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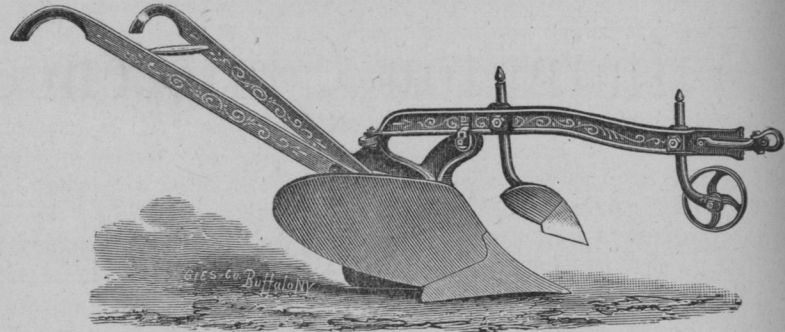
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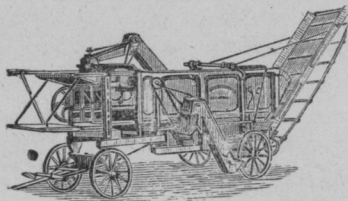
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I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

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

II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

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

III. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

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

IV. QUESTIONS TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT DEBATE.

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

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

1872	Adams, R. H.	E.	Middletown, Del.	2
1841	Allen, John	S.	67 Irving Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.	2
1877	Atkins, E. C.	E.	Cecilton, Md.	2
1870	Arters, J. A.	E.	Church Hill, Md.	1
1877	Avery, Walter E.	E.	Fairmount, Md.	2
1870	Ayres, T. O.	E.	Salisbury, Md.	1
1881	Baker, C. S.	E.	Delmar, Del.	2
1876	Barrett, L. E.	E.	Port Deposit, Md.	3
1836	Barton, George	S.	Church Hill, Md.	2
1859	Bell, Thomas E.	Sp.	Hockessin, Del.	2
1876	Bowen, W. L. P.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	2
1885	Bowman, George W.	P.	Cambridge, Md.	2
1843	Brindle, James A.	E.	Hopewell, Md.	1
1860	Browne, N. M.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1857	Bryan, James E.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1865	Burke, George W.	E.	Federalsburg, Md.	2
1886	Burke, Asbury	P.	Chesapeake City, Md.	1
1845	Caldwell, J. H., D. D.	E.	Newark, Del.	2
1865	Carroll, James	E.	Greenwood, Del.	2
1876	Chandler, Albert	Sp.	Crumpton, Md.	2
1881	Cochran, F. J.	E.	Farmington, Del.	3
1876	Collins, J. M.	E.	Church Creek, Md.	1
1883	Collins, Vaughn S.	E.	Felton, Del.	2
1862	Conaway, George S.	E.	Blackbird, Del.	2
1868	Conner, James	E.	Leipscic, Del.	1
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	2
1881	Corkran, L. P.	E.	Preston, Md.	1
1885	Corkran, D. H.	D.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1873	Creamer, T. R.	E.	Odessa, Del.	3
1887	Coursey, R. T.	P.	Hurlock's, Md.	1
1854	Dare, Joseph	E.	Hockessin, Del.	2
1860	Davis, A. D.	E.	Onancock, Va.	1
1869	Davis, Edward	E.	Nassau, Del.	1
1879	Dodd, Julius	E.	Bellevue, Del.	1
1871	Duhadway, W. J.	E.	Georgetown, Del.	3
1884	Dawson, W. F.	D.	Vienna, Md.	2
1884	Derrickson, Edmund H.	D.	Newark, Md.	2
1886	Dulaney, H. S.	D.	Holland's Island, Md.	3
1885	Easley, J. W.	D.	Onancock, Va.	1
1845	England, W. E.	E.	Seaford, Del.	3
1866	Esgate, James	S.	216 Oxford street Portland, Maine.	2
1887	Ewing, H. W.	P.	Wilmington, Del.	1

1859	Fisher A. A.	S. Federalsburg, Md.	
1873	Foreman, I. N.	E. Denton, Md.	1
1868	Fosnocht, I. G.	E. Galena, Md.	1
1856	France, John	E. Smyrna, Del.	3
1856	Gardner, S. T.	E. Burrsville, Md.	1
1873	Green, Wm. M.	E. Wyoming, Del.	1
1857	Gregg, Wm. B.	E. Bethel, Del.	1
1879	Grice, Charles A.	E. Wilmington, Del.	1
1883	Guthrie, Wm. B.	E. Fruitland, Md.	2
1885	Gray, J. W.	P. Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1887	Geisler, J. W.	P. Cape Charles City, Va.	1
1873	Hanna, J. D. C.	E. Newport, Del.	1
1851	Hammersley, J. W.	E. Booth's Corner, Del. Co., Pa.	1
1871	Harding, Thos. H.	E. Mt. Vernon, Md.	2
1848	Haynes, Thos. H.	E. Frederica, Del.	2
1845	Hill, Charles.	E. Wilmington, Del.	1
1878	Hill, Chas. A.	E. Centreville Md.	1
1833	Houston, J. L.	S. Middletown, Ohio.	
1878	Hubbard, E. L.	E. New Castle, Del.	1
1850	Hubbard, James.	Sp. Laurel, Del.	
1869	Hunter, Thos. B.	E. Charlestown, Md.	1
1868	Hutchin, Wm. H.	E. Greensboro, Md.	2
1850	Hynson, E. H.	E. Camden, Del.	3
1883	Hardesty, G. L.	E. Magnolia, Del.	3
1882	Howard, J. H.	E. Bridgeville, Del.	1
1885	Hopkins, Geo. F.	D. Linkwood, Md.	1
1887	Hartwig, K. R.	E. Wilmington, Del.	2
1870	Jewell, Isaac.	E. Rising Sun, Md.	2
1872	Jones, R. C.	E. Wilmington, Del.	3
1884	Jaggard, Wilmer.	D. Galestown, Md.	1
1887	Johnson, S. F.	P. Bishopville, Md.	1
1886	Johnson, W. W.	P. Parsonsburg, Md.	2
1872	Kemp, Jno. D.	E. Chestertown, Md.	3
1869	Kidney, J. E.	E. Kent Island, Md.	2
1886	Koons, Wm. G.	P. Wilmington, Del.	1
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E. St. George's, Del.	3
1879	Lindale, J. M.	E. Pomona, Md.	3
1885	Mace, E. S.	D. Monie, Md.	1
1875	Macnichol, E. C.	E. Still Pond, Md.	3
1864	Martindale, T. E.	E. Salisbury, Md.	1
1868	McFarlane, W. R.	E. Roxanna, Del.	3
1873	McSorley, F. C.	E. Crisfield, Md.	1
1873	McQuay, N.	E. Rock Hall, Md.	2
1865	Melvin, A. T.	E. Tyaskin, Md.	1
1849	Merrill, Wm.	Sp. Fairmount, Md.	
1853	Merritt, James B.	Sp. Crumpton, Md.	
1869	Miller, E. H.	E. Elk Neck, Md.	1
1885	Mitchell, James M.	D. Houston, Del.	2
1883	Mowbray, A. S.	E. Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1871	Murray, W. L. S.	E. Wilmington, Del.	1
1884	McFaul D. F.	D. Crapo, Md.	1
1886	Mowbray, Wm. R.	P. Royal Oak, Md.	1
1887	Morgan, S. M.	P. Townsend, Del.	1
	Morris, S. F.	E. Tangier, Va.	1
1870	Nelson, E. H.	E. Chesapeake, City.	1
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E. Cherry Hill, Md.	1
1872	Otis, J. P.	E. Elkton, Md.	3

1853	Phoebus, G. A.	S. 53 Third Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.	
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1882	Prettyman, A. P.	E. Trappe, Md.	2
1836	Price, B. F.	E. Christiana, Del.	1
1886	Prouse, J. T.	P. Ellendale, Del.	1
1850	Quigg, J. B.	E. North East, Md.	1
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	E. East New Market, Md.	3
1885	Reese, J. D.	E. Wittman, Md.	2
1858	Redman, W. W.	E. Potter's Landing, Md.	1
1867	Rigg, J. D.	E. Sudlersville, Md.	3
1877	Robinson, W. S.	E. Smyrna, Del.	1
1867	Robinson, Joseph.	E. Milton, Del.	2
1884	Roberts, E. P.	D. Oxford, Md.	1
1873	Roe, Robert.	E. Millsboro, Del.	3
1845	Sanderson, Henry.	S. Wilmington, Del.	
1858	Scott, A. T.	Sp. Wilmington, Del.	
1859	Sheppard, C. F.	E. Delaware City, Del.	1
1879	Smith, Alfred.	E. Cambridge, Md.	2
1870	Stengle, Adam.	E. Wilmington, Del.	2
1860	Sypherd, J. O.	E. Laurel, Del.	1
1885	Sears, Wm. R.	D. Woodlawn, Md.	2
1886	Sharp, Wm. W.	P. Ingleside, Md.	2
1878	Stephenson, R. K.	E. Millington, Md.	2
1887	Staats, E. F.	P. Hallwood, Va.	1
1886	Taylor, W. P.	P. Carlisle, Pa.	
1857	Talbot, Wm. F.	Sp.	
1876	Terry, Thos. E.	E. Dover, Del.	1
1858	Thompson, H. S.	E. Lewes, Del.	1
1853	Todd, R. W.	E. Snow Hill, Md.	3
1871	Tomkinson, Wm. E.	Sp. Principio Furnace, Md.	
1876	Townsend, G. W.	E. Hillsboro, Md.	2
	Todd, Jacob.	E. Wilmington, Del.	2
	Todd, John R.	P. Girdle Tree, Md.	1
1859	Van Burkalow, J. T.	E. Zion, Md.	1
1877	Valiant, Wm. T.	E. Cannon's, Del.	1
1885	Watt, Robert.	D. Princess Anne, Md.	3
1879	Walton, O. S.	E. Selbyville, Md.	1
1848	Walton, Wm. B.	E. St. Michael's, Md.	1
1853	Warner Wm. M.	E. Marydel, Md.	1
1866	White, E. E.	E. Smyrna, Del.	3
1872	Wilcox, G. W.	E. Berlin, Md.	1
1878	Willey, J. H.	E. Milford, Del.	1
1857	Williams, T. S.	Sp. North East, Md.	
1882	Williams, C. H.	E. Stockton, Md.	1
1869	Wilson, J. A. B.	E. Dover, Del.	
1877	Wilson, W. W. W.	E. Easton, Md.	1
1865	Warthman, John.	E. Harrington, Del.	2
1874	Waddell, D. F.	E. Gumboro, Del.	2
1882	Warren, B. C.	E. Deal's Island, Md.	1
1884	Wise, Wm. A.	D. Red Lion, Del.	2
1884	Wood, Isaac L.	E. Lincoln, Del.	1
1886	Wood, George E.	P. King's Creek, Md.	1
1886	Wyatt, C. T.	P. Westover, Md.	1
1886	Watkins, R. I.	P. Chincoteague, Va.	1
1887	Webster, Z. H.	P. Quantico, Md.	1

Local Preachers' Directory.

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

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

1884	Bullock, Moses.....	Wilmington, Del.
1886	Brown, Amos R.....	Sylmar, Md.
1855	D Cann, John.....	Fair Hill, Md.
	Dunbracco, James.....	Wilmington, Del.
	D Dodd, David.....	" "
1864	L Fryer, Thomas.....	Cherry Hill, Md.
1869	L Flinn, Vincent G.....	Newport, Del.
1869	L Ford, John.....	North East, Md.
1877	L Grant, Wm. J.....	Cherry Hill, Md.
1886	L Grimes, Wm. E.....	Wilmington, Del.
1866	D Green, Daniel.....	Newport, Del.
1868	L Hendrickson, Wm. H.....	Centreville, Del.
	L Hamilton, Wm.....	Wilmington, Del.
1874	LD Hodson, Jabez.....	" "
	D Kershaw, Wm.....	Elkton, Md.
1866	D Logan, Samuel.....	Charlestown, Md.
1859	L Miller, Wm. T.....	Mechanic's Valley, Md.
1862	L Mendinhall, Eli.....	Wilmington, Del.
	L Moore, Chas.....	" "
	McCoy, James.....	" "
	D Mulford, Richard W.....	Summit Bridge, Del.
1879	L Mullen, W. H.....	Wilmington, Del.
	McLaughlin, John F.....	" "
	E Rawlings, J. N.....	Claymont, Del.
	L Rodgers, R. L.....	Wilmington, Del.
	E Smith, Vaughn.....	" "
1840	D Scott, James.....	Christiana, Del.
1867	L Sentman, Chas. H.....	Wilmington, Del.
1887	L Simms, J. H., M. D.....	" "
	D Thatcher Albert.....	" "
1868	L Todd, Lewis E.....	" "
	D Taylor, Wm. W.....	" "
	L Williamson, J. F.....	Newark, Del.
1870	D Weldin, George W.....	Wilmington, Del.
1876	L White, W. L.....	" "
	L White, Jno.....	" "

EASTON DISTRICT.

1860	E Benson, E. L.....	Royal Oak, Md.
	D Clark, J. M.....	Smyrna, Del.
1867	E Dill, J. R.....	Templeville, Md.
	D Edes, J. P.....	Edesville, Md.
	L Ferris, Wm.....	Smyrna, Del.
1871	L Gudgeon, A. M.....	Chestertown, Md.
1847	D Genn, Nathan.....	Greensboro, Md.
1885	L Gollie, D.....	Borman, Md.
1885	L Gardner, Thos. R.....	Chestertown, Md.
	L Jones, Adam E.....	Woodlawn, Md.
1881	L Lassell, J. C.....	Smyrna, Del.
1867	L Morris, C. R.....	Sassafras, Md.
	L Mumford, Thos.....	Millington, Md.
	D Numbers, Thos.....	" "
1856	L Perkins, J. A., M. D.....	Chestertown, Md.
1881	L Roe, Herman.....	Smyrna, Del.
1886	L Richey, W. T.....	Dover, Del.
	L Roop, S. J.....	Odessa, Del.
1831	L Stubbs, James.....	Smyrna, Del.
1859	D Smith, J. V.....	" "
1885	L Wood, Geo. E.....	Hope, Md.
1886	L Welsh, Eben.....	Merrickton, Md.

DOVER DISTRICT.

1876	E Andrew, Lewis C.....	East New Market, Md.
1868	D Bell, J. H.....	Galestown, Md.
1865	L Betts, W. H.....	Millsboro, Del.
	D Brace, George V.....	Vernon, Del.
1865	L Clifton, G. W.....	Lincoln, Del.
	E Creamer, Valentine.....	Silem, Md.
1866	L Conway, R. H.....	Harrison, 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.....	" "
1852	D Harris, William.....	Bridgeville, Del.
1844	E Hazzard, Robert B.....	Hurlock, Md.
1875	D Hudson, Joseph.....	Lewes, Del.
1883	L Knight, Charles W.....	Little Creek, Del.
	D Kenney, J. H.....	Hinson, Md.
	E Lane, Wm. H.....	Cambridge, Md.
	D Morgan, W. W.....	Concord, Del.
1860	L Millman, Jesse.....	Ellendale, Del.
1859	L Minner, Samuel L.....	Harrington, Del.
1886	L Northrop, C. L.....	Hurlock, Md.
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, William.....Fowling Creek, Md.
- 1886 L Smoot, Trustin C.....Dover, Del.
- 1887 L Swain, C. P.....Redden, Del.
- 1883 L Van Burkalow, M. S.....Magnolia, Del.
- 1884 L Wheatly, B.....Cannons, Del.
- D Wright, Daniel.....Preston, Md.
- 1854 E Willis, Jonathan S.....Milford, Del.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

- 1886 L Ayers, J. S.....Leemount, Va.
- 1872 L Beauchamp, John.....Fairmount, Md.
- 1886 L Burr, Warren.....Kleg Grange, Md.
- L Conner, Nathan E.....Marion, Md.
- L Connelly, John H.....Bethel, Del.
- L Conner, J. W.....Crisfield, Md.
- 1864 D Deveraux, J. J.....Snow Hill, Md.
- 1874 L Daniel, Jos. P.....Deal's Island, Md.
- L Hill, M. M.....Delmar, Del.
- L Hopkins, J. W.....Monie, Md.
- 1867 Hitch, Elijah.....Laurel, Del.
- James, Jeremiah.....Whiteville, Del.
- D Leatherbury, P. A.....Onancock, Va.
- 1864 D Lawson, Hance.....Crisfield, Md.
- L Jones, J.....Whitesburg, Del.
- 1887 McLean, L. T.....Whitehaven, Md.
- L Galloway, Wm. K.....Parkesley, Va.
- 1886 McAlester, E. J.....Whitesville, Del.
- 1886 Foxwell, B. H.....Widgeon, Md.
- 1883 E Nelson, Alonzo.....Crisfield, Md.
- 1858 L Robinson, John.....Sharptown, Md.
- L Scott, James H.....Victor, Md.
- D Scott, George E.....Williamsville, Del.
- 1884 L Simonson, John A.....Crisfield, Md.
- 1883 L Todd, John R.....Carlisle, Pa.
- 1885 L Todd, G. W.....Carlisle, Pa.
- 1874 D Lindale, Wm.....Germantown, Del.
- 1852 E Webb, Samuel.....Fruitland, Md.
- L Wilson, Isaac.....Monie, Md.
- L White, S. Q.....Salisbury, Md.
- L Waró, N. N.....Salisbury, Md.
- L Windon, E. J.....Onancock, Va.
- L White, H. P.....Dames Quarter, Md.

PLANS OF EXAMINATION.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

- Discipline M. E. Church.....JOHN D. KEMP.
- History of Methodism.....E. L. HUBBARD.
- Compendium of Methodism.....A. SMITH.
- Scripture History.....G. W. BOWMAN.
- Catechism (No. 3.).....JOHN D. KEMP.
- History of United States.....A. S. MOWBRAY.

FIRST YEAR.

- Rhetoric.....W. E. AVERY.
- Christian Perfection and written sermon.....T. E. MARTINDALE.
- Biblical Theology.....N. M. BROWNE.
- Systematic Theology.....T. R. CREAMER.
- Ancient History.....C. S. BAKER.

SECOND YEAR.

- Mediæval and Modern History.....F. C. MCSORLEY.
- Biblical Theology.....T. B. HUNTER.
- Systematic Theology.....G. W. TOWNSEND.
- Sacraments and sermons.....JULIUS DODD.
- Lessons in Logic.....I. N. FOREMAN.

THIRD YEAR.

- History of the Church.....W. F. CORKRAN.
- Biblical Theology.....J. A. ARTERS.
- Harman & Wiley.....W. R. MCFARLANE.
- Elements of Science.....J. M. COLLINS.
- Kidder's Homiletics.....JOS. ROBINSON.

FOURTH YEAR.

- Biblical Theology.....E. H. HYNSON.
- Watson's Institutes, Part II.....C. F. SHEPPARD.
- Butler's Analogy.....J. M. LINDALE.
- Written Exegesis.....J. W. HAMMERSLEY.
- Books to be read.....J. G. FOSNOCHT.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are received by transfer, and from what Conference?*
None.
2. *Who are admitted on trial?*
Konrad R. Hartwig, John R. Todd, Harvey W. Ewing, Stephen M. Morgan, Ethan F. Staats, Ralph T. Coursey, Samuel F. Johnson, John W. Geisler, Zach H. Webster, Joshua W. Gray, William P. Taylor.
3. *Who remain on trial?*
Geo. W. Bowman, Geo. E. Wood, Asbury Burke, Wm. W. Sharp, Wm. R. Mowbray, Willard W. Johnson, Henry S. Dulaney, Wm. G. Koons, R. Irving Watkins, Clinton T. Wyatt, James T. Prouse.
4. *Who are discontinued?*
Frank M. Morgan, George P. Smith, L. J. Mutchmore.
5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*
David H. Corkran, James M. Mitchell, George F. Hopkins, James W. Easley, Robert Watt, Edgar S. Mace, William R. Sears, and James D. Reese.
6. *Who are re-admitted?*
None.
7. *Who are received on credentials from other churches?*
Samuel J. Morris, from the M. E. Church, South.
8. *What traveling preachers have been elected Deacons?*
David H. Corkran, James M. Mitchell, George F. Hopkins, and William R. Sears.
9. *What traveling preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
David H. Corkran, James M. Mitchell, George F. Hopkins, and William R. Sears.
10. *What local preachers have been elected Deacons?*
R. Irving Watkins, Joshua W. Gray, Wesley W. Chaires, and Konrad R. Hartwig.
11. *What local preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
R. Irving Watkins, Joshua W. Gray, Wesley W. Chaires, and Konrad R. Hartwig.
12. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the first class?*
David H. Corkran, James M. Mitchell, George F. Hopkins, and William R. Sears.
13. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?*
William F. Dawson, Edmund H. Derrickson, Emerson P. Roberts, Wm. A. Wise, Daniel F. McFaul, Wilmer Jaggard.
14. *What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*
William B. Guthrie, George L. Hardesty, Alpheus S. Mowbray, and Isaac L. Wood.

