaul, D. F.	D. Leipsic, Del.	1
1886	Mowbray, Wm. R.	P. Chincoteague, Va.	1
1886	Morgan, F. M.	P. Potters Landing, Md.	1
1870	Nelson, E. H.	E. Newport, Del.	3
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E. Chesapeake City Md.	3
1859	O'Neil, W. J.	E. Church Hill, Md.	3
1872	Otis, J. P.	E. Elkton, Md.	2

1853	Phoebus, G. A., D. D.	S. 53 Third Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.	2
1881	Pilchard, S. N.	E. Frankford, Del.	1
1870	Poole, John W.	E. Queenstown, Md.	2
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	E. Newark, Del.	1
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	E. Trappe, Md.	1
1856	Price, B. F.	E. Wilmington, Del.	3
1886	Prouse, James T.	P. Quantico, Md.	1
1850	Quigg, John B.	E. Smyrna, Del.	3
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	E. East New Market, Md.	2
1885	Reese, J. D.	P. Wittman, Md.	1
1858	Redman, W. W.	E. Crapo, Md.	2
1867	Rigg, John D.	E. Sudlersville, Md.	2
1877	Robinson, W. S.	E. Milford, Del.	2
1867	Robinson, Jos.	E. Milton, Del.	1
1884	Roberts, E. P.	D. Townsend, Del.	1
1873	Roe, Robert	E. Millsboro, Del.	2
1845	Sanderson, Henry	S. Wilmington, Del.	2
1858	Scott, A. T.	Sp. Wilmington, Del.	2
1859	Sheppard, C. F.	E. Zion, Md.	2
1879	Smith, Alfred	E. Cambridge, Md.	1
1884	Smith, Geo. P.	P. Wye Mills, Md.	1
1870	Stengle, Adam	E. Wilmington, Del.	1
1860	Sypherd, J. O.	E. St. Michaels, Md.	2
1885	Sears, W. R.	P. Woodlawn, Md.	1
1886	Sharp, Wm. W.	P. Ingleside, Md.	1
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	E. Millington, Md.	1
1886	Taylor, Wm. P.	P. Barren Creek, Md.	1
1857	Talbot, Wm. F.	Sp. Kingston, Md.	2
1876	Terry, Thomas E.	E. New Castle, Del.	2
1858	Thompson, H. S.	E. Easton, Md.	2
1853	Todd, Robert W.	E. Snow Hill, Md.	2
1860	Tomkinson, T. L.	E. Galena, Md.	1
1871	Tomkinson, W. E.	E. Charlestown, Md.	2
1876	Townsend, G. W.	E. Hillsboro, Md.	1
	Todd, Jacob	E. Wilmington, Del.	1
1871	Underwood, W., D.D.	Sp. Milton, Del.	1
1859	Van Burkalow, J. T.	E. Chesapeake City, Md.	1
1877	Valliant, Wm. T.	E. Newark, Md.	2
1885	Watt, Robert	P. Princess Anne, Md.	2
1870	Walton, Olin S.	E. Stockton, Md.	1
1848	Walton, Wm. B.	E. Salisbury, Md.	3
1853	Warner, Wm. M.	E. Wyoming, Del.	3
1840	Way, Elon J.	S. 19 S. Broadway, Baltimore, Md.	2
1866	White, E. E.	E. Smyrna, Del.	2
1872	Wilcox, Geo. W.	E. Monie, Somerset Co., Md.	2
1878	Willey, J. H.	E. Delaware City, Del.	2
1857	Williams, T. S.	E. North East, Md.	2
1782	Williams, Chas. H.	E. Church Creek, Md.	3
1869	Wilson, J. A. B.	E. Princess Anne, Md.	4
1877	Wilson, W. W. W.	E. Crisfield, Md.	3
1865	Warthman, John	E. Harrington, Del.	1
1874	Waddell, D. F.	E. Gumboro, Del.	1
1882	Warren, B. C.	E. Hopewell, Md.	2
1884	Wise, Wm. A.	D. Red Lion, Del.	1
1884	Wood, Isaac L.	D. Royal Oak, Md.	2
1886	Wood, Geo. E.	P. Crumpton, Md.	1
1886	Wyatt, C. T.	P. Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1886	Watkins, R. I.	P. Bishopville, 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.
1876	L	Bracco, James	Wilmington, Del.
1855	D	Cann, John	Fair Hill, Md.
	D	Collins, G. T. D.	Wilmington, Del.
1884	L	Carpenter, Frank	" "
	D	Dodd, David	" "
1876	L	Dumbracco, James	" "
1869	L	Flinn, Vincent G.	Newport, Del.
	L	Ford, John	North East, Md.
1864	L	Fryer, Thomas	Cherry Hill, Md.
1877	L	Grant, W. G.	" "
	L	Galloway, William	Wilmington, Del.
1866	D	Green, Daniel	Newport, Del.
	L	Hamilton, William	Wilmington, Del.
1868	L	Hendrickson, W. H.	Centreville N. Co., Del.
	L	Hodson, Jabez	Wilmington, Del.
	D	Kershaw, William	Elkton, Md.
1866	D	Logan, Samuel	Charlestown, Md.
	L	McCoy, James	Wilmington, Del.
	L	McLaughlin, John	" "
1862	L	Mendinhall, Eli	" "
	L	Moore, Charles	" "
	L	Mullin, W. H.	Wilmington, Del.
	D	Mulford, Richard H.	Summit Bridge, Del.
1859	L	Miller, Wm. T.	Mechanics Valley, Md.
1875	E	Rawlings, J. N.	Claymont, Del.
	L	Rogers, R. L.	Wilmington, Del.
	L	Sentman, C. H.	" "
1867	D	Scott, James T.	Christiana, Del.
1840	L	Smith, Vaughn	Wilmington, Del.
	E	Simmons, John	" "
	L	Todd, L. E.	" "
1885	L	Talley, Penrose	Christiana, Del.
	D	Taylor, W. W.	Wilmington, Del.
	D	Thatcher, Albert	" "
1870	L	Weldin, Geo. W.	" "
1876	L	White, John	" "
1879	L	White, Wm. L.	" "
1878	L	Williamson, J. F.	Newark, Del.

EASTON DISTRICT.

1860	D	Baker, Chas. H.	Chestertown, Md.
1860		Benson, E. T.	Royal Oak, Md.
	E	Dill, J. R.	Templeville, Md.
	L	Edes, John P.	Edesville, Md.
	L	Gudgeon, A. M.	Chestertown, Md.
	D	Green, Nathan	Gumboro, Md.
	L	Jones, Adam E.	Matthews, Talbot Co., Md.
1858	L	Kendall, James	Fairlee, Kent Co., Md.
1881	L	Lassell, J. C.	Smyrna, Del.
1867	L	Morris, Chas. R.	Sassafras, Kent Co., Md.
	D	Numbers, Thos.	Millington, Kent Co., Md.
1856	L	Perkins, James A., M. D.	Chestertown, Md.
1881	L	Roe, Herman	Smyrna, Del.
1831	L	Stubbs, James	" "
1859	D	Smith, J. V.	Smyrna, Del.
1885	L	Wood, Geo. E.	Hope, Queen Anne's Co., Md.
1885	L	Welch, Eden	Townsend, Del.

DOVER DISTRICT.

1868	D	Bell, J. H.	Galestown, Md.
1865	L	Betts, W. H.	Millsboro, Del.
	D	Brace, Geo. V.	Vernon, Del.
1865	L	Clifton, G. W.	Lincoln, Del.
	E	Cramer, Valentine	Salem, Md.
	L	Dawson, Dr. E.	Frederica, Del.
1866	E	Donoho, S. M.	Crapo, Md.
1820	L	Evans, W.	Lewes, Del.
1885	L	Franklin, John E.	Dover, Del.
	L	Golt, Richard	" "
	D	Harris, Wm.	Bridgeville, Del.
1851	E	Hazzard, Robt. B.	Harlock, Md.
	D	Hudson, Joseph	Lewes, Del.
	L	Hall, Houston	Milton, "
1883	L	Knight, Chas. W.	Little Creek, Del.
	D	Kenney, J. L.	Hinson, Md.
	E	Lane, Wm. H.	Cambridge, Md.
	D	Morgan, W. W.	Concord, Del.
1860	L	Millman, Jessie	Ellendale, Del.
1859	L	Minner, Sam'l.	Harrington, Del.
1872	L	Roach, Eli J.	Georgetown, Del.
	L	Roop, L. A.	Seaford, Del.
1872	D	Rich, James H.	Denton, Md.
	D	Simmons, C. E.	Harrington, Del.
	L	Sullivan, Wm.	Fowling Creek, Md.
1883	L	Van Burkalow, M. S.	Magnolia, Del.
1884	L	Wheatly, B.	Cannons, Del.
	D	Wright, James	Preston, Md.
1854	E	Willis, Jonathan S.	Milford, Del.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

1886	L	Ayers, J. F.	Onancock, Va.
1872	L	Beauchamp John	Fairmount, Md.
1881	L	Brewington, Julius A.	Tyaskin, Md.
	L	Conner, Nathan E.	Marion, Somerset Co., Md.
	L	Connelly, John H.	Bethel, Sussex Co., Md.
	L	Conner, Jno. W.	Crisfield, Md.
1864	D	Deveraux, Jos. J.	Snow Hill, Md.
1874	L	Daniel, James P.	Deal's Island, Md.
	L	Hill, M. M.	Delmar, Sussex Co., Del.
	L	Hopkins, G. W.	Monie, Somerset Co., Md.
		James, Jeremiah	Whitesville, Delaware.
	D	Leatherbury, P. A.	Onancock, Va.
1864	D	Lawson, Hance	Crisfield, Md.
1851	D	Miller, James	Pocomoke City, Md.
1883	E	Nelson, Alonzo	Crisfield, Md.
1871	L	Passwaters, Wm. D.	Westover, Md.
1858	L	Robinson, Jno	Sharptown, Md.
	L	Scott, James H.	Victor, Somerset Co., Md.
1884	L	Simonson, John A.	Crisfield, Md.
1883	L	Todd, Jno. R.	Dickinson College.
1874	D	Tyler, John	Crisfield, Md.
1885	L	Todd, Jno. R.	Drew Seminary.
	D	Tindale, William	Georgetown, Del.
1852	E	Webb, Samuel	Fruitland, Md.
	L	Wilson, Isaac	Monie, Somerset Co., Md.
1852	L	White, S. Q.	Salisbury, Md.
	L	Ward, N. N.	" "
	L	Windon, E. J.	Onancock, Va.
	L	White, H. P.	Dames Quarter, Somerset Co., Md.
1886	L	Webster, Zack. H.	Deal's Island, Va.

PLANS OF EXAMINATION.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

History United States	C. S. BAKER.
Scripture History	N. M. BROWNE.
Catechism (No. 3)	W. E. AVERY.
History of Methodism	T. E. MARTINDALE.
Discipline M. E. Church	W. E. AVERY.
Compendium of Methodism	T. R. CREAMER.

FIRST YEAR.

Ancient History	F. C. McSorley.
Christian Perfection and Rhetoric	JULIUS DODD.
Systematic Theology	G. W. TOWNSEND.
Written Sermon	I. N. FOREMAN.
Biblical Theology	T. B. HUNTER.

SECOND YEAR.

Mediaeval and Modern History	W. F. CORKRAN.
Biblical Theology	W. R. MCFARLANE.
Systematic Theology	J. A. ARTERS.
Sacraments and Sermons	JOSEPH ROBINSON.
Lessons in Logic	J. M. COLLINS.

THIRD YEAR.

Harman and Miley	E. H. HYNSON.
History of the Church	C. F. SHEPPARD.
Elements of Science	J. M. LINDALE.
Systematic Theology	J. W. HAMMERSLY.
Kidder's Homiletics	I. G. FOSNOCHT.

FOURTH YEAR.

Biblical Theology	A. STENGLE.
Watson's Institutes, Part II.	GEO. W. BURKE.
Butler's Analogy	R. C. JONES.
Written Exegesis	J. E. KIDNEY.
Books to be read	J. H. HOWARD.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. *Who are received by transfer, and from what Conference?*
Jacob Todd, from the Newark Conference.
2. *Who are admitted on trial?*
G. P. Smith, W. R. Sears, Geo. W. Bowman, Joshua W. Gray, George E. Wood, Asbury Burke, Wm. W. Sharp, F. M. Morgan, Wm. R. Mowbray, Willard W. Johnson, H. S. Dulaney, Wm. I. Koons, R. I. Watkins, Wm. P. Taylor, C. T. Wyatt, James T. Prouse.
3. *Who remain on trial?*
Axel Z. Fryxell, D. H. Corkran, James M. Mitchell, G. F. Hopkins, James W. Easley, Robt. Watt, Lyman J. Muchmore, Edgar S. Mace, James D. Reese.
4. *Who are discontinued?*
None.
5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*
Wm. A. Wise, Isaac L. Wood, Wm. F. Dawson, Wilmer Jaggard, Daniel F. McFaul, E. P. Roberts, Edmund H. Derrickson.
6. *Who are re-admitted?*
None.
7. *Who are received on credentials from other Churches?*
William T. Valliant.
8. *What traveling preachers have been elected Deacons?*
Wm. A. Wise, Wilmer Jaggard, Daniel F. McFaul, E. P. Roberts, E. H. Derrickson.
9. *What traveling preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
Wm. A. Wise, Wilmer Jaggard, Daniel F. McFaul, E. P. Roberts, E. H. Derrickson.
10. *What local preachers have been elected Deacons?*
Albert Thatcher, John P. Edes.
11. *What local preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
Albert Thatcher, John P. Edes.
12. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the first class?*
Wm. A. Wise, Wm. F. Dawson, Wilmer Jaggard, Daniel F. McFaul, E. P. Roberts, Isaac Wood, E. H. Derrickson, L. J. Muchmore, E. S. Mace, James W. Easley, A. Z. Fryxell.
13. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?*
Wm. B. Guthrie, A. S. Mowbray, Geo. L. Hardesty.
14. *What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*
V. S. Collins, B. C. Warren, A. P. Prettyman, Charles H. Williams, S. N. Pilchard.

15. *What traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
V. S. Collins, B. C. Warren, A. P. Prettyman, Chas. H. Williams, S. N. Pilchard.
16. *What local Deacons have been elected Elders?*
Wm. W. Taylor, James R. Dill.
17. *What local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
Wm. W. Taylor, James R. Dill.
18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
James Hubbard, Wm. Merrill, A. T. Scott, W. F. Talbot, J. B. Merritt, T. E. Bell, I. D. Johnson, A. Chandler, W. Underwood.
19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*
James L. Houston, E. J. Way, V. Gray, A. A. Fisher, George Barton, John Allen, George A. Phoebus, James Esgate, Henry Sanderson.
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?*
None.
22. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?*
J. Richards Boyle to the Newark Conference.
23. *Have any withdrawn?*
None.
24. *Have any been located at their own request?*
J. S. Willis, L. C. Andrew.
25. *Have any been located?*
None.
26. *Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?*
J. E. Mowbray.
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, Wm. B. Walton, W. W. Wilson, C. W. Prettyman, I. G. Fosnocht, J. D. C. Hanna.
29. *What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?*
(See tables.)
30. *What are the claims on the Conference Fund?*
\$5,775.
31. *What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?*
\$5,588, as directed. (See Stewards' Report.)
32. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*
(See Appointments.)
33. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*
Crisfield, Md.

APPOINTMENTS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

CHARLES HILL, P. E.,—P. O. WILMINGTON, DEL.

Bethel and Glasgow, Md.	J. T. VAN BURKALOW.
Charlestown, Md.	WM. E. TOMPKINSON.
Cherry Hill, Md.	CHAS. A. HILL.
Chesapeake City, Md.	T. A. H. O'BRIEN.
Chester, Del.	T. B. HUNTER.
Christiana, Del.	JOS. DARE.
Claymont, Del.	TO BE SUPPLIED.
Delaware City, Del.	JNO. H. WILLEY.
Elk Neck, Md.	ASBURY BURKE.
Elkton and Crouch Chapel, Md.	J. P. OTIS.
Hockessin, Del.	JULIUS DODD.
Hopewell, Md.	WM. R. SEARS.
Mount Lebanon, Del.	TO BE SUPPLIED.
Mount Pleasant, Del.	J. W. HAMMERSLEY.
Newark and Wesley, Del.	C. W. PRETTYMAN.
New Castle, Del.	THOS. E. TERRY.
Newport and Stanton, Del.	E. H. NELSON.
North East, Md.	T. S. WILLIAMS.
Port Deposit, Md.	L. E. BARRETT.
Red Lion, Del.	WM. A. WISE.
Rising Sun, Md.	ISAAC JEWELL.
Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant, Md.	TO BE SUPPLIED.
St. George's and Summit, Del.	L. W. LAYFIELD.
Wilmington: Asbury, Del.	JAS. E. BRYAN.
" Brandywine, Del.	E. L. HUBBARD.
" Epworth, Del.	D. H. CORKRAN.
" Grace, Del.	J. TODD, D. D.
" Madeley, Del.	B. F. PRICE.
" Mt. Salem Del.	R. C. JONES.
" St. Paul's and Kingswood W. L. S. MURRAY, and one to be Supplied.	
" Scott, Del.	N. M. BROWNE.
" Swedish Mission, Del.	A. Z. FRYXZELL.
" Union, Del.	ADAM STENGLE.
" Wesley, Del.	S. T. GARDNER.
Zion Circuit, Md.	C. F. SHEPPARD.

J. H. Caldwell, D.D., President Delaware College and member of Newark Quarterly conference.

EASTON DISTRICT.

JOHN FRANCE, P. E.—P. O. SMYRNA, DEL.

Appoquinimink, Del.	G. S. CONOWAY.
Bayside and Tilghman Is., Md.	J. D. REESE.
Cecilton, Md.	E. C. ATKINS.
Centreville, Md.	J. A. ARTERS.

Chestertown, Md.	J. D. KEMP.
Church Hill Md.	W. J. O'NEIL.
Crumpton, Md.	GEO. E. WOOD.
Easton, Md.	H. S. THOMPSON.
Galena, Md.	T. L. TOMKINSON.
Greensboro, Md.	W. H. HUTCHIN.
Hillsboro, Md.	G. W. TOWNSEND.
Ingleside, Md.	W. W. SHARP.
Kent Island Md.	J. E. KIDNEY.
King's Creek, Md.	TO BE SUPPLIED.
Marydel, Md.	A. S. MOWBRAY.
Middletown, Del.	R. H. ADAMS.
Massey's, Md.	TO BE SUPPLIED.
Millington, Md.	R. K. STEPHENSON.
Odessa, Del.	T. R. CREAMER.
Oxford, Md.	L. P. CORKRAN.
Pomona, Md.	J. M. LINDALE.
Queenstown, Md.	J. W. POOLE.
Rock Hall, Md.	NEWTON MCQUAY.
Royal Oak, Md.	I. L. WOOD.
St. Michael's, Md.	J. O. SYPHERD.
Sassafras, Md.	TO BE SUPPLIED.
Smyrna, Del.	J. B. QUIGG.
Smyrna Circuit, Del.	E. E. WHITE.
Still Pond, Md.	E. C. MACNICHOL.
Sudlersville, Md.	J. D. RIGG.
Talbot, Md.	TO BE SUPPLIED.
Townsend, Del.	E. P. ROBERTS.
Trappe, Md.	A. P. PRETTYMAN.
Wye, Md.	GEO. P. SMITH.

DOVER DISTRICT.

A. W. MILBY, P. E.—P. O., HARRINGTON, DEL.

Beckwith, Md.	G. W. BOWMAN.
Bridgeville, Del.	L. J. MUCHMORE.
Burrsville, Md.	JAS. CONNER.
Cambridge, Md.	ALFRED SMITH.
Camden, Del.	E. H. HYNSON.
Cannon's Crossing, Del.	EDW. DAVIS.
Church Creek, Md.	CHAS. H. WILLIAMS.
Denton, Md.	T. O. AYERS.
Dover, Del.	T. E. MARTINDALE.
East New Market, Md.	P. H. RAWLINS.
Ellendale, Del.	WILMER JAGGARD.
Farmington, Del.	F. J. COCHRAN.
Federalburg, Md.	G. W. BURKE.
Felton, Del.	V. S. COLLINS.
Frederica, and Barrett's Chapel Del.	T. H. HAYNES.
Galestown, Md.	W. M. GREEN.
Georgetown, Del.	W. J. DUHADWAY.
Greenwood, Del.	JAS. CARROLL.
Harrington, Del.	JNO. WARTHMAN.
Houston, Del.	J. M. MITCHELL.
Hurlock's, Md.	GEO. F. HOPKINS.
Leipsic, Del.	D. F. McFAUL.
Lewes, Del.	J. A. BRINDLE.

Lincoln, Del.....	J. M. COLLINS.
Magnolia, Del.....	G. L. HARDESTY.
Milford, Del.....	W. S. ROBINSON.
Millsboro, Del.....	ROBT. ROE.
Milton, Del.....	JOS. ROBINSON.
Nassau, Del.....	ISAAC N. FOREMAN.
Potter's Landing, Md.....	F. M. MORGAN.
Preston, Md.....	TO BE SUPPLIED.
Seaford, Del.....	W. E. ENGLAND.
Vienna, Md.....	W. F. DAWSON.
Woodlandtown, Md.....	W. W. REDMAN.
Wyoming, Del.....	W. M. WARNER.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

JNO. A. B. WILSON, P. E.,—P. O., PRINCESS ANNE, MD.

Accomac, Va.....	A. D. DAVIS.
Annamesssex, Md.....	B. C. WARREN.
Asbury, Md.....	W. F. CORKRAN.
Berlin, Md.....	WM. B. GREGG.
Bethel, Del.....	A. T. MELVIN.
Bishopville, Md.....	R. IRVING WATKINS.
Cape Charles City, Va.....	E. H. DERRICKSON.
Chincoteague, Va.....	W. R. MOWBRAY.
Chrisfield, Md.....	W. W. WILSON.
Deal's Island, Md.....	J. D. C. HANNA.
Delmar, Md.....	C. S. BAKER.
Fairmount, Md.....	W. E. AVERY.
Frankford, Del.....	S. N. PILCHARD.
Fruitland Md.....	W. B. GUTHRIE.
Girdle Tree and Conner's, Md.....	J. W. EASLEY.
Gumboro, Del.....	D. F. WADDELL.
Holland's Island, Md.....	H. S. DULANEY.
Laurel, Del.....	F. C. MCSORLEY.
Mt. Vernon, Md.....	T. H. HARDING.
Newark, Md.....	W. T. VALLIANT.
Onancock, Va.....	C. A. GRICE.
Parsonsburg, Md.....	W. W. JOHNSON.
Pocomoke City, Md.....	I. G. FOSNOCHT.
Pocomoke Circuit, Md.....	C. T. WYATT.
Powellville, Md.....	TO BE SUPPLIED.
Princess Anne, Md.....	ROBT. WATT.
Quantico, Md.....	J. T. PROUSE.
Riverton, Md.....	WM. P. TAYLOR.
Roxanna, Del.....	W. R. MCFARLANE.
Salisbury, Md.....	W. B. WALTON.
Selbyville, Md.....	E. S. MACE.
Sharptown, Md.....	E. H. MILLER.
Shortley, Del.....	J. W. GRAY.
Smith's Island, Md.....	W. L. P. BOWEN.
Snow Hill, Md.....	R. W. TODD.
Somerset, Md.....	TO BE SUPPLIED.
Stockton, Md.....	O. S. WALTON.
St. Peter's, Md.....	G. W. WILCOX.
Tangier, Va.....	TO BE SUPPLIED.
Tyaskin, Md.....	J. H. HOWARD.
Westover, Md.....	W. G. KOONS.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Opening.—The eighteenth session of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the M. E. Church met in Elkton, Md., Thursday morning, March 4th, 1886, at 8½ o'clock, Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, presiding.