15. *What traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
William B. Guthrie, George L. Hardesty, Alpheus S. Mowbray, and Isaac L. Wood.
16. *What local Deacons have been elected Elders?*
Konrad R. Hartwig.
17. *What local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
Konrad R. Hartwig.
18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
James Hubbard, William Merrill, Alfred T. Scott, William F. Talbot, James B. Merritt, Thos. E. Bell, Albert Chandler, Thomas S. Williams, Wm. E. Tomkinson.
19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*
James L. Houston, Alfred A. Fisher, George Barton, John Allen, George A. Phœbus, James Esgate, Henry Sanderson.
20. *Was the character of each Preacher Examined?*
This was strictly done, as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.
21. *Have any died?*
Elon J. Way, Valentine Gray, Arthur W. Milby, William J. O'Neill, Isaiah Johnson.
22. *Have any been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*
T. L. Tomkinson to the Central Pa. Conference, and A. Z. Fryxzell to the New England Conference.
23. *Have any withdrawn?*
None.
24. *Have any been located at their own request?*
None.
25. *Have any been located?*
None.
26. *Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?*
Walter Underwood.
27. *Have any been expelled?*
None.
28. *Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?*
J. D. C. Hanna, J. T. Van Burkalow, T. R. Creamer, W. J. Duhadway, A. T. Melvin, L. E. Barrett, J. D. Kemp.
29. *What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?*
(See tabulated statement.)
30. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*
\$7300.
31. *What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?*
\$5780, which has been applied under order of the Conference.
32. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*
(See Appointments.)
33. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*
Union Church, Wilmington, Del.

APPOINTMENTS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

W. L. S. MURRAY, P. E.,—P. O. WILMINGTON, DEL.

Bethel and Glasgow, Md.	ASBURY BURKE.
Charlestown, Md.	T. B. HUNTER.
Cherry Hill and Union, Md.	T. A. H. O'BRIEN.
Chesapeake City, Md.	E. H. NELSON.
Chester, Del.	J. W. HAMMERSLEY.
Christiana, Del.	B. F. PRICE.
Claymont, Del.	TO BE SUPPLIED.
Delaware City, Del.	C. F. SHEPPARD.
Elk Neck, Md.	E. H. MILLER.
Elkton and Crouchs, Md.	J. P. OTIS.
Hockessin and Ebenzer, Del.	JOSEPH DARE.
Hopewell, Md.	W. R. SEARS.
Mount Lebanon, Del.	TO BE SUPPLIED.
Mount Pleasant and Edgemoor, Del.	JULIUS DODD.
Newark and Wesley, Del.	C. W. PRETTYMAN.
New Castle, Del.	E. L. HUBBARD.
Newport and Stanton, Del.	J. D. C. HANNA.
North East, Md.	J. B. QUIGG.
Port Deposit, Md.	L. E. BARRETT.
Red Lion, Del.	W. A. WISE.
Rising Sun, Md.	I. JEWELL.
Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant, Md.	TO BE SUPPLIED.
St George's and Summit, Del.	L. W. LAYFIELD.
Wilmington: Asbury, Del.	J. E. BRYAN.
" Brandywine, Del.	C. A. GRICE.
" Epworth, Del.	D. H. CORKRAN.
" Grace, Del.	JACOB TODD.
" Madeley, Del.	H. W. EWING.
" Mount Salem, Del.	R. C. JONES.
" St Paul's and Kingswood, Del.	C. HILL, one to be SUPPLIED.
" Scott, Del.	N. M. BROWNE.
" Swedish Mission, Del.	KONRAD R. HARTWIG.
" Union, Del.	A. STENGLE.
" Wesley, Del.	W. G. KOONS.
Zion, Md.	J. T. VANBURKALOW.

J. H. Caldwell, President of Delaware College, member of Newark Quarterly Conference.

EASTON DISTRICT.

JOHN FRANCE, P. E.,—P. O. SMYRNA, DEL.

Appoquinimink, Del.	G. S. CONOWAY.
Bayside and Tilghman, Md.	J. D. REESE.
Cecilton, Md.	E. C. ATKINS.
Centreville, Md.	C. A. HILL.
Chestertown, Md.	J. D. KEMP.
Church Hill, Md.	J. A. ARTERS.
Crumpton, Md.	TO BE SUPPLIED.
Easton, Md.	WELLS W. W. WILSON.
Galena, Md.	I. G. FOSNOCHT.
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.	G. E. WOOD.
Marydel, Md.	W. M. WARNER.
Massey's, Md.	To be Supplied by C. K. MORRIS.
Middletown, Del.	R. H. ADAMS.
Millington, Md.	R. K. STEPHENSON.
Odessa, Del.	T. R. CREAMER.
Oxford, Md.	E. P. ROBERTS.
Pomona, Md.	J. M. LINDALE.
Queenstown, Md.	J. W. POOLE.
Rock Hall, Md.	N. MCQUAY.
Royal Oak, Md.	W. R. MOWBRAY.
St. Michael's, Md.	W. B. WALTON.
Sassafras, Md.	To be Supplied by W. SEARS.
Smyrna, Del.	W. S. ROBINSON.
Smyrna Circuit, Del.	E. E. WHITE.
Still Pond, Md.	E. C. MACNICHOL.
Sudlersville, Md.	J. D. RIGG.
Talbot, Md.	to be supplied by D. GOLLIE.
Townsend, Del.	S. M. MORGAN.
Trappe, Md.	A. P. PRETTYMAN.
Wye, Md.	TO BE SUPPLIED.

DOVER DISTRICT.

J. A. B. WILSON, P. E.—P. O. DOVER, DEL.

Beckwith's, Md.	G. W. BOWMAN.
Bridgeville, Del.	JOHN H. HOWARD.
Burrsville, Md.	S. T. GARDNER.
Cambridge, Md.	ALFRED SMITH.
Camden, Del.	E. H. HYNSON.
Cannon, Del.	W. T. VALIANT.
Church Creek, Md.	JOHN M. COLLINS.
Crapo, Md.	D. F. MCFAUL.
Dorchester, Md.	G. F. HOPKINS.
Denton, Md.	I. N. FOREMAN.
Dover, Del.	T. E. TERRY.
East New Market, Md.	P. H. RAWLINS.
Ellendale, Del.	JAMES T. PROUSE.
Elliott's Island, Md.	TO BE SUPPLIED.
Farmington, Del.	F. J. COCHRAN.
Federalsburg, Md.	G. W. BURKE.
Felton, Del.	V. S. COLLINS.
Frederica, Del.	T. H. HAYNES.
Galestown, Md.	WILMER JAGGARD.
Georgetown, Del.	W. J. DUHADWAY.
Greenwood, Del.	JAMES CARROLL.
Harrington, Del.	JOHN WARTHMAN.
Houston, Del.	J. M. MITCHELL.
Hurlock, Md.	RALPH T. COURSEY.
Leipsic, Del.	JAMES CONNER.
Lewes, Del.	HENRY S. THOMPSON.
Lincoln, Del.	ISAAC L. WOOD.
Magnolia, Del.	G. L. HARDESTY.
Milford, Del.	J. H. WILLEY.
Millsboro, Del.	ROBERT ROE.
Milton, Del.	JOSEPH ROBINSON.

Nassau, Del.....	E. DAVIS.
Potter's Landing, Md.....	W. W. REDMAN.
Preston, Md.....	L. P. CORKRAN.
Seaford, Del.....	W. E. ENGLAND.
Vienna, Md.....	W. F. DAWSON.
Wyoming, Del.....	W. M. GREEN.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

T. O. AYERS, P. E.,—P. O. SALISBURY, MD.

Annamesssex, Md.....	JAMES A. BRINDLE.
Asbury, Md.....	W. F. CORKRAN.
Berlin, Md.....	G. W. WILCOX.
Bethel, Del.....	W. B. GREGG.
Bishopville, Md.....	S. F. JOHNSON.
Crisfield, Md.....	F. C. MCSORLEY.
Deal's Island, Md.....	B. C. WARREN.
Delmar, Del.....	C. S. BAKER.
Fairmount, Md.....	W. E. AVERY.
Frankford, Del.....	S. N. PILCHARD.
Fruitland, Md.....	W. B. GUTHRIE.
Girdle Tree, Md.....	JNO. R. TODD.
Gumboro, Del.....	D. F. WADDELL.
Holland's Island, Md.....	H. S. DULANEY.
Klej Grange, Md.....	To be supplied by WARREN BURR.
Laurel, Del.....	J. O. SYPHERD.
Mt. Vernon Md.....	T. H. HARDING.
Newark, Md.....	E. H. DERRICKSON.
Parsonsborg, Md.....	W. W. JOHNSON.
Pocomoke Circuit, Md.....	J. W. GRAY.
Pocomoke City, Md.....	A. S. MOWBRAY.
Powellville, Md.....	To be supplied by MCLANE.
Princess Anne, Md.....	ROBERT WATT.
Quantico, Md.....	Z. H. WEBSTER.
Roxanna, Del.....	W. R. MCFARLANE.
Salisbury, Md.....	T. E. MARTINDALE.
Sharptown, Md.....	To be supplied by W. W. CHAIRES.
Shortley, Del.....	To be supplied by J. R. ANDERSON.
Snow Hill, Md.....	R. W. TODD.
Somerset, Md.....	To be supplied by JOHN TYLER.
Stockton, Md.....	C. H. WILLIAMS.
St. Peter's Md.....	E. S. MACE.
Tyaskin, Md.....	A. T. MELVIN.
Selbyville, Md.....	O. S. WALTON.
Westover, Md.....	C. T. WYATT.

VIRGINIA DISTRICT.

A. D. DAVIS, P. E.—P. O. ONANCOCK, VA.

Accomac.....	TO BE SUPPLIED.
Cape Charles City.....	J. N. GEISLER.
Chincoteague.....	R. I. WATKINS.
Hallwood.....	ETHAN F. STAATS.
Onancock.....	J. W. EASLEY.
Parksley.....	To be supplied by W. K. GALLOWAY.
Smith's Islands.....	W. L. P. BOWEN.
Tangier.....	S. J. MORRIS.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Opening.—The nineteenth session of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the M. E. Church met in Crisfield, Md., Thursday morning, March 17, 1887, at 9 o'clock, Bishop Henry W. Warren in the chair.

Devotions.—The Bishop read the scriptures from the 3d chapter of 1 Cor. and the 8th of Romans, announced the 798th hymn and led in prayer.

Sacrament.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then observed by the Conference under the direction of the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders.

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

Secretaries.—Upon nomination by J. B. Quigg, J. D. Rigg, was re-elected Secretary, who nominated as his assistants E. C. Macnichol, A. S. Mowbray and E. H. Nelson, and they were confirmed.

J. D. C. Hanna was re-elected Statistical Secretary, and his assistants were nominated and confirmed. (See list.)

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

Time of meeting, &c.—The hours of 8.30 a. m. and 12 m. were fixed for meeting and adjourning, the first half hour to be devotional.

Conference Bar.—The bar of the Conference was fixed at the sixth line of pews from the front.

Rules.—The rules of the last session were adopted to govern the present session.

Domestic Missions.—The Conference ordered that the collection for Domestic Missions be reported in a separate column, and that there also be a column for "other collections."

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

Drafts.—Drafts on the "Chartered Fund for \$30, and on the Book Concern for \$241, were ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

Stewards' Call.—The hour of 10 o'clock to-morrow morning was fixed for the call of the Stewards.

Missionary Sermon.—The time for hearing the annual Missionary Sermon was referred to the Committee on public worship, with the request that they arrange to have said sermon in a session of the Conference.

Episcopal Fund.—The amount apportioned to this Conference for the Episcopal Fund, was referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to the various charges.

Conference Post Master.—Wm. A. Wise was appointed Conference Post Master.

Effective Elders.—The 20th Question was called, and that part referring to Wilmington District was disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

Bethel Parsonage.—The Presiding Elder to be appointed for Wilmington District, was instructed to secure a legal title to Bethel Parsonage.

Statistical Session.—A Statistical Session was ordered for 2 o'clock this afternoon, J. B. Quigg to preside.

Introductions.—J. W. Kirk, Pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church of Crisfield, S. J. Morris, formerly of the M. E. Church, South, and Noah Morris of the Delaware Conference, were introduced.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.

FIRST DAY—THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

SECOND SESSION.

Statistical Session—Conference met at 2 o'clock, J. B. Quigg in the chair. Devotions were led by Edward Davis.

The roll of the Conference was called, and the reports and moneys were received by the respective Committees.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to give way to the Anniversary of the Conference Historical Society.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY MORNING.

THIRD SESSION.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, the devotions in charge of James A. Brindle. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair.

Journal.—The Journal was read and approved.

Trustees of Conference Academy.—T. E. Martindale read a communication from the Trustees of the Conference Academy announcing the expiration of the term of four Trustees, requesting that the vacancies be filled.

Committee to Nominate Trustees.—A committee to nominate four Trustees to fill said vacancies, was appointed. (See Sp. Com.)

Centenary Fund.—The report of the Treasurer of the Centenary Fund was read, and a draft for \$180 was ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

Tract Fund.—The report of the Treasurer of the Tract Fund was read and filed.

Riddle Fund—J. France read a statement of the investment of the Riddle Fund, and a draft for \$47.50 was ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards, being six months' interest on that Fund.

Bates Fund—Also a statement of the investment of the Bates Fund, and a draft for \$241 in favor of the Board of Stewards was ordered, being one year's interest on that fund.

Parchments of J. McK. Brewington—The Bishop read a letter from the Virginia Conference, requesting the restoration of the parchments of J. McK. Brewington, which was referred to a committee. (See Special Committee.)

Introductions.—Dr. A. J. Kynett, Corresponding Secretary Church Extension Society, John A. Clough of Denver, Colorado, J. B. Phillips, representing

the Book Concern, and Konrad R. Hartwig, pastor of the Swedish Church in Wilmington, were introduced to the Conference.

Crisfield Fire.—J. B. Quigg offered a resolution of sympathy of the Conference with the sufferers by the fire, which was adopted. (See Resolutions.)

General Conference Representation.—The Bishop presented the question of a possible change in the ratio of representation in the General Conference, and the vote was taken, resulting in 28 for, and 48 against, said proposed change.

Stewards' Call.—The call of the Stewards was made, and the moneys handed in.

Dr. Buckley.—Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate was introduced, and addressed the Conference respecting his work.

Hance Lawson.—R. W. Todd offered a resolution of sympathy of the Conference, with Hance Lawson in his sickness, which was adopted by a rising vote. (See Resolutions.)

Effective Elders.—The 20th Question was resumed, and that part referring to Easton District was disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

Elders' Orders.—The 14th Question was taken up, and disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

Deacons of Second Class.—The 13th Question was taken up and disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

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

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.

SECOND DAY—FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

FOURTH SESSION.

Missionary Sermon.—Conference met at 2 o'clock, and was opened by singing the 735th hymn. J. D. Kemp led in prayer, hymn 930 was sung, and Charles A. Hill read the 20th verse of 19th of Matthew and preached the annual Missionary Sermon. The service was closed by singing 932nd hymn, and the Conference proceeded with the memorial service, J. E. Bryan in the chair.

Memorial Service.—The 982nd hymn was sung, and W. E. England led in prayer. The memoir of E. J. Way was read by R. C. Jones, remarks were made by Bros. Brindle, England, Willis and W. H. Thompson, and the memoir was adopted.

The memoir of Valentine Gray was read by J. E. Bryan, remarks were made by H. Sanderson, and the memoir was adopted.

The memoir of A. W. Milby was read by W. S. Robinson, remarks were made by B. F. Price, B. C. Warren, T. O. Ayres, and J. S. Willis, and the memoir was adopted.

The memoir of W. J. O'Neill was read by W. H. Hutchin, remark were made by W. H. Hutchin, R. C. Jones, J. D. Kemp, C. F. Sheppard, E. C. Macnichol and A. A. Fisher and the memoir was adopted.

The memoir of Mrs. Sarah M. Brindle was read by W. H. Hutchin, remarks were made by T. B. Hunter, and the memoir was adopted. (See memoirs.)

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

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY MORNING.

FIFTH SESSION.

Conference met 8.30 o'clock, devotions in charge of W. H. Hutchin. At nine o'clock the Bishop took the chair.

The Journal.—The journal was read and approved.

Ladies' Hall.—T. E. Martindale read the report of the Committee on Ladies' Hall, which was accepted and filed, and an abstract of it was ordered for publication in the minutes.

Riddle Fund.—R. C. Jones read the report of the Treasurer of Riddle Fund which was filed.

Delinquents.—The Statistical Secretary reported delinquents and defects in the Statistics, as required by the Discipline.

Mrs. O'Neill.—On motion of J. France, the case of Mrs. O'Neill was referred to the Board of Stewards, for favorable consideration.

Trustees of Academy.—The committee to nominate four Trustees for the Conference Academy reported, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference. (See list.)

Effective Elders.—The 20th Question was resumed, and the part referring to Dover District was properly disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

Trustees Report.—Hon. Eli Saulsbury read the annual report of the Trustees of the Conference Academy, which was received, and referred to the Committee on Education.

Ladies' Hall.—J. B. Quigg presented resolutions respecting financial aid for the Ladies' Hall, which were filed for future consideration.

Walter Underwood, having withdrawn from the church during pending charges, the Conference directed that his name be returned as "withdrawn under charges."

Talbot.—Gardner.—The cases of W. F. Talbot, and S. T. Gardner, were referred to the Board of Stewards.

Admitted.—The 5th Question was taken up and disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

J. D. Reese, having passed the course of study as prescribed in the M. E. Church, South, was excused from further examinations.

On motion the time was extended.

Local Preachers to D. Orders.—The 10th Question was taken up and properly disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

Konrad R. Hartwig, Pastor of the Swedish Church in Wilmington was, on motion of C. Hill, elected to both Deacons' and Elders' Orders, under the Missionary Rule.

Isaac L. Wood, having been two years a Deacon, and having passed the required examinations, was elected to Elders' Orders.

Salisbury District.—The 20th Question was resumed. When the name of J. A. B. Wilson, P. E., was called, a bill of charges was presented by Wm. E. Tomkinson, which was referred to a select number of thirteen. R. W. Todd was appointed counsel for the church; J. D. C. Hanna, and W. J. Duhadway, were appointed for the defense, and Jacob Todd was appointed to preside.

Notices were given, Doxology was sung, and the Bishop pronounced the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY—MONDAY MORNING.

SIXTH SESSION.

The Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, the devotions in charge of T. E. Martindale. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair. The Journal was read and approved.

T. S. Williams was, on motion of Charles Hill, granted a Supernumerary relation at his own request.

Mrs. Hopkins.—W. E. England offered resolutions of sympathy with W. M. Warner, in the death of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Hopkins, which were adopted. (See Resolutions.)

Centenary Fund.—Vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Centenary Fund were filled, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference. (See List)

Auditing Committee.—J. O. Sypherd was appointed to audit the Presiding Elders' accounts of Domestic Missionary Money. (See Sp. Com.)

J. McK. Brewington.—The Committee in the case of Brewington's parchments, presented their report, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

Endowment Fund.—T. E. Martindale read the report on Conference Endowment Fund, addressed the Conference, and the report was adopted. (See Reports.)

Moneys Disposed of.—The Finance Committee was instructed to pay the moneys received to the treasurers of the respective societies they represent.

Collection for Fire Sufferers.—On motion of G. A. Phœbus, a collection for the sufferers by fire in Crisfield was taken, which amounted to \$86.20, and was given to Hon. T. H. Hodson for disbursement.

Dr. J. A. McCauley addressed the Conference respecting the work of Dickinson College.

Prof. M. D. Buell, of Boston Theological Seminary, was introduced and represented that institution.

Sympathy with Dr. McCauley.—E. L. Hubbard offered a resolution of sympathy with Dr. J. A. McCauley in his work as President of Dickinson College, which was adopted by a rising vote. (See Res.)

Introductions.—J. L. Straughn and A. D. Melvin, of the M. P. Church, were introduced to the Conference.

***J. A. B. Wilson.**—Jacob Todd, chairman, presented the report of the select number in the case of J. A. B. Wilson, which was as follows:

1. That the charges and specifications are not sustained, except specification first under charge third, which was sustained in part.
2. We find that J. A. B. Wilson was guilty of improper conduct in the employment of J. McK. Brewington, on Princess Anne circuit, under the circumstances; also, in withholding the papers from W. E. Tomkinson, which he was enjoined to return.

Notice of Charges Required.—Jacob Todd offered a resolution requiring five day's notice to the accused in case of trial of any member of this body, which was adopted. (See Res.)

Dr. Brush,—of the Dacotah University, was introduced, and addressed the Conference respecting financial needs of that institution.

Finance Report.—The Finance Committee presented their report, and the Conference totals were directed to be published in the Minutes.

Dr. J. C. Hartzell,—Assistant Corresponding Secretary of F. A. Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference respecting the work of that Society.

Stewards' Report.—The Stewards' Report was read and adopted, and the moneys properly distributed. (See Report.)

Mrs. Annie Chatham.—E. H. Nelson was appointed to disburse funds awarded to Mrs. Chatham. (See Sp. Com.)

Excused from Attendance.—T. H. Haynes, James E. Bryan and Alfred Smith were excused from further attendance upon the sessions of the Conference.

*The suggestion having been made by a member of the Committee, the counsel for the defence submitted the case without evidence or argument.

Night Session.—A session of the Conference was ordered for this evening at 7.30 o'clock, and C. W. Prettyman was appointed to lead the opening religious services.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY—MONDAY EVENING.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Conference met at 7.30 o'clock, the Bishop in the Chair. Devotions were led by C. W. Prettyman. The journal was read and approved.

Missionary Sermon.—The Bishop appointed J. D. C. Hanna to preach the Missionary sermon at the next session, with W. S. Robinson as Alternate.

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

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

Report of Salisbury District.—The report of J. A. B. Wilson, P. E., Salisbury District was read.

Watch Presentation.—The Bishop presented Bro. Wilson with a handsome gold watch, a gift from the preachers of Salisbury District.

Effective Elders.—The 20th question was resumed, and disposed of. (See Dis. Questions.)

W. F. M. Society.—J. P. Otis read the report of the Committee on W. F. M. Society, which was adopted. (See Report.)

Church Extension.—T. E. Martindale presented the report of the Conference Board of Church Extension, which was accepted. (See Report.)

Riddle Fund.—Vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Riddle Fund were filled, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference. (See list.)

Peninsula Methodist.—J. B. Quigg offered a resolution commending the "Peninsula Methodist" and the M. E. Book Store in Wilmington, which was adopted. (See Res.)

Tract Report.—W. B. Guthrie read the report of the Committee on Tracts, which was adopted. (See report.)

Temperance Report.—T. E. Terry read the report of the Committee on Temperance which was adopted. (See Report.)

Collection for Sexton.—On motion of R. W. Todd, a collection for the Sexton was taken, which amounted to \$32.82.

Sunday School Report.—O. S. Walton read the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, which was adopted. (See Report.)

Excused.—W. B. Gregg was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of the Conference.

Admitted on Trial.—The 2d Question was taken up, and disposed of. (See Dis. Questions.)

Dr. J. H. Hurlbut, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday-school Union, was introduced, and addressed the Conference respecting our Sunday School literature.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.

FIFTH DAY—TUESDAY MORNING.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, the devotions in charge of J. P. Otis. At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair. The Journal was read and approved.

Conference Education Society.—J. P. Otis read the report of the Conference Education Society, which was filed.

Historical Society.—B. F. Price read the report of the Conference Historical Society, which was adopted. (See Report.)

Trunk Committee.—A committee to rid the Conference trunk of superfluous papers, was appointed. (See Special Committees.)

Freedmen's Aid.—N. McQuay read the report of the Committee on Freedmen's Aid Society, which was adopted. (See Report.)

Education Report.—R. H. Adams read the report of the Committee on Education, which was adopted. (See Report.)

Constitution of D. M. Society.—On motion of J. B. Quigg, the following changes were made in the Constitution of the Conference Domestic Missionary Society. (1) The annual meeting of the Board to be changed from May to June. (2) The Executive Committee to have power to recommend, and the Board of Managers, only, to make appropriations.

Board of Domestic Missions.—The Conference Board of Domestic Missions was re-elected. (See list.)

Mrs. O'Neill.—A collection for Mrs. O'Neill was taken, which amounted to \$152.00.

W. H. M. Society.—L. E. Barrett read the report of the Committee on W. H. M. Society, and it was adopted. (See report.)

Minutes for Crisfield.—On motion of R. W. Todd, a copy of the minutes was ordered for each family in Crisfield and vicinity, where members of the Conference were entertained, and a collection was taken to pay for them.

Committee on Thanks.—A Committee on thanks was appointed. (See Sp. Com.)

Examining Committees.—The usual examining committees were announced. (See List.)

Audited Accounts.—J. O. Sypherd presented the audited account of Domestic Missionary money, which was accepted.

Received on Credentials.—The 7th Question was taken up and disposed of. (See Dis. Questions.)

Mrs. Newman, representing the W. H. M. Society, addressed the Conference respecting the work of that Society.

Bible Report.—H. S. Thompson read the report of the Committee on Bible, which was adopted. (See report.)

Visiting Committees.—The usual visiting committees were nominated and confirmed. (See list.)

Next Session.—The 33d question was taken up and disposed of. (See Dis. Questions.)

Thanks.—The Committee on thanks made their report, and it was adopted. (See res.)

George P. Smith was discontinued at his own request.

L. J. Muchmore was discontinued on account of feeble health, and on motion of R. W. Todd, a resolution of sympathy with Bro. Muchmore was adopted. (See res.)

Appeal.—W. E. Tomkinson most respectfully appealed from the finding of the select number in the case of J. A. B. Wilson, and the Bishop filed the appeal.

W. E. Tomkinson.—Charles Hill moved that W. E. Tomkinson be given a supernumerary relation, the Bishop decided that the motion was in order, and Bro. Tomkinson most respectfully appealed from the Bishop's decision to the General Conference, on the ground that he, being effective, was entitled to an appointment. The vote was then taken, and the motion prevailed.

Statistical Report.—The Statistical Secretary read the Conference totals of his report. (See Table.)

General Conference Expenses.—The Committee on General Conference Expenses was continued, with instructions to exact the deficiency only from those charges that have failed to meet their apportionment.

Domestic Missions.—The Presiding Elders were instructed to apportion five cents per capita for Domestic Missions.

Missionary Appropriations.—The report of the Missionary Appropriations was read and filed.

Final Adjournment.—The journal was read and approved, the Bishop announced the hymn beginning, "And let our bodies part, &c." offered prayer, announced the appointments, and pronounced the Benediction.

MEMORABILIA.

No.	Date.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.	Delegates to General Conference.
1	Mar. 17, '69.	Wilmington...	M. Simpson...	S. L. Gracey.....	1872.— { J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney, Chas. Hill,
2	Mar. 16, '70.	Port Deposit...	E. S. Janes....	"	
3	Mar. 8, '71.	Dover.....	L. Scott.....	"	
4	Feb. 21, '72.	Laurel.....	E. R. Ames...	T. E. Martindale..	Reserves—J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd.
5	Mar. 5, '73.	Easton.....	L. Scott.....	"	1876.— { L. C. Matlack, W. E. England.
6	Mar. 4, '74.	Salisbury....	I. W. Wiley....	"	
7	Mar. 17, '75.	Smyrna.....	E. S. Janes....	"	Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.
8	Mar. 15, '76.	Wilmington..	L. Scott.....	"	1880.— { L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby, Chas. Hill.
9	Mar. 7, '77.	Milford.....	E. R. Ames....	"	
10	Mar. 13, '78.	Chestertown..	R. S. Foster...	"	
11	Mar. 19, '79.	New Castle...	M. Simpson....	"	Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R. W. Todd.
12	Mar. 17, '80.	Dover.....	E. G. Andrews	"	1884.— { J. H. Caldwell, Chas. Hill, J. B. Quigg.
13	Mar. 16, '81.	Lewes.....	Thos. Bowman	Jno. D. Rigg.....	
14	Mar. 8, '82.	Middletown..	J. F. Hurst....	"	Reserves—T. E. Martindale, J. A. B. Wilson.
15	Mar. 7, '83.	Cambridge...	M. Simpson...	"	
16	Mar. 5, '84.	Wilmington..	W. L. Harris...	"	
17	Mar. 12, '85.	Snow Hill,...	S. M. Merrill..	"	
18	Mar. 4, '86.	Elkton.....	W. F. Mallalieu	"	
19	Mar. 17, '87.	Crisfield, Md.,	H. W. Warren	"	

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION REPORT.

The results of the year in the various institutions of which we are the patrons, warrant us in congratulating the Conference upon the growing interest of our people in academic and collegiate education.

Children's Day, which has proven such a fruitful source of aid both to struggling students and to our schools, has lost none of its popularity, nor has it, since it was inaugurated, been more generally observed than during the past year. The tendency to excessive decoration and irrelevant exercises on this day, calls for increased caution on the part of pastors and Sunday school superintendents, lest the educational idea be lost amid these attractions. Every pastor in our bounds should do his best to maintain this most promising agency of the Church. Reports from our Conference Academy show that this institution is under the most satisfactory management and worthy of the co-operative sympathy and patronage of our people. In no institution of its grade can there be found better facilities for requiring an academic preparation, or for instruction in music and painting. No where can these accomplishments be more perfectly attained in connection with academic instruction than at our Academy.

The demand for a Ladies' Hall has become so urgent that your committee would recommend that each preacher in charge be directed to form a committee of ladies to canvass, wherever practicable, congregations for small subscriptions to this object. An average of twenty-five cents would aggregate a handsome sum for this purpose.

The work at Dickinson College has gone forward successfully in both the preparatory and College classes. The slight disorders which occurred early in the term, have passed away, and the deportment of the students has resumed its accustomed manliness.

Bosler Hall has been completed and now contains the College and Society Libraries, which aggregate about 30,000 volumes. Besides this, the Bosler Hall supplies a commodious audience room of a seating capacity of 820 for commencement and other exercises. It may be said that Dickinson was never, at any period of its history, so well prepared to do the work for which it was established. With the hearty co-operation of its friends in the patronizing Conferences the college will continue to be an invaluable blessing to the church. We cannot refrain from the expression of our confidence in Dr. J. A. McCauley as one eminently fitted for his position as the President of Dickinson.

The School of Theology of Boston University, located at one of the great centers of population and culture, offers unusual advantages for biblical and theological training. The use of an ample and comfortably furnished room may be enjoyed here without charge, and board at a moderate sum. Its varied elec-

tive studies and valuable auxiliary advantages make it one of the best theological schools in our country.

Drew Seminary continues upon its successful career. The President writes, "we were never in better shape for good work than now." The faculty continue their devotion to the great purpose of training, intellectually and morally, young men whose character shall meet the requirements of the church. Greater emphasis is placed upon the necessity of a thorough classical and scientific preparation before entering this Seminary.

The Library and Historical building will be ready for occupancy in the coming autumn, and when completed will be one of the finest and best in the country. The graduates of Drew have shown themselves loyal, zealous and faithful in whatever work the Conference has given them.

The Centenary Biblical Institute has elevated the standard of scholarship, and reports indicate large increase of students in these advance grades. Branch schools have been opened, in Baltimore and Princess Anne, Md., for primary instruction. What is needed to make the Centenary Biblical Institute all it was intended to be, is for us, in the patronizing Conferences, to raise, in full, the amount apportioned for Freedman's Aid. We should not forget to pray, that He who said the Kingdoms of this world shall become his Kingdom, would continue to send to her church men He would have preach his word.

CHURCH EXTENSION REPORT.

The following report of the business transacted by the Conference Board of Church Extension for the past year, is respectfully submitted.

At the regular semi-annual meeting, held in Wilmington, May 11th, all the funds at our disposal were covered by the recommendation made, so that no necessity existed for calling the Board together in September.

The pressure of applications at this session was unprecedented in the history of the Conference, owing largely, to the development of new work in Virginia. The following places made formal appeals for aid. Bohemia Manor, Wesley and Edgemoor, on Wilmington District; Morris and Cordova, on Easton District; Houston, on Dover District; and Pittsville, Princess Anne, Crousentown, Hallwood, New Church, Pocomoke City, Antioch, Franklin City, and Parksly, on Salisbury District. The Board was embarrassed by the urgency of most of these cases, and the limited amount available for our use. Donations were recommended as follows: Edgemoor, \$200; Morris', \$100; Princess Anne, \$100; Pocomoke City, \$100; Cordova, \$100; and a loan of \$200; Houston, \$100; and Franklin City, \$50. Interesting statements were made to the Board, by A. D. Davis and the Presiding Elder, in regard to the prospects in Virginia. In the judgment of the brethren this section is, properly, Missionary ground, and in accordance with this view the following additional recommendations were made: Crousentown, donation \$200; New Church, \$200; and a loan of \$200; Hallwood, \$250; and a loan of \$250. Parksley parsonage was also referred to the Parent Board for a donation of \$100, and a loan of \$200; as also the Salisbury District Parsonage for a loan of \$1,500.

The state of our account with the Parent Board, rendered January 28th, will show the response to our recommendations.

Paid to Pocomoke City, Maryland, Donation.....	\$200
" " Crousentown, Virginia, "	100
" " Hallwood, Virginia, Loan \$300, and Donation	100
" " Franklin City, Virginia, Donation	50
" " Parksley, Virginia, "	200
" " Princess Anne, Maryland, "	100
" " Edgemoor, Delaware, "	200

Applications on file, granted on conditions not as yet complied with, from Golt's or Morris. Maryland, Donated.....\$100
Cordova, Maryland, Loan

300
These when paid will leave a balance to the credit of the Conference of \$8.23.

In view of the increased demands of our work, it was resolved to ask the Parent Board to grant us for the coming year, two-thirds of the funds raised by us for use within our own bounds, instead of three-tenths as heretofore. After careful consideration, the Board generously responded to our request, and went even beyond it, allowing us for the present year, five-sixths of what is reported at this session of the Conference. This, surely, is such a vote of confidence, as ought to make our future Church Extension collections much larger than they have ever been. Let us manifest our appreciation by increased and enthusiastic generosity.

REPORT ON FREEDMAN'S AID.

The work of the Freedmen's Aid Society in educating young men and women in the south to be christian ministers, and teachers among both white and colored people, grows in importance year by year. In twenty years the society has received and expended nearly \$2,000,000. Twenty-three institutions are maintained among the colored people with an attendance of nearly 5000. Among the whites, eighteen institutions are either maintained, or to some extent aided, in which are fully 2000 students. These forty-one schools are located throughout the South, each in the midst of large and needy populations.

This wonderful success in so limited a number of years indicates that this work is of the Lord. But this success is only a beginning of the work required to be done by our church among the poor and needy masses of the Southern States. Emancipation was only a single step in the work of solving the negro problem in this country. Education and christian culture must follow emancipation, or freedom and enfranchisement will prove disastrous to both the negro and the white people of the south.

We rejoice especially in the success of the Centenary Biblical Institute under the efficient presidency of Dr. Frysinger. The school, year by year, grows in influence and success, and we suggest that our pastors call the attention of young colored men and women whom they may find desiring to attend a school of high grade, to that institution.

We are pleased to learn of the establishment of two preparatory schools to be associated with the Centenary Biblical Institute. One of these is located in Baltimore, and the other at Princess Anne, Maryland, within the bounds of this Conference. At the latter place sixteen acres of ground have been bought on which is a fine old mansion which has been fitted up for school purposes, and already the school is doing excellent work.

The Freedmen's Aid collections in the Wilmington Conference go to the Centenary Biblical Institute, and its preparatory schools. This fact will enable our pastors to press, more easily, the claims of this great cause upon the attention of our people.

The receipts from the charges during the past year amount in the aggregate to \$1,476.00, an advance over last year of \$349.00. This success indicates a growing interest among our people in this work. The apportionment to be raised by the Conference next year is \$2,000, which will be apportioned to the various charges by the Presiding Elders.

Resolved, That, as a Conference, we heartily rejoice in the success already achieved by this society in the work of christian education among the needy masses of the South.

Resolved, That, as pastors, we will present the claims of this work to our people, and if possible raise, at least, our apportionment.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, We regard the licensed traffic in intoxicating liquors as the prolific source from whence spring most of the evils that curse our race to-day, and the most formidable foe that we, as ministers of Christ, must contend with; therefore,

Resolved, 1st, That we hail with delight the evidences of progress in temperance work throughout the country, and we hereby extend a fraternal greeting to the workers in the Temperance cause everywhere.

Resolved, 2d, While we rejoice at the success of local option in the counties of Maryland lying within the bounds of our Conference, we hail with delight the dawning of a new day in Delaware, and a change of public sentiment on this question, as was shown by the polling in that State at the last election, of eight thousand and five hundred votes for Temperance and Reform, and yet we exceedingly regret that even this very decided expression of public opinion on this question has not, thus far been sufficient to induce the law-makers of Delaware to seriously consider this question, but we entertain the hope that this growing sentiment in favor of prohibition will soon assume such proportions that the law-makers of Delaware will be compelled to treat us with becoming respect.

Resolved, 3d, We have no compromise to offer the liquor traffic, nor will we accept of any from them; we have no right to perpetuate by license, either high or low, that which is the enemy of all righteousness and the destroyer of mankind; therefore, whatever be the means employed for the advancement of this cause, the final objective point is not license, high or low, nor regulation of any sort whatever, but the total prohibition, by law, of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks.

Resolved, 4th, Believing that a christian man's first duty is to his God, and that his moral obligations are far superior to all party ties, when the existing political parties do not afford a christian man the opportunity to vote his sentiments on this question, i. e., when neither of the existing political parties are pledged to temperance principles, we believe it is the duty of temperance men to organize a party distinctively on temperance principles and having appealed to the ballot, to stay there forever, if need be, to secure this desired object.

Resolved, 5th, Among the various organizations that are aiding the church in this great cause, we recognize as of first importance the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and we hereby pledge to them our sympathy and support.

TRACT REPORT.

We believe that free distribution of good, wholesome literature in the form of tracts, is a means of good, the full value of which has not yet been tested. Its practical value in aiding revival work has been illustrated during the past year in the case of Middletown, Del., and we cannot but think that similar efforts in other charges, would produce equally happy results.

It is our opinion that a more general and faithful use of our committees on tract distribution would be the means of accomplishing untold good, while the visitation from house to house, which would result, would of itself prove of incalculable value.

The missionary society has taken a wise step in its effort to inform and stir the heart of the church upon that great interest by the distribution of missionary literature in tract form; but we believe it is false economy to make that enterprise self-supporting rather than gratuitous. We fear that many will be prevented from the distribution of such tracts by reason of the fact that they are not free.

REPORT ON W. H. M. SOCIETY.

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

1. We are persuaded that there is need of systematic and vigorous evangelization among the ignorant, poor and helpless in the states and territories of our Union, that the thousands of Chinese, Scandinavians and Indians, and the multitude of negroes scattered throughout the South, can be reached and touched by the living sympathy, warm affection and earnest endeavors of the christian women of our land.

2. That every legitimate means should be used to uproot and destroy the canker of mormonism, which aims at the corruption of the social circle, the demoralization of the family, and the overthrow of Republican institutions. Consecrated womanhood, with christian teaching, has already accomplished much in this stubborn field, and the skies are bright with promise for the future. We have listened with pleasure and profit to the touching address of Mrs. Newman, who has done, and is doing, heroic work in Utah, and our prayers shall ascend to the God of Truth, Purity and Right, that His blessing may continue to rest upon her labors.

3. We regard the Woman's Home Missionary Society an efficient ally in this great and important work of reaching the masses, and presenting to them the uplifting and sanctifying influences of the Gospel of Jesus, and we pledge to it our warmest sympathies and heartiest co-operation.

4. We recommend the early formation of Auxiliary Societies within our bounds wherever practicable, and that we will extend to the President of the Wilmington Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society all the aid in our power in the prosecution of her laudable work.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In uttering our annual expression of opinion concerning the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, we feel it difficult to say anything new. This is not because of the want of matters concerning which we might speak, but, rather, because its work has proceeded along lines of development to which reference has been made in other years with swift and steady progress, rather than along new lines. We believe, however, that the present occasion affords us an opportunity of special value to commend this Society to those churches where auxiliaries do not now exist. As a Conference, we have advanced in the million line in collection for the Parent Board, but have not done so at the expense of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, or indeed any of our benevolences, but have advanced from \$2085 in 1886 to \$2582 this year, an advance of \$497, or nearly twenty-four per cent. We believe that where the pastors enter heartily into the work of forming and maintaining these auxiliaries they will be found a help and not a hindrance to the other benevolent collections, and a blessing to the local churches.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

With unshaken faith in the utility of the Sunday School as a necessary factor in church work, we would recommend our preachers to give such personal and active aid in their respective schools, as time and circumstances may permit.