Devotions.—Devotional services were led by J. A. Brindle and R. C. Jones, followed by a sermon by W. J. Duhadway, from the text "We persuade men."

Sacramental Service.—The Bishop then took charge of the Sacramental Service. C. Hill announced the 98th hymn, and J. A. B. Wilson led in prayer. The Bishop consecrated the elements, and Chas. Hill directed in their distribution by a number of the brethren.

Roll Call.—The Secretary of the last session called the roll, and one hundred members answered to their names.

Election of Secretary.—The Conference then proceeded to the election of a Secretary. J. D. Rigg and W. J. Duhadway were nominated, a ballot vote was ordered, and J. P. Otis, E. L. Hubbard, T. O. Ayres, and Wm. B. Gregg were appointed tellers.

Pending the report of the tellers Dr. S. Hunt, of the New York Book Concern addressed the Conference respecting our publishing interests.

Report of Tellers.—The tellers then reported the re-election of J. D. Rigg as Secretary.

Statistical Secretary.—On motion of J. A. B. Wilson, J. D. C. Hanna was chosen Statistical Secretary, with permission to nominate his assistants, who were confirmed. (See Secretaries.)

Assistant Secretaries.—The Secretary nominated the other assistants, who were confirmed. (See Secretaries.)

Conference Endowment Fund.—W. S. Robinson offered a resolution calling for a committee to consider the matter of securing a fund for the benefit of our Conference claimants, which was adopted. (See Res.)

Committee on Missions.—On motion of R. W. Todd, the Presiding Elders were made the Committee on Missions. (See St. Com.)

Standing Committees.—The usual standing committees were nominated and confirmed. (See List.)

Western Book Concern Bills.—A committee was appointed to collect bills due the Western Book Concern. (See Sp. Com.)

Stewards Elected. Four ministerial stewards were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference. (See list.)

Hours of Meeting and Adjournment.—Half-past eight A. M. and 12 M. were fixed for meeting and adjourning.

Conference Bar.—The inside of the third window from the pulpit was made the Bar of the Conference.

Rules.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, the rules of the last session were adopted for the government of the present session.

Postmaster.—On motion of R. C. Jones, a Conference Postmaster was appointed. (See Sp. Com.)

Stewards' Call.—On motion of P. H. Rawlins, the call of the Stewards was made the order of the day at ten o'clock to-morrow.

Odd Cents in Reports.—After discussion concerning odd cents in reports of moneys, on motion of W. J. Duhadway, the matter was referred to the Statistical Secretary and his assistants for adjustment as they deemed best.

Apportionment for Episcopal Fund.—The Bishop presented the apportionment for the Episcopal Fund, which was referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to the various charges. (See tables.)

General Conference Expenses.—Documents respecting general Conference expenses for 1888 were put in charge of the Conference Postmaster for distribution to each member of Conference.

Statistical Session.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, a statistical session was ordered for two o'clock this afternoon.

Report of Book Concerns.—The Bishop presented the annual report of the Book Concerns, which was filed.

Effective Elders.—The 20th question was taken up, and that part referring to Wilmington District was properly disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

Methodist Review.—A committee was appointed to solicit subscribers to the Methodist Review. (See Sp. Com.)

Adjourned.—The Committees were called, announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Dr. S. Hunt pronouncing the Benediction.

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

SECOND SESSION.

Conference met at 2 o'clock, J. B. Quigg in the chair. Devotions were led by R. K. Stephenson. The various Committees took their places, the roll was called, and the statistics and moneys were handed in, twenty-three pastors failing to report.

The Conference then adjourned, and the Anniversary of the Conference Historical Society was held.

HISTORICAL ANNIVERSARY—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

At 2:30 o'clock the anniversary of the Conference Historical Society was held, J. H. Caldwell in the Chair. Devotions were led by R. K. Stephenson.

B. F. Price, having completed his fiftieth year in the ministry, by request of the Conference, preached a semi-centennial sermon from Acts 20-24, "None of these things move me, etc."

On motion, G. A. Phoebus, J. S. Willis, J. E. Bryan and T. R. Creamer were appointed to confer with Bro. Price concerning the publication of his sermon.

On motion of J. P. Otis, in view of the lateness of the hour, it was directed that the sketches of Methodism in Snow Hill and in Elkton, be furnished for the archives of the Conference Historical Society.

The meeting then adjourned with the Doxology, James Carroll pronouncing the Benediction.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY MORNING.

THIRD SESSION.

Opening.—Conference met at 8:30 o'clock. R. H. Adams conducted the devotions and preached from Romans 13-11, "Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed." A hymn was sung, and R. C. Jones led in prayer.

Business Resumed.—At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair and business was resumed.

Journal.—The journal was read and approved.

Roll-call of absentees.—The names of absentees at first roll-call were called, and the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Historical Sketches.—On motion, it was directed that the sketches of Methodism, in Snow Hill and Elkton, be published in the "Peninsula Methodist."

Parchments of V. Smith.—By recommendation of Scott Q. Conference, on motion of Chas. Hill, the credentials of Vaughn Smith, voluntarily surrendered in 1884, were restored to him.

Withdrawal of J. E. Mowbray.—A. W. Milby presented charges against J. E. Mowbray, and J. B. Quigg offered a paper signed by Bro. Mowbray on May 18th, 1885, in which he obligated himself to withdraw from the Conference at this session, "under charges." After discussion, and rulings by the Bishop, the Conference accepted the withdrawal of said J. E. Mowbray, and his name was ordered to be returned as "withdrawn under charges."

Drafts.—A draft for \$193 on the Book-Concern, and one for \$30 on the Chartered Fund, were ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards. (See Stewards' Report.)

Introductions.—Dr. D. P. Kidder, Secretary Education Society, Dr. W. M. Frysinger, President Centenary Biblical Institute, and Jno. H. Howard, transferred to this Conference at the last session, were introduced to the Conference.

Effective Elders.—The twentieth question was resumed, and that part referring to Easton District was properly disposed of. (See Dis. Quest.)

Stewards' Call.—The order of the day was taken up, the Stewards made their call, and the moneys were received.

Report of Dr. Frysinger.—On motion of R. W. Todd, the report of the President of Centenary Biblical Institute was referred to the Committee on Freedmen's Aid.

Collections Disposed of.—On motion of J. B. Quigg, the collections for Episcopal Fund, Children's Day, Sunday School Union, and Tract Society, were ordered to be paid to Dr. S. Hunt, of the New York Book Concern.

Papers from Drew Seminary.—Papers from Drew Theological Seminary were referred to the Committee on Education.

Extra Missionary Apportionment.—On motion of R. H. Adams, the Presiding Elders were directed to apportion \$3,000 to the various charges of the Conference for Domestic Missions.

Amendment to Constitution.—On motion of J. B. Quigg, the subject of amending the Constitution of the Domestic Missionary Society was referred to a Committee.

"Good Tidings Day."—H. S. Thompson offered a resolution endorsing the action of the Church in providing for a "Good Tidings Day," which was adopted. (See Res.)

Vacancies in Academy Trustees.—A statement from the Trustees of the Conference Academy announcing the expiration of the term of four Trustees was referred to a Committee to make nominations to fill said vacancies. (See Sp. Com.)

Ministerial Relief Association.—A Committee was appointed to consider certain papers pertaining to the Ministerial Relief Association at Boston. (See Sp. Com.)

Temperance Documents.—Certain papers referring to Temperance work were referred to the Committee on Temperance.

Introductions.—S. W. Thomas, J. F. Crouch, D. W. Gordon, W. L. Gray, L. B. Hoffman, Joseph Welsh, Wm. Swindells and C. M. Boswell, of the Philadelphia Conference, and Dr. A. S. Hunt, of the American Bible Society, were introduced to the Conference.

Bishop Mallalien's Lecture.—A resolution asking the Bishop to deliver his lecture on "The March of the Saxon," some time during the Conference session, was unanimously adopted. (See Res.)

Drs. D. P. Kidder, and A. S. Hunt addressed the Conference respecting the interests of "Children's Day," and the work of the American Bible Society, respectively.

Time Extended.—On motion the time was extended.

Effective Elders.—The 20th question was resumed, and that part relating to Dover District was disposed of. (See Dis. Ques.)

Adjourned.—Committees were called, announcements made, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Dr. A. S. Hunt, pronouncing the Benediction.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY MORNING.

FOURTH SESSION.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, the 530th hymn was sung, and the Bishop led the Conference in prayer. The 1030th hymn was sung, and W. B. Walton preached from Col. 1-27, "Christ in you the hope of glory."

Business.—At 9.15 the Bishop took the chair, and the business of the Conference was resumed.

Journal.—The journal was read and approved.

Committee on Amendments.—On motion of J. B. Quigg, the Conference Board of Domestic Missions was made the Committee on Amending the Constitution of that Society, as called for by Conference action.

Parchment of J. E. Mowbray.—A. W. Milby presented the credentials of J. E. Mowbray, and they were filed in the Archives of the Conference.

Leave of Absence.—Thos. B. Hunter was granted leave of absence for the rest of the session.

Committee on Endowment Fund.—The Presiding Elders nominated the Committee on Conference Endowment Fund, and they were confirmed. (See Standing Committees.)

Parchments of E. P. Aldred.—J. H. Caldwell presented the credentials of E. P. Aldred, and they were filed in the Archives of the Conference.

J. P. Otis excused.—On motion of T. S. Williams, J. P. Otis was excused from preaching the annual missionary sermon.

Effective Elders.—The 20th Question was resumed, and that part relating to Salisbury District was properly disposed of. (See Dis. Quest.)

J. H. Caldwell.—The name of J. H. Caldwell was called; he addressed the Conference respecting his relation, and the Conference requested that the Bishop appoint him to the Presidency of Delaware College.

A. D. Davis.—J. A. B. Wilson stated that A. D. Davis had volunteered his services for certain missionary work in Accomac and Northampton counties, Va., and the Conference directed that a collection to purchase an outfit be taken for him. The collection was taken, amounting to \$167.50 in cash, and subscriptions making it aggregate about \$200.00, and the money was directed to be paid to Bro. Davis.

Deacons of 2nd Class.—The 13th Question was called, and properly disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

Finance Report.—L. A. C. Gerry read the report of the Finance Committee, and it was confirmed.

Who remain on Trial?—The 3rd Question was called, and properly disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

Wm. R. Sears, Geo. W. Bowman, and Joshua W. Gray, having failed to pass satisfactory examinations in the course prescribed, were directed to stand examination in said course at the next session. (See Question 2.)

Afternoon Session.—On motion of R. W. Todd a session of Conference was ordered for 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Dr. A. J. Kynett, Corresponding Secretary Church Extension Society, Dr. H. A. Buttz, President Drew Theological Seminary, and Dr. W. M. Frysinger, President Centenary Biblical Institute, addressed the Conference respecting the interests they represent.

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

Introductions.—Dr. Elon Foster, of the New York Conference, Dr. A. Wallace, of the Philadelphia Conference, and Alexander Craig, of the Newark Conference, were introduced.

Minimum for Collections.—J. A. B. Wilson offered a resolution fixing the minimum collection for Church Extension at \$10, and for Freedmen's Aid at \$5 for the coming year. (See Res.)

Adjourned.—Committees were called, announcements made, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Dr. H. A. Buttz pronouncing the Benediction.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

FIFTH-SESSION.

Conference met at 2 o'clock, the Bishop in the chair. Devotions were led by Wm. E. Tomkinson.

Domestic Mission Board re-elected.—On motion of J. B. Quigg the Conference Board of Domestic Missions were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Local Preachers to D. Orders.—The 10th question was called, and properly disposed of. (See Dis. Questions.)

Local Preachers to E. Orders.—The 16th question was called and properly disposed of. (See Dis. Questions.)

Traveling Deacons to E. Orders.—The 14th question was called and properly disposed of. Vaughn S. Collins, a Deacon of the 2nd class, having passed the 4th years' course of study, was also elected to Elders' Orders. (See Dis. Questions.)

Admitted into full connection.—The 5th question was called and properly disposed of. (See Dis. Question.)

Adjourned.—Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Dr. A. J. Kynett, pronouncing the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY—MONDAY MORNING.

SIXTH SESSION.

Opening.—Conference met at 8:30 o'clock. After appropriate devotions, A. D. Davis preached from John 14:2, "I go to prepare a place for you, etc." J. B. Quigg led the Conference in prayer, the Bishop took the chair, and business was resumed.

Journal.—The Journal was read and approved.

Parchments of J. E. Horney.—A. W. Milby presented the credentials of J. E. Horney, a Local Deacon, who voluntarily surrendered them, and they were filed.

Temperance Report.—J. B. Quigg read the report of the Committee on Temperance, and it was adopted. (See Reports.)

Apportionment for Missions.—R. W. Todd offered a resolution directing that the \$20,400 apportioned to this Conference by the General Committee be the basis of apportionment to the respective charges of the Conference. (See Res.)

Special Apportionment.—A special column in the minutes for apportionments, to be furnished by Secretary McCabe, was ordered.

Committee on Secretary McCabe.—The Presiding Elders, J. S. Willis and J. B. Quigg, were appointed to confer with Secretary McCabe respecting a series of Missionary mass meetings. (See Sp. Com.)

Academy Trustees.—J. B. Quigg presented a Communication from the Trustees of the Conference Academy respecting a Ladies' Hall, and offered a plan in a series of resolutions, which were adopted. (See Reports.)

Report of Academy Trustees.—C. H. B. Day read the annual report of the Trustees of the Conference Academy, and it was referred to the Committee on Education to have an abstract of it prepared for publication with the report of that Committee.

Prof. W. L. Gooding.—Prof. Gooding, of the Conference Academy, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of that Institution. He was followed by J. S. Willis on the same subject.

Excused from attendance.—T. E. Terry, J. D. Reese and Geo. W. Burke were excused from further attendance upon the session.

Dr. J. A. McCauley, President of Dickinson College, was introduced, and addressed the Conference respecting his work.

Ladies' Executive Committee.—The Presiding Elders and T. E. Martindale were appointed to nominate the Committee of thirteen ladies called for in the Ladies' Hall resolutions, and Bro. Martindale was privileged to name the Chairman of that Committee. (See Sp. Com.)

Childrens' Day Fund.—On motion of W. W. Wilson, the Childrens' Day Fund for the ensuing year was directed to be equally divided between the Conference Academy, and the general Education Fund, in order to pay the interest on the \$10,000 Endowment subscription to the Academy.

I. D. Johnson.—Jno. France stated that the health of I. D. Johnson, was such as to compel him to rest a year, and he was given a supernumerary relation. He was recommended to the Board of Stewards for favorable consideration, and a collection was taken in his behalf, amounting to \$127 00.

Standard for Examining Committees.—T. E. Martindale, offered a resolution establishing a standard for classes passing their Conference examinations, to apply to the class seeking admission at this session, and it was adopted. (See Resolutions.)

Auditing Committee.—J. O. Sypherd was appointed to audit the account of moneys received by the Presiding Elders, from the Domestic Mission Fund. (See Special Committee.)

Supernumeraries.—The 18th Question was taken up and properly disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

J. S. Willis.—The character of J. S. Willis was passed, and he was granted a location at his own request. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

Henry Sanderson and James Esgate were called, their characters passed, and their relation was changed from Supernumerary to Superannuated. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

The character of S. T. Gardner was passed, he reported eleven dollars missionary money from Wesley, Wilmington, and his relation was changed from Supernumerary to Effective.

Stewards' Report.—The Stewards made their annual report, which was adopted, and the moneys were distributed. (See Report.)

Temperance in Cecil County.—C. A. Hill offered a preamble and resolution respecting temperance work in Cecil County, which was adopted. (See Res.)

Introductions.—Rev. Mr. Arnett, of the M. P. Church, and Prof. Bowen of Bordenton Female College, were introduced to the Conference.

Elon J. Way.—Dr. E. J. Way addressed the Conference in some interesting allusions to his past history in the Conference, and was followed by appropriate singing.

Adjourned.—On motion, the Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Dr. E. J. Way, pronouncing the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY—MONDAY AFTERNOON.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Conference met at 2½ o'clock, H. S. Thompson in the chair. Devotions were led by J. O. Sypherd.

Memoirs of Mrs. Anna T. Willis, Mrs. Keziah Price, and Mrs. Virginia C. Phoebus were read by W. S. Robinson, J. P. Otis and N. M. Browne respectively, interspersed with appropriate singing, and they were adopted. (See Memoirs.)

Conference then adjourned, and was followed by the Stewards Anniversary.

FIFTH DAY—TUESDAY MORNING.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Opening Services.—Conference met at 8.15 o'clock a. m. After appropriate devotions, J. S. Willis preached a sermon from Acts 9-16, and was followed by prayer by E. L. Hubbard.

At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair, and business was resumed.

The journal was read, corrected and approved.

Statistical Report.—The Statistical Secretary presented his report, read the Conference totals, and it was confirmed. (See tables.)

Ministerial Relief.—H. S. Thompson read the report of the Committee on Ministers' Relief Association and it was adopted. (See Reports.)

Centenary Fund.—T. L. Tomkinson read the report of the Treasurer of Centenary Fund, it was ordered to be published in the Minutes, and an order on that Fund for \$180, was given in favor of the Board of Stewards. (See Reports.)

Certificates of Ordination.—The Bishop presented the Certificates of Ordination of Deacons and Elders.

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

Trustees of Centenary Fund.—On motion of T. L. Tomkinson, the Trustees of the Centenary Fund were re-elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference. (See List.)

Annual Missionary Sermon.—A resolution was adopted directing attention to the Disciplinary rule respecting the annual Missionary sermon. (See Resolutions.)

Committee on Semi-Centennial Sermon.—The Bishop appointed a committee of four to collect funds to publish the semi-centennial sermon of B. F. Price. (See Special Committees.)

Todd's History of Methodism.—A committee was appointed to solicit subscribers to the History of Peninsula Methodism, by R. W. Todd. (See Special Committees.)

Committees and Boards.—The Bishop presented the list of Examining Committees and Boards called for at his hand. (See List.)

Minutes for Elkton.—On motion of W. S. Robinson, one hundred copies of the Minutes were ordered for distribution among the families in Elkton who entertained the Conference, and a collection of ten dollars was taken to pay for them.

Walter Underwood.—On a motion of A. W. Milby, a supernumerary relation was granted to Walter Underwood at his own request. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

Five cents per capita for Missionary.—On motion of R. H. Adams, five cents per member was fixed as the amount asked from each member as the apportionment for Domestic Missions.

Peninsula Methodist.—Resolutions endorsing the Peninsula Methodist, and asking depository rates for J. M. Thomas were adopted. (See Res.)

Church Extension Report.—T. E. Martindale read the report of the Conference Board of Church Extension, and it was received. (See Reports.)

Committee on thanks.—The usual Committee on thanks was appointed. (See Sp. Com.)

Sunday School and Tract Reports.—The reports of the Committees on Sunday Schools and Tracts were read, and after an address by Dr. Jas. M. Freeman, Assistant Corresponding Secretary, they were adopted. (See Reports.)

Sexton.—A collection for the Sexton was taken amounting to \$44.55.

Conference Endowment Fund.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, the Committee on Conference Endowment Fund was made a Standing Committee on that subject, and he was made Chairman of that Committee. (See Standing Committee.)

Transferred to this Conference.—The 1st Question was called, and Jacob Todd was announced as transferred to this Conference from the Newark Conference. (See Dis. Questions.)

Transferred from this Conference.—The 22nd question was called, and J. Richards Boyle was announced as transferred from this Conference to the Newark Conference. (See Dis. Questions.)

Admitted on Credentials.—The 7th question was called; Wm. T. Valliant was introduced, his orders recognized, he was represented, and was received into the Conference. (See Dis. Question.)

Superannuated Preachers.—The 19th question was called, and properly disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

George P. Smith.—This case was called, and, having never appeared before the Committee on the first year's course, he was directed to appear before the committee to examine in that course at the next session.

Extension of Time.—On motion the time was extended.

Admitted on Trial.—The 2d question was called and properly disposed of. (See Dis. Questions.)

L. C. Andrew.—On motion of Chas. Hill, L. C. Andrew was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request. (See Dis. Questions.)

Albert Chandler.—On motion of John France, Albert Chandler was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request. (See Dis. Questions.)

Place of next Session.—The 33d Question "Where shall the next Conference be held," was called. Easton and Crisfield were put in nomination, and after representation, Crisfield was chosen by a vote of 52 to 46, which was subsequently made unanimous. (See Dis. Questions.)

Domestic Missionary Money.—J. O. Sypherd presented a statement of receipts and disbursements of Missionary money by the Presiding Elders, which was accepted, and he was directed to secure from J. H. Caldwell, vouchers for certain moneys applied to Easton District. (See Reports.)

Afternoon Session.—On motion of R. W. Todd, a session of the Conference was ordered for two o'clock this afternoon.

Adjournment.—On motion, the Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Geo. Barton pronouncing the Benediction.

FIFTH DAY—TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

NINTH SESSION.

The Conference met at 2 o'clock, the Bishop in the chair. Devotions were led by T. O. Ayers.

Report on Education.—Chas. A. Hill read the report of the committee on Education, and it was adopted. (See Reports.)

Visiting Committees.—The list of Visiting Committee, to the various institutions of learning, under the patronage of the Conference, was read and confirmed. (See List.)

Conference Education Society.—F. A. Ellis read the annual report of the Conference Education Society, and it was received.

A collection for the Conference Education Society was directed to be taken in the churches during the year.

Amendment to Constitution.—R. C. Jones offered an amendment to the Constitution of the Domestic Missionary Society, which was adopted. (See Resolutions.)

Report on Missions.—J. A. B. Wilson read the report of the Committee on Missions, and it was adopted. (See Reports.)

"Bishop Mallalieu Tabernacle."—A Tabernacle to be procured by A. D. Davis, for revival services in Virginia, was named "*The Bishop Mallalieu Tabernacle*," by a rising vote.

Autobiography of V. Smith.—J. A. B. Wilson offered a resolution requesting Vaughn Smith to publish an autobiography at an early day, was adopted. (See Resolutions.)