Believing moral reform to be the ultimate object of Sunday School work, and the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church the best formula of truth in accordance with which such reforms are to be reached, we would emphasize the

importance of employing, as far as possible, for officers and teachers, christianly devoted men and women, and of using, regularly, in all of our schools, the catechism and bible in connection with our lesson leaves.

The growing tendency to indulge in light reading, fostered, in many instances, by placing in ready access to our scholars through our Sunday School libraries, a vast amount of reading of a low fictional and literary order, published under the misleading guise of Sunday School books, suggests the use of stringent measures to purify, and a rigid enforcement of disciplinary provisions to keep pure, our Sunday School libraries.

The "Epworth Hymnal" promises fair to fulfill its mission. We advise its use in our schools as well adapted to their needs, combining as it does in singular degree the light melodies of Sunday School song, with the heavier tunes of maturer devotional thought and emotion, and presenting in general poetic songs of pure thought, refined sense and spiritual strength.

We regard the "Oxford League" as an educational force of no mean value, affording opportunities for study, and sources of information, of which, otherwise, a large number of our scholars would be deprived.

BIBLE REPORT.

The Bible being the Word of God, the foundation of morals and the textbook of the christian world, we recognize the work of the American Bible Society and its auxiliaries, the Delaware and Maryland Bible Societies, as worthy claimants upon the sympathy and offerings of the church.

This work, like that of the Missionary Society, has two phases—the Foreign and Domestic lines of distribution, for while efforts are made to reach the destitute throughout this land, it also secures the translation, publication and circulation of the Word of God throughout Mission fields through the agencies of established Missionary Societies.

We urge pastors, in general visitation within their charges, to ascertain whether there are homes without the Bible, and make application to the agents of the auxiliaries for as many copies as will meet all these needs; also to remember that destitute Sabbath Schools may apply for and receive such contributions of Bibles as they may need. We also advise pastors to remember the Foreign department of this Bible work when presenting its claims to their congregations.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Your Committee appointed, at the last session, to consider the propriety of creating an Endowment Fund for the benefit of the claimants of this Conference, beg leave to submit the following report:

The church, from the beginning, has, in various ways, recognized the claims upon her for pecuniary assistance of her disabled and worn out preachers and their families. This recognition is the logical and necessary outgrowth of the peculiarities of our itinerant economy. Our ministers, upon the threshold of their life-work, resign to the authority of the church, the control of their services and support, throughout all the years of their vigor. She does not permit them to be secular, and claims the right to deal with them if they are found to be so. They are asked to forsake and set aside, as much as may be, all worldly cares and studies, and this is altogether wise and proper. For the upbuilding of Zion, they yield this choice and selection in these respects. The church, therefore, in view of this, virtually pledges to provide for them while in effective service, and to the extent of her resources, to care for them in disability and old age, together with those who are dependent upon them. The church is rich and ought

to redeem her pledges to her servants so as to avoid bringing struggle and want upon their declining years. If the National Government deem it one of her highest duties to provide for her disabled and aged soldiers, how much more should every consideration of gratitude and brotherhood move the church of Jesus to keep faith with her veterans. In accordance with their convictions, and in view of the inadequate assistance heretofore rendered to this class of our brethren, many of the Conferences have recently adopted plans for raising and administering a permanent fund in addition to the annual collections. We believe the time has come when our Conference should take similar action. It is true that our people have done well, and the proportion of claims allowed, will compare favorably with that of any conference in the church, yet our Stewards, who are more familiar with the needs of our claimants than we can be, have recently urged upon us the necessity of much larger gifts. Your Committee, therefore, recommend and urge the Conference, at this session, to provide for the raising of a permanent fund for this purpose. *We submit the following plan, which is substantially that adopted and successfully operated by the Conferences.*

1. This fund shall be known as an Endowment Fund of the Wilmington Conference, for the benefit of those who are recognized by the law of the church as claimants, and the amount to be raised shall be \$50,000.

2. The Board of Stewards, (which is already a corporate body,) shall be a Committee to have charge under the direction of the Conference, of the methods adopted for the raising and investing of this Fund.

3. A ministerial subscription shall be taken at the present session of the Conference for this purpose, which shall be payable in four annual installments.

4. The Committee, previously named, shall be authorized to arrange for, and urge the taking of, subscriptions and collections in all charges of the Conference, during the coming year, which shall be in addition to the regular collection and such subscription payable on four annual installments. The times of payment shall be at the sessions of the Conference, and each preacher shall be authorized to collect the installment from subscribers on his charge and pay the same.

5. The Committee shall use every available means to bring the claims of this Fund to the attention of our people of means, with a view to secure addition to it by legacies, bequests, etc. A tract setting forth the objects of this fund and calling attention to the legacies already in the possession of the Conference, will, no doubt, serve a good purpose. There is a disposition already in some sections of our territory, to make provisions of this kind for our worn out preachers.

6. This Fund, both principal and interest, shall be carefully invested by the Stewards until four years have expired from the date of the original subscription, after which it shall be available for use, under the direction of the Conference.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE RIDDLE FUND.

As Treasurer of the "Riddle Fund" I beg leave to submit the following report.

William Field of the firm of Jas. A. Riddle & Sons, paid over to me on March 17th, 1886, the sum of \$2,120.00, less \$100, which, according to the laws of the State, was deducted for tax, this being the amount of legacy, with one year's interest added; which amount was invested as follows:

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| 1. Paid for State tax..... | \$ 100 00 |
| 2. Paid to Captain A. Kelley, the sum of..... | 120 00 |
| being the interest due, and which he had advanced at the Conference of 1886. | |
| 3. Invested in first mortgage in real estate by Captain A. Kelley, at five per cent. per annum..... | 1,900 00 |

Total.....\$2,120 00

JOHN S. MILLER, Treasurer.

REPORT ON J. McK. BREWINGTON.

The committee appointed to consider the request of the Virginia Conference, for the restoration of the parchments of J. McK. Brewington, beg leave to submit the following report: While we, as a Conference, in the light of our present knowledge, must decline to restore the parchments of Bro. Brewington, we do not by this action wish to shut out the future, but shall be glad to hear from the Virginia Conference a year hence, as to his standing and success.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Amount of appropriation.....	\$ 2,100
Distributed as follows:	
Cape Charles City.....	\$ 200 00
Hallwood.....	200 00
Parksley.....	275 00
Virginia District.....	625 00
For Swedish Mission.....	300 00
For new work in Dorchester County.....	500 00
	\$ 2,100

[Signed] CHAS. HILL,
JOHN FRANCE,
T. O. AYRES,
J. A. B. WILSON.

I concur in the above.

[Signed] H. W. WARREN.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT.

We beg leave to make the following report:

At the anniversary held at this session of our Conference, interesting essays were read; one by Rev. R. W. Todd on "The Origin and Progress of the Society." Rev. B. C. Warren read a paper entitled, "The History of Anname-six Circuit." L. P. Corkran read a paper called "The History of Asbury Church," and W. W. Wilson read a "History of the M. E. Church in Crisfield."

By vote, these papers were requested for the archives of the Society, and by their respective authors were passed over to the custodian.

At a meeting of the managers, A. Stengle was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of A. W. Milby, and C. F. Sheppard was elected Recording Secretary in place of L. A. C. Gerry, resigned.

As our Conference at its next session will complete its second decade, it may be considered an epoch in its history. A committee was therefore appointed, consisting of C. Hill, W. E. England and H. S. Thompson to report respecting the status of the members of this Conference at the time of its organization, and also of those who survive.

T. E. Terry, R. C. Jones and L. A. C. Gerry were appointed to revise, abbreviate and simplify the constitution and by-laws of this Society, to report at the next session of the Conference.

Several relics of interest were presented by various persons through R. W. Todd, as gifts to the society. B. C. Warren presented an old Bible used in "Miles' Chapel" from the beginning of Methodism in Somerset County. And in this connection we would say that Mr. A. Cowgill, of Dover, the custodian of the society, is prepared to receive and safely keep all relics that may be sent to

him at any time, properly labeled, and they will receive his care. We would appeal to the Conference by saying that this society has a high claim upon our consideration. It has a cabinet of memorials by which individuals and events become sacred and monumental in our history.

ABSTRACT OF COMMITTEE ON LADIES' HALL.

The committee was called together at Dover on the 7th day of June, and organized for work by the election of the following officers:

Mrs. Dr. J. H. Wilson, Chairman.

Miss R. A. Day, Secretary.

Miss M. E. Saulsbury, Receiver of Finance.

It will be remembered that the plan adopted by Conference, provided that in the month of April, or before, each pastor should appoint a committee of ladies in his charge, and send their names to the Executive Committee, so that communication might at once, be opened between them.

The attention of the ministers has been directed, through the "Peninsula Methodist," to the provisions of the plan, and the urgent necessity of the speedy commencement of the building. Numerous personal appeals have been made by postal cards, to each of the pastors. Up to the present time seventy-nine of them have responded to the call, and nearly all of those have forwarded the names of local committees. We regret to report that, up to the present time, our efforts have met with but limited success.

Something, however, has been done. Farmington sends five dollars; Church Creek, five dollars; Still Pond pledges one hundred dollars, (fifty of it already paid.) Mrs. Gooding, the wife of our honored principal, has, through correspondence with graduates and former pupils, received eighteen dollars. Dover has, thus far, given nearly three hundred dollars.

We feel it incumbent upon us to especially emphasize the request that the pastors give this matter their earnest and urgent attention.

The utility of such an addition to the Conference Academy is no longer a question. It is universally conceded that, in view of the growing popularity of the school, and that our Trustees are paying \$400 a year rent for the present building, that such a supplement is a pressing necessity.

We are thoroughly in earnest in regard to this matter, and are willing to do all we can, if we may have the hearty seconding of our good brethren.

RESOLUTIONS.

ON THANKS.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our sincere thanks to the people of Crisfield and vicinity, who have so magnificently entertained us during our session, and we will remember with pleasure their princely hospitality.

Resolved, That our thanks be tendered to the Trustees who have opened their churches for our use.

Resolved, That in Bishop Warren, we recognize a courteous and impartial presiding officer, and thanking him for his uniform kindness we assure him that if, in the providence of God, he should be returned to our work, we will bid him a cordial welcome.

Resolved, That we heartily thank the Pastor of this Church, the Rev. Wells W. W. Wilson for his attention to our comfort.

Resolved, We thank the various Railroad Companies for all kindnesses, and especially do we appreciate the courtesy of Mr. Dunn, Superintendent of the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad, who has daily stopped all trains for us at Church Street, and who kindly gives us an extra train this afternoon.

Resolved, Our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to our Secretaries.

Resolved, In addition to our collection last night, we beg to assure the sexton of this church, of our high appreciation of his services.

Resolved, That the excellent choir of this church, led by Bro. C. B. Aspril, has merited our thanks for its sweet music.

REV. HANCE LAWSON.

WHEREAS, We have learned of the serious illness of our brother, Rev. Hance Lawson, who, although looking forward to this session of our Conference in his locality with high expectations of enjoyment, is confined to his home and deprived of the coveted privilege; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby affectionately tender to our suffering brother our sincerest christian sympathies, and beg to assure him of our prayers that our Heavenly Father may help and make effective the means used for his recovery; or, in the event that He may see best to permit his continued affliction, that our dear brother may be most graciously sustained through the valley of suffering to the end.

Resolved, That a copy of this paper, suitably engrossed, be communicated by our secretary to Bro. Lawson.

DR. J. A. McCAULEY.

In view of certain criticisms coming to the members of this Conference, through the mail, concerning the administration and personal character of Dr. McCauley,

Therefore, Resolved, That we sympathize with Dr. McCauley, and extend to him our entire confidence and sympathy, and assure him of our hearty co-operation.

CRISFIELD FIRE.

Resolved, That we tender as a Conference, our sympathy with our friends, the citizens of Crisfield who suffered by the fire last night, and express our gratitude to God, that the calamity was stayed by His mercy, and the heroic endeavor of the people.

L. J. MUCHMORE.

Resolved, That we greatly regret the affliction that has necessitated the retirement of our brother, L. J. Muchmore, from the active ministry.

Resolved, That we assure him of our fraternal sympathy, and pray that his health may speedily so improve as to allow his return to us.

THE PENINSULAR METHODIST.

Resolved, That we reiterate our resolution of last Conference, commending the Peninsular Methodist to our people. As a church paper we consider its local adaptation to our needs, all we can desire in character and price.

Resolved, Also, that we commend the publishers for their enterprise in opening a book-store for the patronage of our Wilmington Conference people, and we hope it will find abundant encouragement.

WM. M. WARNER.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Mary Hopkins, aged 86 years, mother-in-law of Rev. W. M. Warner, and a member of the M. E. Church for more than seventy years, whose family has always been a home for ministers of the Gospel, and who is the last but one of a family forming a connecting link of acquaintance between Bishop Asbury and the present generation, died in the parsonage at Wyoming on the 19th inst., therefore,

Resolved, That our sympathy be expressed for Bro. Warner and his bereaved family.

NOTICE FOR TRIAL.

Resolved, That no bill of charges shall be put upon immediate trial by this Conference against any member thereof, unless a copy of the same, duly signed with notice of its intended presentation, shall have been served upon the accused member, at least, five days before the meeting of the Conference.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

In making their nineteenth annual report, your Board of Stewards congratulate the Conference on the fact that notwithstanding the stringency in money-matters, and the pressure made upon our people to increase their contributions for the other benevolences of the church, there has been an increase for this cause from collections of \$220.30.

Thirty-two apportionments have exceeded, and seventy-eight have reached, their apportionment. We have not thought best to increase the apportionment, except in a few instances, believing the pastors will try to do their duty in raising funds for this cause, and that, when a proper representation is made, the liberal minded of our church will heartily respond.

We have had placed in our hands for distributirn, \$5780.

From	Apportioned.	Raised.	Excess.	Deficit.
Wilmington District.....	\$1620 00	\$1774 80	\$154 80	
Easton District.....	1285 00	1266 00		\$19 00
Dover District.....	1145 00	1077 00		68 00
Salisbury District.....	870 00	1020 00	150 00	

Total from collections.....	\$5137 80
Chartered Fund.....	30 00
Centenary Fund.....	180 00
Book-Concern Dividend.....	241 00
Interest on Riddle Legacy.....	47 50
Interest on Bates Mortgage.....	141 00
From Friends.....	2 70

Total from all Sources\$5780 00

Four Quarterly Conference Committees have failed to make the report required by the Discipline in the case of Conference claimants, and in all such cases we have had to depend upon such information as we could gather from other sources.

Each claim has been prayerfully considered, and the allowance fixed after much thought.

We heartily commend the report of the committee to which was referred the subject of an endowment of this fund.

And in view of the embarrassment experienced by the Board of Stewards from year to year, on account of the urgent claims presented, and the insufficiency of the funds in hand, we hope the collection suggested will be liberally responded to, both at this session of the Conference and during the coming year.

We have distributed the funds in our hands according to the best of our judgement, to seven Superannuated, one Supernumerary, and one Effective preachers, twenty-two widows and one child of deceased preachers, which we believe to be the most equitable distribution we can possibly make.

DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE FUNDS, MARCH 21st, 1887.

Date of Claim. Term of Service.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	POST-OFFICE.	Estimates of Quarterly Confer-ences.	Amount received by each Claimant.
SUPERANNUATED.				
1873 43yr	James L. Houston.....	Middletown, Butler Co., Ohio...	\$300 00	\$250 00
1878 18yr	A. A. Fisher.....	Federalsburg, Caroline Co., Md.	350 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.	.....	350 00
1881 15yr	James Esgate.....	216 Oxford St., Portland, Me...	400 00	250 00
1885 40yr	Henry Sanderson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150 00	50 00
SUPERNUMERARY.				
1885 28yr	Wm. F. Talbot.....	Kingston, Somerset Co., Md....	200 00	100 00
EFFECTIVE.				
	S. T. Gardner.....			50 00
WIDOWS.				
1846 6mo	Hester A. Henderson.....	725 N. 11th St., Philadelphia, Pa	200 00	175 00
1844 3yr	Drucilla Willetts.....	Berlin, Worcester Co., Md.....	150 00	100 00
1865 10yr	Carrie B. Dennison.....	W. 7th St. 1015 Wilmington, Del	200 00	100 00
1873 14yr	Rebecca M. Brandreth.....	201 Ashmead St., Germantown.,	.....	250 00
1878 15yr	Laura E. Weston.....	Dover, Del.....	400 00	200 00
1878 21yr	Mary S. Thomas.....	1103 Tatuall St. Wilmington, Del	200 00	200 00
1879 21yr	Annie H. Irwin.....	Wilmington, Del.....	300 00	200 00
1879 10yr	Annie D. Chatham.....	Newport, Del.....	500 00	375 00
1879 22yr	Sallie E. Williams.....	Georgetown, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1881 11yr	Sadie B. Bain.....	Tyrone, Blair county, Pa.....	300 00	200 00
1882 49yr	E. M. Thompson.....	Smyrna, Del.....	150 00	100 00
1882	Catharine B. Miller.....	832 Pine St., Phila. Pa.....	300 00	175 00
1882 45yr	Ehza Pierson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	250 00	200 00
1882 8yr	Emma A. Prettyman.....	E. New Market Dorch'r Co. Md	250 00	175 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	350 00
1887	Rebecca P. Milby.....	Frederica, Del.....	300 00	240 00
1887	Mary F. Way.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	140 00
1887	Mrs. I. Johnson.....	Milford, Del.....	300 00	250 00
1887	Mrs. W. J. O'Neill.....	Church Hill, Md.....	.....	275 00
1887	Sarah D. Gray.....	Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa.....	250 00	200 00
1883	Child of B. W. Chase.....	Onorga, Ill.....	.....	50 00
	Total.....		\$7300 00	\$5780 00

Apportionments for Missionary, and other Collections.

Virginia District.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	Mis-sions.	Ch'ch Ex-tensi'n	Freed-men's Aid.	Epis-copal Fund.	Dom. Miss.
Accomac&N'ham'ton	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 5	\$ 1	\$ 1
Cape Charles City...	25	10	5	1	1
Chincoteague.....	50	15	5	2	8
Hallwood.....	25	10	5	2	5
Onancock.....	150	25	20	10	15
Parksley.....	50	10	5	2	5
Smith's Island.....	150	20	15	10	15
Tangier.....	150	20	15	10	15
	\$ 610	\$ 120	\$ 75	\$ 38	\$ 65

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—GENERAL STATISTICS, No. 1.

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(Continued.)

Table with columns: MEMBERSHIP (No. of Probationers, Full Members, Local Preachers, Deaths, Children, Adults, Churches), CHURCH PROPERTY (Probable value, Parsonages, Building, Indebtedness, Present Indebtedness, Current Expenses, No. of Schools, Officers and Teachers, Scholars), SUNDAY SCHOOLS, and CIRCUIITS AND STATIONS.

Table with columns: BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (FOR MISSIONS: From Churches, Sunday Schools, Total, For Board of Church Extension, For Sunday-School Union, For Tract Society, For Freedmen's Aid Society, For Education, For American Bible Society, For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, For Woman's Home Missionary Society), MINISTERIAL SUPPORT (For Pastors, Presiding Elder and Bishops, For Conference Claimants), and Cen. Conf. Expenses (Apportioned, Paid, Domestic Missions, Other Collections), and CIRCUIITS AND STATIONS.

EASTON DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.														
	No. of Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers	No. Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars 15 years old and over.	No. of Scholars under 15 yrs. old, except Inf't Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	No. S. S. Advocates taken	No. S. S. Classmates taken	No. S. S. Journals taken, Officers and Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Probs.	Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in S. School this year.
Appoquinimink	4	43	211	76	110	25	154	450	35	48	43	41	24	
Bayside and Tilghman's Island	2	14	140	60	68	12	100	175	16	14	14	27	13	
Cecilton	2	37	184	74	67	43	100	251	79	12	34	44	25	
Centreville	2	30	365	190	70	105	200	100	100	30	30	105	10	
Chestertown	1	38	223	95	68	60	128	561	52	30	37	105	2	
Church Hill	4	46	291	102	123	66	200	350	55	30	40	23	30	
Crumpton	2	24	152	43	76	33	100	50	26	6	23	52	17	
Easton	2	28	300	155	55	90	175	68	38	25	27	70	8	
Galena	3	27	178	84	94	43	121	232	85	31	27	24	17	
Greensboro'	1	22	161	85	53	23	99	135	91	23	22	37	6	
Hillsboro	3	35	222	68	75	79	166	227	91	23	35	49	4	
Ingleside	5	35	260	107	83	70	200	75	33	30	25	25	14	
Kent Island	2	29	200	80	80	40	120	165	48	6	23	27	10	
King's Creek	3	23	100	20	55	25	60	40	40	23	21	9	9	
Marydel	4	38	280	100	140	40	175	200	50	27	38	95	6	
Middletown	1	36	380	180	120	80	210	600	150	100	30	36	100	
Massey's	3	24	100	20	45	35	90	150	20	20	20	20	20	
Millington	3	43	212	96	73	41	145	405	130	40	38	83	63	
Odessa	1	25	200	88	36	76	114	436	141	22	24	50	15	
Oxford	1	19	102	34	47	21	71	318	55	12	15	20	2	
Pomona	3	45	175	58	106	11	90	500	36	36	40	37	2	
Queenstown	3	30	163	52	52	59	88	588	108	29	30	24	2	
Rock Hall	2	42	259	34	175	50	121	.....	78	44	36	52	40
Royal Oak	2	20	125	65	50	10	84	30	20	15	20	22	.....
St. Michael's	1	32	354	156	112	86	226	591	120	10	32	107	43	
Sassafras	1	8	29	4	25	.....	20	50	25	25	8	8	3
Smyrna	1	52	403	172	145	86	240	260	212	44	52	161	79	
Smyrna Circuit	4	54	275	156	59	60	290	600	175	30	49	50	12	
Still Pond	3	48	270	96	80	94	130	1400	200	50	26	39	46	
Sudersville	2	15	100	50	26	24	60	600	65	13	15	20	6	
Talbot	2	35	143	47	66	30	125	100	17	.....	1	30	44
Townsend	1	18	150	75	20	55	90	100	85	12	17	30	3	
Trappe	3	38	109	61	90	48	117	380	54	.....	38	59	7
Wye	1	14	50	19	20	11	.....	73	9	10	13	13	3
Total this year	78	1067	6956	2759	2566	1631	4409	9917	2613	237	728	994	1683	
Total last year	77	1083	6970	2471	2867	1630	4194	9740	2334	284	71	629	1100	
Increase	1	.....	288	.....	1	215	177	279	.....	99	.....	131	172
Decrease	.....	16	14	.....	303	.....	.....	.....	47	71	.....	106	.....

DOVER DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.														
	No. of Sunday-Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars 15 years old and over.	No. of Scholars under 15 yrs old, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	No. S. S. Advocates taken.	No. S. S. Classmates taken.	No. S. S. Journals taken, Officers and Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Probs.	Scholars who are Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions.
Beckwith	2	22	140	60	68	12	78	100	10	.....	6	22	60	50
Bridgville	1	16	109	63	46	.....	90	325	47	.....	15	12	20	.....
Burrsville	4	35	230	100	130	.....	150	62	.....	.....	35	100	4	.....
Cambridge	1	42	374	120	115	139	232	175	119	.....	22	42	39	29
Camden	3	35	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	12	25	35	45	20
Cannon's Crossing	4	58	357	148	128	81	254	677	81	.....	58	55	104	2
Church Creek	1	11	72	29	43	.....	50	200	30	.....	6	36	23	4
Denton	2	40	133	49	55	29	109	.....	65	.....	25	36	45	6
Dover	2	60	585	220	180	185	385	600	324	.....	66	59	140	26
East New Market	3	34	235	108	61	66	146	100	43	8	29	27	45	13
Ellendale	5	40	260	119	81	60	172	400	35	.....	34	71	12	.....
Farmington	4	53	350	133	148	69	250	400	.....	.....	18	46	44	19
Federalburg	4	49	334	133	114	87	242	370	112	.....	36	44	134	35
Felton	4	56	357	140	94	123	229	300	134	70	37	40	59	26
Frederica and Barrett's	2	42	250	77	107	75	155	100	57	.....	18	36	46	70
Galestown	4	51	320	136	86	98	174	178	50	.....	40	44	112	37
Georgetown	2	36	278	75	93	110	150	450	50	7	20	36	20	12
Greenwood	4	57	221	68	104	49	130	227	80	.....	26	49	79	1
Harrington	3	39	332	177	73	82	218	212	91	50	50	11	41	203
Houston	4	63	414	212	154	48	350	308	100	.....	25	60	300	32
Hurlock's	3	34	195	94	65	36	133	100	55	12	13	36	33	110
Leipsic	1	30	260	180	80	.....	30	50	35	25	20	27	7	5
Lewes	3	26	345	160	105	80	170	255	200	75	25	40	26	15
Lincoln	5	43	300	160	100	40	225	450	50	.....	5	45	50	2
Magnolia	3	50	400	170	137	93	275	355	91	.....	10	39	45	40
Millford	2	56	375	185	145	45	255	700	303	.....	45	35	165	.....
Millsboro'	5	53	289	121	118	50	185	149	48	.....	3	48	13	6
Milton	1	26	196	61	60	75	84	200	89	100	100	41	26	32
Nassau	4	39	237	79	117	41	170	355	75	.....	19	39	68	20
Potter's Landing	4	75	254	135	57	62	161	250	30	150	50	70	65	18
Preston	3	38	275	150	80	45	190	160	70	.....	29	35	105	2
Seaford	1	35	203	78	55	70	153	321	76	.....	23	33	13	.....
Vienna	4	35	275	110	115	50	160	90	35	.....	22	40	58	5
Woodlandtown	4	50	300	150	80	70	225	.....	30	.....	30	40	10	.....
Wyoming	4	50	280	80	160	40	210	250	70	.....	34	48	58	3
This year	105	1464	9744	4080	3354	2110	6020	8957	2747	537	200	860	1336	2553
Last year	102	1342	9372	3774	3478	2120	5732	8574	2878	80	44	741	1399	2055
Increase	3	122	372	306	.....	.....	298	383	.....	457	156	119	.....	498
Decrease	.....	.....	.....	124	10	.....	.....	.....	131	.....	.....	63	.....	257

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers & Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages	No. Scholars 15 years old and over.	No. Scholars under 15 yrs. old, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expense of Schools this year.	No. S. S. Advocates taken	No. S. S. Classmates taken	No. S. S. Journals taken.	Officers and Teachers who are Ch. Mem. or Probs.	No. of Scholars who are Members or Probats.	No. of Conversions.
Annessex.....	2	27	200	77	60	63	100	68	41	16	24	37	18		
Asbury.....	1	24	240	100	60	85	130	55	11	18	22	60	37		
Berlin.....	4	25	165	55	99	11	121	175	70	26	5	25	28		
Bethel.....	3	37	366	145	125	96	240	250	112			35	58		
Bishopville.....	3	24	228	40	143	45	130	45	1	1	24	32	28		
Cape Charles City.....	1	10	70	30	25	15	48	80	15		12	10	5		
Chincoteague.....	1	15	90	40	30	20	60	15			4	15	20		
Crisfield.....	1	33	375	155	140	80	250	200	200		35	32	90		
Deal's Island.....	1	22	175	75	65	35	125	175	75		18	18	43		
Delmar.....	4	55	539	235	183	121	265	100	86		15	10	150		
Fairmount.....	3	40	318	155	100	63	200	150	63	30	40	40	130		
Frankford.....	4	56	400	120	200	80	300	380	90		25	40	90		
Fruitland.....	3	18	125	55	50	20	70	20	18	30	3	38	20		
Girdle Tree and Connor.....	3	40	349	145	139	65	163	100	83		15	15	38		
Gumboro.....	4	62	500	150	250	100	250	600	150	8	14	60	100		
Hallwood.....	2	15	90	30	35	25	55	36	15	20	3	12	4		
Holland's Island.....	1	14	72	46	20	6		30	9	9	2	10	22		
Klej Grange.....	2	22	65	20	20	25	50	137	99		25	26	65		
Laurel.....	1	26	240	90	60	90	137	137	40	13		40	60		
Mt. Vernon.....	2	35	262	121	70	71	115	115	52		10	28	55		
Newark.....	3	28	170	70	60	40	115	110			5	35	100		
Onancock.....	4	36	300	100	125	75	200	260	110		3	25	15		
Parksley.....	3	28	125	55	50	20	75	50	20		4	23	15		
Parsonsburg.....	3	33	281	145	35	101	171	101	25		2	20	26		
Pocomoke City.....	1	28	145	40	85	20	100	100	40		16	20	30		
Pocomoke Circuit.....	4	25	150	65	55	30	100	200	31	18	8	22	79		
Powellville.....	1	50	226	79	118	29	169	18	18		4	42	36		
Princess Anne.....	1	9	75	40	22	13	50	350	20		4	9	24		
Quantico.....	4	41	236	104	87	45	114	52	12		10	29	50		
Riverton.....	2	12	80	40	40	60	60	70	60		22	50	106		
Roxanna.....	4	50	320	102	95	100	300	296	152	25	22	31	78		
Salisbury.....	2	33	267	102	70	95	165	296	152	25	22	31	78		
Selbyville.....	1	17	175	79	40	57	130	30	45		5	17	85		
Sharptown.....	1	26	190	85	75	30	160	160	25		1	24	40		
Shortley.....	6	38	237	60	140	37	158	600	40		8	30	20		
Smith's Island.....	4	20	153	90	40	23	100	100	30		19	19	54		
Snow Hill.....	1	19	147	60	44	43	125	394	40		20	19	54		
Somerset.....	2	24	162	64	78	20	90	106	60		20	25	93		
Stockton.....	4	32	252	80	125	45	175	150	75		23	55	30		
St. Peter's.....	3	33	203	76	97	30	25	30	30		23	29	50		
Tangier.....	2	32	200	75	100	25	200	200	31		21	20	45		
Tyaskin.....	2	22	151	60	50	41	105	100	45		25	21	50		
Westover.....	4	22	200	55	120	25	140	325	52		25	20	40		
Total this year.....	114	1284	9314	3498	1033	1908	5915	5345	1472	182	122	528	1107	2243	659
Total last year.....	98	1140	7825	3054	3187	1584	4908	4488	2091	82	47	459	1048	1725	518
Increase.....	16	138	1489	444	125	324	1007	857	100	75	69	59	518	141	
Decrease.....															
Recapitulation by Districts.															
Wilmington.....	67	1279	9891	3858	3318	2551	687	13776	5610	796	123	753	1201	2151	419
Easton.....	78	1067	2759	2566	1631	4409	9917	2985	2613	237		728	994	1683	582
Dover.....	105	1464	9744	4080	3354	2110	6020	8957	2747	537	200	860	1336	2553	657
Salisbury.....	114	1284	9314	3498	1933	1908	5915	5345	1472	182	122	528	1107	2243	659
Total this year.....	364	5094	31708	14002	10236	10978	27939	31063	12442	1752	445	2869	4638	8630	2317
Total last year.....	342	4849	34212	13347	12566	8299	20872	37945	12766	1226	167	2530	4745	7753	1912
Increase.....	22	245	655	655	2670	7067	6540	6540	526	278	339	1133	893	877	405
Decrease.....			2504		2330				6882	324		107			

DISTRICTS.	Number.	EDUCATION.				AMERICAN BIBLE SOC.			
		Cash.	Receipts.	Cash.	Receipts.	Cash.	Receipts.	Cash.	Receipts.
Wilmington.....	\$179	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Easton.....	346	52	457	235	2	74	17	317	
Dover.....	280	2	74	17	317	49	15	7	8
Salisbury.....	234	1	66	211	8	15	7	8	
Totals.....	1336	1	132	673	105	67	214	35	
Last year.....	1088	1	208	1708	398	402	482	44	
Increase.....	248								
Decrease.....	497								
Epis. Fund.									
Maryland.									
Delaware.									
Ch. Ex.									
Tract Society.									
S. S. Union.									
Freedom's Aid.									
Children's Day.									
Conf. Academy.									
Ed. Society.									
Parent Board.									
Maryland.									
Delaware.									
Kent Co.									
Sussex Co.									
Dom. Miss.									
G. C. Ex.									
Ladies Hall.									

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.
RECAPITULATION.

ROLL OF THE DEAD
OF THE
WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

NAMES.	DATE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF DEATH.
Rev. John E. Elliott,	November 8th, 1868,	Snow Hill, Md.
" Thomas J. Quigley, D. D.,	October 19th, 1870,	Laurel, Del.
" Daniel Titlow,	February 7th, 1871,	Philadelphia, Penna.
" Amos A. Ewing,	January 19th, 1872,	Cecil County, Md.
" Alfred Cookman,	..... 1871,	Newark, N. J.
" James Augustus Massey,	July 9th, 1872,	Royal Oak, Talbot Co., Md
" John Brandreth,	October 3d, 1872,	Frankford, Del.
" Thos. Jefferson Thompson, D. D.	November 29th, 1874,	Wilmington, Del.
" Robert E. Kemp,	March 6th, 1875,	Greensboro, Md.
" Wesley Kenney, D. D.,	June 24th, 1875,	Smyrna, Del.
" Henry Sutton,	March 23d, 1876,	Philadelphia, Penna.
" George A. Campbell,	September 7th, 1876,	Frankford, Del.
" John W. Weston,	April 23d, 1877,	Wilmington, Del.
" John D. Curtis,	July 25th, 1877,	Wilmington, Del.
" David R. Thomas,	February 13th, 1878,	Wilmington, Del.
" Andrew J. Crozier,	January 21st, 1879,	Wilmington, Del.
" Joshua Humphriss,	January 23d, 1879,	Salisbury, Md.
" Francis M. Chatham,	May 29th, 1878,	Berlin, Md.
" Edward G. Irwin,	March 12th, 1879,	Wilmington, Del.
" John Hough,	March 27th, 1879,	near Trenton, N. J.
" Thomas J. Williams,	March 29th, 1879,	New Castle, Del.
" Wm. I. Bain,	May 13th, 1880,	Pocomoke City, Md.
" Wm. Urie,	November 13th, 1880,	Smyrna, Del.
" Thomas F. Plummer,	February 2d, 1881,	Wilmington, Del.
" Elijah Miller,	April 15th, 1881,	Sudlersville, Md.
" John W. Pierson,	May 6th, 1881,	Wilmington, Del.
" Francis B. Quigley,	August 19th, 1881,	Hopewell, Md.
" Thomas J. Prettyman,	February 27th, 1882,	Newark, Md.
" Benj. W. Chase,	December 11th, 1882,	Seaford, Del.
" Lucius C. Matlack, D. D.,	June 24th, 1883,	Cambridge, Md.
" Henry Colclazer,	April 12th, 1884,	Camden, Del.
" I. T. Cooper, D. D.,	December 18th, 1884,	Philadelphia, Penna.
" John L. Taft,	May 30th, 1884,	Norristown, Penna.
" John Shilling,	July 22nd, 1884,	Wilmington, Del.
" A. W. Milby,	June 13th, 1886,	Harrington, Del.
" Elon J. Way,	July 5th, 1886,	Baltimore, Md.
" Valentine Gray,	January 21st, 1837,	Gap, Penna.
" Isaiah Johnson,	March 4th, 1887,	Bridgeville, Del.
" Wm. J. O'Neill,	March 9th, 1887,	Church Hill, Md.

IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. Elon Jones Way, M. D.

Rev. Elon Jones Way, M. D., was born in Kennett Square, Chester County, Pennsylvania, July 3rd, 1811, and died at his home 19 South Broadway, Baltimore, Md., July 5th, 1886, having just entered upon his 76th year.

He was educated at Jefferson, Pa., and afterward taught school in Accomac Co. Va., where he also subsequently studied medicine with Dr. Bagwell, of that county.

In the spring of 1840, he joined the Philadelphia Annual Conference on trial, and began the life of a Methodist Itinerant. His classmates were Revs. L. S. Johnson, (now of German Reform Church,) S. C. Palmeter, J. D. Long, Peter Eisenbrey, H. E. Gilroy, J. W. Arthur, Joseph Aspril, Vaughn Smith, D. E. Gardner, S. W. Higgins, M. Oldham, J. C. Cazier.

His first appointment was Naswadux and Indian Town Mission. In 1841 he was sent as Junior preacher to Snow Hill Circuit, 1842 to Salisbury, 1843 to Georgetown, Del., 1844 to Northampton, Va., at which time he studied medicine as above noted. 1845 to Dorchester Circuit, 1846 to Church Creek, 1847 to Milford, Del. In 1848, on account of feeble health, he was granted a Supernumerary relation, but was subsequently employed as Junior preacher on Denton Circuit. In 1849 he was employed on Easton Circuit, and on Talbot in 1850. He was made effective in 1851, and put in charge of Delaware City, where he remained two years.

In 1853 and 1854, he was stationed at Elkton, Md., in 1855 and 1856, at Mariner's Bethel, Philadelphia, 1857 and 1858, at Bristol, Pa., 1859 and 1860, at Sanctuary, Philadelphia, 1861 and 1862, at Delaware City. In 1863 he was appointed Chaplain in the United States Army, and stationed at Fort Delaware, where he remained until the close of the war. In 1866 he took a Supernumerary relation, and retired to private life, making his home in Delaware City. In 1868 when the Wilmington Conference was organized, he became a member of that body. In 1869 he removed to Baltimore, and engaged in the practice of medicine, in which he continued until his death. He took a Superannuated relation in 1879.

Dr. Way was married three times. His first wife was Elizabeth Walters, of Delaware, his second wife was Mary A. Rowen, of Maryland, his third wife was Mrs. Mary F. Robinson, of Delaware City, who survives him.

Bro. Way was a preacher of no mean ability, often rising to heights of great eloquence and power. Although physically frail, he was a speaker of great energy and effectiveness. He was always clear, strong and logical, and a deep spiritual unction marked his sermons, and moved his hearers. In character he was plain and unassuming, detesting frauds of all kinds.

In his intercourse with men he was frank and open, and did not hesitate to administer reproof when it was deserved. He had also a warm, genial nature, that went out in tender sympathy to the sorrowing. His patients used to say, "Dr. Way is a good physician for both soul and body." We remember his visit to our Conference last spring, his venerable appearance and feeble form, his words of love and counsel, as he took his

last farewell of his brethren. But as we felt the touch of his noble nature, it was but natural that we should respond in that beautiful chorus:

"God be with you till we meet again."

On June 30th, he went to see one of his patients, and was taken violently ill. A physician was summoned, and his case found to be beyond medical skill. A severe attack of paralysis had done its work. He lingered until the following Monday morning, and then passed quietly and peacefully to his heavenly rest. In conscious moments, he assured his family and brethren of the ministry, that all was well, saying; "I am on the true foundation—my feet are on the rock, I must go, but I will be waiting at the gate for you."

His remains were brought to Delaware City, where a short service was held in the M. E. Church, in charge of Rev. J. H. Willey, pastor, then laid to rest in the Cemetery near by, to await the dawning of the glorious morning.

Rev. Valentine Gray.

The Rev. Valentine Gray was born in Chester county, Penna., March 26, 1815. Died at the Gap, Lancaster county, Penna., on Friday, January 21, at 2 o'clock A. M., 1887.

His parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Gray, were worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, hence he was trained from early childhood in the doctrines and usages of Methodism.

He was converted on the 11th of September, 1834, at a Camp Meeting, held in his native county, and soon after became convinced that it was his duty to preach the "unsearchable riches of Christ."