Committee on S. S. Institute.—The Committee on Sunday School Institute, called for in the report on Sunday Schools, was named and confirmed. (See Special Committee.)

Reports.—Reports from the Committees on Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Women's Home Missionary Society, the Bible Cause, and Freedmen's Aid, were read and adopted (See Reports.)

Reduced Fare.—The Presiding Elders were appointed to secure reduced rates of fare to the next session. (See Special Committees.)

Location of J. S. Willis.—W. E. England offered a resolution of appreciation of J. S. Willis, which was adopted by a rising vote. (See Resolutions.) Bro. Willis then addressed the Conference in some pleasing words respecting his location.

Anniversary Committee.—On motion of Thos. E. Martindale, the Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, and the pastors of Crisfield, Asbury, and St. Peter's, were made the Committee on Anniversaries for the next session. (See Special Committees.)

Report of Thanks.—R. W. Todd read the report of the Committee on Thanks, which was adopted by a rising vote. (See Resolutions.)

Final Adjournment.—On motion of Chas. Hill, the journal was read up, preparatory to adjournment. A hymn was sung, and J. S. Willis led in prayer. The Bishop addressed the Conference, announced the appointments, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.

The five cents per member apportionment for Domestic Missions, ordered on the last day of Conference, was understood to be in lieu of the \$3,000 apportionment, previously ordered for that purpose.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church is doing a work, the magnitude and importance of which can be revealed only in eternity. Prior to 1885, the Board and its auxiliaries had helped 2311 students to the amount of \$300,000. Of these students, 92 were ladies, 40 have become foreign missionaries, and more than two hundred have become itinerant ministers in more than sixty annual conferences.

May God bless our Board of Education and spare Dr. Kidder to this magnificent work for many years to come.

Your committee earnestly recommends the observance of "Children's Day" in every station and charge of the Conference and the most zealous effort on the part of each pastor, to keep the expenses of the day to the minimum, and bring the collection up to the maximum. It gives us pleasure to report that the institutions of learning under our patronizing care are in a prosperous condition.

DICKISON COLLEGE, whose glorious life of one hundred years has given the Republic one chief magistrate and two chief justices, and enriched the church with at least two chief pastors, and qualified for positions of honor and usefulness, her many sons, was never better fitted for her work than to-day.

During the presidency of Dr. McCauley in the last three years, \$100,000 have been added to the permanent funds of the College, increasing its endowment to \$350,000. The faculty of the College is larger and, we may add, more efficient, than ever in its history. The class admitted in September was the largest for many years. There are in the College classes 110 students; an increase of 15 over last year. In all, (including Preparatory School,) 145 students are in attendance. All the dormitory accommodations are in use and a number are rooming in town; two-thirds of the students are religious, over 20 are preparing for the Christian ministry, and a good religious work is now in progress in the College.

The new scientific building is now occupied. The building and furnishings cost about \$30,000 and the whole amount was paid by the Hon. Jacob Tome. The building is of admirable adaptation to the purpose for which it was erected.

The gymnasium has been in use for a year, and has been of great service. It is only partially supplied with appliances, but the authorities of the college are earnestly hoping for its complete equipment.

Memorial Library Hall has been in process of erection for more than a year, and will be completed within a few weeks. In architectural design, material and work, it is an elegant, and every way superior structure. It furnishes fire-proof accommodations for 100,000 volumes, and a beautiful audience-hall that will seat 850 persons. It is the gift to the college, of Mrs. J. W. Bosler, at a cost of \$68,000; when fully furnished the cost will be about \$75,000.

Your committee is persuaded that any young man desiring a classical education can find scholastic and social advantages at Carlisle, that are not surpassed anywhere in the United States, and, further, that he may live as comfortably and even as elegantly, at Dickinson for little more than half the cost of such a living at New Haven or Princeton.

It is earnestly desired that our Methodist parents send their sons to Methodist Colleges, and so save them to the Methodist Church.

DREW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.—This school of sacred learning, located at Madison, N. J., continues more and more to demonstrate the wisdom of its founders. The number of students for the present year is ninety-five, representing almost every section of our own country, and also many foreign countries.

The greatest need of the seminary at the present time is, a new Library Building for the preservation of its very valuable library. Such a building is, however, in course of erection and is deserving of our heartiest co-operation.

The influence for good, of this institution, is already being felt all over the world. Its graduates are found in all our annual conferences in this country, and also in most of our mission fields, and in most cases they are found to be "workmen that needeth not to be ashamed."

We have unbounded confidence in the learning, loyalty, and piety of the men in charge of the institution, and in view of the fact that it is most accessible to our territory, we recommend it most heartily to the liberality of our laymen, and to the consideration of all our young men desiring a complete and thorough furnishing for the christian ministry.

CENTENARY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.—This young and flourishing institution has already established its claim to life. There are, at the present time, under instruction, in all the departments, 237 students. The professors are faithful and competent, and under the lead of Dr. Frysinger, must carry the institution on to still greater prosperity. An effort is being made to raise an endowment fund of \$100,000, and this enterprise greatly needs and greatly deserves our heartiest sympathy and co-operation.

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE ACADEMY.—From the report of the board of trustees we condense the following statements.

The corps of professors and teachers now number eight, including the principal and vice-principal. During the school year, from September 1884, to June 1885, the students numbered 181. The amount of money subscribed and paid in, together with the Wharton legacy, has reduced the debt of the Academy to \$9,900, and the trustees confidently believe that if in the various charges within the bounds of this Conference, the claims of the Academy are fully presented, their share of the Children's Day collection will, together with the regular income of the Academy, not only pay the interest on this debt, but also, at least, \$1,000 per year upon the principal. The great need of the Academy is, a new hall for the accommodation of the ladies. We commend this need to the liberality of our people. The successful establishment of this Academy in the centre of this Peninsula, proves that Methodism is true to the aims of the fathers of the church in America, to provide the means of education, not only for the youth of its own membership, but for all the people.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Conference Board desires, respectfully, to present the following report of the business transacted by it during the past year.

It was found needful to hold two sessions of the Board, owing to the number and urgency of the applications. At the meeting in May, applications were received from Little Creek on Dover District, for a donation of \$300; and Bethel on Salisbury District for \$200, both of which were recommended.

At the September meeting, the application from Cape Charles City, Va., for a donation of \$200 was approved; and it was resolved to request the Parent Board, if practicable, to transfer to it the amount previously donated to Bethel.

Parksley, Va., was also recommended for a donation of \$200.

The application of Edge Moor, on Wilmington District, was favorably regarded, but the papers were returned for the correction of informalities.

A statement from the books of the Parent Board, will indicate the status of our recommendations.

A donation of \$150 was granted to Dagsboro' and paid on September 15th, 1885.

On October 25th, 1885, the balance remaining to the credit of our Conference was \$621.74.

The following applications have been granted, but owing to the fact that the conditions of the grant have not been fulfilled, no payments have, up to February 16th, been made.

Parksley, Va., \$200; Bethel, Del., \$200; Little Creek, Del., \$200; total \$600. Glasgow, Del., a loan of \$300.

If these were paid, the balance remaining to the credit of the Conference would be \$21.74.

In view of the needs of many localities within our bounds, and the importance of this work of Church Extension to the general cause of Methodism, we shall hail the day when our Conference shall raise its apportionment.

As a Conference Board, we desire to bear testimony to the faithfulness and efficiency of our general officers at Philadelphia, and to congratulate the church at large upon the wise management and marked prosperity of the cause committed to their hands.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

The condition of the Freedmen of the South, their children and grandchildren still appeals to us. While, since emancipation, many of them have wonderfully advanced socially, intellectually and religiously, yet vast numbers of ignorant colored people still need a continuance of that help which the church has been extending from year to year. Surely we must not disregard the pressing intellectual and spiritual needs of those who dwell in the lowly cabins of the south.

And the church is not disregarding the cry, but is gradually increasing her gifts whose object is the establishment of schools and the employment of suitable teachers among those needy people. From our own conference there come contributions to the amount of \$1170 against \$985 last year, an increase of \$185.

As the collections taken in our Conference for Freedman's Aid Society are applied towards the maintenance of the Centenary Biblical Institute of Baltimore, and as increasing interest is felt in that school within the bounds of this Conference we deem it proper to accompany this report with that of the honored president of the institution referred to.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTENARY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE OF BALTIMORE.

The interest taken in the Institute by the colored people of its patronizing territory has greatly increased during the past year, as is indicated by the fact that many more applications for entrance have been made than could possibly be granted. 151 regular and 63 irregular students were reported at this time one year ago. We have now 172 regular and 67 irregular students enrolled, an increase of 25, and have been compelled to turn away more than 50 others! Enlarged accommodations are an imperative necessity, and, accordingly, relying on the co-operation of the patronizing Conferences, the Trustees have resolved to reopen the building formerly occupied by the school, and remove the preparatory grades into it, leaving the new structure to be occupied by advanced students

alone. Considerable expense has been incurred during the present school year in fitting up a Laboratory, a Library and Reading Room, a Model School Room, and an Industrial Room, all of which were greatly needed, and are now being used to great advantage. Dr. Round has made the Laboratory of special service to the most advanced classes, of which he has charge. The Library has already received several hundreds of volumes as donations, and is highly appreciated by the students, to many of whom it has opened up a new world. The Model School affords a field for exercise in practical teaching on the part of Normal students. The Industrial Department is well furnished with material and machinery for, and printing, a monthly paper, entitled *The Educator*, which is already proving of great service to the institution, is issued from this department, all of the type-setting being done by students.

The Classical and Normal departments are steadily advancing in their scope of work and number of students. The Theological Department must necessarily be delayed in its work until a proper foundation is laid by the academic studies on the part of those who are candidates for its privileges and honors, but gratifying progress is being made. Six students are taking the first year studies of the Theological course. Sixteen others are pursuing a preparatory course. Besides these regularly enrolled students, a Correspondence Class has been formed among the traveling preachers of the Washington and Delaware Conferences, and fifteen are taking studies by this method, making thirty-seven in all receiving, at least, a partial theological training from the Institute.

Subscriptions to the Endowment Fund now aggregate \$27,000, about \$10,000 of which is paid in and invested. We most earnestly entreat the pastors of the Wilmington Conference to bring this object before their people, as they have opportunity, as one peculiarly appealing to them for donations and bequests. Private donations to our current fund are greatly needed, also, as the work enlarges and expenses increase much more rapidly than our income from all sources.

With heartfelt thanks to the pastors and people of Wilmington Conference for the interest and sympathy they have manifested in our cause, we invite still closer inspection of the merits of our institution and its work, confident that the better acquainted our friends become with the results of our efforts, the heartier and more liberal will be their support.

W. MASLIN FRYSSINGER, President,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Dear Brethren:—We have considered the subject assigned to us, and submit the following resolutions.

1. We earnestly deprecate and conscientiously admonish our people against the madness, folly, and wickedness, of the prevailing party spirit, which sacrifices justice and the general welfare, to serve the ambition of public men; and in the name of our Lord, and in the interests of home and country, as well as of the church, we protest against any leadership of individuals or parties, not on the line of total abstinence for the individual, and prohibition as the duty of the State.

2. As a people we need to take warning from the bloody pages of our national history. Only disloyalty to the claims of God, and subserviency to political leaders, is accountable for the fratricidal strife which filled our country with mourning in the past, and only fidelity to right will exempt us from a like experience in the future.

3. It is not the part of God-fearing men to consider whether prohibition prohibits, but simply whether it is right to give the sanction of law to a trade which fills our almshouses with paupers, and our prisons with convicts, and victimizes tens of thousands by the power of an appetite, which is a living death, as violent as the fiercest leprosy.

4. We are admonished by the aggressions of liquor leagues, composed in large part by aliens and foreigners, without respect for the religious and moral traditions of our nation, and whose purpose it is to break down our Sabbaths and sanctuaries, and who seek to fill the land with riot and debauchery, that they may fill their pockets with gain.

5. It is the plain duty of every Methodist preacher, to make his pulpit ring with no uncertain sound on this subject; and no minister or member of our church is loyal to it, who does not stand for total abstinence, as the true ground of personal temperance, and complete legal prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating drinks, as the duty of civil government.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRACTS.

Methodism, from its origin, has probably been more indebted to the character of its literature than to any other one thing except the zeal and christian heroism of its ministry.

From the first periods of its formal and definite position before the christian world, it has sought through cheap publications to be known to the masses. Its leaders invoke the press to extend a knowledge of its distinctive peculiarities in the form of tracts—for example, "The Character of a Methodist," "Justification by Faith Alone," "The Doctrine of Christian perfection," "Checks to Antinomianism." These were first issued by Mr. Wesley and Fletcher in the form of tracts.

Nothing is more important at the present time than the general distribution of a cheap and pure literature in view of the fact that the press is so often employed in the dissemination of error in its most misleading and dangerous forms. Your committee recommend a faithful observance of the provisions of the Discipline upon this subject and a distinct presentation of the importance of tract distribution by the pastors in all our congregations.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CENTENARY FUND.

I have in hand to the credit of the Centenary Fund, *three mortgages* of \$1,000 each, to wit:

One mortgage of \$1,000, on house 1212 Chestnut street. One mortgage of \$1,000, on house 1214 Chestnut street. One mortgage of \$1,000, on house 1216 Chestnut street. The above are all first mortgages, and further secured by policies of insurance which are in my possession. These properties are located in the city of Wilmington, Del. I paid, as was ordered by vote of last Conference, \$180 to the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards, being the *interest* on the above mentioned mortgages for the years 1883, and 1884.

I now have in hand \$180, being the interest on the above mentioned mortgages, for the years 1884 and 1885, and subject to your order.

Being also Treasurer of your Tract Fund, I beg leave to report, that the \$1,400, as reported at last Conference, is still invested on call, at 5 per cent.

Balance in treasury at last report.....	\$ 1 07
Interest for one year on \$1,400, due June 20th, 1885.....	70 00
In treasury at present time.....	\$71 07

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER KELLEY, *President.*

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on "Woman's Home Missionary Society" beg leave to report as follows:

That, WHEREAS, The evangelization and consequent elevation of the poor and helpless in our land, by a well organized system, is a grand christian work; and,

WHEREAS, The General Conference, by its late action, has placed the "Woman's Home Missionary Society," beside the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," and recognized it as an equally important connectional interest of the church, and

WHEREAS, There are millions of freed-people, and hundreds of thousands of mormons, and thousands of Chinese and Indians and Spanish-Mexicans, with an unknown number of deluded Scandinavians right around us, furnish an ample and useful field of christian labor, and

WHEREAS, The "Woman's Home Missionary Society," has entered this field of benevolence and christian usefulness, and, though young, has already accomplished much for humanity; and

WHEREAS, The wants of the society are money and other means to carry on the glorious work begun, Therefore

Resolved, That we heartily endorse this new organization, and commend it to the active sympathy of our people, recommending the early formation of auxiliary societies within our bounds, wherever practicable.

ON WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your committee on the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society respectfully submit the following.

We are more than ever impressed with the importance of the work which the Society is doing, and believe that it is a work that can be done by no other agency in the church.

We are firm in our conviction that the organizing of societies in our churches helps rather than hinders the collections for the parent board.

The recent visit to our Conference of Mrs. Julia L. McGrew was an occasion of especial interest. Her tender and touching address on the unhappy condition of the women of India, certainly commended both herself and the cause she represents to the hearts of all who had the privilege of hearing her, while the very presence of Mrs. E. B. Stevens is always an inspiration and benediction.

We ask for the Society the hearty co-operation of the whole church, and, as ministers, we will welcome to our respective churches the accredited agents of the Society and render them all the aid we can.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REPORT.

Your Committee on Sunday-Schools would respectfully report as follows:

1. We deem it necessary to emphasize the importance of the regular use of the Catechism in all our Sunday-Schools; also, to guard against the practice in some schools of dispensing with the Bible, in the class, because lesson leaves may contain the text for the day; esteeming it of the highest importance that our schools should form habits of careful study before the open word, where parallel passages may throw accumulating light upon the truths of the lesson.

2. We have heard, with pleasure, from Dr. Hunt, of the Book Concern, of the purpose to reduce the cost of our Sunday-School publications, thus removing the temptation from some of our schools to purchase inferior publications, because cheaper in price.

3. We would also recommend the "Epworth Hymnal," which has been introduced into some of our schools, and found more fully to meet their needs than any of the Sunday-School singing books of recent times, inasmuch as the song-services of the church and sunday-school will be more fully unified by its use, as well as a more refined taste cultivated in our youth, by the purity and strength of the poetry and sense of its hymns.

4. Having examined the plans and course of study of the "Oxford League," we are convinced of its value as an agent in developing in the minds and hearts of our young people, a knowledge of, and love for, Methodist History and Institutions; and thus laying foundations in early life for intelligent devotion to the church.

We also commend to our pastors, the new paper "Our Youth," as a valuable publication for our young people who have passed the age for whom the "Classmate" is designed, while the "Classmate" and S. S. Advocate are valuable for our boys and girls.

5. In view of the pressing needs for efficient Sunday-School training in the vast fields of the south and south-west, and the impossibility of meeting those demands with our present meager collections for the "Sunday-School Union," we recommend that our pastors place "Good Tidings Day" in the autumn, by the side of "Children's Day," in efforts to awaken deeper interest in the cause, and to increase collections for this object.

6. We are forced to the conviction that one of our great needs in the Sunday-School department of our home-work, is more thorough normal training for Sunday-School laborers. The Sunday-School Institutes of a few years ago, were efficient helpers in the work of higher training for Sunday-School teachers, and we ardently desire a return to former practice in this respect.

We, therefore, recommend the appointment of a committee of 1 minister and 1 layman from each district, who, in connection with the Presiding Elder, shall arrange for a Sunday-School Institute at some central location on each district, and do all in their power to make them successful toward the end desired.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

WHEREAS, The Bible contains the authoritative rule of faith and practice:

Resolved, 1. That we commend its more general circulation in such editions as may be freely used in every day life, and especially a pocket edition of New Testament to young converts.

Resolved, 2. That we urge the officers and teachers of our Sunday schools, to guard against any tendency to neglect the use of the Bible, in the convenience of the printed leaf of the Berean Lesson.

Resolved, 3. That we advise our preachers, before taking up their annual collection for the Bible Cause, to preach upon the subject.

Resolved, 4. That we have the highest confidence and deepest interest in the work of the American Bible Society.

Resolved, 5. That our people ought to take more interest in the object and workings of the local Bible Societies.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Officers of the Conference Education Society fraternally report, that at the close of the last session, March 1885, there was in the hands of our Treasurer, Rev. John F. Williamson, the sum of \$435.07, made up of balance in hand, at the opening of the session, individual contributions, and the sum of \$185.07, received from the Finance Committee of that session. Of this fund we have appropriated the sum of \$225.00 in aid of six young brethren, in the

prosecution of their studies, in preparing for the ministry in our own Conference, two of whom will have completed their labors in that respect, pledged to enter this Conference, if found worthy, at the close of the current scholastic year. The remaining four, all well endorsed, will continue dependent upon us for further assistance. Others are now knocking at our doors. While we have but little over \$200 in the hands of our Treasurer, to be supplemented by the sum to be received at this Conference from the Finance Committee, for collections reported in aid of our Society, and from individual contributions gathered by the collectors appointed for that purpose, which for the last two years have been very limited.

Brethren, we need your practical sympathy, and the sympathy of the people to whom you minister, in this our labor of love.

The record of the society, and the number of brethren, now doing good and effective work in the Conference, who have been aided by us in their studies, ought to be, and are, as we claim, sufficient guarantee to the Conference, of future usefulness.

On behalf of the Board of Managers.

F. A. ELLIS, *President.*

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL AID SOCIETY.

The committee appointed to examine certain documents sent to the Conference by the clerk of the "Methodist Ministers' Relief Association," would report that they find,

1—This is a Mutual Life Insurance Company of Methodist ministers, for the benefit of the families of deceased members.

2—There are no annual dues, but assessments are levied upon members when a death occurs.

3—The lowest possible death rates are shown, as but fifteen assessments have been made during the eight years of its operation.

4—That it is the patronage from more than thirty conferences of the connection.

5—Its plans, work and management are endorsed by a large number of the most eminent ministers of the church, among whom are Bishop Mallalieu, Dr. Vincent, Chaplain McCabe, Drs. Tiffany, Upham, Dorchester, Hurlburt, Leonard, etc., and also by the Christian Advocate, Zion's Herald, and by all the advocates of the church.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions beg leave to report the following appropriations for missions, within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference.

Swedish missions	\$300 00
Accomac missions.....	625 00
Cape Charles City missions.....	225 00
To be administered by the P. E. of Salisbury District for other new works in Virginia.....	150 00
Total	\$1300 00

I hereby concur,
W. F. MALLALIEU.

ON LADIES' HALL AT DOVER.

We, the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy, met pursuant to notice, hereby unanimously agree in the following communication to the Wilmington Conference:

The Conference Academy, during the thirteen years of its existence, has proven its indispensable importance to the work of christian education upon this Peninsula. The crowded condition of its study-hall, class-rooms, and other accommodations, is the fullest proof of the appreciation in which it is held by the people. Our present easy financial condition is further proof, if needed, that the Methodists of our Conference will respond to any reasonable call that may be made upon their liberality. And, as it is well known, that we are seriously embarrassed for want of a ladies' hall, therefore, we desire the Conference, at its present session, to consider and adopt such measures as may be deemed wise, to secure the means for the construction of the building needed. Knowing also the limited time of the Conference session, we have ventured to consider and mature a plan, which we recommend to the favorable consideration of the Conference.

PLAN.

1. Within the month of April next, or before, each preacher in charge shall appoint a committee of ladies in the church or churches of his station or circuit, to solicit contributions for the erection of a Ladies' Hall, and he shall send the names and post-office addresses of said ladies to the Executive Committee, to be appointed by this Conference, consisting of thirteen ladies, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

2. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to correspond with the committees of the churches, to furnish all needful information, to receive the monies collected, and to pay the same to the treasurer of the Conference Academy.

3. The monies collected and paid to the treasurer of the Academy, shall be held as a separate fund, to be used in the construction of a Ladies' Hall; and shall remain intact until the sum of ten thousand dollars shall be received for this purpose.

4. The Board of Trustees having determined that they will not take any step to incur additional debt, we hereby approve the determination not to enter into any contract or engagement that will involve such a result.

HISTORICAL REPORT.

In behalf of the Managers of the Conference Historical Society, I beg leave to present the following report. In order to keep the purposes of the Society before our preachers and people, I would repeat that "the chief objects of the Society are to gather memorials and relics of Methodism, especially from within our Conference Territory, and to take care of the same."

At the recent meeting, the following resolutions were passed, in the form of requests.

1. That the Rev. J. P. Otis present to the Society a copy of his history of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Elkton.

2. That the Rev. T. Snowden Thomas present to the Society a copy of his history of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Snow Hill.

3. That the Rev. R. W. Todd is hereby requested to prepare a history of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the place of our next session.