On the 3rd of February, 1838, he was licensed to preach. During the ensuing year, preached ninety-nine sermons, averaging nearly two a Sabbath. In the spring of the year 1839 he was received on trial in the Philadelphia Conference, and entered upon his life-work as an itinerant minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

His first appointment in the Conference was to Dauphin Circuit, which then embraced parts of Dauphin, Lancaster and Lebanon counties, with William McCoombs as his colleague. In 1840 to Strasburg Circuit. In 1841 admitted to membership in the Conference and ordained Deacon by Bishop Waugh, and appointed to serve a small place in Kensington, Philadelphia, called "Melody," where he remained only a few months, as the place was unable to sustain itself, and by the advice of the Presiding Elder its members were disbanded. He was then appointed with Brother Henry Sutton in charge, where he spent the rest of the year, in the neighborhood where he was born and raised. In 1842 he was sent to Parrish Street Church, a small frame building in Philadelphia—since absorbed by Sanctuary and Twelfth Street Churches. In September of that year, 1842, he was married to Miss Sarah Taylor, youngest daughter of Francis Taylor, of Lancaster county, Penna. At the Conference held in 1843 he was ordained Elder by Bishop Morris, and appointed to Snow Hill Circuit, with Jonas Bissey as preacher in charge. In 1844 Snow Hill Circuit was divided, and he was appointed to the upper end, called Berlin. In 1845 to Northampton Circuit, Virginia, to which he was returned in 1846, but owing to the bitter hostility to the preachers of the Philadelphia Conference, growing out of the slavery agitation, and resulting in the division of the Church only two years before, he was removed in July to Laurel Circuit, to which he was returned in 1847. In 1848-9 he was appointed to Halifax Circuit, Penna. In 1850-51, Richmond; 1852 to Lehman's Chapel and Fairview. At the end of that year, owing to the failing health of his wife he requested to be appointed in the neighborhood of her father, which request was granted, and he was appointed to Strasburg Circuit the second time. His

wife's health rapidly failed and at the end of the year she died. In 1855-6 he was appointed to Dauphin Circuit the second time. In 1857-8-9 to Mariner's Bethel, Philadelphia. The third year at that time was an exception to the rule. In 1860-1 to Springfield, Pennsylvania; in 1862 to Pottstown Circuit; in 1863-4 to Birdsboro; 1865-6 to Cochranville; 1867-8 to Zion Circuit. At the General Conference in May, 1868, the Philadelphia Conference was divided by State lines and the Wilmington Conference formed of the Peninsula.

Brother Gray being on this side of the line, became a member of the Wilmington Conference, and served the following appointments: 1869-70 Chester Circuit, Pennsylvania; 1871-2 Christiana Circuit, Delaware; 1873-4 Marydel Circuit; 1875 Queenstown Circuit; 1876 Barrett's Chapel and Milford Neck. During this year he was married to Miss Sarah Livingston, of Pennsylvania, who survives him. In 1877-8 he was appointed to Ellendale Circuit; 1879-80 to Millsboro' Circuit; in 1881, at the Conference held in Lewes, Del., on account of impaired health, he felt compelled to ask for a superannuated relation—and when he stood before us to make his request, the spirit he manifested and the remarks he made, so impressed the minds and touched the hearts of many of us, that we shall never forget the occasion. He said he had no grievances to state nor complaints to make against the Bishops, the Presiding Elders or his brethren; they had all treated him kindly and brotherly, and indeed better than he deserved. When he retired from the effective ranks he made his home at Gap, Lancaster county, Pa., where he spent the remaining years of his life, being abundant in labors to the end. For about two months his health had been failing. He took a severe cold which hastened the end. He suffered enlargement of the spleen to four times its normal size, the result of the malaria which drove him from the effective ranks. This enlargement of the spleen resulted in the impoverishment of the blood, causing great weakness. He retained the exercise of all his mental faculties to the last, and being convinced that his earthly career was nearing its close, he prepared a brief statement of his life and work, from which the facts here given are largely gleaned. He expressed a desire, if the Lord's will, that he might live for the good he might do, and for the friends whom he loved. But if God saw best to remove him, it was all right; and in the midst of his intense suffering, just before the end came, he said: "It will soon be done," and in a few moments his spirit departed to be forever with the Lord. Brother Gray was a genial christian gentleman, of deep, solid piety, pure in character and life, conscientious and prudent in his deportment. He was a methodist of the old type—intensely loyal to our Discipline, doctrines and usages. He believed in the time-honored class-meeting as great means of grace, and everywhere urged attendance upon it. His style of preaching was that of the fathers, intensely Biblical, sound in doctrine, earnest in manner, practical in its application.

Brother Gray was four times married—his last wife, one daughter and son, the Rev. J. R. T. Gray, Secretary of the Philadelphia Conference, are left to mourn their loss.

His funeral took place on Tuesday, January 25th, at 2 o'clock P. M. After prayer at the house by the Rev. J. C. Wood, his remains were taken to the Bellevue Presbyterian Church, where he had often preached, and which was kindly offered by the Presbyterian brethren and accepted on account of the inconvenient location of our own. Addresses were delivered by the Revs. J. W. Bradly, and E. T. Yerkes, prayers were offered by Revs. L. D. McClintock and Maris Graves. Lessons were read by the Rev. Arthur Oaks. A large audience attended the services, after which his body was buried in the Cemetery belonging to the Church, near the home which he loved, and where it will rest till the resurrection of the just on the last day.

Rev. A. W. Milby.

Rev. A. W. Milby was born Sept. 15, 1815, at Milton, Del., and died June 13, 1886 at Harrington, Del.

He was converted in early youth and while a student at Dickinson College became convinced that it was his duty to enter the ministry of Christ.

He was graduated from college in 1839, and on Dec. 5, 1841 was licensed as an exhorter by Rev. Joseph Castle in the old Union Church, Philadelphia. He joined the Philadelphia Conference in 1842, and was ordained Deacon by Bishop Morris, April 7th, 1844. He was ordained Elder by Bishop Hedding, April 5th, 1846. On Nov. 11th, 1847, he was married to Rebecca Levis.

The first two years of his ministerial life were spent on Springfield Circuit and New Holland Mission. Then came many years of faithful and laborious service. The churches he served were Haddington, two years; New Castle, two years; Elkton, one year; Georgetown, two years; Laurel two years; Quantico, two years; Princess Anne, two years; Talbot, two years; Manayunk, two years; Reading, two years; Sanctuary, Philadelphia, two years.

At the close of his pastorate at Sanctuary he withdrew from the Conference. After an absence of a year and a half, he returned and served the church at Roxboro. From Roxboro he went to Frederica, where he remained for three years. He was pastor at Chestertown, three years; Laurel, one year; Brandywine, one year; Centreville, one year; Harrington, three years; Denton, two years; Felton, one year. At the Conference of 1883, he was appointed by Bishop Simpson as Presiding Elder of Dover District, and had just entered upon the fourth year of service in that office when his Master called him "up higher"—and after a short illness the service and duties of earth were exchanged for those of heaven.

From the beginning to the end his life was true, upright and faithful, a life upon which it is a pleasure to dwell. His character and influence teach us the beauty and power of truth and righteousness. His purity of heart and generous devotion to others won our admiration and love.

As husband and father he was tender, kind and indulgent. As a Methodist preacher, he was diligent in his work, "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." As Presiding Elder, he possessed the confidence and affection of his brethren.

Bro. Milby was a good man. His was not the goodness which advertises and sounds a trumpet before itself; but the silent, steadfast, inward purpose of doing right; the struggle of the soul to overcome temptation; the secret longing for something better; the hunger and thirst after righteousness which no man sees. It was not the goodness which only says "Lord, Lord," but that which doeth the will of the Heavenly Father; the goodness which makes a man love God with the whole heart, and his neighbor as himself. Arthur Milby's soul was a loving soul; he was a man of warm feeling and tender sympathy; and yet how his sense of injustice flamed against evil and wrong-doing everywhere! How outspoken his indignation at what seemed to him to be injustice and wrong! Though quick to rebuke Pharisaical pretensions and inconsistencies, no man was more careful of the reputation of others. It did not seem to him to be a light thing for men to indulge in contemptuous speech of their fellows in depreciating and fault-finding conversation; in remarks prompted by envy or jealousy; to spread calumnies in the social atmosphere; to secretly undermine reputation, and to put stumbling blocks in the way of youthful aspirations.

When the electric fluid which plays such an important part in the life of things can find a conducting medium, it is drawn down from above to

vitalize air and earth. In Bro. Milby the heavenly truth and divine love found such a medium; and in his life, generous wishes, kindly intentions, honesty of purpose, truth of speech, righteousness was made attractive. He was always ready to defend unpopular truth and to stand by those who were wronged.

More than in any man among us was to be found in him that quality of which the Apostle speaks as "the simplicity that is in Christ." Simplicity, purity and earnestness were his chief characteristics. He acted on the principle that no success in life could compensate for the loss of that sense of conscious integrity that so surely accompanies a life of fidelity and truth. There are places in some of our great northern lakes where you can look down as you sail, and count the pebbles on the bottom sixty feet below you, so transparent is the water. Something like this, it seems to us, was the transparency of the character of our brother. It was without a stain. He was from earliest youth devout, reverend, chaste, pure in spirit. He was incapable of a small or mean action. There were no dark corners in his life to be hid from sight. His motives were always right. *He was pure!* We may lift up his character and say "Behold it!" The freshness, purity and stainlessness of childhood are yet upon it. Thank God, that He does, at times, give us a man whom, without a blush, we can lift up to the great Maker, saying, "Take him again, he is unharmed, he is worthy of Thee." His life was helpful to all who came within the circle of its influence, and his strong individuality impressed itself on others. There are young men here to-day who will go through life with higher purposes and nobler ideals because of the influence of his life.

No man had more the courage of his opinions than he. What his mind thought, that his tongue uttered. His truthfulness was perfect, and if he believed a thing, no mortal power could keep him from expressing it. He was a faithful student, and profound scholar. He never stopped until he had mastered the subject in hand. He built from the bottom, and always builded well. I cannot close this paper without a reference to the man as he appeared to his friends. He was a true friend. His loving heart glowed with steadfast and devoted affection for his friends. A word of kindness, an act of good-will was never forgotten. His soul opened to friendships like the blossoming fruit-tree to the balmy sunshine in June. His friendship once given was not easily withdrawn. Guileless himself, he could not believe that others were deceiving him. Nothing short of demonstration could convince him of the falsity of any man he had admitted to the circle of his friendships. Those of us who knew him well, remember how he was accustomed to dwell among great thoughts, and converse on great themes. When you went to his home, or if he came to your's, he would call your attention to some noble book, or speak of some theme which would lift you into the realm of eternal truth, and you left his presence in higher or happier mood.

If I may alter a little, a stanza of Goethe, written in commendation of Schiller, I would say:

"For he was ours; and may this word of pride,
Drown with its lofty tone pain's bitter cry;
With us, the fierce storm over, he could ride
At anchor in safe harbor, quietly,
Yet onward did his—spirit stride
To beauty, goodness, truth eternally;
And far behind, in mists dissolved away,
That which confines us all—the common lay!

His faith was implicit. He knew his God as he knew the "tranquil beauty of the stars, or the meridian splendor of the sun." He had no fear of death. A laggard, if you please, in the race for reputation and wealth, he had gained a richer inheritance, and, dying, left the partner of his life and home "dowered with the fragrance of an exemplary life, and his children rich in the patrimony of his stainless name."

Rev. William J. O'Neill.

William J. O'Neill was born at Lisburne, a small town near Belfast in Ireland, A. D., 1832.

His father was an officer in the constabulary police or home-guard, and from frequent removals from place to place, he imbibed that love of change, which in after years made itinerant life congenial.

To his father and mother he was indebted for careful, moral, and religious training, and he early learned to study and love the bible, and constantly attended the services of the Protestant Episcopal Church. At the age of sixteen, he came with his parents to America, and settled in Philadelphia. He could not remember when he learned to love Jesus, but in a little Methodist Chapel soon after his arrival in this country, he experienced the fullness and sweetness of Jesus' love for him.

He entered Conference in 1859, and was sent as Junior preacher, first, to Smyrna Circuit, and afterward to Denton and Talbot Circuits. In February 1862, he was appointed Chaplain of the 118th Pennsylvania Regiment, and served in that capacity until the spring of 1865, when the army was disbanded. In that year he was sent as Junior preacher to Greensboro Circuit. In February 1866, he was married to Miss Mary A. Chickering, then a teacher in St. Michaels, Talbot Co., Md., and was sent to Cambridge Circuit. His successive appointments were, Greensboro Circuit, Kent Island, Suddlersville, Snow Hill, Federalsburg, Gumboro, Rising Sun, Millington, Frankford, Princess Anne, and Church Hill.

He was a man who made and held friends by his personal magnetism, and by the sterling qualities of his character. As a preacher he was clear, strong, logical, always fervent, and often eloquent. His individuality was marked, and he was courageously loyal to his convictions of right.

At the close of his third year at Church Hill, he was attacked by that terrible disease, typhoid fever, and after forty-four days of intense suffering, he sweetly fell asleep in Jesus, on the night, March 9th, 1887.

He now rests in the family burial lot at Laurel Hill, Philadelphia, awaiting the resurrection morn.

Rev. Isaiah Johnson.

Isaiah Johnson was a gentle-minded, honest Christian, who did his best to preach the Gospel effectively, and attain a good report among men.

But for a feeble constitution which early yielded to pulmonary trouble, he might have lived take a prominent position in the church. He was intelligent, studious and faithful. His domestic affections were strong, true and constant. His death will prove an irreparable loss to the widow and two children he has left behind. But the event which has proved a bereavement to earth, has furnished an accession to heaven.

He lived and died in the faith, and he is safe on the other shore. It might be asked what has really been lost by the early demise of this young servant of God? Will not the spirit world furnish facilities of wisdom and goodness, more than compensatory of his untimely "taking off"? And will not the sweet memories of his fidelity be a perpetual and salutary stimulus to the loved ones who are waiting to meet him again in the "undiscovered country?"

If this life is preparatory, and God is all-wise, then we are driven to the conclusion that Bro. Johnson made haste to equip himself for the life to come, and he was prepared; the enlargement of his outlook ought to reconcile us to his loss. He was born in the State of New Jersey, on September 1st, 1854, and died in Bridgeville, Del., March 4th, 1887. I quote from an obituary in the Peninsular News of March 12th, as follows;

"His parents removed to this state while he was yet a child, and located near Smyrna, where he spent his boyhood on a farm.

While yet a child, he evinced a desire for books, but his opportunities were limited to the advantages of the District School," except two or three years at the Smyrna Academy. He was converted early, and at the age of twenty-one, he taught school and began to preach.

In 1879 he married Miss Mollie Pierce, daughter of Henry J. Pierce, of Milford, Del.

In 1881 he was admitted on trial in the Wilmington Conference, and sent to Milford Neck; in 1882 he served Ellendale; in 1883-4 Annemessex; in 1885, Appoquinimink; 1886, he took a supernumerary relation, but filled out part of Bro. Muchmore's time at Bridgeville, from which place he went to test the "Grand Secret."

His body is buried at the Odd Fellows Cemetery, at Milford, to remain until the call shall come to stand before an assembled universe, with that select and august company who

"Do good by stealth
And blush to find it fame."

Mrs. Sarah M. Brindle'

On April 27th, while visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Moore, in Talbot county, Maryland, Mrs. Sarah M. Brindle, wife of Rev. Jas. A. Brindle, of Wilmington Conference, died in the 54th year of her age. The daughter of Tubman L. and Sarah Hall, of Somerset county, converted in her 17th year, during a ministerial association at Fairmount, Maryland, sanctified wholly a few years thereafter, her consistent and beautiful life was a benediction to husband and home, to circuit and station for now more than thirty years of their itinerancy. Many sinners were moved by her appeals to turn to the Lord, and many believers were inspired by her example and entreaties to "enter the valley of blessing so sweet." Grave, but not sanctimonious, cheerful, but never trifling, wise in council and full of tender and joyous sympathy, she was a great favorite with the young as well as with those of more mature years. Missed in all church circles, yes, and so missed at home by husband and daughters and son, all of whom partake of her spirit and walk in her footsteps, a wonderful vacuum only possibly and now really supplied by His glorious presence, from whom all her charms and virtues emanated.

Summoned by the illness of her eldest daughter, she hastened like an angel of mercy to relieve and assist her and her family only ten days before her decease. When assured by physicians that her sudden illness would soon be relieved, her hopeful and unselfish nature forbade the notification of loved ones at home until, indeed, it was too late for them to see her alive. But to a visiting pastor and others, her chamber of dying seemed like a coronation room. Her clear intellect, vigorous faith and joyous hope proclaimed death a conquered foe, and herself a daughter of the conquering King.

Leaving messages of affection to absent and now anxious loved ones on earth, her improved vision caught glimpses of her glorious Lord and her loved ones in his presence, leaving a most comforting smile upon the face of clay.

Her remains were brought to Mount Moriah for interment, accompanied by her kindred and delegations from Lewes and Camden, and met by Philadelphia relatives, and Revs. Lybrand and Peterson, who, together with Rev. Hutchin, performed the last sad rites. They sleep now awaiting the resurrection of the just. Truly, the memory of the just is blessed.

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Profoundly grateful to my adorable God and Saviour, for His sustaining grace and tender mercy in preserving my life and health another year, I come to make my last report of the work on the Wilmington District. The uniform and continued kindness of my brothers, both ministerial and lay, and their hearty and zealous co-operation in the work of the Lord, I shall hold in pleasing remembrance. I have presided in 133 quarterly conferences, attended the love-feasts, preached twice, and occasionally, three times each week, and have aided the brethren in their work whenever opportunity offered; I have given my whole time and best attention to the performance of the duties of my office. Bro. E. J. Way, a superannuated member of our Conference, residing in Baltimore, Md., was called to his heavenly home on the 6th of July; and Bro. Valentine Gray, also on the superannuated list, passed peacefully and quietly to the land of rest, on the 21st day of January, full of years, and in labors abundant. The one a son of thunder, the other a son of consolation. "They have reached the bright coast," and "far from a world of grief and sin are with God eternally shut in." The health of Rev. T. S. Williams became impaired during the latter part of the year, and he will ask the Conference for a supernumerary relation; aside from these we have been blessed, and death has not been allowed to invade our homes.

There are 55 churches on the district, valued at \$682,800.00; against these properties their are debts amounting to \$33,175.00. They are insured for \$274,700.00, at an annual cost of \$768.60. Wesley church, on Elk Neck circuit, Principio and Charlestown churches, on Charlestown circuit, and Summit church on St. Georges, are still uninsured. I have repeatedly urged the trustees of these several charges to take action in this matter, but I regret to say they still remain negligent. There are on the district 21 parsonages, valued at \$55,000.00. Every one of these parsonages, except the one at Bethel, is properly deeded to a Board of Trustees; they are all insured for the aggregate amount of \$33,300.00, costing, annually, the sum of \$107.87; against these properties there is a debt of \$11,002.00. Six charges, viz., Chesapeake City, Elkton, Brandywine, Scott, Grace and Swedish Mission, do not own a parsonage, and are, therefore, compelled to rent for the aggregate sum of \$1,297.00. Our Sunday schools number 67, with 1191 officers and teachers, 8672 scholars. The expense for the year is \$4,939.26. The schools are well sustained, the Berean lessons are generally used, and in a number of our schools the catechism is taught. As a partial result of these labors, there have been 347 Sunday school scholars converted during the year. The average salary on the district is between \$700 and \$800. Some of the charges do not use the Disciplinary plan for raising this amount, and some of these, allowing things to go at loose ends and deferring their payments, largely, until the end of the year, resort, then, to oyster suppers, fairs and festivals; such a plan chagrins, humiliates, mortifies and pauperizes the preacher, and robs the church of power. The mission of the Church of Christ is not to appeal to the

appetite, but to educate the heart and conscience, and the church that raises its stewards' funds by oyster suppers, fairs and festivals, fosters the sin of covetousness in the hearts of the people, and is recreant to its mission; the plan of the discipline for this work is, in my judgment, most excellent, and can not be improved; when properly tried I have never known it to fail.

The local option law, adopted in Cecil county, Md., in 1880, contained defects that destroyed its efficiency; the temperance people sought in convention to have the legislature of the state remedy these defects by amendments to the law, but were strongly opposed by men who favored the passage of a restrictive licence law; the result was, the submission of two laws to the popular vote, on the first Tuesday of November last; one, a restrictive licence law, and the other, a rigid prohibitory law; an active campaign was inaugurated, participated in, largely, by the ministers and laymen of our church, residing in that part of the district lying in Cecil county. The prohibitory law was adopted by a majority of 208. Law and order leagues have been organized in every district of the county, to look after its enforcement, and I am glad to say on good authority, Cecil county has prohibition that prohibits.