4. That the Rev. B. F. Price present to the Society a copy of his semi-centenary sermon.

5. That the Rev. Albert Chandler, present to the Society, a copy of his history of Delmar Circuit.

6. That the foregoing papers be sent to Albert Cowgill, Esq., at Dover, Del., Custodian of the Society.

RESOLUTIONS.

PROHIBITION IN CECIL COUNTY.

WHEREAS, The voters of Cecil County, Md, will be called upon, shortly, to determine by ballot between total prohibition of the sale of spirituous, fermented and malt liquors, and the high license of the same, and

WHEREAS, We have lived for the past five years under an imperfect prohibitory law, which has been assailed and branded as a failure and a sham, and incapable of enforcement, and

WHEREAS, The records for the circuit court, for Cecil County, State of Maryland, show, that in nine years previous to the adoption of the present prohibition law, the convictions under the license law then prevailing, were in the ratio of one conviction out of thirty trials, and in five years, under the present prohibitory law, the convictions were in the ratio of one conviction out of four trials; and

WHEREAS, The facts show that the present prohibitory law, imperfect as it is, has greatly diminished the sale of intoxicating liquors in this county, and has promoted the peace, sobriety, and prosperity of our communities; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable that the proposed stringent prohibitory law, with new amendments should be adopted by a large majority in order to secure its strict enforcement, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves, as a church, to use our best efforts and influence to secure such adoption.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF REV. V. SMITH.

Resolved: That we hereby request Rev. Vaughan Smith to prepare and publish an Autobiography as soon as practicable.

STANDARD IN STUDIES.

WHEREAS, There is at present a want of uniformity in the method of conducting examinations in this Conference, as well as in the standard to be attained. In order to make their examinations satisfactory; therefore,

Resolved, That, hereafter, the *number ten* shall be the standard of perfection, and that any examination falling below six shall not be considered satisfactory by this Conference.

MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENT.

Resolved, That having heard the representation of Brother C. C. McCabe on the subject of the Missionary Apportionment, while we deem it best to make the apportionment on the basis of the assessment of the General Committee, we will do our utmost to raise the additional amount for which he asks; and we hereby request him to notify each pastor in our Conference of said additional amount needed, in order to reach the million dollar line.

LOCATION OF J. S. WILLIS.

WHEREAS, Rev. J. S. Willis has asked and received a local relation, therefore,

Resolved. That we express our appreciation of his labors while a member of this Conference, his native talent and culture, his energy of character, and, above all, his devotion to the cause of piety and education in their connective relations.

2. That we will be happy, at any time, to greet him on the Conference floor, to resume his place in the effective work.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF FUND.

Resolved, That a committee of one from each district be appointed to consider certain papers concerning the Methodist Ministers' Relief Association, (centering at Boston and patronized by members of over 30 Conferences,) and such committee present a report concerning its principal features, to this Conference.

"GOOD TIDINGS DAY."

WHEREAS, The work of the Sunday School Union of our church holds intimate relations to the work of the Church Extension and Freedmens' Aid Societies, in the evangelization of the vast fields of the south and west, and

WHEREAS, The interest manifested by the collections in behalf of our Sunday School Union work bears no comparison to that shown toward its kindred societies, Therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the appointment, by the authorities of the church, of a day, in the early autumn, as "Good Tidings Day," when the claims of this work shall be especially urged upon our congregations, and that we will endeavor to place it beside "Childrens Day," of the early summer time, in the special interest awakened, that there may be corresponding improvement in the collections for that interest.

LECTURE BY BISHOP MALLALIEU.

WHEREAS, Some members of this Conference, having heard with great pleasure of Bishop Mallalieu's Lecture on "The March of the Saxon;" Therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference invite Bishop Mallalieu to deliver this lecture (if possible) to-morrow (Saturday) night, or some time during the session of this Conference.

MINIMUM APPORTIONMENTS.

Resolved, That in view of the needs of the work, and our confidence in the management, we will make ten dollars the minimum collection for Church Extension, and five dollars for Freedmens' Aid.

COLLECTION FOR CONFERENCE EDUCATION SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, The Conference Academy still needs the money raised for the Educational Fund to aid in the speedy liquidation of its remaining debt, and,

WHEREAS, The Conference Educational Society, so long deprived of this legitimate source of its income, is greatly in need of means to more faithfully prosecute its work, therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference order a public collection to be taken in its behalf until such Fund shall be restored.

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION OF DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 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 a sum, not exceeding 90 per cent. thereof, shall be subject to the drafts of the Presiding Elders, for the support of such charges as in their judgment shall require help; and the money to be distributed to the Presiding Elders, shall be in proportion to the collections received from their respective Districts.

PENINSULA METHODIST.

WHEREAS, The Peninsular Methodist, published in Wilmington, Delaware, by our brother Joseph M. Thomas and edited by Rev. T. Snowden Thomas, is doing for our local church work, what we regard as very helpful to our success, thus ministering to the prosperity of the church at large.

WHEREAS, The price at which it is published, puts it within reach of many who cannot afford to take a regular church paper, and differs from most local papers in that it is published without any financial responsibility on the part of the Conference; for these and other reasons,

Resolved, That we hereby endorse the Peninsular Methodist and recommend it to the favorable consideration and patronage of our people.

MISSIONARY SERMON.

Resolved, That the Committee on Anniversaries are hereby instructed to provide a suitable time, in the order of exercises of our next annual session, for the delivery of the Missionary Sermon, in accordance with the provision of the Discipline and the wish of the Conference Missionary Society.

THANKS.

The present session of the Wilmington Conference, convened at Elkton, Md., has been one of the most pleasant and enjoyable in our history. The open-hearted reception given us by the citizens of Elkton has made us feel most welcome, indicating the claims of the Peninsula to the most generous hospitality. In this kindly reception, the membership of sister churches, and congregations, seem to have vied with our own people, and in our intercourse with them we have been made to feel that we are "One in Christ Jesus," and have realized "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." We, therefore, gladly record the following:

Resolved, That our most sincere thanks are due, and are hereby tendered, to the kind families of Elkton, and vicinity, who have so magnificently entertained us during our session, and who have taken so much pains to make our stay in this attractive town agreeable.

Resolved, That our thanks be tendered to the trustees of this Church for its use in our session, and also to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church for the use of their Chapel for the accommodation of our Committees.

Resolved, That, having enjoyed the presidency of our beloved Bishop Mallieu for the first time, we hereby express our high appreciation of his devotional spirit, his uniform courtesy and impartiality; and we most strongly emphasize our invitation to him to return to us in his official capacity as soon and as often as possible, and meantime to come and make the tour of our glorious old Peninsula.

Resolved, That Prof. J. G. Robinson and his excellent choir have ministered greatly to our enjoyment, and we pray that they may sing the "New new song" forever.

Resolved, That the kind attentions of Rev. J. P. Otis, pastor of this church, have ministered greatly to our comfort, and merits our heartiest thanks.

Resolved, That we thank the good sexton by giving him a good collection.

Resolved, That we thank the various railroad companies for all favor shown us.

Resolved, That our diligent and worthy scribes have proven themselves both capable and accommodating, and their laborious and self-denying services shall not be forgotten.

DEPOSITORY RATE TO J. MILLER THOMAS.

Resolved, That having learned that Brother J. M. Thomas proposes to start a book store in connection with the Peninsula Methodist, we hereby respectfully request the Book Committee to give him the same rates as the Book Depositories in Philadelphia and Baltimore.

CHILDRENS' DAY FUND.

WHEREAS, The last General Conference provided for the taking of the collections for the Educational Fund and Childrens' Fund, or Childrens' Day Fund, therefore,

Resolved, That hereafter the Childrens' Fund shall be equally divided between the Education and Childrens' Fund, to pay the interest on the endowment-subscription to the Conference Academy.

CONFERENCE ENDOWMENT FUND.

WHEREAS, We believe the time has come when an effort should be made to secure a Conference Endowment Fund for the benefit of our Conference claimants, therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of four ministers and four laymen be appointed to consider the matter, and report to this Conference.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Your Board of Stewards would make the following report: We are gratified to state there is a slight increase this year in the amount of collections over last year; and also desire to thank the brethren for reporting their monies in even dollars.

The amount for distribution is \$5,588.00.

From	Apportioned.	Raised.	Excess.	Deficit.
Wilmington District.....	\$1600 00	\$1752 50	\$152 50	
Easton District.....	1285 00	1227 00		\$ 58 00
Dover District.....	1165 00	1032 00		133 00
Salisbury District.....	855 00	903 00	48 00	
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Total from collections.....	\$4914 50			
Chartered Fund.....	30 00			
Centenary Fund.....	180 00			
Book-Concern Dividend.....	193 00			
Interest on Riddle Legacy.....	120 00			
Interest on Bates Mortgage.....	141 00			
Contributed by Captain Kelley.....	9 50			
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Total for Distribution.....	\$5588 00			
Excess over last year.....	3 00			

Each claim presented has been conscientiously and prayerfully considered, and we regret that we have been unable to give to each one the amount in full. In some instances we have been embarrassed on account of lack of information necessary to a full understanding of the case. We would express the hope that the Quarterly Conference Committees will, in the future, make the proper estimates of each claim as required by the Discipline, and that the said estimates will be placed in the hands of your Board of Stewards on the first day of the session of Conference.

Attention was called, by your Board of Stewards, a year ago, to the desirability of a larger endowment of this fund, and we would express our gratification at the action of this conference in appointing a committee to secure such an endowment.

If any are disposed to criticize our action in any case, we can only say that we have striven to do the best we could in view of all the information which we have received.

A very slight change has been made in the amount apportioned to the various charges, the aggregate amount to each district remaining about the same as last year.

We have distributed the funds placed in our hands in the following manner, which we believe to be an equitable distribution,

DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE FUNDS, MARCH 8th, 1886.

Date of Claim.	Term of Service.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	POST-OFFICE.	Estimates of Quarterly Conferences.	Amount received by each Claimant.
SUPERANNUATED.					
1875	43yr	James L. Houston.....	Middletown, Butler Co., Ohio...	\$250 00	\$ 200 00
1878	37yr	E. J. Way.....	No. 19 S. Broadway, Baltimore.....		100 00
1882	43yr	Valentine Gray.....	Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa.....	400 00	350 00
1878	18yr	A. A. Fisher.....	Federalsburg, Caroline Co., Md.	300 00	275 00
1847	12yr	George Barton.....	Ch. Hill, Queen Anne's Co., Md	200 00	100 00
1877	35yr	John Allen.....	25 Park Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.	500 00	150 00
1883	31yr	Dr. Geo. A. Phoebus.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.....		400 00
1881	15yr	James Esgate.....	216 Oxford St., Portland, Me.....		250 00
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1885	40yr	Henry Sanderson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	25 00
1885	28yr	W. F. Talbot.....	Kingston, Somerset Co., Md.....	200 00	200 00
1881	5yr	I. D. Johnson.....			113 00
WIDOWS, &c.					
1846	6mo	Hester A. Henderson.....	725 N. 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa.....		175 00
1844	3yr	Drucilla Willetts.....	Berlin, Worcester Co., Md.....		75 00
1865	10yr	Carrie B. Dennison.....	1010 W. 3rd St. Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1873	14yr	Rebecca M. Brandreth.....	201 Ashmead St., Germantown.....	300 00	300 00
1878	15yr	Laura E. Weston.....	Dover, Del.....	300 00	250 00
1878	21yr	Mary S. Thomas.....	1103 Tatuall St. Wilmington, Del.....	300 00	200 00
1879	21yr	Annie H. Irwin.....	Wilmington, Del.....	400 00	325 00
1879	10yr	Annie D. Chatham.....	Newport, Del.....	500 00	350 00
1879	22yr	Sallie E. Williams.....	Georgetown, Del.....	150 00	100 00
1881	11yr	Sadie B. Bain.....	Tyrone, Blair county, Pa.....		200 00
1882	49yr	E. M. Thompson.....	Smyrna, Del.....	150 00	100 00
1882	.....	Catharine B. Miller.....	832 Pine St., Phila. Pa.....	200 00	200 00
1882	45yr	Eliza Pierson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	225 00	225 00
1882	8yr	Emma Prettyman.....	E. New Market Dorch'r Co. Md.....	250 00	200 00
1884	33yr	Rebecca E. Hough.....	Smyrna, Del.....	150 00	50 00
1884	.....	Bertie H. Matlack.....	Cambridge, Md.....	200 00	100 00
1884	15yr	Emma L. Shilling.....	211 11th St., Wilmington, Del.....	400 00	425 00
1883	.....	Child of B. W. Chase.....	Onorga, Ill.....		50 00
Total.....				\$5775 00	\$5588 00

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.
Accomac.....	J. F. Ayers.....	15	15							
Annamesscx.....	B. C. Warren.....	750	750		60	60	8	25	28	
Asbury.....	W. E. Avery.....	1025	1025		75	75	10	40	40	
Barren Creek.....	Wm. P. Taylor.....	121	121		4	4		5	1	
Berlin.....	D. F. Waddell.....				50		6	25	25	
Bethel.....	A. T. Melvin.....	650	650		45	45	6	20	20	
Bishopville.....	E. P. Roberts.....	350	350		32	32	6	15	15	
Chincoteague.....	J. D. Reese.....	430	430		35	14	5	10	10	
Crisfield.....	W. W. W. Wilson.....	1025	1025		75	75	10	40	40	
Deal's Island.....	J. D. C. Hanna.....	925	925		75	75	10	40	51	
Delmar.....	A. Chandler.....	710	712		55	55	8	20	22	
Fairmount.....	Wm. H. Hutchin.....	1150	1150		92	92	10	70	75	
Frankford.....	A. D. Davis.....	960	914	46	75	70	10	35	35	
Fruitland.....	D. F. McFaul.....	530	440	90	30	24	3	15	10	
Girdle Tr. and Con.....	J. W. Easley.....	567	567		40	35	6	20	15	
Gumborough.....	W. F. Corkran.....	925	925		75	75	10	40	40	
Holland's Island.....	Henry S. Dulany.....	337	337				5	10	35	
Laurel.....	F. C. McSorley.....	952	908	44	75	72	10	40	20	
Mt. Vernou.....	T. H. Harding.....	650	600	50	40	37	5	15	15	
Newark.....	W. T. Valiant.....	623	550	73	28	24		10	12	
Onancock.....	C. A. Grice.....	800	800		50	50	5	30	30	
Parsonsburg.....	W. L. P. Bowen.....	455	455		35	35	5	15	20	
Pocomoke City.....	L. G. Fosnacht.....	800	800		45	45	5	15	15	
Pocomoke Circuit.....	E. H. Derrickson.....	380	380		25	25	4	10	12	
Powellville.....	Will'rd W. Johnson.....	314	314		10		2	5	5	
Princes Anne.....	Robert Watt.....	600	600		40	40	3	10	15	
Quantico.....	E. S. Mace.....	465	421	44	20	20	2	1	10	
Roxanna.....	W. R. McFarlane.....	810	810		60	60	10	30	20	
Salisbury.....	Wm. B. Walton.....	950	950		75	75	10	30	51	
Sharptown.....	E. H. Miller.....	450	450		28	28	2	10	10	
Shortley.....	J. W. Gray.....	436	436		25	25	3	5	10	
Smith's Island.....	Jno. Tyler (supply).....	400	400		40	40	5	10	9	
Snow Hill.....	R. W. Todd.....	970	970		60	60	10	30	40	
Somerset.....	L. J. Muchmore.....	550	485	65	40	34	3	10	10	
Stockton.....	S. N. Pilchard.....	725	725		45	45	5	15	17	
St. Peter's.....	G. W. Wilcox.....	620	620		40	40	5	20	20	
Tangier.....	C. S. Baker.....	660	674		60	60	5	30	35	
Tyaskin.....	J. H. Howard.....	700	700		50	50	5	30	30	
Westover.....	W. B. Guthrie.....	325	325		15	15	2	10	10	
This year.....		24085	23709	412	1724	1598	224	218	825	
Last year.....		22805	22296	544	1770	1558	234	224	903	
Increase.....		1280	1413	27		47				
Decrease.....					46					
Recap. by Dist.....							10	6	40	
Wilmington.....		31001	30719	417	1854	1811	479	449	1600	
Easton.....		24083	23562	611	1563	1534	336	307	1289	
Dover.....		28816	22389	427	1500	1441	241	210	1135	
Salisbury.....		24085	23709	412	1724	1598	224	218	825	
This year.....		108164	100379	1867	6641	6384	1280	1184	4849	
Last year.....		102156	100905	2281	6675	6376	1218	1097	4920	
Increase.....		5829	74			8	62	87		
Decrease.....					314	34			33	

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	No. of Sunday-Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.			Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	No. S. S. Advocates taken.	No. S. S. Classmates taken.	No. S. S. Journals taken.	Officers and Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Probs. or Probationers.	No. of Conversions.	
			No. of Scholars 15 years old and over.	No. of Scholars under 15 yrs old, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.									
Bethel and Glasgow.....	2	26	130	65	40	25	94	300	28	11	23	60	24	
Charlottesville.....	4	27	184	82	89	13	155	420	86	16	25	26	2	
Cherry Hill.....	4	56	270	100	71	99	200	475	305	31	50	40	12	
Chesapeake City.....	1	27	171	46	71	54	135	383	146	20	24	38	5	
Chester.....	1	25	143	75	51	17	93	217	63	2	25	18	2	
Christiana.....	3	30	320	113	100	107	200	650	50	24	43	60	70	
Claymont.....	1	8	75	40		35	60	300	80		8	14	2	
Delaware City and Port Penn.....	1	26	174	62	92	20	108	400	123	125	13	26	51	
Elk Neck.....	2	15	116	35	57	24	75	100	6		10	13	4	
Elkton and Crouch's.....	5	63	516	227	139	150	289	687	194	30	39	61	26	
Hockessin.....	1	12	70	30	20	20	35	80	10		6	18	2	
Mt. Lebanon.....	1	12	71	17	30	24	45	250	50	30	8	11	17	
Mt. Pleasant.....	1	10	100	35	25	40	50	50	15	50	10	10	35	
Newark and Wesley.....	2	37	257	108	71	78	155	708	208		29	34	80	
New Castle.....	2	39	300	130	100	70	220	290	171	30	39	29	48	
Newport and Stanton.....	3	53	355	117	92	146	183	525	122	52	22	45	15	
North East.....	1	27	225	51	88	86	100	450	176	75	14	21	10	
Port Deposit.....	1	35	308	116	106	86	172	501	175		35	30	110	
Red Lion.....	1	11	75	45		30	50	300	10		7	9	30	
Rising Sun and Hopewell.....	2	56	284	104	124	56	192	800	270	100	40	46	28	
Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant.....	2	26	150	80	45	25	130	120	25	25	16	15	23	
St. George's and Summit.....	2	30	190	60	90	40	150	225	200		2	30	15	
Wilmington—Asbury.....	2	82	876	440	261	175	585	850	360	250	5	50	82	
" Brandywine.....	1	35	375	150	50	175	22		194		35	100	25	
" Epworth.....	1	24	252	35	137	80	175	240	261		20	24	20	
" Grace.....	1	79	705	356	138	211	359	1039	553		75	221	1	
" Madeley.....	1	23	188		56	132					20	45	35	
" Mt. Salem.....	2	53	434	174	144	116	260	780	221		36	35	57	
" St. Paul's and K'gswood.....	3	86	851	428	177	246	546	967	611		95	80	343	
" Scott.....	2	64	460	135	185	140	280	659	242		33	64	100	
" Sewedish Mission.....	1	4	40	34	6		40		15	13		34	6	
" Union.....	2	67	700	250	200	250	428	1400	250		70	67	150	
" Wesley.....	1	14	96	10	41	45	77		75		15	7	14	
Zion Circuit.....	5	86	584	298	136	150	285	971	168		28	85	171	
This year.....	65	1278	10045	4048	3032	2965	6038	15143	5463	780	5	710	1198	2421
Last year.....	63	1227	9476	3339	3435	2702	6255	13599	5091	573	30	760	1129	1802
Increase.....	2	51	569	709		263		1544	372	207			69	619
Decrease.....						403		217				25	50	

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Schools.	No. Officers & Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages and over.	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'ns.	No. of Conversions.
Accomac.....	2	22	120	50	50	20	60	100	24	18	21	16	.....	.....	.....
Annamesssex.....	1	17	100	35	40	140	.....	.....	27	15	17	50	.....	.....	2
Asbury.....	2	18	96	47	23	26	50	.....	4	.....	6	14	27	.....	3
Barren Creek.....	3	42	230	72	128	30	150	225	80	.....	13	42	103	.....	2
Berlin.....	3	22	262	126	100	36	171	.....	77	.....	.....	20	30	.....	18
Bethel.....	3	25	225	35	140	50	125	.....	40	.....	6	25	16	.....	8
Bishopville.....	2	20	140	15	125	.....	705	150	9	.....	.....	20	6	.....	.....
Chincoteague.....	1	29	300	110	120	70	225	200	350	.....	27	26	57	.....	19
Crisfield.....	1	22	175	75	70	30	125	.....	100	.....	24	21	30	.....	.....
Deal's Island.....	4	55	300	100	140	60	210	400	60	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	25
Delmar.....	3	50	353	170	103	80	210	150	47	30	44	46	135	62	.....
Fairmount.....	4	63	454	130	219	105	370	455	90	.....	23	63	172	82	.....
Frankford.....	4	36	200	65	103	32	100	320	25	.....	.....	35	30	5	.....
Fruitland.....	2	36	220	115	53	52	150	.....	55	.....	30	32	.....	.....	13
Girdle Tree and Connor's..	5	60	500	150	250	100	230	.....	100	.....	12	58	80	15	.....
Gumborough.....	1	15	63	38	20	5	40	125	21	.....	9	10	12	2	.....
Holland's Island.....	1	24	234	114	30	90	132	.....	75	35	40	20	24	65	1
Laurel.....	2	21	245	106	77	62	145	.....	27	1	4	21	.....	.....	2
Mt. Vernon.....	3	30	160	65	60	35	110	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Newark.....	3	29	250	100	120	30	.....	425	40	.....	3	28	75	20	.....
Onancock.....	3	30	180	80	65	35	95	.....	28	.....	5	30	80	15	.....
Parsonsburg.....	1	27	140	46	74	20	100	100	91	.....	20	26	23	3	.....
Pocomoke City.....	5	22	160	60	65	35	100	200	60	.....	15	18	70	25	.....
Pocomoke Circuit.....	4	26	205	65	97	43	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	20	22	4	.....
Powellville.....	1	9	60	15	33	12	50	350	30	.....	10	8	11	.....	.....
Princess Anne.....	3	28	178	53	100	25	125	.....	40	.....	7	28	40	20	.....
Quantico.....	3	44	290	160	130	.....	200	75	44	12	15	42	100	10	.....
Roxanna.....	2	37	233	111	50	72	155	356	148	.....	24	35	80	17	.....
Salisbury.....	1	25	195	90	70	35	160	.....	20	.....	1	23	37	19	.....
Sharptown.....	5	86	187	55	71	61	125	175	16	.....	.....	78	32	7	.....
Smith's Island.....	4	19	150	94	44	12	100	120	27	4	7	.....	19	41	2
Snow Hill.....	1	21	151	59	42	50	165	400	52	.....	22	21	60	13	.....
Somerset.....	2	29	150	47	73	30	100	100	40	.....	26	22	17	3	.....
Stockton.....	3	25	200	50	100	50	150	12	35	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Peter's.....	3	21	177	75	50	52	90	.....	35	.....	6	15	30	.....	.....
Tangier.....	2	29	197	91	62	44	170	.....	54	.....	5	28	54	25	.....
Tyaskin.....	2	20	170	75	40	55	110	50	25	.....	6	20	50	25	.....
Westover.....	3	12	100	45	55	.....	65	.....	30	.....	18	12	29	14	.....
Total this year.....	98	1146	7825	3054	3187	1584	4908	4488	2091	82	47	459	1048	1725	518
Total last year.....	95	1045	6887	2519	2847	1521	4557	5143	1711	198	40	382	945	1511	536
Increase.....	3	101	938	535	340	63	351	.....	380	.....	7	77	103	214	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	655	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
<i>Recapitulation by Districts.</i>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington District.....	65	1278	10045	4048	3032	2965	6038	15143	5463	780	5	701	1198	2421	584
Easton District.....	77	1083	6970	2471	2869	1630	4194	9740	2334	284	71	629	1100	1552	410
Dover District.....	102	1342	9372	3774	3478	2120	5732	8574	2878	80	44	741	1399	2055	400
Salisbury District.....	98	1146	7825	3054	3187	1584	4908	4488	2091	82	47	459	1048	1725	518
Total this year.....	342	4849	34212	13347	12566	8299	20872	37945	12766	1226	167	2530	4745	7753	1912
Total last year.....	334	4715	32514	11966	12741	7807	21418	36785	12662	1150	325	2374	4374	6625	2192
Increase.....	8	134	1698	1381	.....	492	.....	1160	104	76	.....	156	371	1128	.....
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	175	.....	546	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	280

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 Tidlow,	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.

VIRGINIA C. PHŒBUS.

Virginia Caroline Phœbus, beloved wife of Rev. George A. Phœbus, D. D., of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, died, January 16th, 1886, in the city of Brooklyn, N. Y. She was third daughter of Rev. James A. Massey. Her father, a man of more than ordinary ability in the pulpit, a close student, and of deep spiritual thought, looked well to the training of his children. This daughter was a precocious child, books were to her a necessity, their companionship more desirable than the usual sports of childhood. Visiting once with her mother at the house of a wealthy relative she begged to be taken home, because, she said, "there are no books here." Her school-life closed with distinction at the Baltimore Female College, then under the care of Dr. Nathan C. Brooks. Her love of study, her refined, discriminating taste for reading, enriched her mind with the productions of the best writers of the day, and in the highest sense fitted her for teaching, a work she loved so well, and which she continued either in school or home as long as she lived.

In 1856 she became the wife of our beloved brother, and was to him, in the changeful life of a Methodist preacher, a devoted and wise counsellor. Assuming the responsibilities of motherhood as few women can, she was mother, teacher and companion. Her most valued text-book was God's word, and from that she taught daily. Outside of this her model was the mother of the Wesleys. To the writer she often talked of Susannah Wesley and her heroic bravery in the Epworth Rectory as ever to her an inspiration amid the care and unceasing work that comes to a mother in a crowded home.

Now-a-days so much is expected of the pastor's wife, in Sunday school, mission, and other lines of church work, which she could not find time to do. "I cannot do all that other sisters do," she said, "my first duty is to those about me. My boys are to be fitted for business, my daughters for the avocations of life. Our means do not allow of much outside help, and as this is, to me, a divine mission, I may not delegate it to another." How well and faithfully she performed that mission, eternity will show."

Mrs. Phœbus, never courting society, found little time or inclination for its pleasures, and yet a brilliant conversationalist, we know how she could have adorned the most cultivated circles. The poor of the church were never forgotten by her, and many an overworked mother blessed her for her words of lofty cheer; while the young student in the doubt and perplexity that so beset them in this age, found the doubt and trouble disappear 'neath the light of her strong faith. But the bowl is broken at the cistern, and the wife, tender and true, the brave mother, the rare teacher, the faithful friend "is not, for God took her." On Tuesday, January 12th, she was stricken with apoplexy and passed to her home above, without word or consciousness; a vacant chair, a silent pen, and a desolation that only they know, that only God may help. We place this tribute on the new grave, and pray in our grief that the Comforter may bless the husband in his declining years, and ever guide the dear children to the blessed home where the drapery of woe is never seen, nor ever heard a wail of human sorrow.

KEZIAH PRICE.

Sister Price was the daughter of T. M., and Nancy Wood. She was born in Caroline Co., Md., October 22nd, 1849, and died in the Parsonage of Madeley Church, Wilmington, Del., April 15th, 1885.

This was but a short career, so far as this world is concerned, but she was one who "fought a good fight, finished her course, kept the faith," and to whom was given a crown of eternal life. She was converted in the summer of 1865, at St. Paul's Camp-meeting, conducted by the pastor of Hillsborough charge, and under a sermon preached by Rev. Richard Norris. She entered at once into the Master's vineyard, and continued to be an active worker till the summons came to exchange the cross for the crown. In the summer of 1868 or 1869, she became a teacher in the Sunday school at Queenstown, Md., nor did she perform this work in a perfunctory manner, but constrained by that love of Christ and of souls, which ever characterized her, she rested not till all her scholars were brought to Christ; and some of them preceded, and welcomed her to the better land.

She was also active in the organization of a prayer meeting about the same time that she entered the Sunday school work, and as one of the precious and abiding results of that meeting, she herself entered into the experience of perfect love. This she was ever ready to testify, and into the same blessed experience would lovingly urge others to enter.

Nor alone in such public spheres was she a winner of souls, but her own brothers testify with grateful, yet burdened hearts, to her instrumentality in their salvation. The larger portion of her christian life she resided near Centreville, Md., and was a member of the church, and a teacher in the Sunday school there. The same qualities, only intensified and matured, which marked her early christian life, were also displayed here. None of her pastors ever failed to receive any help which her sympathy and labors could give. Long will they remember how, in seasons of revival, her prayers seemed peculiarly helped by the Holy Spirit, and brought the answer of fire down to many a meeting that seemed to be cold and lifeless.

June 12th, 1884, she was united in marriage to Rev. B. F. Price, of the Wilmington Conference, and, as might be supposed, entered zealously into all the doors of usefulness that open before a pastor's wife. The impression made by her character and work at Madeley, was deep and abiding, and it seemed that a bright career, on a wider stage of action, than ever before, might be anticipated. All that a wife and christian worker should be, she was. But again and again God says to us, "my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," and so in life's early prime, with bright memories of a life well spent, and bright hopes of happy days to come in her home, and in the service of Jesus, she "was not, for God took her."

To those that knew and loved her, it is a mystery illuminated only by the star of faith. Yet they can each say:—

"Beyond my earthly view
"I shall find rest and quiet,
"If to the right I'm true.
"And though my home is lonely,
"My loved one's gone before,
"Though now I miss the accents
"Which greeted me of yore;
"I know that when the ending
"Of time for me shall come,
"My dear ones will be waiting,
"To welcome me at home."

ANNE TOWNSEND WILLIS.

Anne Townsend Willis was born June 24th, 1843, and was burned to death August 23, 1885.

Her parents, William and Elizabeth Townsend were influential and loyal members of the Methodist Church at Frederica, Kent Co., Del. Her childhood and youth were spent in an atmosphere of Methodist fervor and piety, and although in later years her mind became tinctured with the fatalism of Calvin, yet the Methodist church ever remained the church of her choice and affections.

She was married to Rev. J. S. Willis, on January 12th, 1864, and for more than twenty years cheerfully shared with him the privations and hardships of the itinerancy.

Their married life proved to be exceedingly happy. In her death her husband has lost a wise counsellor, a true friend and an affectionate companion. She was faithful and devoted, and made their home a place of comfort and delight. That home was ever open, strangers and friends were entertained in most hospitable style. It was one of the places where friends delighted to linger, and from which they departed feeling that the world was beautiful and life a joyous thing. Her disposition was eminently cheerful and sunny, and the buoyancy of her spirits stoutly resisted every depressing influence. She possessed the happy faculty of always "looking upon the bright side of life." This spirit was infectious, and there were few who could remain in her presence without catching the contagion of her happy nature.

Although a Member of the Methodist church, she was not a demonstrative Christian. She looked with a feeling akin to impatience upon many of the ordinary restraints and conventionalities of church life. She was modest in profession, but was very conscientious, and strongly opposed to skepticism, and to everything that might weaken the authority of the scriptures.

Her warm heart and benevolent disposition led her to many acts of kindness. A story of distress was sure to awaken her sympathies, and the poor never applied to her in vain for assistance. The friendless found in her a friend, and the sick found in her one who was always ready and willing to bestow upon them her time, attention and tender care. When she died, many a distressed and needy family mourned the loss of a friend, who could not be replaced.

Sister Willis was no ordinary woman. The striking feature of her character was that she combined energetic determination and firmness with extreme feminine gentleness.

The expression of her face was bright and animated, her voice was soft and low; her manners refined and modest in the highest degree. "In speaking of her we can reverse the riddle of Sampson and say, "Out of sweetness came forth strength." Her natural intellectual gifts were so unusual that they could not fail to attract attention; and to those who knew her intimately she was ever a marvel for the brightness of her wit, and the keenness of her criticisms. She possessed a kind, social and generous nature, and these qualities attracted many and valued friends wherever she was known. She was slow to form intimate friendships, but having once bestowed her regard and affection, nothing save absolute unworthiness, or death, could sever the relation.

Her promptness of decision, constant activity and diligence, great ambition and force of character were remarkable all through life. In whatever she engaged she stood among the foremost. Whatever she had to do, she did it with her might. Wordsworth's lines may fitly and truthfully be applied to her,

"The reason firm, the temperate will,
Endurance, foresight, strength and skill,
A ———— Woman, nobly planned,
To warn, to comfort and command."

Such a nature as hers with strong local attachments must necessarily have had longings for a settled home. She had long dreamed of a home of her own, which she might adorn to her taste, and where she might spend the closing years of life. After more than twenty years' experience of the vicissitudes of the itinerancy, the dream seemed at last about to be fulfilled. A suitable location in the vicinity of the town of Milford was purchased. A spacious and elegant home erected. But scarcely had the sound of the last stroke of the hammer died away upon the listening ear, when the Angel of Death flung his black shadow across the threshold of the new home, and in a tempest of flame, without a moment's warning, the fair woman, the faithful wife and fond mother, was swept into the unknown and invisible world of spirits.

"In the midst of life we are in death."

But we believe that there is some higher purpose, in such events, than we can see. No accident of lamp or fire explains, adequately, the departure of such a soul as this. We thank God for all we have had from such a presence among us, and trust in his perfect Providence in regard to what we cannot understand or explain.

"Yet would we say, what every heart approveth; Our Father's will,
Calling to Him the dear ones whom he loveth, is mercy still."

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Wilmington District embraces within its limits that territory lying between Pennsylvania on the north, Delaware City, St. George's, Bethel and Chesapeake City on the south, the Delaware river on the east, and the Susquehanna on the west. It contains forty-seven churches, valued at \$629,250, and twenty parsonages, valued at \$47,400, all of which are insured, except Charlestown and Principio, on Charlestown circuit, Wesley, Hart's, and the parsonage on Elk Neck circuit, and the Summit, on St. George's circuit. The district is divided into thirty-three circuits and stations, the interests of which are faithfully and carefully watched over by thirty-four pastors. The largest salary paid on the district is \$2,500, the smallest \$100, making an average salary of \$775.

We have sixty-two Sunday Schools, with 8,772 scholars, well taught by earnest laborers in the master's vineyard; a fact fully attested by the results, a large percentage of the conversions being from the Sunday School; while this is true, there are opportunities for greater usefulness in this direction, and obligations concerning this part of our work, which are not wholly discharged. Many are standing idle, while the fields are white already to harvest. It is the duty of the Presiding Elder to inquire at each quarterly conference, "If the rules respecting the instruction of children have been observed, and to report the same to the Annual Conference." These rules are two, viz: "To catechise the children, publicly, in the schools, and at special meetings appointed for that purpose; and to organize the baptized children of the church ten years old and younger, into classes, and place them under suitable leaders for instruction." Some of the brethren have observed these rules, while others have found them to be impracticable. As I look over the work, I cannot say that any preacher has neglected them.

I have gained the following information in reference to the extent to which the missionary plan has been carried out on the district. All the Sunday schools, except five, have been organized into Missionary Societies. Sermons have been preached in all the charges, (with perhaps three exceptions,) on the subject of Missions, and collections have been taken in both schools and congregations for the support of the missionary cause. Only a few of the brethren have observed the provision set forth in sections 285, 286 of the Discipline, which requires, "that missionary prayer-meetings shall be held monthly, when practicable; the diffusion of missionary intelligence, and the appointment of missionary collectors, etc. Though compelled to report partial failure in this, I am glad to note improvement, and hope the time will soon be when the plan will be universally observed.

Cherry Hill, Christiana, Mt. Pleasant, Claymont, Delaware City, Elkton, Hockessin, Mt. Lebanon, New Castle, St. George's and Summit, Newport and Stanton, Red Lion, Rising Sun, Asbury, Epworth, Grace, Swedish Mission, and Union, have exceeded their apportionments. Bethel and Glasgow, Chesapeake City, Elk Neck, Newark and Wesley, North East, Port Deposit, Brandywine, and St. Pauls, have fully met theirs, while Charlestown, Chester, Rowlandville, Mt. Salem, Scott, and Zion, fall below.

Amount apportioned the District for missions, \$6,715.00, raised, \$7,180.00; excess of the apportionment, \$465.00, increase over last year, \$698.00, an average of over 88½ cents per member, including probationers. Where the collections were delayed until the close of the year, great embarrassment has been felt, especially in the country, because of the stormy weather. Experience indicates that it is wise to take the benevolent collections early in the year. A few blanks will appear in the reports. In the Swedish Mission there will be two, Church Extension, and Freedman's Aid; Mt. Lebanon two, Freedman's Aid and Church Extension; Claymont three, Sunday school, Tract, and Bible; Chester, two, Sunday school and Tract; Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant, five, Church Extension, Freedman's Aid, Bible, Tract, and Sunday school.

Amount apportioned to the District for Church Extension, \$751.00, raised, \$691.00: For Freedman's Aid, \$551.00, raised, \$434.00: For Bible cause, \$256.00, raised, \$180.00: For Sunday schools, \$125.00, raised, \$124.00: For Tract, \$125.00, raised, \$121.00: For the Episcopal Fund, \$486.00, raised, \$460.00: For Domestic Missions, \$254, raised, \$201.00. Raised for Educational purposes, including the amount paid to the Trustees of the Conference Academy, \$1,076.00, raised for the seven collections, \$9,806.00, an average of \$1.21 per member, including probationers. The reports of the leaders reveal the fact that the average attendance of the members upon the classes is less than one-third. Revival meetings have been held in all the charges, and resulted as follows:—Christiana 140 conversions, Delaware City 108, Newark and Wesley 103, Brandywine 85, Asbury 72, Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant 68, Union 53, Newport and Stanton 53, Mt. Salem 50, Zion 46, Cherry Hill 45, Mt. Lebanon 44, Madeley 40, St. Paul's 50, Red Lion 41, St. Georges and Summit 33, Elkton 40, Bethel and Glasgow 39, Rising Sun and Hopewell 25, New Castle 33, Wesley 23, Port Deposit 20, and others, whose number is less than 20, aggregating 45, making a total of 1,265.

Childrens' day was generally observed and with good results. A society of fifteen members was formed last May in west Wilmington, and placed under the Pastoral care of Rev. S. T. Gardner; it now numbers 21 members, 25 probationers, with a Sunday School of 70 scholars. They have become incorporated under the state law, and are making arrangements to purchase a lot on which to erect a chapel. They have about \$200.00 in bank. The Sunday School room of Asbury Church has been enlarged by a three story addition, 22 x 36 feet, fronting on Third street, thus providing, on the second floor, a new school-room for the infant department, while in the third story is a church parlor. The auditorium has been frescoed, repainted, furnished anew; and the entire building put in thorough repair at a cost of \$10,000; \$7,000 have been paid, leaving a balance of \$3,000. This grand old Chnrch, which has been so prominent in the extension of Methodism in Wilmington, and in the regions beyond, will, in a few years, reach the close of her centennial; and now having taken on new beauty, and enlarged her capacity for usefulness, is prepared to exert in the future a still wider influence for good. Silverbrook, a mission of Asbury, located in west Wilmington, on a lot 84 x 36 feet, was dedicated June 31st, 1885, the entire amount, \$2,242, (cost of the lot and chapel,) has been provided.

Improvements to the amount of \$450 have been made in Bethel, which sum has been paid.

In my last report, I stated that the Trustees of Chester charge had purchased property for a parsonage. I have now to report, in consequence of dissatisfaction among the official members, the property then bargained for has been given up, and a lot purchased, on which has been erected a building 18 x 32 feet; back building 14 x 16 feet, with shed kitchen, which, when completed, will cost \$1,800. The lot is in Pennsylvania, and inasmuch as a foreign corporation cannot hold real estate in Pennsylvania, it has been deeded to a trustee, in trust, for the use of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within the bounds of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

The Trustees of Claymont have built, on their church lot, a house for the Sexton, at a cost of \$1,600, of which \$750.00 have been paid, and the remainder secured by loan. The ladies of the church have nicely furnished a room in this for the use of the Pastor.

The Edgemoor Company has donated a lot, 60 x 100 feet, to the Trustees of the Church at that place, and are ready to execute a deed in accord with the provisions of the discipline. The society intend building a chapel on the lot, and have about \$400.

The Trustees of Scott Church have formed a plan to pay a bonded debt of \$2,700, which has rested upon the church since the day of dedication. They have divided the debt into shares of \$5.00 which are to be paid in twenty months, by monthly installments of 25 cents; more than half of the shares have been taken.

Last year we reported 6416 members; this year we report 6979, an increase of 563. Then, we reported 1043 probationers, now we report 1119, an increase of 76, giving us a gain of 639, in the District.

I have been able to attend to my work without interruption, except one Sabbath, when I was kept at home in consequence of sickness. The lives and health of the preachers have been mercifully preserved. In three instances death has invaded our homes. On the 15th of April, Bro. B. F. Price was called to mourn the death of his companion, and a few months later, followed an infant child to the grave. On the 16th of January, the wife of Rev. Geo. A. Pheobus was taken from the church militant to the fellowship of the church triumphant. Suitable memoirs have been prepared, and will be read at the memorial service. And now, in looking over the work of the year, it gives me pleasure to testify to the zeal and faithfulness of the pastors, generally, and as we come together in our annual meeting, and note the results of our labours, I rejoice with them, that they have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain; so may it be said of us all in the day of Christ.

CHAS. HILL, P. E.

EASTON DISTRICT.

At the Conference Session of 1885, Rev. J. H. Caldwell, D. D., was re-appointed Presiding Elder of Easton District. On the 11th day of August he was elected President of Delaware College, and having accepted that position, notified Bishop Merrill of his purpose to vacate his place on the District, on the last day of that month. On the 27th of August I received a letter from Bishop Merrill, directing me to take charge of the District, and from that time until the present I have endeavored to discharge the responsible duties of this office according to the wisdom and grace bestowed by the great Head of the Church.

It is cause for gratitude that, during these six months of my official relation to the District, the lives and health of the preachers and their families have been precious in the sight of the Lord, and with the exception of I. D. Johnson, who has been in feeble health a part of the time, they have been enabled to perform full and faithful service.

Quite a number of changes have been deemed essential to the welfare of the work.

Soon after the Conference Session, it was thought best to exchange Geo. P. Smith, of Queenstown, for J. W. Poole, of Crumpton. When Dr. Caldwell left the District and I was appointed to fill his place, a vacancy was created on Smyrna Circuit. This vacancy was filled by a transfer, with Bishop Merrill's consent, of E. E. White, from Charlestown, to Smyrna Circuit, and of W. E. Tomkinson, from King's Creek to Charlestown. King's Creek was supplied by T. E. Bell, one

of our supernumerary preachers. Near the close of the Conference year, Geo. E. Wood, a local preacher, was appointed to assist Brother Johnson, on Appoquinimink Circuit.

It affords me great pleasure to report that the preachers have gone steadily forward in the great work committed to their care, and that the divine blessing has rested upon their labors.

The following is a brief statement of the work in the several charges on the district, viz:

At Cecilton Brother Van Burkalow closes up his second year with 30 conversions, 26 received on probation, and parsonage improvements costing \$237.

Centreville has been visited with a most gracious revival of religion. Brother Arters reports 100 conversions, including those converted at the Wye Camp Meeting, and repairs to the parsonage, costing \$200.

Church Hill has been faithfully served by Brother W. J. O'Neil, who comes to Conference with a roll of 65 conversions, and 66 received on probation.

Chestertown is in a very prosperous condition. Brother Kemp reports 18 conversions, 16 received on probation, and 65 probationers received into full membership.

At Appoquinimink, Brother Johnson has done all that his feeble health would permit. He reports that the collections will be larger in the aggregate than they were last year.

Crumpton has been served by Geo. P. Smith, who reports a number of conversions, and church debt to the amount of \$150, provided for.

Easton is in a rich spiritual condition. Brother Thompson brings to Conference a list of 28 conversions, 26 received on probation, and 57 received from probation into full membership.

The Society at Easton has under contemplation the building of a new church, or of extensive repairs to the present church edifice.

Galena has been for three years under the pastoral care of G. W. Townsend, who is greatly beloved by the people, and who leaves the circuit in a good condition.

At Greensborough, Brother A. Smith, also closes up his third year of pastoral labor. He reports 12 received into full membership. Strong efforts have been made by one "who was with us, but went out from us" last spring, to disturb and divide the church at Greensborough, but Brother Smith has held the fort for Methodism.

Hillsborough reports 49 conversions, 44 received on probation, and 45 received into full membership. Under the care of Brother Kidney, the condition of this circuit has steadily improved.

Ingleside is a circuit of no great pretensions, yet Brother Chairs, who has supplied that work, reports the charge in a fair condition, with an outlay of nearly \$800 for church and parsonage improvements.

Kent Island, of which Brother McQuay has been pastor, reports 20 conversions, and the erection of a new chapel at Kingsley, which, when completed will cost about \$1600—all of which will be provided for.

Marydel—Brother A. S. Mowbray, reports having received 52 probationers into full membership, and old debts on church property to the extent of \$300 extinguished.

The building of a new church at Hartley, costing \$1600, nine hundred of which has been paid, and the remainder is on subscription. Action has also been taken in view of building a parsonage at Marydel, which, when accomplished, will make this one of the desirable charges on the District.