Some success has been achieved in paying old debts; Grace Church under the pastoral care of Dr. Todd, paid this year, on account of floating debt, \$3,503.66. Mt. Salem's old debt of \$1,000.00, through the exertion of the pastor, Rev. R. C. Jones, has been reduced to \$500.00, and \$400.00 of the remaining \$500.00, have been provided for by subscription. Scott's bonded debt of \$2,600.00, through a plan vigorously worked by the pastor, Rev. N. M. Browne, has been reduced \$1,000.00, and \$111.00 of the remaining \$1,600.00, are already in the savings fund. The Trustees of Asbury have paid \$400.00 on their debt. At the beginning of the year, there was a debt of \$1,750.00 against the Union Church parsonage; it has been decreased by the payment of \$150.00. Of the \$850.00 against the Claymont parsonage, they have paid \$100.00. Elk Neck has freed its parsonage from debt by paying \$145.00. Delaware City, beside paying a debt of \$500.00 on its parsonage, has built a beautiful chapel, 30 x 52 feet, at a cost of about \$2,000.00. It is seated with chairs, and lighted by ten stained windows of beautiful design. It furnishes splendid accommodations for social meetings, and the Sunday School. There is a debt of one thousand dollars. The members and friends of Chesapeake City, have re-built Old Bethesda on the Manor. The original structure was built in 1772, by Richard Wright; it was re-built in 1834, the frame of the second being made of the logs of the first. It was re-built in 1886, at a cost of \$900.00, the frame of the former house being used in the present one. It was dedicated on the 21st of November free from debt. In my last report, I stated the Edgemoor Company had signified their willingness to donate a lot, 60 x 100 feet to the Trustees of our church at that place. The deed has been executed in proper form, a church costing about \$2,500.00, and 28 x 42 feet, is in course of erection, and will, doubtless, be dedicated in the early spring. With \$200.00 already secured from the Board of Church Extension, they expect to dedicate the building free from debt. The little Society of Wesley Church, Wilmington, has purchased a lot at the corner of Jackson and Linden streets, and have laid the corner stone of a house, 50 x 70 feet. After spending about \$1,300.00, they were compelled to suspend operations until spring. Improvements are contemplated at Union Church, on Zion Circuit, and \$650.00 have been raised. In the early autumn, the church at Red Lion was greatly improved and beautified, painted inside and out, new pulpit furniture, and a carpet covering the entire floor. The cost of the improvement was about \$700.00, all of which was secured in cash and subscription on the day of re-opening. Sunday evening December 26th, it was discovered, to the great consternation of the people, that the church was on fire; hard work overcame the flames, but not until damage to the amount of \$800.00 had been done. There was an insurance sufficient to meet the loss, the company promptly paid it, and Red Lion Church, now is more beautiful than before, and is free from

debt. St. Paul's, Wilmington, required more room, and better accommodations for their growing Sunday School; they have built an extension on the west end of the church, to the line of Shipley street; the room is 48 x 72 feet; this gives space for 24 additional classes in the Sunday School; new patent seats have been put in, two large heaters set in place, and a new carpet put down. The walls have been tastefully painted, illuminated with suitable texts, the Apostles' Creed, and Ten Commandments. In the second story of the addition, are rooms for the infant school and bible class. The cost of these improvements was \$6,000.00, and to the great delight of all, this sum was provided for on the day of re-opening, March 6th. The success of this enterprise is due, largely, to the pastor, Rev. W. L. S. Murray, and to the zeal, energy, and liberality of that large hearted, and public spirited layman, Joseph Pyle. At Rising Sun a beautiful parsonage has been built, the main building 22 x 28 feet, two stories, and an attic, with kitchen attached and pump under cover; the house is nicely furnished, and has admirable heating arrangements. The whole cost of the building is \$2,500.00, of this amount, \$1,347.11 have been paid, and the remaining \$1,152.89 have been provided for, with the exception of \$500.00. Remember that Rising Sun was constituted a station at the last session of the Conference, and wonderfully increased financial responsibilities were thus imposed upon the people there, and the building of this parsonage is a magnificent success, attributable to the untiring energy of the pastor, Rev. Isaac Jewell. New Castle Church has been painted inside and out, at a cost of \$311.00. Incidental improvements have been made in Scott, North East, and Epworth, aggregating \$278.00.

The reports of the Class Leaders show only an average attendance of one-fourth of the membership, upon the class services. Revival meetings have been held in all the charges, some of the pastors have been engaged in extra meetings, from three to four months; the results have not been as large as we could desire, yet we rejoice that God's saving power has been made known in our midst, and some who were "aliens and strangers to the commonwealth of Israel, are now fellow citizens with the saints, and members of the household of God." The results are as follows: North East, 80 conversions; Mt. Salem, 77; Chesapeake City, 65; St. Paul's, 70; Asbury, 68; Brandywine, 65; Elkton, 56; Union, 40; Elk Neck, 36; Newark and Wesley, 35; Wesley, Wilmington, 31; Christiana, 30; Grace, 25; Port Deposit, 25; and others, whose number is less than 20, aggregating 180, making a total of 883.

We have had to contend with many things calculated to affect unfavorably, the church benevolences. A succession of stormy sundays, labor troubles unsettling business, fire and flood; but the brethren have looked after these interests with commendable faithfulness. The missionary plan has been worked to a very considerable extent. The schools are organized into missionary societies, sermons have been preached on the subject of missions, and collections have been taken in the congregations.

The apportionment to this Conference, made by the general Missionary Committee, on the million dollar line, is \$20,400.00. In the distribution of this apportionment to the several districts, it was agreed by the Presiding Elders that the Wilmington District should be apportioned \$8,370.00; we have raised \$8,664.75, thus exceeding the apportionment \$275.75 and advancing \$1,138.75 beyond the collection last year. Having met the apportionment made by the proper authorities, the Wilmington District is on the million dollar line. The record of the district, as compared with 1884, is as follows:

Bethel and Glasgow, in 1884, gave \$40.00, in 1887, \$62.00, an advance of 55 per cent.; Charlestown, in 1884, gave \$19.00, in 1887, \$60.00, an advance of 215 per cent.; Cherry Hill, in 1884, gave \$50.00, in 1887, \$135.00, an advance of 170 per cent.; Chesapeake City, in 1884, gave \$32.59, in 1887, \$80.00, an advance of 111 per cent.; Chester, in 1884, gave \$50.00, in 1887, \$58.00, an advance of 16 per cent.; Christiana, in 1884, gave \$25.00, in 1887, \$50.00, an advance of 100 per cent.; Claymont, in 1884, gave \$35.00, in 1887, \$47.75, an

advance of 36 per cent.; Delaware City, in 1884, gave \$40.00, in 1887, \$125.00, an advance of 212 per cent.; Elkton, in 1884, gave \$284.00, in 1887, \$361.00, an advance of 27 per cent.; Elk Neck, in 1884, gave \$10.00, in 1887, \$30.00, an advance of 200 per cent.; Mt. Lebanon, in 1884, gave \$15.00, in 1887, \$50.00, an advance of 233 per cent.; Mt. Pleasant, in 1884, gave \$26.00, in 1887, \$62.00, an advance of 138 per cent.; Newark and Wesley, 1884, gave \$100.00, in 1887, \$175.00, an advance of 75 per cent.; New Castle, in 1884, gave \$108.00, in 1887, \$216.00, an advance of 100 per cent.; Newport and Stanton, in 1884, gave \$125.00, in 1887, \$200.00, an advance of 60 per cent.; Port Deposit, in 1884, gave \$270.00, and although visited by two floods, spreading desolation everywhere, they lay down upon God's altar for this work, \$274.00; Red Lion, in 1884, gave \$29.00, in 1887, \$50.00, an advance of 72 per cent.; Rising Sun Circuit, in 1884, embraced what is now, Rising Sun, Hopewell, Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant, in 1884, the circuit gave \$40.00, their appointments aggregate in 1887, \$154.00, an advance of 285 per cent.; St. George's, in 1884, gave \$40.00, in 1887, \$91.00, an advance of 127 per cent.; Asbury, in 1884, gave \$900.00, in 1887, \$1015.00, an advance of 12 per cent.; Brandywine, in 1884, gave \$40.00, in 1887, \$125.00, an advance of 212 per cent.; Epworth, in 1884, gave \$25.00, in 1887, \$40.00, an advance of 60 per cent.; Madeley, in 1884, nothing, in 1887, \$30.00; Mt. Salem in 1884, gave \$155.00, in 1887, \$214.00, an advance of 38 per cent.; St. Paul's in 1884, gave \$500.00, in 1887, \$700.00, an advance of 40 per cent.; Scott, in 1884, gave \$128.00, in 1887, \$225.00, an advance of 75 per cent.; Swedish mission, in 1884, gave nothing, in 1887, \$17.00; Union, in 1884, gave \$418.00, in 1887, \$487.00, an advance of 14 per cent.; Zion, in 1884, gave \$125.00, in 1887, \$187.00, an advance of 49 per cent. The district with Grace church not mentioned has advanced more than 51 per cent since 1884, and is therefore beyond the million dollar line, but Grace Church gives \$3103.00. They have 477 members and 15 probationers; they give \$6.12 per capita. Splendid sums of this sort these princes in Israel have been consecrating to this work for years. Is there a man in the world who will say that an average of \$6.00 per member and probationer whether given before 1884 or after 1884 is not beyond the million dollar line? These liberal laymen of Grace Church were on the million dollar line long before the cry "a million for missions," was heard in our Methodism. Our average on the district, per member and probationer, is \$1.22. Grace, Asbury, Newark, Newport, Mt. Lebanon, Hockessin, Charlestown, Madeley and St. Pauls, have reached, and Bethel, Cherry Hill, Delaware City, Elk Neck, Mt. Pleasant, New Castle, Rising Sun, St. George's, Madeley, Scott, Union, Claymont, and Swedish Mission have exceeded their apportionment for missions, while Bethel and Glasgow, Elk Neck, Elkton, Hopewell, Mt. Pleasant, New Castle, Brandywine, Grace, St. Paul's and Cherry Hill have met their apportionment for the seven benevolences, and are fairly on the roll of honor. We have raised for Church Extension, \$750.00; for Freedman's Aid, \$552.00; for Education, \$491.00; for Bible, \$239.00; for Tract, \$159.00; for Sunday School Union, \$159.00; for Episcopal Fund, \$471.00; for Conference Claimants, \$1717.00; for General Conference Expenses, \$283.00; for Domestic Missions, \$308.00; for Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, \$922.00, and for Woman's Home Missionary Society, \$579.05. The reports received from the brethren show no blanks on the Wilmington District, to say nothing of what has been raised to pay the salaries of sextons, to meet the cost of light and fuel, and other incidental expenses. We have raised for building and improving church and parsonage property, for insuring churches and parsonages, for the payment of debts, for ministerial support, for the benevolences of the church, and other collections, the aggregate sum of \$67,820.00, an average of 10 dollars per member.

Four years ago, Bishop Simpson appointed me to succeed Dr. Matlack to the Presiding Eldership of this district. Through the great mercy of God, we have been able to make some advancement, and if it be lawful to institute comparisons let the Conference indulge me a moment. When I came to the district in 1883,

there were 52 churches valued at \$597,700.00, now we have 55, valued at \$682,800.00; then there were 17 parsonages, valued at \$41,200.00, now there are 21 parsonages, valued at \$55,000.00; then we had 6244 members, now we have 6782; then the District gave \$6,629.78, to missions, now it gives \$8,664.75; then it gave \$366.07, for Church Extension, now it gives, \$717.00, an advance of 65 per cent.; then it gave \$162.50, for Education, now it gives \$531.00, an advance of 201 per cent.; then it gave \$150.59 to the Bible Society, now it gives \$239.00, an advance of 52 per cent.; then it gave \$97.03 to the Tract Society, now it gives \$190.00, an advance of 63 per cent.; then it gave \$107.27 for Sunday School Union, now it gives \$159.00, an advance of 48 per cent.; then it gave to the Freedman's Aid \$329.55, now it gives \$552.00, an advance of 60 per cent.

There are 335 Christian Advocates taken. As I leave the District to other hands, I am glad to say that harmony pervades our bound, and as we look upon the results of the labor performed on the District, while we feel thankful that God has placed upon us the honor of being workers together with Him, in bringing this world to Christ, we would say in the fullness of our soul, for I feel confident that I speak the sentiment of my brethren, not unto us, but unto Him, who has given us a measure of success, be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end, Amen.

CHAS. HILL, P. E.

EASTON DISTRICT.

In presenting this, my second annual report of the state of the work on Easton District, I make grateful mention of the Mercy of God, and of the uniform kindness and help extended to me by both the Ministry and Laity.

At the last session of Conference four appointments were left to be supplied, viz: Kings Creek, Talbot, Sassafras and Massey's Mission. Kings Creek was supplied by T. E. Bell, a supernumerary preacher of the Conference. Talbot by D. Gollie, a local preacher, Sassafras by the transfer, with the Bishop's consent, of W. R. Mowbray, from Salisbury District. And Massey's Mission by the appointment of C. K. Morris, an acceptable and efficient local preacher.

The health of the preachers, with two exceptions, has been very good. Brother J. D. Rigg, in the early part of the winter was very sick, and after recovering from his severe illness came very near losing his life from an accident, but through the blessing of God he has nearly recovered his accustomed health and strength. Brother W. J. O'Neill, who, for 27 years, has not failed to answer at the roll call of the Conference, has, within the last two weeks, passed away from labor to reward. He died March the 9th, 1887. A suitable memoir will be presented at the proper time.

The past conference year, although one of heavy financial pressure on some parts of our District, has witnessed considerable church and parsonage improvement. At Easton, our church, under the charge of H. S. Thompson, has been put in complete repair. An addition to the rear of the building has supplied them with an organ gallery and an additional room for Sabbath School purposes. The main audience room has been so altered and refurnished as to give them a most beautiful temple in which to worship the Lord. Their improvements cost \$500, nearly all of which has been provided for.

St. Michaels Church, under the care of J. O. Sypherd, has also undergone extensive repairs, which have greatly improved and beautified the audience room. The cost, \$2,500, is covered by reliable subscriptions.

Ferry Neck Church, on Royal Oak Circuit, of which I. L. Wood is pastor, has been repainted and frescoed. The expenses were met by a legacy left for that purpose by one of their deceased members.

Bridgetown Church, W. W. Sharp, pastor, through the kindness of John A. Clough, formerly of that place, but now of Denver, Colorado, has been

greatly improved and beautified. On Pomona Circuit, J. M. Lindale, pastor, Walton's Church has been enlarged at a cost of \$400. The good effect of such improvement is seen in the increased attendance upon the church services. Townsend Church, under the care of E. P. Roberts, has been enlarged by the building of an extension which provides a room for class and prayer meeting services. The exterior of the church at Chestertown has been repaired at a cost of \$358. The Church at Masseys has also been repaired and put in good order. The same may be said of the Broad Creek Church, on Talbot Circuit. On Kent Island, J. E. Kidney, pastor, Kingsley Chapel, in process of erection at our last session of Conference, has been completed and dedicated, and the cost of building provided for. The lecture room of the Middletown Church, R. H. Adams, pastor, has been improved and beautified, making it a most beautiful home for their growing Sabbath School. The cost of the improvement has been met by the school. Electric light has been introduced into this church. The Golt Church on the Massey Mission has been relieved of the burden of its debt by the Church Extension Society donating \$200, and the friends of the Mission contributing the remaining \$400. Old church debts have been liquidated in the following amounts, viz: Oxford, \$250; Marydel \$275, and Trappe \$300.

Three new parsonages have been built on the District during the year. One at Marydel, one at Bayside and Tilghman Charge, and the other at Ingleside. Two of these are occupied by the preachers and their families, and the one at Ingleside will soon be completed and ready for occupancy. The parsonage at Chestertown has been improved at a cost of \$1150. The parsonage property at Royal Oak has been improved to the extent of \$400. Improvements have also been made on and in parsonages at Centreville, Cecilton, Sudlersville, Hillsboro, Appoquinimink, Still Pond, and Smyrna circuit, so that nearly all our preachers and their families are enjoying a good degree of comfort in their homes. These improvements made to churches and parsonages have, I apprehend, interfered a little with our benevolent collections. At the beginning of the present conference year I deemed it to be my duty as Presiding Elder to ask the churches of the District to make an advance in their contributions to the various church benevolences, and to this end I apportioned the amounts to be raised to the several charges. The demand made on the churches was much larger than in any former year. Some of the churches have responded nobly, but others, whilst not ignoring the claim, have not responded so liberally. We believe, however, that the advance made this year is a solid promise that better things will be accomplished in the future. We had hoped to reach the "million line" in the Missionary collection, but whilst we fail to reach that line the collection will show a decided improvement over the past. Last year the Missionary collection for Easton District was \$3,403, this year the collection amounts to \$4,130—an advance over last year of \$727. Nearly all of the other collections will show an advance in like proportion with the Missionary collection.

The following charges have raised their full apportionments, and are on the "million line," viz: Hillsboro, Smyrna, Cecilton, Ingleside, Middletown, Rock Hall, Sudlersville, Talbot, Bayside and Tilghman, Millington and Trappe.

Still Pond, Oxford, Marydel, Church Hill, Sassafras and Odessa are on the "million line" with their Missionary collection, but not quite up to the apportionment on the other collections.

The charges which have not reached their apportionments but have made advances over last year are, St. Michaels, Centreville, Pomona, Townsend, Greensboro, Smyrna Circuit, Queenstown, Kings Creek and Crumpton.

In the few places where there has been failure, it has not been so much the fault of the ministers, or for want of effort on their part, as for the lack of education, among the masses of the people, on the line of Christian giving.

But the best of all remains yet to be told, and it is found in the fact that God has been graciously reviving his work on Easton District. Not that we have witnessed the full measure of success desired, yet we can truly say that the Lord

has been with his people and prospered the work of their hands. Last year we reported 893 conversions. This year it is our privilege to report 1360—an increase over last year of 471. It will be seen from this statement that the pastors and churches, without help from abroad, by their faith and energetic work, have demonstrated that the Methodist Episcopal Church and her Ministers are spiritually alive, and steadily marching forward to the conquest of the world for our Lord Jesus Christ. Special mention may be made of Smyrna Station, where 140 have professed conversion. Also, Middletown, 130; Millington, 118; Cecilton, 109; Bayside and Tilghman, 100; Rock Hall, 80; Talbot, 80; Kent Island, 60; St. Michaels, 56; Centreville, 52; Crumpton, 45; Ingleside, 47; Appoquinimink, 45; and others, although not quite so successful in winning souls, have been graciously revived.

As might be expected, the Sabbath Schools have shared largely in the benefits of this revival. Hundreds of the scholars have been gathered into the fold, and if properly nourished will grow up to be useful men and women in the church. The Church Catechism is being taught in many of our schools, but not in all. In some parts of our field great complaint is made of the lack of intelligent, faithful teachers, whilst in other parts of the District the Sabbath School work is nobly sustained. At Odessa and Greensboro the superintendents reported that during the past year every officer and teacher had been prompt and faithful in attendance. At Odessa, the superintendent, G. W. Townsend, Esq., son-in-law of our late beloved Bishop Scott, reports that the school has made a year's subscription for a sufficient number of copies of the *Youth* to place a copy in every family represented in the school.

With the quickening of the spiritual life of the Church comes a deeper and broader interest in the Class Meetings of our beloved Zion. And it affords me great pleasure to report an advance in attendance upon class meetings over last year. The day of class meetings is not passed, if we but keep alive the fires of God's love in the hearts of our Methodist people.

The great moral reform going forward in the land in the line of the Temperance question has neither been forgotten nor overlooked. Local option prevails in all the territory embraced by Easton District, excepting that part which extends into the State of Delaware, and two small districts, one in Queen Anne's and the other in Talbot county, Md., and from personal observation I can testify to its salutary influence upon society at large. One case will serve as an illustration: Church Hill, Queen Anne's county was, a few years ago, famous for its drunkenness, lawlessness and crime, but now, under the benign influence of Local Option, has become one of the most moral and respectable towns on the Eastern shore. And the same may be said of all our Local Option towns. A sad contrast is found in many of the towns of Delaware, where, especially on Saturday nights, the bar-rooms are crowded with black and white, spending their week's hard earnings and rendering the early hours of the Sabbath hideous by their drunken brawls. Even in Delaware, however, the tide of Prohibition is rising, as was clearly evinced at the recent State election. The Methodist Episcopal Church, to be true to her history and commission, can but stand forth as the Champion of Morality and Righteousness, and as the uncompromising foe of evil in all its forms, until the Kingdom of Christ shall prevail, and Righteousness cover the earth as the waters cover the face of the great deep.

JOHN FRANCE, P. E.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Rev. A. W. Milby, Presiding Elder of Dover District, fell sick soon after the adjournment of the Conference, and died June 13th, 1886. A suitable memoir will be presented at the proper time.

I was commissioned by Bishop W. F. Mallalieu and took charge of the district "July 12, (12 M.), 1886." I have tried, during the nine months of my administration, to learn and do the duties of the office.

In preparing the following report I have endeavored to avoid what seems to me to be a growing tendency, namely: to make the Presiding Elders' reports duplicates of the statistical department of the Minutes. Therefore, what follows is introductory to the reports of the pastors as recorded in the statistical department.