At Millington, Brother Tomkinson closes his third year in the midst of a most gracious revival of religion. He reports 65 conversions.

At Odessa, Brother Creamer closes his first year in the midst of a most blessed out-pouring of the Holy Spirit. He reports 45 conversions, 43 received on probation; every collection up to the apportionment, and church improvements to the extent of \$919.

Brother Poole, of Queenstown, has received 22 probationers into full membership, and reports Queenstown as greatly in need of a parsonage.

At Oxford, Brother L. P. Corkran has had a year of marked success. His labors have been crowned with 60 conversions, and a reduction of their church debt to the amount of \$526.

Pomona reports 25 conversions, 25 received on probation, and 22 received into full membership. Brother Lindale, also, reports that their collections will be 20 per cent. in advance of last year.

At Rock Hall, Brother Conoway completes his third year with a record for this year of 63 conversions, and 62 received on probation.

Royal Oak, under the charge of I. L. Wood, has enjoyed greater prosperity than for many years. He reports 45 conversions. This charge has sustained a great loss in the death of Brother Orum, of Ferry Neck appointment. He failed not, however, to remember the church in his death as well as in his life. He leaves to the church a legacy of \$550.

At St. Michaels, Brother Sypherd found the church very much divided. He has made the most of the situation. He reports 10 conversions, and the spiritual condition of the society much improved.

At Sassafras, Brother O. S. Walton finds himself at the end of a most pleasant 3 years term of ministerial service. His church is one of the most loyal and liberal charges in the Conference.

Smyrna Station has been faithfully served for two years by Brother Quigg, and his earnest efforts are now being crowned with success. He reports a roll of 30 probationers, and enjoys the pleasure of knowing that the membership of the church in Smyrna is more united than it has been for several years.

At Middletown, Brother Stengle closes his third year of pastoral oversight, greatly beloved by the people. He leaves the church in a fine condition.

For Still Pond, Brother Machnichol reports 38 conversions, and 36 received on probation. They have paid all debts against the church and parsonage, and report collections \$100 in advance of last year.

Sudlersville, Brother Rigg has spent a year of earnest, but pleasant labor in this charge. Every interest of the circuit is in good condition. He reports his collections as being \$120 in advance of last year, and one thousand dollars received and paid on subscriptions made last year to their new church at Sudlersville.

Townsend has been served by D. H. Corkran. He reports 15 conversions, and 50 received into full membership.

Talbot Circuit has enjoyed considerable prosperity under the care of A. P. Prettyman. The church at Bay Side has been remodeled at a cost of \$1500, all of which has been provided for. The Circuit asks to be divided, believing that it will be greatly to the advantage of the cause of Christ in that region.

Trappe—Brother R. K. Stephenson reports having witnessed 50 conversions, received 50 on probation, and taken 79 into full membership during the year. This closes his labors on that charge. The people would gladly retain him longer if they could, but cannot by reason of the law of limitation.

Smyrna Circuit, which has been in the hands of Brother White, for the last six months, reports 72 conversions, and 56 received on probation.

Wye was made a separate charge last spring, and placed in the hands of Brother Gollie, a local preacher. The year has been one of success. They report 18 conversions, 17 received on probation, and collections in advance of last year.

King's Creek was served during the first six months of the year by W. E. Tomkinson, and during the last six months by T. E. Bell. The Circuit is in a fair condition.

Massey's is a mission made up of three churches, and has been served by C. K. Morris, one of our most efficient local preachers. They have church property to the amount of \$2300. They have paid for church building and improvement,

\$675, and are in debt \$650. They greatly need, and must have, assistance. Brother Morris has been faithful in his work, but has received little, or no compensation for his services. It is unfortunate that our funds for helping such charges are so meagre.

This completes the roll of charges on Easton District. A brief summary of the work of the churches shows the following results for the year. Conversions, 893; received on probation, 749; received from probation into full membership, 563; expended on church and parsonage improvements, \$9,700. This is not a remarkable showing, but it certainly proves substantial progress, and that the Lord is with his people.

We have earnestly endeavored to impress upon the hearts of our people the significance and importance of the Conference collections, and yet, I fear, that these collections will not be up to the apportionments. Three causes may be assigned for this failure:—1st, a want of larger liberality on the part of the people towards the benevolences of the church;—2nd, the great depression which has prevailed in every department of trade, especially in the oyster trade upon which so many of our people are dependent;—and 3rd, to the failure of the preachers in many instances, to take up their collections, until so late a period in the Conference year, that the storms of mid-winter have seriously interfered with taking them at all.

The Sabbath Schools of the church are receiving increased attention from both the ministry and laity, as their true relation to the success of the cause of Christ becomes better understood. In many parts of the District they are doing a grand work for the youth of the community.

We have also sought to impress upon the minds of our people the value and importance of the class meeting, which, we regret to say, is not as largely attended as it should be.

In some parts of the territory covered by our District, there prevails a great corruption in politics. Votes are bought and sold to an extent that is alarming, and with an audacity, that endangers every free institution of the state. The discipline of our church speaks of this terrible evil in the following language, viz: "Extirpate bribery—receiving anything, directly or indirectly—for voting at any election. Show no respect to persons herein, but expel all that touch the accursed thing." I am glad to say that our preachers and churches are standing up bravely against this most iniquitous practice of political parties.

Local Option obtains in the greater part of the Easton District, but where it does not, our people are fighting the monster intemperance with an unquenchable zeal and determination that contemplates, only the utter destruction of the rum traffic, and the enactment of such prohibitory laws as will effectually protect our homes and firesides from this cruel destroyer.

Three Camp Meetings were held this year within the bounds of our district. They have not, however, been very advantageous to the cause of religion. And unless they can be held as evangelizing agencies, and made to conform strictly to the laws of our discipline, they should be discontinued entirely, as we are in great danger of being disgraced by the Sunday traffic and desecration that is tolerated.

From the time of my appointment to the District, I have endeavored to discharge the responsible duties of my office, earnestly, honestly, and faithfully; and record with pleasure that through the hearty co-operation of all the brethren, I have been enabled to meet my engagements with pleasure to myself, and, I trust, with profit to the church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

JOHN FRANCE, P. E.

DOVER DISTRICT.

The social event of the year has been the reunion of the Davis, Kinder, and Noble families, at Bethel, on Bridgeville Circuit, October 27th. The church itself, is consecrated by the memories of a century; and the history of the three families is closely interwoven with the history of the church.

One sad event has thrown a funeral pall over an entire community, to wit: the untimely, and terrible death, of Mrs. Annie Willis, the wife of Rev. Jon. S. Willis. She, who was so full of life and hope, was, on the twenty-third of August, borne away by means of a kerosene lamp, to the silent realms of the dead. A suitable memoir will be presented by her pastor, Rev. W. S. Robinson.

The health of the brethren has been mercifully preserved; though the wife of Bro. England is still an invalid, and Bro. Conner's wife has seen deep affliction. Millsborough has been exceptionally favored, as there has not been a death of a man, woman or child, during the present Conference year, in the town.

Some localities on Dover District, remind me of Ireland, in that the property is held by absentees; some of our churches, which were once strong and prosperous, are now weak, because the owners of land have moved to town, and the tenants, either are not able, or willing, to support churches. From this one source, Dover Church has been greatly strengthened, and Cambridge is noticeably beginning to share the same advantage. From this one cause alone, this latter church must, at no distant date, become strong, unless the tide in human affairs becomes refluxent.

There has been no great awakening, or general revival. The brethren have, in the main, performed their duties faithfully, and with some degree of success; over six hundred souls have been added to the list of probationers, and judging from the pastors' reports, careful attention has been given to the former lists, and a large per centage has been received into full membership of the church.

The benevolences have been pressed, and I anticipate some advance over former years. Tho' not to the million line, Bro. V. S. Collins, of Vienna, reports on the line, and Bro. F. J. Cochran, of Farmington, is exceedingly hopeful. I am happy to say, in the past there has been a steady and gradual increase.

The banner appointment on the District, is Ellendale circuit, W. Jaggard, pastor: not in the amount paid, but in the promptness of their payments. Upon my first visit, I thought the circuit was completely demoralized, and as I sat in Quarterly Conference, I was reminded of the remark of Sydney Smith, that "some men's faces were a breach of the peace." The year closed, as all things earthly must come to an end, and indeed the out-look was gloomy; but during the Conference, two brethren waited on me, and said they were ashamed of the circuit, and if a minister were sent direct from the Conference, they would guarantee his support; one was sent; and I received frequent word of great satisfaction, but before the year was half gone, one of the appointments, represented in the interview, virtually withdrew, and refused to meet in Quarterly Conference, and to pay any thing to the support of the charge. So as they could not agree last spring, they parted; and Bro. W. Jaggard was appointed to Ellendale circuit; and this year has been a success. Ministerial support, tho' not large, yet met collections all taken and greatly in advance, and the year closes pleasantly and hopefully. Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

W. W. Redman has had a year of unusual prosperity on Woodlandtown circuit. About one hundred have been added. Vienna charge has enjoyed continued prosperity under Rev. V. S. Collins. At Hurlock's, Geo. F. Hopkins has received 63 probationers; paid one thousand dollars upon their beautiful parsonage. P. H. Rawlins has not labored in vain on East New Market charge; 27 have been received. This in a small town much divided in religious sentiment, is quite an accession. Bros. Warthman and Morgan, of Federalsburg circuit,

have been abundant in labor, and have received 47 as the fruit of their toil; and Harmony improved at a cost of \$250, provided for. Denton, T. O. Ayers, pastor, has prospered; church improved at a cost of \$730, all paid. The pastor has excelled all others in obtaining subscribers to the Advocate. Burrsville circuit, formerly a part of Denton, has not been satisfied with the division, but I hope there will be such a re-adjustment as will lead to a mutual good understanding, and harmonious action, so that the cause, we love the best, may gloriously prosper. Bro. Bowman, the pastor, has done all he could. Sometimes he just had to shut his eyes and hold on. Dover has had a heavy burden to carry this year; just before last Conference they had a re-opening, and \$6,000 was subscribed; during the present year \$3,789 has been paid, besides liberal contributions to raise the academy debt; and yet withal, T. E. Martindale, pastor, brings a larger missionary collection than last year, with 44 probationers. Milford at last has reached the heights of Delectable Mountains! church and parsonage free from debt! on these cliffs the air is clear, and prospect boundless; nothing to trouble, but the ghost of "Oliver." The pastor, W. S. Robinson has, by direct personal appeals, secured the last \$2,300, and the friends have erected in South Milford, a convenient and beautiful chapel, for Sunday school purposes, at a cost of \$1,200, nearly all paid.

The life and soul of this enterprise is Peter F. Causey, Esq. Bro. Hynson of Camden, certainly does keep the eleventh commandment. Quietly he has attended to his own work, and God has graciously blest his labors. At Lebanon, they have had a time of refreshing; they propose enlarging their edifice, at a cost of \$1,300, a thousand of which is subscribed. Of Bro. Roe, it is hardly necessary to speak, being at Millsboro, he is immortal till his work is done. Dr. Underwood of Milton, has had a year of marked success. A convenient and beautiful parsonage, worth (exclusive of the lot, which is a gift of Mrs. Eliza Fisher, deceased,) probably \$2,000, with a debt of \$400. These improvements are mainly due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. Dr. Underwood. The charge has been favored with a revival of great power. Bro. Burke at Harrington, is closing his second year with good results. Fifty-eight certificates received in the time! A perfect windfall!

Bro. Carroll of Leipsic has had to fight against the stars in their courses; a church at Little Creek, built for generations never to be born, heavily burdened with debt, Leipsic visited as with a scourge; congregations broken up, public school, I believe, for a time abandoned, and over forty persons, old and young, in the space of three months, carried to their long homes and mourners going about the streets, and Bro. Carroll himself kicked by his own horse, and for a time disabled, yet he kept right onward, bating neither heart nor hope until God has poured out his spirit, and the church has been greatly quickened, and numbers have been added to the Lord. Bro. Jewell has closed his three years of successful labor at Felton. Bro. England of Seaford, who, with the writer, is on "the middle arch of life," has had a year of great prosperity; twenty-three added to the church, a general religious interest; an organ purchased for the Brown's church and \$100 raised toward buying an organ for the church in town. Of others I cannot speak because the brethren have not been prompt in reporting.

Bro. Brindle of Lewes has had a prosperous year; his presence is a benediction, an excellent pastor without being a "terrible visitor."

The report of our Institution:

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, 181; number of graduates, 81; number of graduates in the ministry, 5; number of non-graduates in ministry, 15. Value of property, \$60,000; Indebtedness, \$9,900; Volumes in library, 1400.

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

Income from board and tuition,	\$16,097 76
Expenses,	12,421 19
	\$ 3,676 57
Rental $\frac{1}{2}$	\$ 1,225 52
	A. W. MILBY, P. E.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Seven days after the adjournment of last Conference, our Brother, Rev. W. R. McFarlane, was called to mourn the loss of a lovely daughter, twelve years of age. Yet not lost, but transplanted to develop and bloom with immortal beauty in the Paradise above. Her earthly life was "hid with Christ in God."

"Though early called, how blest are they
Who wait in heaven their harvest day."

By divine mercy no other parsonage circle has been broken, and save the temporary disabilities of Brothers Todd and Chandler, none have been seriously hindered by sickness from their loved employ. Their health, thus graciously preserved, has been grandly used in the prosecution of their mission. I don't think it can be said, when all the circumstances are known, that a single failure has been made. True, a few of the successes have been moderate; yet, in some important feature in each case, a solid result has been obtained. Many have been brilliant, as is the case with each of the five brethren,

CLOSING THEIR THIRD YEAR.

At Fairmount, Rev. W. H. Hutchin, three years ago, found 250 members and 106 probationers. He leaves 388 members and 33 probationers, an increase of 18 per cent. This year 459 visits have been made and a class of baptized children maintained.

In the last Quarterly Conference were shown the finest Church Records I have ever seen. With every entry complete, they contain the history of the society from its inception with every scrap of local information attainable.

The Sunday School Minutes, a no less extensive account of the origin and progress of the Sunday School. All others were in similar conditions, and no charity required to say that the Church Records were properly kept; and being in the chirography of the pastor, will stand a monument to his patient industry.

During his pastorate the collections have advanced from \$765 to \$952; an increase of 24½ per cent. over 1883. The charge is this year on the Roll of Honor.

On Tangier Island, Rev. C. S. Baker is the first resident pastor. Where \$150 was formerly paid for ministerial support, now \$730 is annually raised and quarterly applied.

This year he has had 38 conversions, made 500 pastoral visits, brought the benevolent collections up to \$280; an advance of 34 per cent. over 1885, and 366 per cent. over 1883. Tangier retains her place on the Roll of Honor for the second year.

No truer, more loving and devoted people can be found; and certain it is, that good people appreciate, and are improved by a faithful ministry.

From Asbury, Rev. W. E. Avery comes, leaving behind him three years of successful labor. Here the pastoral support has been advanced from \$700.00 to \$900.00. This year 1,000 visits have been made, giving the pastor the second place on the District in this blessed effort.

The probationers number 37. An "honor" charge last year, the same this. The collections reach \$267.00; six per cent. over last year, and 434 per cent. over three years ago.

On Smith's Islands, Rev. John Tyler, a local preacher, and native of the place, has supplied it for three years, and been in labors abundant. The esteem in which he has been held is manifest by an advance of 100 per cent. on salary, while the collections reach beyond last year, and over his predecessor in '83 of 300 per cent. Souls have been converted, 652 visits made, and nine classes of baptized children formed for religious instruction.

Gumboro Circuit, in charge of Rev. W. F. Corkran, has advanced the support of the pastor from \$600 to \$850, and paid it for three years.

Three years of unremitting toil have been rewarded by steady growth, and the enthusiastic appreciation of the people. This year he has made 350 visits, received 26 probationers, and brought every collection up to the Minimum standard, aggregating 12½ per cent. beyond 1885, and 434 per cent. over 1883.

During my incumbency, eleven men have served the full term of three years, and in each case with eminent success.

Passing to the brethren at the close of their

SECOND YEAR,

the occasion of thanksgiving continues.

Beginning with my precious father in the Gospel, Rev. W. B. Walton, at Salisbury, we notice no great ingathering of souls, yet, 26 probationers and 9 received into full connection, tell not of stagnation, but of the tide toward a mighty flood.

155 sermons and 600 visits must bring a good result. Though the collection stands \$352.00 this year, against \$374.00 last, the shortage is occasioned by the special donation of \$100.00 for Conference Academy, last year, from Brother Wm. H. Jackson. With this exception, the advance is very material and keeps the charge in the "Roll of Honor."

Rev. E. P. Roberts at Bishopville, has a decrease for the same reason that Bro. L. S. Melson's gift of \$100 to Academy last year was not duplicated this, and by some accident the charge received no credit in the minutes of 1885, otherwise his \$157 on collections this year is a fair advance. Here 18 probationers are added to this rapidly growing charge.

Rev. F. C. McSorley at Laurel, has made 800 pastoral visits and so secured the fourth standing in this distinction. His collections are 40 per cent. above last year, with the charge on the Roll of Honor.

Rev. A. T. Meivin, at Bethel, has succeeded in paying \$800 of the church debt and so reduced it to \$2,200. Notwithstanding this incubus, the benevolences amount to \$125; 46 per cent. beyond a year ago.

Other desirable results have been reached, with which, no doubt, 535 pastoral visits have had much to do.

Rev. J. D. Reese at Chincoteague, during his term has seen his membership advance from 40 to 115.

The building on the shore has been given to the people of Goodwill, moved up the island and completed for worship.

The congregation at the village hold their services in the Temperance Hall and await a favorable opportunity to build in keeping with their requirements. 510 visits are here recorded, and an advance on collections of 10 per cent.

Rev. E. H. Miller, of Sharptown, reports 400 visits, 11 per cent. increase on his collections, and is in the midst of a gracious revival, which accounts for his absence from Conference.

Rev. W. L. P. Bowen, with one church less than last year, has kept his work well up, and makes a good showing on collections.

Rev. W. W. Johnson, at Powellville, who, though married and keeping a horse, has managed some how, to get through on \$275, and do well for his work, making 410 calls.

The collections aggregating \$65, were all up by November 1st, and attest the faithfulness of the man. He not only reaches his apportionments, but every request. Many souls have also been converted.

Rev. W. B. Guthrie, working hard at Westover, has had 24 conversions, and all his collections are up to the minimum standard.

At this point, an embarrassing obligation of \$375 has shadowed the beautiful church, and mortgaged its prosperity. Brother Wm. M. Ruark, after paying most liberally towards its erection, has now assumed the whole liability of both principal and interest, and authorizes the report that it is free from debt.

If we will remember that this gentleman has just sustained a heavy pecuniary loss in the burning of the flouring mill, owned by himself and sons, the gift will assume proportions that, considering the circumstances of the donor, has seldom, if ever, been equalled in this Conference. May our laymen emulate his worthy example, and lay down their gold upon God's altar, before it cankers to their cursing.

Rev. Albert Chandler, at Delmar, has been hindered somewhat by the fact that his work and willingness have exceeded his power of endurance. Through his untiring efforts, a commodious parsonage has been completed at a cost of \$1500, of which \$860 remains unpaid. With collections near the mark of last year, he takes the second place in probationers, which number 100. Delmar Circuit moves up to a better grade, through the labors of this indefatigable brother.

Rev. E. H. Derrickson, of Pocomoke Circuit, comes up with 80 probationers, having had an extensive revival each year. His collections are 17 per cent. in advance of last year. He has made 400 visits. His salary has been increased, and every department of Church work improved. In my judgment, no man has come to the bar of this Conference seeking admission, who promises more hard, detail work and solid success, than this brother, who is in his second year of probation.

Rev. Wells W. W. Wilson, at Crisfield, has had 105 conversions, and 70 probationers are yet on the roll. His 1225 pastoral visits is the highest number on the District. \$350 paid on parsonage debt, leaves \$650 yet to be met. In collections, the Roll of Honor reached last year is maintained, with an advance of 30 per cent. on the aggregate.

Rev. J. D. C. Hanna, on Deal's Island, reports 25 probationers, 835 visits, which is third in number. The total on collections is \$375, which secures a place on the Roll of Honor for this worthy charge and Pastor. 33 per cent. over last year is reached, and 229 per cent. over 1884.

The advance is equally marked in most cases on the pastorates of

ONE YEAR,

showing that the new men have caught the spirit of the District, and are laying up for themselves by laying out for God.

My Senior Colleague of 1876, Rev. A. D. Davis, came to Frankford with his old time zeal, his eye undimmed and his natural force unabated. The shout of salvation was raised on his first round, and continued throughout the year, until 140 souls were converted, of whom 117 remain on probation. This leads the District in salvation fruitage. 70 have been admitted to full connection. Though required for many weeks to watch by the bedside of his venerable father, who passed away at the ripe age of 90, yet, on a large circuit, this man of 60 has preached 181 times, delivered as many exhortations, held 22 weeks of revival services, made 500 pastoral calls, paid \$200 on parsonage debt, brought the collections up to \$334; 74 per cent. more than last year.

Whatever may be the popular notion of young preachers, a really live old man is the liveliest man living. Our District is blest with four of them.

Rev. W. R. McFarlane, at Roxanna, beginning the year with a sad bereavement, has improved the parsonage at an expense of \$300, one-half of which is paid. A number have been admitted on probation, and 70 to full connection. 180 sermons and 520 calls, tell somewhat of the work done.

The collections are a little in advance of last year.

Brother Waddell, at Berlin, in collection reached the minimum standard on every one. 10 have been received into full membership, and 425 visits made.

Rev. R. W. Todd, at Snow Hill, while sick in the summer, was aided by his son George, of Drew Seminary, who served in his father's stead with great acceptability. Since his recovery he has been in labors abundant, as told by 110 sermons and 660 pastoral calls. The collections have reached a total of \$367; 8½ per cent. more than last year.

Brother Todd merits the thanks of the Conference for having lately written the hymn of the "Million for Missions" call. The Methodist world will sing his "Million for our King."

Rev. Wm. T. Valliant, now serving Newark, withdrew from the M. P. Church in which he was a traveling Elder, and his ministry being recognized by the Quarterly Conference, was employed as a supply. He has proven himself worthy of trust, having secured with his people the payment of \$208 on their old and embarrassing parsonage debt, and brought his collections to the surprising sum of \$129. A tremendous increase over last year of 75 per cent. He comes recommended, and there is no doubt in my mind that we will do well for ourselves in receiving him.

Rev. S. N. Pilchard, at Stockton, has been blessed in revival: 85 members converted, 62 of whom remain on probation. Through his exertions, the church at Franklin, Va, has been completed; \$900 raised for it, leaving a debt of \$300. The collections aggregate \$125. Though the Circuit was divided last year, yet this is an advance of 27 per cent. beyond the result reached in 1885 from the undivided work.

Rev. I. G. Fosnocht was appointed to Pocomoke City last Conference, and at once began a subscription for extensive church improvement. His plans seemed so extensive, that the writer, and others, fearing the inability of the people to measure up in these severe times, advised for less expensive operations.

The Brother moved out for the larger things, however, and grandly has he triumphed. One of the most beautiful churches to be found anywhere is the reward of his faith and enterprise. It is a thing of elegance and beauty, gothic in style, spire 90 feet high, frescoed, stained windows, heated from the cellar and lighted by electricity. The cost was \$3,500, and all provided for, save \$150, which it is hoped may be donated by the Church Extension Society.

For leading a forlorn hope on church building to a certain success, commend me to this Brother, and for a people who will cheerfully give until they feel it severely, those of Pocomoke City are seldom excelled.

Bro. Fosnocht is not at this Conference because the spirit of awakening and conversion has come upon the people and his presence is nightly required to lead the sacramental hosts to victory. May God give them a great revival.

Nor has the agony of Church building prevented them in collections, as the offering of \$139 against \$135 last year manifests.

Rev. D. F. McFaul, at Fruitland, reports 18 probationers, and the collections are but little short of last year.

Rev. E. S. Mace has served Quantico, and deserved a larger success than has been attained; 150 sermons, 400 visits, 31 conversions and accessions, \$102 improvement in church property, \$89 on collections, which is at least 100 per cent. above last year, shows that hard work will bring an answer even in an unpromising field.

Rev. W. P. Taylor was employed as a supply for Barren Creek. He has purchased a lot in the village of Barren Creek on which to begin the erection of a church in the near future. \$21 is the sum of his collections, which is fair, considering that the salary is but \$121. 408 visits were made, and successful revival work has been done. This brother has adaptability, gifts, grace and usefulness.

It will be remembered that old Princess Anne Circuit, last spring, was separated into four charges.

Rev. T. H. Harding was stationed on the part known as Mt. Vernon, a parsonage was at once purchased and improved, until they have a pleasant home worth \$1,200, with but \$550 debt upon it. \$600 has been raised for ministerial support, \$90 dollars raised on the benevolences, and 34 probationers received.

Another part took the old historic name of Somerset, and Rev. L. J. Muchmore became their pastor. At Rock Creek a parsonage has been built worth \$725, having \$395 of this sum as yet not provided for. \$475 has also been raised on ministerial support and \$89 gathered for the collections. The pastor has preached 112 times and made 525 visits.

At St. Peter's, with Rev. G. W. Wilcox as pastor, they have had 54 conversions. A parsonage worth \$1,200 has been built and paid for, save \$300, while ministerial support has reached \$545 and the benevolences \$167. A splendid increase over any past record when on the circuit, certainly 200 per cent. over last year. The pastor has preached 150 times and made 450 calls.

On Princess Anne, the Master seems to have smiled, and under the faithful ministry of Rev. Robt. Watt, we have enjoyed a year of peace and of blessed success. In all my experience I have never known a people, as a whole, more loyal and self-sacrificing than these. A church improvement, on a church extension plan, has been in progress all the year, often hindered for lack of funds, but as often tided over. February 28th, with tower still incomplete, we occupied the building for the first time since the summer. So far as done, the cost has been about \$2,000, and the present debt \$250. With the exception of \$400 in the hands of the Ladies' Aid, the remainder has been raised this year. \$543 on ministerial support, and \$138 for Conference collections.

When it is remembered that the year began with 28 members, and now with probationers but 39, with possibly a score of non-members contributing, the load carried by this heroic little company will be better understood. Including rental value of parsonage, the amount for ministerial support reaches \$16.54 cents per member and probationer. On Conference collections \$3.53, On building and improvements, \$34.61. A total average of \$54.64. Many have aided, but one friend, Mr. T. J. Dixon, has stood by the enterprise with time, money, and supervision.

If it be remembered that there is not another charge in the Conference paying \$7 per capita for pastoral support, that the average for the richest church in the Conference, is but \$6.53, yet, the average at Princess Anne, is \$16.54. With this in mind, some appreciation may be had of the effort these devoted brethren, sisters and friends are making to maintain their cause, and the church of their choice.

At Accomac, the mission made last Conference, it has been impossible to secure a man, and being all the year from one to three men short, I was compelled to put it under the care of Rev. C. A. Grice, at Onancock, and let him give the one church such service as the exhorters on his charge could render, and so it stood until two weeks ago, when one of these exhorters, being made a local preacher, he was given charge, and the reports will be in his name. Having but 5 members, they will not be large, still there will be \$17 on the benevolences, and the charge will be an honor appointment.

The Missionary Committee having granted \$1,000, to be used for new work in this territory, we hope to put three men in these two counties of Va. Rev. A. D. Davis, who, in the last 17 years, has reported to this Conference more than 2,100 probationers, has volunteered for this work. If it shall be the pleasure of the Bishop to send him, we look for large results. Would that two young, zealous and devoted men might stand by his side, in self-offering to this work.

In May last I visited the new and rapidly growing Cape Charles City, and held the first religious service there, preaching in a room connected with a saloon. The out-come of this beginning, was the employment of R. Irving Watkins in June, to here break ground for God, and our Methodism. He succeeded in getting a church enclosed, and winning the sympathy of the people.

Before the completion of the enterprise, however, he was compelled to return to Drew Seminary. The situation was such that we could not afford to leave the place unoccupied, even for a short time. Accordingly this also was added to the care of Brother Grice, and a brother has been kept on the field since. The church was completed, and we have "held the fort" if nothing more, hoping to inaugurate an aggressive campaign next Conference year.

It is a matter of interest that, within four miles of old Salem, from which our venerable Father Valentine Gray was driven out by the mob in 1846, we have built a church, and have come to stay; a promoter of Christian charity, and of practical and actual fraternity. Our coming was not without opposition, but it did not assume any serious proportions. The great majority of the people of the place rally to us and help to sustain our preachers, and have contributed liberally for the erection of the church. And though we are embarrassed by the debt on our building, yet, if we can secure the Church Extension grant, already made, we shall soon be free from pecuniary obligation.

To the praise of Bethel be it said, that with her heavy debt they cheerfully gave up their grant of \$200, for this more needy enterprise. It may be said that we have received much encouragement and almost no unkindness in Northampton county.

I am glad to say that Brother Watkins returns to us seeking admission to this Conference.

Upon Brother Grice at Onancock the double and treble burden of Cape Charles, 40 miles away, and of Accomac, has been laid, while at the same time he has been crowded with work at home. More than 100 souls have been converted in his charge, and a fourth Sabbath service opened at Mason's mill in Hunting Creek Neck. Here a lot has been secured and the lumber for a church is on the ground, ready for building in the spring. The parsonage at Onancock has been enlarged at an expense of \$360, and nearly all paid. Then, too, the connectional interests have been faithfully served by raising \$212, an advance of 28 per cent. The salary was also increased, 128 sermons and 625 visits is the report of pastoral labor.

Bro. Warren, at Annessex, has led an extensive improvement at Quindocqua, making it a church of two rooms, with spire, at a cost of \$1,250. In labor he has been abundant; visits 538, collections \$173 against \$137, last year, which lifts the charge to the Roll of Honor standard.

Hollands Island was left to be supplied and for 3 months no one suitable could be found. During his vacation, however, Rev. John B. Todd was employed until he left in September for Dickinson College, when Rev. H. B. Dulaney took his place. A great success has been made. Of the 150 persons composing the population, 71 are members, and 23 of the remainder are now on probation. These twenty-five families send their pastor here with \$300 for conference collections. They were on the honor list, last year, and grandly maintain their standing. They have not exceeded either their willingness, ability or duty, but it is so much more than people generally recognize as obligatory, that it ought to be commended. Not only the apportionment, but the requests have been doubled.

I am glad Brother Dulaney comes up for admission. There is great promise of usefulness in him.

Rev. J. W. Gray, on Shortly, has been wrestling all the year with a church enterprise, which does not move rapidly for want of means. His probationers number 31, collections 125; an advance of 115 per cent.

At Girdletree and Connor's, Rev. J. W. Easley has been serving with eminent success; 125 sermons, 428 visits, 68 probationers, and \$149 for collections, tells of great diligence and royal success.

On the division of Quantico Circuit, Tyaskin was formed of the two lower appointments, Jones and Trinity, and Rev. J. H. Howard, a transfer from the Virginia Conference, was appointed. It is fitting I should close this list with him, for like many of those already mentioned, he has been in labors abundant, and in

success remarkable. A new parsonage built, worth \$1,500, and but \$400 unpaid, 127 sermons, 589 visits, and 60 probationers. In collections the advance is more than 100 per cent., and the charge on the "Roll of Honor."

This makes 13 charges having this distinction against six last year.

I have attended 138 Quarterly Conferences, preached and made addresses 209 times, been absent from home 195 days, and traveled 7426 miles.

The total number of pastoral visits this year is 18005, an increase of 4642 over last year.

The conversions number 1359, with 942 probationers. The difference exists because many of the converts have been admitted, and the lists have been carefully pruned of those not likely to be received.

For debts, building and improving churches and parsonages, \$13,862 has been raised; \$24,803 for ministerial support, which shows an advance of \$1200 over last year. There must be a mistake in the returns, however, for in the support of the pastors alone, exclusive of rent and Presiding Elder and Bishops' claim, there is an advance of \$1,948.

For this District, the largest "Million line" amount assigned is \$3,144. The collection for Missions is \$3,592, \$448 excess, and above the regular apportionment \$1,042. In advance of last year \$618.

Our vote of confidence to Dr. Kynett, and Church Extension is \$614, \$154 over our apportionment, and \$157 more than last year, and again not one charge of the 39 with less than \$10 for this important interest. For three years the District has maintained this record.

Freedman's Aid goes up this year to \$373; an advance of 122.

Not to anticipate further the work of the statistical secretary, I note with pleasure, advances in everything save the W. F. M. Society. Here we drop \$149. As I see it, this is one of the most important interests and one of the easiest to serve. A live society, I have found without exception, a great help to the Parent Board collection. There is also less for Conference claimants than last year, by 36 dollars; with these exceptions which I feel sure will not occur again, it is gratifying to note advances all along the line of our Benevolences. And there has been no "robbing of Peter to pay Paul." The percentage of advance on those often mis-called minor collections, keeps even pace with that of the Missionary.

The total of our benevolent collections is \$7,800, against \$6,433; \$1,367 excess over last year. \$1.02 per member and probationer. Last year it was 87 cents.

The list of full members 6708, an increase of 563; these, with the probationers, number 7650.

While planning for large results, I yet confess to some surprise at the figures reached, considering the hard conditions under which they have been achieved, for no gilt-edged surroundings have environed my brethren. What with failure in crops all over the District, low prices, the nearly ruined state of the oyster interests, the almost unparalleled severity of the winter and this very early Conference, I know it has taken the most careful planning and intensest effort to surmount the hindrances, but it has been done. God bless our noble people! When thoroughly informed and well led by their preachers, as they have been this year, they will do anything that can, in reason, be asked. They are getting on their hearts the mighty interests of the church,—these strong arms of divine power unto salvation.

My heart saddens when I think what might have been done had the times continued as they were two years ago. O, that divine mercy may bestow one more year of fatness and plenty during this quadrennium! Then indeed would the responses of our people be such as to fill our mouths with laughter, and our tongues with singing. We would cross the "Million Line" with a tremendous margin, advancing all else in proportion, and church debts would melt like frost before the ascending sun.

Still, we may not repine over what might have been, but, rather, will thank God and take courage.

One important factor in the progress made, has been the careful dissemination of information. 3,000 copies of the minutes have been put into the homes of our people during the past year, and if instead of less than 200 Christian Advocates there were 800 taken, the growth would be more rapid. Then we need to find the last man with our enterprises, and put it upon his conscience to help or hinder as he will; and the last man should include every woman and child.

I beg to note before closing that the Parksley Land Improvement Co. have just sent me a deed for two lots most eligibly located, each 50 x 150 ft. but with conditions that a church be put upon the one within one year from date, and a parsonage on the other in two years.

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The same day that this report was read, Rev. E. H. Derrickson, volunteered for the work at Cape Charles City, Va.

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JAMES B. GARR,

GENERAL AGENT.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT.
OF THE
MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of the
WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE,
FOR THE
PROMOTION OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MISSIONS,
—
IN ACCOUNT WITH **ADRFRED G. COX, TREASURER.**

ELKTON MD., MARCH 4, 1886.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. E. C. Atkins,.....	Bethel and Glasgow,	\$ 40 00
" " " W. E. Tomkinson,.....	Charlestown,	40 00
" " " C. A. Hill,.....	Cherry Hill,	102 00
" " " T. A. H. O'Brien,.....	Chesapeake City,	50 00
" " " T. B. Hunter,.....	Chester,	50 00
" " " Joseph Dare,.....	Christiana,	50 00
" " " I. N. Rawlins,.....	Claymont,	38 00
" " " J. H. Willey,.....	Delaware City,	90 00
" " " L. C. Andrew,.....	Elk Neck,	10 00
" " " J. P. Otis,.....	Elkton & Crouch's Chapel,	265 00
" " " Julius Dodd,.....	Hockessin,	27 00
" " " W. H. Hendrickson,.....	Mt. Lebanon,	31 00
" " " J. W. Hammersley,.....	Mt. Pleasant,	56 00
" " " T. H. Haynes,.....	Newark & Wesley,	125 00
" " " T. E. Terry,.....	New Castle,	144 00
" " " E. H. Nelson,.....	Newport and Stanton,	194 00
" " " T. S. Williams,.....	North East,	162 00
" " " L. E. Barrett,.....	Port Deposit,	250 00
" " " W. R. Sears,.....	Red Lion,	57 00
" " " Joseph Robinson,.....	Rising Sun & Hopewell,	77 00
" " " Wm. Galloway,.....	Rowlandville & Mt. Pleasant	2 00
" " " L. W. Layfield,.....	St. George's & Summit,	60 00
" " " W. L. S. Murray,.....	Wil., Asbury,	925 00
" " " E. L. Hubbard,.....	" Brandywine,	75 00
" " " J. R. Boyle,.....	" Grace,	3,000 00

Received from Rev. W. B. Gregg,.....	Wil., Epworth,	36 00
" " " R. C. Jones,.....	" Mt. Salem,	118 00
" " " B. F. Price,.....	" Madeley,	32 00
" " " R. H. Adams,.....	" St. Paul's,	602 00
" " " N. M. Browne,.....	" Scott,	160 00
" " " A. Z. Fryxzell,.....	" Swedish Mission,	7 00
" " " C. W. Prettyman,.....	" Union,	470 00
" " " S. T. Gardner,.....	" Wesley,	11 00
" " " C. F. Sheppard,.....	Zion Circuit,	135 00
Total amount received this year,.....		\$7,491 00
" " " last year,.....		6,492 50
Increase over last year,.....		\$ 998, 50
Apportionment,.....		6,715 00
Excess,.....		776 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. I. D. Johnson,.....	Appoquinimink	\$ 40 00
" " " J. T. Van Burkalow,.....	Cecilton,	100 00
" " " J. A. Arters,.....	Centreville,	190 00
" " " J. D. Kemp,.....	Chestertown,	290 00
" " " W. J. O'Niel,.....	Church Hill,	107 00
" " " G. P. Smith,.....	Crumpton,	20 00
" " " H. S. Thompson,.....	Easton,	130 00
" " " G. W. Townsend,.....	Galena,	96 00
" " " Alfred Smith,.....	Greensborough,	76 00
" " " J. E. Kidney,.....	Hillsborough,	50 00
" " " W. W. Chairs,.....	Ingleside,	20 00
" " " Newton McQuay,.....	Kent Island,	90 00
" " " T. E. Bell,.....	King's Creek,	10 00
" " " A. S. Mowbray,.....	Marydel,	40 00
" " " Adam Stengle,.....	Middletown,	400 00
" " " T. L. Tomkinson,.....	Millington,	170 00
" " " T. R. Creamer,.....	Odessa,	205 00
" " " L. P. Corkran,.....	Oxford,	30 00
" " " J. M. Lindale,.....	Pomona,	50 00
" " " J. W. Poole,.....	Queenstown,	40 00
" " " G. S. Conoway,.....	Rock Hall,	45 00
" " " I. L. Wood,.....	Royal Oak,	30 00
" " " J. O. Sypherd,.....	St. Michaels,	132 00
" " " O. S. Walton,.....	Sassafras,	20 00
" " " J. B. Quigg,.....	Smyrna,	475 00
" " " E. E. White,.....	Smyrna Circuit,	65 00
" " " E. C. Macnichol,.....	Still Pond,	220 00
" " " J. D. Rigg,.....	Suddlersville,	104 00
" " " A. P. Prettyman,.....	Talbot,	45 00
" " " D. H. Corkran,.....	Townsend,	21 00
" " " R. K. Stevenson,.....	Trappe,	90 00
" " " D. Gollie,.....	Wye,	18 00

Total amount received this year,.....	\$3,419 00
Total amount received last year,.....	3,346 25
Increase,.....	72 75
Apportionment,.....	4,146 00
Deficit,.....	727 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. James Conner	Beckwith	\$ 30 00
" " " E. Davis	Bridgeville	153 00
" " " G. W. Bowman	Burrisville	45 00
" " " J. E. Bryan	Cambridge	125 00
" " " E. H. Hynson	Camdem	68 00
" " " C. H. Williams	Church Creek	13 00
" " " T. O. Ayers	Denton	75 00
" " " T. E. Martindale	Dover	470 00
" " " P. H. Rawlins	East New Market	57 00
" " " Wilmer Jaggard	Ellendale	30 00
" " " F. J. Cochran	Farmington	71 00
" " " John Warthman	Federalsburg	102 00
" " " Isaac Jewell	Felton	100 00
" " " J. S. Willis	Frederica	96 00
" " " W. M. Green	Galestown	40 00
" " " W. J. Duhadway	Georgetown	100 00
" " " G. W. Burke	Harrington	53 00
" " " W. F. Dawson	Houston	75 00
" " " G. F. Hopkins	Hurlock	70 00
" " " James Carroll	Leipsic	65 00
" " " J. A. Brindle	Lewes	163 00
" " " J. M. Collins	Lincoln	25 00
" " " G. L. Hardesty	Magnolia	73 00
" " " W. S. Robinson	Milford	178 00
" " " Robert Roe	Millsborough	30 00
" " " W. Underwood	Milton	60 00
" " " I. N. Foreman	Nassau	75 00
" " " W. E. England	Seaford	112 00
" " " V. S. Collins	Vienna	68 00
" " " W. W. Redman	Woodlandtown	40 00
" " " W. M. Warner	Wyoming	25 00

Total received this year	\$2,687 00
Total received last year	2,466 00
Increase	221 00
Apportionment	3,645 00
Deficit	968 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. J. A. B. Wilson	Accomac	\$ 2 00
" " " B. C. Warren	Annamessex	80 00
" " " W. E. Avery	Asbury	128 00
" " " W. T. Taylor	Barren Creek	5 00
" " " D. F. Waddell	Berlin	75 00
" " " A. T. Melvin	Bethel	80 00
" " " E. P. Roberts	Bishopville	50 00
" " " J. D. Reese	Chincoteague	40 00
" " " W. W. W. Wilson	Crisfield	160 00
" " " J. D. C. Hanna	Deal's Island	151 00
" " " A. Chandler	Delmar	106 00
" " " W. H. Hutchin	Fairmount	538 00
" " " A. D. Davis	Frankford	105 00
" " " D. F. McFaul	Fruitland	45 00
" " " J. W. Easley	Girdletree and Conner's	77 00

Received from Rev. W. F. Corkran	Gumborough	150 00
" " " H. S. Dulaney	Holland's Island	150 00
" " " F. C. McSorley	Laurel	165 00
" " " T. H. Harding	Mt. Vernon	35 00
" " " W. T. Valliant	Newark	60 00
" " " C. A. Grice	Onancock	120 00
" " " W. L. P. Bowen	Parsonsborg	60 00
" " " I. G. Fosnocht	Pocomoke City	50 00
" " " E. H. Derrickson	Pocomoke Circuit	50 00
" " " W. W. Johnson	Powellville	20 00
" " " Robert Watt	Princess Anne	50 00
" " " E. S. Mace	Quantico	35 00
" " " W. R. McFarlane	Roxanna	45 00
" " " W. B. Walton	Salisbury	150 00
" " " E. H. Miller	Sharptown	30 00
" " " J. W. Gray	Shortley	70 00
" " " John Tyler	Smith's Island	130 00
" " " R. W. Todd	Snow Hill	115 00
" " " S. J. Muchmore	Somerset	30 00
" " " S. N. Pilchard	Stockton	50 00
" " " G. W. Wilcox	St. Peters	75 00
" " " C. S. Baker	Tangier	166 00
" " " J. H. Howard	Tyaskin	112 00
" " " W. B. Guthrie	Westover	37 00

Total amount received this year	\$ 3,597 00
Total amount received last year	2,672 50
Increase	625 50
Apportionment	2,550 00
Excess over apportionment	1,045 00

RECAPITULATION.

Received from Salisbury District last year	\$ 2,972 50
" " " Dover	2,466 00
" " " Easton	3,346 25
" " " Wilmington	6,492 51
	\$15,277 26
Received from Salisbury District this year	\$ 3,597 00
" " " Dover	2,687 00
" " " Easton	3,419 00
" " " Wilmington	7,491 00
	\$17,194 00

Increase over last year	\$ 1,916 74
Apportionment	17,056 00
Excess over apportionment	138 00

LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel and Glasgow—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 38 00
Bethel Sunday School.....	78
Glasgow Sunday School.....	1 22
Total.....	\$ 40 00

Charlestown—Wm. E. Tomkinson, Pastor.

Charlestown Sunday School.....	\$ 3 00
Principio Church.....	6 00
Principio Sunday School.....	9 00
Perryville Church.....	2 00
Perryville Sunday School.....	8 00
Asbury Sunday School.....	12 00
Total.....	\$ 40 00

Cherry Hill—Charles A. Hill, Pastor.

Carter's.....	\$ 37 67
Cherry Hill Church.....	14 62
Sunday School.....	46 71
Big Elk Sunday School.....	3 00
Total.....	\$ 102 00

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

Church.....	\$ 22 00
Sunday School.....	28 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Chester—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.

Church collection.....	\$ 24 00
Sunday School collection.....	26 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Christiana Circuit—Joseph Dare, Pastor.

Christiana Sunday School.....	\$ 15 05
“ Church.....	10 00
Ebenezer Sunday School.....	10 00
“ Church.....	5 00
Salem Sunday School.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Claymont—Jno. N. Rawlings, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 38 00
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Delaware City—J. H. Willey, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 30 00
Sunday School.....	60 00
Total.....	\$ 90 00

Elk Neck—L. C. Andrew, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 9 03
School, Wesley's.....	97
Total.....	\$ 10 00

Elkton—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Congregation, Elkton.....	\$ 56 85
Sunday School, “.....	143 15
“ “ West Amwell.....	40 00
“ “ Crouch's Chapel.....	10 00
“ “ Johnson's School House.....	3 00
“ “ Wilna.....	12 00
Total.....	\$ 265 00

Hockessin—Julius Dodd, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 25 74
Church.....	1 40
Totals.....	\$ 27 14

Mt. Lebanon—W. H. Hendrickson, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 20 47
Sunday School.....	10 53
Total.....	\$ 31 00

Mt. Pleasant—J. W. Hammersley, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 56 00
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Newark and Wesley—T. H. Haynes, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 100 00
Church.....	25 00
Total.....	125 00

New Castle—Thos. E. Terry, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 144 00
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Newport and Stanton—Edwin H. Nelson, Pastor.

Newport Church.....	\$ 35 55
“ Sunday School.....	100 00
Stanton Church.....	43 45
“ Sunday School.....	10 00
Brackenville Sunday School.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 194 00

Morth East—T. S. Williams, Pastor.

Church	\$ 14 00
Sunday School.....	151 00
Total.....	\$ 165 00
Less, Expenses.....	2 50
	\$ 162 50

Port Deposit—Louis E. Barrett, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 176 00
Church.....	74 00
Total.....	\$ 250 00

Red Lion—William R. Sears, Pastor.

Congregation.....	\$ 6 00
Sunday School.....	51 00
Total.....	\$ 57 00

Rising Sun and Hopewell—Joseph Robinson, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 8 00
Rising Sun Sunday School.....	40 00
Hopewell " "	29 00
Total.....	\$ 77 00

Wm. N. Carter, Joseph L. Stephens and Edward Jackson, to be made life members of the Missionary Society.

Rowlandville—W. K. Galloway, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 2 00
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St. George's and Summit—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

St. George's Church Collection.....	\$ 32 00
Sunday School.....	13 00
Summit Collection.....	15 00
Total.....	\$ 60 00

Asbury—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.

Asbury.....	\$ 925 00
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Brandywine—E. L. Hubbard, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 75 00
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Epworth—W. B. Gregg, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 34 00
Church.....	2 00
Total.....	\$ 36 00

Grace—J. Richards Boyle, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 730 00
Sunday School.....	2,270 00
Total.....	\$3,000 00

Madeley Chapel—B. E. Price, Pastor.

Sabbath School.....	\$ 29 00
Congregation.....	3 00
Total.....	\$ 32 00

Mt. Salem—R. C. Jones, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 53 00
Sunday School.....	65 00
Total.....	\$ 118 00

St. Paul's—R. H. Adams, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 333 00
Congregations.....	269 00
Total.....	\$ 602 00

Scott Church—N. M. Browne, Pastor.

Scott Sunday School.....	\$ 160 00
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Swedish Mission—Axel Z. Fryxell, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 7 00
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Union—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 210 00
Sunday School.....	260 00
Total.....	\$ 470 00

Wesley—S. T. Gardner, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 1 00
Church.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 11 00

Zion Circuit—Chas. F. Sheppard, Pastor.

Zion Church.....	\$ 6 50
Zion Sunday School.....	18 50
Ebenezer Church.....	10 25
Ebenezer Sunday School.....	24 63
St. John's Church.....	15 17
St. John's Sunday School.....	14 00
Union Church.....	7 38
Union Sunday School.....	17 00
Further contributions.....	21 57
Total.....	\$ 135 00

EASTON DISTRICT.**Appoquinimink—I. D. Johnson, Pastor.**

Friendship Church.....	\$ 20 00
Friendship Sunday School.....	16 00
Union Sunday School.....	1 00
Walker's Sunday School.....	3 00
Total.....	\$ 40 00

Cecilton—J. T. VanBurkalow, Pastor.

Cecilton Church.....	\$ 15 50
Cecilton Sunday School.....	60 85
St. Paul's Church.....	21 50
St. Paul's Sunday School.....	2 15

Total.....\$ 100 00

Chestertown—J. D. Kemp, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 96 00
Church.....	194 00

Total.....\$ 290 00

Centreville—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 41 00
Sunday School.....	149 00

Total.....\$ 189 00

Church Hill—W. J. O'Neill, Pastor.

Church Hill Church.....	\$ 46 44
Sunday School.....	20 50
Union.....	24 00
Union Sunday School.....	3 72
Salem Church.....	11 70
Spaniard's Neck.....	1 39

Total.....\$ 107 75

Easton—H. S. Thompson, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 30 00
Sunday School.....	100 00

Total.....\$ 130 00

King's Creek—T. E. Bell, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 10 00
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Greensboro—A. Smith, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 50 00
Sunday School.....	26 00

Total.....\$ 76 00

Galena—G. W. Townsend, Pastor.

Galena Church.....	\$ 14 00
Galena Sunday School.....	33 00
Chesterville Church.....	17 00
Chesterville Sunday School.....	4 00
Locust Grove Church.....	24 00
Locust Grove Sunday School.....	4 00

Total.....\$ 96 00

Hillsboro—J. E. Kidney, Pastor.

Hillsboro Church.....	\$ 11 00
Hillsboro Sunday School.....	18 56
Ridgely Church.....	7 60
Ridgely Sunday School.....	4 00
Hall's Church.....	4 00
Hall's Sunday School.....	2 84
A Friend of Missions.....	2 00

Total.....\$ 50 00

Ingleside—W. W. Chairs, Pastor.

Sunday Schools.....	\$ 5 00
Churches.....	15 00

Total.....\$ 20 00

Kent Island—N. McQuay, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 90 00
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Marydel—A. S. Mowbray, Pastor.

Collection.....	\$ 40 00
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Millington—T. L. Tomkinson, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 85 00
Sunday School.....	85 00

Total.....\$ 170 00

Middletown—A. Stengle, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 146 00
Sunday School.....	254 00

Total.....\$ 400 00

Oxford—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 15 00
Sunday School.....	15 00

Total.....\$ 30 00

Odessa—T. R. Creamer, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 49 00
Sunday School.....	156 00

Total.....\$ 205 00

Pomona—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

Congregations.....	\$ 10 81
Bond's Sunday School.....	31 00
Salem Sunday School.....	1 77
Contributed.....	6 42

Total.....\$ 50 00

Queenstown J. W. Poole, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 35 00
Sunday School.....	5 00

Total.....\$ 40 00

Royal Oak—I. L. Wood, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 11 00
Sunday School.....	19 00

Total.....\$ 30 00

Rock Hall—G. S. Conaway, Pastor.

Rock Hall Sunday School.....	\$ 36 00
“ Church.....	1 00
Pinie Neck Sunday School.....	7 50
“ Church.....	50

Total.....\$ 45 00

Smyrna Circuit—E. E. White, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 35 00
Sunday School.....	30 00
Total.....	\$ 65 00

St. Michaels—J. O. Sypherd, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 26 00
Sunday School.....	106 00
Total.....	\$ 132 00

Sassafras—O. S. Walton, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 15 00
Sunday School.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 20 00

Smyrna—J. B. Quigg, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 125 00
Sunday School.....	350 00
Total.....	\$ 475 00

Still Pond—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.

Still Pond Church.....	\$ 100 00
“ Sunday School.....	118 00
Union Sunday School.....	2 00
Total.....	\$ 220 00

Sudlersville—J. D. Rigg, Pastor.

Sudlersville Church.....	\$ 33 00
“ Sunday School.....	56 00
Dudley Church.....	10 00
Busick's Church.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 104 00

Townsend—D. H. Corkran, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 11 00
Sunday School.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 21 00

Talbot—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 30 00
Sunday Schools.....	15 00
Total.....	\$ 45 00

Trappe—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor.

Trappe church.....	\$ 30 00
“ Sunday School.....	5 00
Landing Neck.....	31 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	6 00
Boling Brook church.....	10 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	8 00
Total.....	\$ 90 00

Wye—D. Gollie, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 18 00
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Crumpton—G. P. Smith, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 15 64
Sunday School.....	4 36
Total.....	\$ 20 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Farmington—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Farmington Church.....	\$ 15 00
“ Sunday School.....	20 00
Todd's Church.....	10 00
“ Sunday School.....	10 00
Prospect Church.....	5 00
“ Sunday School.....	6 00
White's Church.....	2 00
“ Sunday School.....	3 00
Total.....	\$ 71 00

Milton—Walter Underwood, Pastor.

Milton Church.....	\$ 25 00
“ Sunday School.....	35 00
Total.....	\$ 60 00

Woodlandtown—W. W. Redman, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 40 00
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Harrington—G. W. Burke, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 32 00
Sunday Schools.....	21 00
To make Thos. Purnell, and A. P. Sordan, life members of Conference Missionary Society.	
Total.....	\$ 53 00

Georgetown—W. J. Duhadway, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 36 00
Sunday School.....	68 00
Total.....	\$ 104 00

Wyoming—W. M. Warner, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....	\$ 25 00
Twenty dollars (\$20) to make Mrs. Mary F. Cooper, and Mrs. Emma Caulk, life members of the Wilmington Conference Missionary Society.	

Lincoln—J. M. Collins, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 25 00
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Church Creek—C. H. Williams, Pastor.

Church and Schools.....	\$ 13 00
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Burrsville—George W. Bowman, Pastor.

Wesley Church and School.....	\$ 14 00
Sheppard's.....	9 00
Central.....	7 00
Concord.....	6 00
Bloomery.....	9 00
Total.....	\$ 45 00

Nassau—I. N. Foreman, Pastor.

Connelly's Church.....	\$ 15 00
“ Sunday School.....	10 00
White's Church.....	12 00
“ Sunday School.....	13 00
Ebenezer Church.....	10 00
“ Sunday School.....	3 00
Zion Church.....	7 00
Mrs. I. N. Foreman.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 75 00

Camden—E. H. Hynson, Pastor.

Camden.....	\$ 51 00
Lebanon.....	11 00
St. James.....	6 00
Total.....	\$ 68 00

Houston—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.

Houston.....	\$ 25 00
Laws'.....	32 00
Milford Neck.....	18 00
Total.....	\$ 75 00

Bridgeville—E. Davis, Pastor.

Bethel Church.....	\$ 25 72
Wesley Church.....	13 05
Trinity Church.....	44 50
Greenwood Church.....	2 56
Bridgeville Church.....	33 25
St. Johnstown Church.....	3 00
Concord Church.....	14 00
Chaplain.....	16 92
Total.....	\$ 153 00

Millsboro—Robt. Roe, Pastor.

Millsboro.....	\$ 30 00
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Felton—Isaac Jewell, Pastor.

Felton Church.....	\$ 47 30
“ Sunday School.....	25 00
Willis Sunday School.....	11 00
Manship's Church collected by E. Holden.....	11 70
Viola Sunday School.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 100 00

Magnolia—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor.

Canterbury Church.....	\$ 20 00
“ School.....	12 50
Magnolia Church.....	27 90
“ School.....	8 50
Barrett's Church.....	12 00
Saxton Church.....	1 65
“ School.....	45
Total.....	\$ 73 00

Dover—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 102 00
Sunday School.....	368 00
Total.....	\$ 470 00

East New Market—P. H. Rawlins, Pastor.

East New Market Church.....	\$ 24 00
“ “ School.....	26 00
Salem Church.....	7 00
Total.....	\$ 57 00

Vienna—V. S. Collins, Pastor.

Vienna Church.....	\$ 14 00
“ School.....	28 00
Manship Church.....	8 00
“ School.....	2 00
Reed's Grove School.....	3 00
Wainwright's Church.....	13 00
Total.....	\$ 68 00

Hurlock—G. F. Hopkins, Pastor.

Washington Church.....	\$ 48 00
“ School.....	5 00
McKendree Church.....	7 00
Cabin Creek Church.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 70 00

Seaford—W. E. England, Pastor.

Seaford Church.....	\$ 57 00
“ School.....	40 00
Brown's Church.....	15 00
Total.....	\$ 112 00

Milford—W. S. Robinson, Pastor.

Milford Church.....	\$ 32 00
“ School.....	146 00
Total.....	\$ 178 00

Galestown—W. M. Green, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 36 00
Schools.....	4 00
Total.....	\$ 40 00

Cambridge—J. E. Bryan, Psstor.

Cambridge Church.....	\$ 67 00
“ School.....	58 00
Total.....	\$ 125 00

Beckwith's and Spedden's—J. Connor, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 30 00
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Lewes—J. A. Brindle, Pastor.

Lewes Church.....	\$ 80 00
“ School.....	83 00
Total.....	\$ 163 00

Ellendale—W. Jaggard, Pastor.

Ellendale Church.....	\$ 10 00
Union “.....	10 00
McColly “.....	5 00
Reed's “.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 30 00

Leipsic and Raymond's—J. Carroll, Pastor.

Leipsic Church.....	\$ 27 50
“ School.....	1 00
Little Creek Church.....	14 00
“ School.....	1 30
Raymond's Church.....	19 00
“ School.....	2 20
Total.....	\$ 65 00

Denton—T. O. Ayers, Pastor.

Denton Church.....	\$ 51 00
Potter's Landing.....	12 00
Harris' Chapel.....	12 00
Total.....	\$ 75 00

Frederica—J. S. Willis, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 55 00
School.....	41 00
Total.....	\$ 96 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.**Accomac—J. F. Ayers, Pastor.**

Modest Town.....	\$ 2 00
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Annamessex—Benj. C. Warren, Pastor.

St. Peters Church.....	\$ 37 00
St. Peters Sunday School.....	20 00
Quindocqua Church.....	20 00
Quindocqua Sunday School.....	3 00
Total.....	\$ 80 00

Asbury—W. E. Avery, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 105 00
Church.....	23 00
Total.....	\$ 128 00

Berlin—D. F. Waddell, Pastor.

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

Bethel—A. T. Melvin, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 45 00
Bethel Sunday School.....	26 00
Mt. Zion Sunday School.....	5 00
Bladesville Sunday School.....	4 00
Total.....	\$ 80 00

Bishopville—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.

Wilson Sunday School.....	\$ 40 00
Churches.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 10 00

Chincoteague—J. D. Reese, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 22 00
Sunday Schools.....	18 00
Total.....	\$ 40 00

Chrisfield—W. W. W. Wilson, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 120 00
Sunday School.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 160 00

Deal's Island—John D. C. Hanna, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 130 00
Jacob Parks.....	20 00
Church.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 151 00

Delmar—Albert Chandler, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 28 00
Church.....	78 00
Total.....	\$ 106 00

Fairmount—W. H. Hutchin, Pastor.

Christ Church.....	\$ 22 00
“ Sunday School.....	416 00
Union Church.....	23 00
“ Sunday School.....	37 00
Fishing Island Sunday School.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 538 00

Barren Creek—W. P. Taylor, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 5 00
Frankford—A. D. Davis, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 45 00
Congregations.....	60 00
Total.....	\$ 105 00
Fruitland—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 26 00
Sunday Schools.....	14 00
Total.....	\$ 40 00
Girdletree and Conner's—J. W. Easley, Pastor.	
Girdletree Church.....	21 00
" Sunday School.....	25 00
Conner's Church.....	20 00
" Sunday School.....	11 00
Total.....	\$ 77 00
Gumboro—W. F. Corkran, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 125 00
Sunday School.....	25 00
Total.....	\$ 150 00
Holland's Island—Henry S. Dulaney, Pastor.	
Holland's Island M. E. Church.....	\$ 130 00
" " Sunday School.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 150 00
Laurel—F. C. MacSorley, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 121 00
Church.....	44 00
Total.....	\$ 165 00
Mt. Vernon—T. H. Harding, Pastor.	
John Wesley Church.....	\$ 14 00
" " Sunday School.....	6 00
Asbury Church.....	13 00
" Sunday School.....	2 00
Total.....	\$ 35 00
Newark—W. T. Valiant, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 45 00
" Churches.....	15 00
Total.....	\$ 60 00
Pocomoke City—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 30 00
Church.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Parsonsburg—Wm. L. P. Bowen, Pastor.	
Jerusalem Church.....	\$ 6 00
" Sunday School.....	40 25
Zion Church.....	2 00
" Sunday School.....	11 75
Total.....	\$ 60 00
Pocomoke Circuit—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 40 00
Sunday School.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00
Powellville—Willard W. Johnson.	
Congregations.....	\$ 15 00
Sunday School.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 20 00
Princess Anne—Robt. Watt, Pastor.	
School.....	\$ 38 00
Church.....	12 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00
Quantico—Edgar S. Mace, Pastor.	
Quantico Church.....	\$ 15 00
Messeck Church.....	10 00
Sunday School.....	5 00
Mills Church.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 35 00
Roxanna—Wm. R. McFarlane, Pastor.	
Roxanna.....	\$ 25 00
Bethel.....	10 25
Sound.....	9 75
Total.....	\$ 45 00
Salisbury—W. B. Walton, Pastor.	
Salisbury Church.....	\$ 48 00
" Sunday School.....	86 00
Rockawalking Church.....	12 00
" Sunday School.....	4 00
Total.....	\$ 150 00
Shortley—J. W. Gray, Pastor.	
Cokesbury Church.....	\$ 48 00
" Sunday School.....	2 00
Asbury Church.....	5 00
St. Thomas Church.....	3 00
Bethesda.....	10 00
Mission Hill.....	2 00
Total.....	\$ 70 00

Onancock—C. A. Grice, Pastor.

Church and School.....\$ 120 00

Smith's Island—John Tyler, Pastor.

Church and School.....\$ 130 00

Sharptown—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Church.....\$ 30 00

Snow Hill—Robt. W. Todd, Pastor.Contributed by Congregation.....\$ 30 00
Contributed by Sunday School..... 85 00

Total.....\$ 115 00

Somerset—L. J. Muchmore, Pastor.Dames Quarter Sunday School.....\$ 15 00
Dames Quarter Church..... 6 00
Rock Creek Sunday School..... 6 00
Rock Creek Church..... 3 00

Total.....\$ 30 00

Stockton—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.Churches.....\$ 25 00
Sunday School..... 25 00

Total.....\$ 50 00

St. Peters—Geo. W. Wilcox, Pastor.Friendship class, Edward J. Smith, Teacher.....\$ 34 00
Bright Jewels, Emma W. Furness, Teacher..... 6 86
Faithful Helpers, Geo. A. Bosman, Teacher..... 2 56
Faithful Workers, J. S. Smith, Teacher..... 2 70
Pansey Workers, Maimie Phœbus, Teacher..... 2 33
Mission Band, Sallie Somers, Teacher..... 1 96
Sun Beams, Nellie Furness, Teacher..... 2 74
Little Learners, Clara Phœbus, Teacher..... 1 21
Earnest Workers..... 1 64

\$56 00

St. Peter's Church..... 19 00

Total.....\$ 75 00

Tangier—C. S. Baker, Pastor.Church.....\$ 30 00
Sunday School..... 130 00
Upper School..... 6 00

Total.....\$ 166 00

Tyaskin—J. H. Howard, Pastor.Church.....\$ 81 00
Sunday School..... 31 00

Total.....\$ 112 00

Westover—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.Rehoboth Church.....\$ 10 00
Mt. Olive Church..... 10 00
Mt. Olive Sunday School..... 2 00
Westover Church..... 7 00
Westover Sunday School..... 1 00
Kingston Church..... 4 00
Kingston Sunday School..... 3 00

Total.....\$ 37 00

HOLLAND'S ISLAND.

The Pastor, under the impression that the names of contributors would be printed in the Minutes, so stated to his congregation. Their marked liberality deserves commendation, and promise was made to Bro. Dulaney that the names should appear.—J. D. R.

Capt. Jesse Parks.....\$ 15 00
 " Jno. Wilson..... 15 00
 " Peter H. Parks..... 15 00
 H. S. Dulaney..... 15 00
 Capt. William Bennett..... 10 00
 " W. A. Parks..... 10 00
 " Geo. Todd..... 10 00
 " W. H. Price..... 5 00
 " Jas. S. Todd..... 10 00
 " Grant Fisher..... 10 00
 " J. Wesley Fisher..... 10 00
 " W. McCoy..... 5 00
 " Thomas Duncan..... 10 00
 " Grant Parks..... 10 00
 " W. W. Parks..... 10 00
 " Nate Parks..... 10 00
 " Geo. Evans..... 5 00
 " Allison McNamara..... 5 00
 " Geo. I. Todd..... 5 00
 " J. W. Parks..... 5 00
 " Carroll Todd..... 3 00
 " H. E. Parks..... 2 50
 " J. W. Evans..... 2 50
 " Abihu Evans..... 2 50
 " Geo. E. Griffin..... 2 50
 " Bain Johnson..... 2 50
 Wm. Morgan..... 2 50
 Virg. Bradshaw..... 1 00
 Carrie McCoy..... 1 00
 Ella Chelton..... 1 00
 J. P. Fisher..... 1 00
 S. E. Hayman..... 1 00
 Capt. Frank Taylor..... 5 00
 Benj. Sandy..... 1 00
 Capt. Jehu Todd..... 5 00
 " Jacob Bradshaw..... 5 00
 Wm. Walter..... 1 00
 Capt. Geo. B. Walter..... 1 00

Wm. Hinman.....	2 50
Capt. Jenkins Cannon.....	5 00
" Jno. Dise.....	5 00
Levisa Mister.....	2 00
Capt. Jac. T. Parks.....	5 00
Katie Abbott.....	50
Harriet Duncan.....	1 00
Emily Parks.....	2 00
Geo. W. Price.....	5 00
Geo. B. Walter.....	1 50
Sarah E. Stevenson.....	1 00
J. H. Tankersley.....	2 00
Capt. Henry Jones.....	2 50
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	\$266 00
Sunday School.....	20 00
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	\$286 00
For Mission's—Church.....	130 00
Sunday School.....	20 00
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	\$150 00
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For other collections.....	\$136 00



BISHOP H. W. WARREN, D. D.

BISHOP HENRY WHITE WARREN, D. D., was born in Williamsburg, Mass., and graduated at Wesleyan University in 1853. Previous to graduation he taught Natural Sciences at Amenia Seminary, New York. He was professor of Ancient Languages two years at Wiltraham Seminary. He joined the New England Conference in 1855, and was stationed at Worcester, Westfield, Lynn, Charlestown, Cambridge, and twice in Boston. In 1864 he was elected to preach the election sermon before the Government of Massachusetts. In 1871, he was transferred to the Philadelphia Conference and stationed at Arch Street Church, and in 1874 to St. John's, Brooklyn, in the New York East Conference. In 1877 he was re-transferred to the Philadelphia Conference, and stationed the second time at Arch Street Church. He has contributed several papers to the Methodist Review, and has been editorial correspondent of *The Christian Advocate* since 1862. Having travelled in Europe and the East, on his return he published, in 1874, a volume entitled "Sights and Insights, or Knowledge by Travel," a collection of reminiscences of foreign lands. He has been a Counsellor in the great Chautauqua movement from the beginning. In 1879, the Harper Brothers published his "Recreations in Astronomy," a book that has had a much larger sale than any book of its kind ever published.

He was elected Bishop in 1880, while pastor of Spring Garden Church, Philadelphia, and chose his residence in Atlanta, Ga. While there he founded the "Manual Training School" and the "Gammon Theological School" for our students in the South. Since 1884 he has resided in Denver, Col., and besides general work, has given much attention to building up our Denver University.