My appointment caused a vacancy at Denton which I filled by appointing to the place, Rev. R. F. Bishop, a supernumerary of the Baltimore Conference.

Bro. Bishop did us good work while at Denton. He has returned to his own Conference. The next change was at Bridgeville, where Rev. L. J. Muchmore fell sick and resigned his charge. Bro. I. D. Johnson, a supernumerary of our own Conference, was placed in charge, and he, too, soon failed in health, and died, March 4th, 1887. His memoir will be read at the memorial service.

SISTER BRINDLE'S DEATH.

Mrs. Sarah M. Brindle, beloved wife of Rev. James A. Brindle, died, April 27, 1886. Bro. W. H. Hutchin will read her memoir at the proper time.

FINANCIAL EMBARRASSMENT.

The financial embarrassment of the people, caused by the loss of crops, has been a severe blow to the finances of the district. The peach crop was a total failure, and the corn crop was so short as to compel many farmers to buy corn for home use. The pastors have worked hard, and if there is shortage in the collections, it will be due to the poverty of the people, and not to the lack of effort upon the part of the pastors. The indications are, however, that the collections will be largely in advance of last year.

IMPROVEMENTS IN CHURCH PROPERTY.

Three new churches have been built during the year.

The first one was on Woodlandtown circuit, Zion by name, and takes the place and name of the old church. It cost \$1,800, and is in possession of two blessings, namely, no debt, and cushioned pews.

The second new church was built on Galestown circuit and takes the place and name of the old church. It is finished in good style and has a handsome suit of furniture. The cost was \$1,325.

The Third new church is located at Secretary Creek, on East New Market charge; its cost will be, when finished, about \$600. For this timely advance much credit is due to Bros. P. H. Rawlins and L. C. Andrews.

CHURCHES REPAIRED.

The lecture-room of our church, at Milford, has been renovated and frescoed at a cost of \$300, and is now one of the handsome places for social church work.

St. Thomas, on Woodlandtown circuit, has been repaired at a cost of \$300.

Wesley, an old church within the bounds of Woodlandtown circuit, which has been shut for about eight years, has been thoroughly repaired and will be placed on the circuit again. Mr. William T. Andrews, a merchant at Lakesville, is the man to whom we owe our thanks for this work.

Masden's, on Harrington circuit, has been refurnished at a cost of \$80.

BUILDING LOTS DONATED.

Bro. E. M. Stevenson, of Dover, has presented to Dover Methodism a lot valued at \$600, on which a chapel is to be erected.

Bro. W. S. Barger has made an offer to donate a lot at Woodside, Delaware, large enough for church and parsonage at that place. His gift will be accepted.

PARSONAGES.

Burrsville circuit has bought a property with six acres of ground. The next thing that ought to be done is to sell the house and land and build a parsonage in the village.

Farmington circuit has bought a parsonage at a cost of \$800, and improved the same at a cost of \$180.

Fire Insurance:—After receiving a blank from the Church Extension Society, I made a canvass of the district and found that we have \$113,325 insurance on churches, and \$27,700 insurance on parsonages. A letter from the Church Extension Society says, Dover District was first in the Wilmington Conference to report, and tenth in the church at large.

Ladies' Hall:—The action of the last Conference made it the duty of "each preacher in charge, to 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" on the Conference Academy grounds at Dover:—To this matter I gave my personal attention, and am pleased to note the fact that a card from Miss R. A. Day says, "All the charges on Dover District have sent committees for Ladies' Hall."

THE MILLION LINE.

The following named charges have passed the million line:—Ellendale, Leipsic, Woodlandtown, Wyoming, Hurlock, Vienna, Greenwood, Harrington, Burrsville, Felton, Magnolia, Galestown, Seaford, Church Creek, Preston, Georgetown, Nassau, Cambridge. Amount collected last year was \$2,686, amount collected this year, \$3,100, an advance of \$414.

LOVE FEAST,

As usually held in one room churches, often fail or fall short of the high standard of power reached in former times. I have hit upon a plan by which I hope to improve the state of the case. It is to preach an hour earlier than the usual time, and hold the love feast after the sermon. Then all leave who so desire, and they who remain are quiet and thoughtful, being freed from interruption by persons coming in. This plan has the advantage of whatever power is generated by the sermon. Results justify a further trial.

NEW WORK.

Viola has been placed under the pastoral charge of Rev. V. S. Collins, the pastor at Felton. A class has been formed and a Sunday school organized and the work is full of promise.

Woodside has been taken up and a Sunday school organized preparatory to making it a preaching appointment at the beginning of next Conference year.

At Hurlock, meetings are held in a hall, and a church building will soon occupy the ground.

Secretary Creek, also a new field, has a Sunday school, class meeting and preaching service, all held in a new church.

DEBT-PAYING.

The opening of the Conference year found our beautiful church at Cambridge groaning under a debt of \$5,000. Bro. A. Smith and his brave band of Methodist heroes have collected and paid \$1723; and have a plan that is full of faithful promise to pay all of that debt in two and a half years. Hurlock has paid \$400; Wyoming, \$200; Dover, \$450; Leipsic, \$125; Denton, on parsonage debt, \$370.

The largest advance in collections, made on the district, is at Felton, and is 123 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. over last year.

THE QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

We entered upon the work of the district with a desire to take care of and advance the whole work; hence, have not run any one thing as a specialty. The quarterly Conferences have been supplied with blanks, and we have insisted on having reports from all who were due them, to the quarterly Conferences. This or some other cause has worked a large increase in attendance. The Cambridge quarterly Conference was the first to reach the maximum and present a full and complete set of reports. All the other charges on the district are going on unto perfection.

THE BANNER CLASS.

This was a little device designed to improve class-attendance and has worked some good. It has the promise of all new things, namely, it may, and it may not, work permanent good.

The banner class of the district is located at Viola, on Felton circuit. Rev. V. S. Collins is the pastor, and Bro. F. Friedel is the class leader. The second best average was made by Rev. G. W. Burke's class at Federalsburg.

LITERARY.

We have several Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circles on the district. They are a blessing to their patrons. We recommend the formation of a Dover District organization, with head-quarters at such place as may be elected, and that annual meetings be held on Camden camp ground.

Revivals:—The year has been one of special revival of religion, and a large number of probationers will be reported by the pastors. 863 were reported last year. The reports in hand justify me in saying that about 1,600 will be reported this year. Bro. T. H. Haynes heads the district with 200. Bro. John Warthman follows with 160.

Report of our Institution.

Name, Wilmington Conference Academy; grade, secondary

Principal.....	W. L. Gooding, A. M.
Founded.....	1873
Number of Teachers.....	8
Number of Students.....	178
Number of Graduates.....	92
Number of Graduates in the Ministry.....	5
Number of Undergraduates in the Ministry.....	15
Value of property.....	\$60,000 00
Indebtedness.....	9,900 00
Volumes in Library.....	1,500
Value of Apparatus.....	\$150 00
Number of Botanical and Geological Specimens.....	1,500
Income from Board and Tuition.....	\$15,255 83
Expense.....	12,067 80
Rental $\frac{1}{2}$	1,062 68

T. O. AYRES, P. E.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

In the presentation of this paper permit me to

CORRECT MISTAKES.

The Minutes of last year show 942 probationers, instead of 1,042, as a correct addition would have made it.

Our charge had a report of \$44 deficiency on the pastors' support, but the Presiding Elder's claim is reported as paid in full. In this as in every case where

the difference has been in favor of the Presiding Elder, it has been adjusted on the pro rata basis.

CHANGE OF PASTORS.

After the adjournment last year, a single change was deemed expedient, necessitating the following re-adjustments; the Bishop and all parties consenting: Rev. E. H. Derrickson, who volunteered for the new work at Cape Charles, consented to take Newark. Brother Olin S. Walton, on the same voluntary principle, vacated Stockton, for Cape Charles City, and Brother Valiant of Newark, removed to Stockton.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt, not being able to reach his work at Pocomoke Circuit, until after his graduation at St. John's in June, the circuit was supplied by Rev. Zach. H. Webster, a local preacher, who was retained throughout the year, and Brother Wyatt sent to Chincoteague, after leaving school, in place of Brother Wm. S. Mowbray, who was consigned to the more tender mercies of Brother France.

Rev. Wm. P. Taylor was released, to take a course at Dickinson College, and the place supplied by one who was removed at the expiration of three months. The work was then put in the care of Brother Miller of Sharptown, until Brother Ethan F. Staats came from Boston University two months ago, when he received this assignment.

Tangier Island, supplied by George A. Scott, who, resigning in July, was followed by Wm. K. Galloway, until he ran his especial and glorious course of evangelistic work. After which he was associated with A. D. Davis at Accomac, and Samuel J. Morris, a traveling Elder of the M. E. Church, South, withdrawing from that communion, and uniting with us, was put in charge.

The justification for these changes will be found in the reports of the appointments concerned. It can be seen that much of the embarrassment experienced, has been occasioned by an inadequate supply of preachers.

THE STATISTICS OF MEMBERSHIP

in a few cases may show a decrease even over a space of three years. This is not because of actual decadence, but from severity of accuracy, superinduced by the per capita tabulations of the Rev. J. W. Young, A. M., on the collections. This bids fair not only to revolutionize the church on the Benevolences, as it is grandly doing, but also to perfect our book-keeping, until every unit of the tables shall represent a bona fide member or probationer. It caused more than 1000 superfluous names to disappear from our register in 1885, and the brethren are still going for accuracy rather than numbers.

From the probationers list in about every case those to be dropped have been so disposed of before conference. This method does not give so favorable a present showing, but ought to prevent shrinkage in the future. Concerning the

TIMES FINANCIALLY,

during the Quadrennium, we may say, that the first year, ending in 1884, was one of fatness. The three remaining have been the severest known to this territory for many years, and that in the order of diminuendo. Excepting a few spots in Somerset, the present year has been the severest known. I have for the past three months made inquiry of business men, and with results confirmatory of the statement above. With this condition of things in mind, the fiscal doings of these ministers and people, for the work of the Master, need no adjectives from me to commend them to your approval.

THE GREAT EVENTS OF THE YEAR HAVE BEEN,

1. The presence and burning utterances of Dr. Wm. Butler at five Missionary conventions in July. Though no collections were taken, they must have been greatly helped by the startling facts and eloquent appeals presented by this man of God.

2. The visit of Bishop Mallalieu in November, who for seven days went to and fro to encourage the hearts of his brethren. Salisbury, shortly after the fire was comforted by his presence. Then through the Virginia work and to Deal's Island and Princess Anne, in seven days, preaching and making addresses thirteen times.

This work will long feel the influence of his presence. Nearly 100 rose for prayer during this itinerary.

If delicacy permit me may I not mention:

3. This Conference at Crisfield and the presence of a Bishop, with bucket in hand, upon a ladder throwing water and leading his preachers in defending the town from the ravages of the fire demon. Certainly the tree of our Methodism is not decaying at the top. Who can be a laggard under the leadership which says "COME!" Men are drawn to us only when we are lifted up in holy effort. "He saved others, himself he cannot save," is as true to-day as when the Pharisee spake more wisely than he knew.

SALISBURY DISTRICT

consists of 43 charges, lying in three States and seven counties, and covering an area of about 2,500 square miles.

As the long roll of these charges is called, let not Conference grudge an inch of space nor a minute of time to each of my brethren, who, with self sacrificing devotion and glorious success, like their fellows upon other Districts, have toiled all the year and caught something. These reports will become history in the near future. The generations to follow will be interested in the achievements of the present. Then let it be known that in this year, hard for many reasons, these captains of hundreds have increased their efforts beyond the stringency of the times, and the people, catching the inspiration of their leaders, have gone forward to greater things than ever achieved before, upon all lines of salvation.

SUSSEX COUNTY, DEL.

We share with Dover District, eight of the appointments falling within our lines.

Of Preachers in

THE THIRD YEAR.

1. At Bethel, Brother A. T. Melvin has seen the membership increase during his pastorate. Sixty souls have been won to Jesus this year, of whom 45 remain on probation, with an increase of 28 per cent. in membership. The benevolences are 14 per cent. more than last year, and 560 pastoral visits have been made. This pastor leads all his brethren, in that he has six Sunday Schools, while but three churches, and the largest per centage of scholars in perhaps any old charge in the Conference. This is a most worthy distinction, inasmuch as it mortgages the future to a Methodist Episcopal foreclosure.

2. In Laurel, F. C. McSorley has made 631 pastoral visits. For the seven benevolences the charge is on the Roll of Honor. For all collections \$357 has been raised—26 per cent. over last year, and 44 beyond three years ago. This is the strongest appointment, financially, on the District. An old rock of offense has this year been, if not removed, yet at least tided over, as all ex-Presiding Elders of this District will be delighted to learn. Under some change of management, eleven years ago, the Stewards at this place came to the iron-clad conclusion to pay only \$50 on support of the Presiding Elder, and have faithfully lived up to their profession, with the exception of 1884. It had long been one of the conflicts that wouldn't down, until deliverance came, when, out of the inner consciousness of one, the Recording Steward, was evolved the plan of fixing the Pastor's support at \$1,200, and paying \$800, making him one-third short in his support, and thus a pro rata distribution to the other official will be the conventional \$50. Strange to say that this eminently original and striking plan was opposed by the pastor, and also is an occasion of grief to a few of the more spiritual official members. Of the others it may be said, however, that

"Not a wave of trouble rolls
Across their peaceful breast."

This insertion is made in obedience to a resolution of the District Stewards' meeting. Hardly again can we quote without a mental reservation, "The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." Let this not, however, derogate from the credit due to a faithful pastor.

FOR THE SECOND YEAR.

3. Brother McFarlane, at Roxana, is now in great sorrow at home. His aged mother is within a few days of the Jordan passage, while a little daughter is but slowly recovering from a compound fracture, which, until recently, it was feared would terminate fatally. Let us give him our sympathy and prayers. But notwithstanding his accumulation of trouble, his collections aggregate \$176; 59 per cent. advance. He ascribes his success to the "Last man Plan," but it was really the preacherman working it, who, entrusting it to no committee, canvassed his large circuit himself, with a determination to succeed. 600 visits were made and 170 sermons preached. 25 probationers crown the labors of the year.

4. At Shortley, Bro. Joshua W. Gray, pastor, a church worth \$1,000 has been completed to accommodate a society which has been worshiping in a school-house, and though a debt remains upon it, enough is secured to make certain the cancellation of the whole at no distant day. 54 probationers, and 73 conversions, complete a list of 210 brought to Christ within the quadrennium. Always upon short support, this Brother has not been found wanting in heroic endeavor, and in substantial success. His pastoral visits number 214. Collections \$89.00.

BRETHREN OF ONE YEAR.

5. D. F. Waddell, on Gumboro Circuit, reports 600 pastoral calls, 212 sermons, 73 conversions, 14 probationers, and collections of \$215.00. A parsonage has been built at a cost of \$850.00, \$76.00 of which has been paid, leaving a balance of \$774.00.

6. Frankford, S. N. Pilchard, pastor, has been blessed with revivals. Conversions 75, probationers 61. \$200.00 is the sum of the collections. Visits 200.

7. Selbyville, E. S. Mace, pastor, was taken from Frankford Circuit a year ago. It has paid \$435.00 on ministerial support, and contributed to the collections \$162.00; a very large advance, and every collection up to minimum standard. 108 sermons have been preached, 500 visits made, 15 converts won, and 11 continue on probation.

8. At Delmar, C. S. Baker has made 675 visits, held four protracted meetings, which resulted in 70 conversions, and 52 are yet on probation. An advance of 46 per cent. has been made on the collections, which aggregate \$260.00.

With this record of work well done in Sussex, I turn to

WICOMICO CO., MD.,

where we have eight charges. Beginning with those ending the full term of

THREE YEARS:

1. Rev. Wm. B. Walton is pastor of Salisbury, the county seat. The shadow of a great calamity has fallen upon this community. On Sabbath night, Oct. 17th, a fire broke out which was not subdued until an area of 30 acres in the heart of the town was burned over, and our church and parsonage involved in the destruction. Before the embers were quenched the pastor engaged the unused missionary Baptist Church. Our people were preparing to build a more commodious church edifice, and though many were deprived of homes and business, and nearly all heavy losers, yet with few exceptions they resolved to stand by their subscription, so that in cash and pledge there is \$5,250, and the pastor writes me of a further promise of which nothing can now be said. No doubt it will be found that one has come to the kingdom for such a time as this, "a brother

born for adversity." To the query as to what would be expected from them on the collections for the year, I could only reply that I had no expectations and the answer must be left to their own judgment. The response of the pastor was substantially this, "though we are suffering from a sad visitation, the work of the Lord shall not suffer because of it. You may expect from Salisbury, an offering equal to that of last year." The realization exceeds the promise, and the charge is for the third time on the Roll of Honor, and has 27 probationers and 209 members. A comfortable parsonage is rented and occupied. At the last Quarterly Conference, the stewards told me that the salary, fixed at \$1,000, in the beginning of the year, was put there to stay.

Surely no man in all Methodism is too good for such a people. They want a leader who, like their retiring pastor, will not fear doing too much nor ask for too little. Under such captaincy with genuine self-sacrifice, they will rise out of the ashes of present woe, into a church suited to their spirit of holy enterprise; and take their place among the best charges of the Conference in the tender care of their pastor, and in royal endeavor to advance the kingdom of Jesus. Help these people who help themselves, brothers, friends, assist them to their feet, and to a place in the line of battle, ye churches which have not felt the blast of flames. And what shall be said for this minister, who ripe, in the maturity of 40 years itinerant labor, whose hands did not falter, nor his knees grow feeble, but with the strength of consecrated manhood, was an encouragement to every sufferer? O for the grit when the sword is short, "to add a step to it." More than 700 pastoral visits were made during the year.

2. Rev. E. H. Miller at Sharptown closes a successful term with 500 visits, 6 probationers and \$99 for the collections, which is an advance of \$28 upon last year, and of 154 per cent. over three years ago.

But one minister in Wicomico is in the

SECOND YEAR.

3. Rev. John H. Howard, at Tyaskin, comes up with a success upon every point of his work: \$348 benevolent money, and again on the Roll of Honor. The 100 per cent. of advance last year, upon this larger basis receives an addition of 31 per cent., and upon the level of 1885, an increase of 161 per cent. \$250 is paid on parsonage debt, 105 sermons preached, and 501 visits made, and 70 probationers are added to the church. This is the second revival in two years.

From the pastors of

ONE YEAR.

4. Brother Wm. B. Guthrie, at Fruitland, has had a time of refreshing, 51 conversions and 35 yet on probation, attest the efficacy of his 176 sermons and 250 visits. \$105 for the collections is an advance of 10 per cent over last year.

5. At Quantico, Bro. James T. Prouse has held the fort on a support of but \$300, yet 25 have been converted and 12 are yet on trial. \$125 for the benevolences, ranks the splendid record of last year, 52 per cent. The disparity between the salary and the collections, shows what might be done if the lay-leaders in their department were as earnest as the pastor in his. His visits number 400.

6. Riverton is a place of many pastors this year, three having been employed since Bro. Taylor was excused. If the present pastor, E. F. Staats, could have taken the work as Bro. Taylor left it, success would have been assured. He, in the two months of his term, has been able to do little more than keep things together until Conference, when the experiment of keeping this work as a separate charge may, possibly, come to an end. He reports, however, 97 members and probationers, with \$33 on the collections.

7. Parsonsburg has been served by Bro. W. W. Johnson, whose labors have resulted in 55 conversions and 45 probationers; the parsonage greatly improved, with but \$128 of debt. Collections, \$149; 9 per cent. improvement. He has preached 105 sermons and made 400 pastoral visits.

8. Last, but not least in labors abundant, is Bro. W. W. Chaires, supplying Powellville. A church costing \$1,000 has been built and paid for, a good parsonage erected, with but \$200 of debt upon it. Another church framed and lumber to complete it all paid for, and still another lot secured and a subscription opened for a church. 26 probationers have been added to the membership; \$75 raised on the collections, an advance of 38 per cent; 141 sermons preached, 401 visits made. Yet this faithful brother has received for the support of his wife and four children, and with which to meet the expenses of his team, the sum of \$288. Of the nine charges in

WORCESTER COUNTY,

Not one has a pastor in his third year. Of those in the second year,

1. I begin with Rev. R. W. Todd, at Snow Hill. He has preached 112 times, made 689 visits, had 13 conversions, and received 10 probationers. For the connectional interests \$338 has been raised, and the charge continued on the Roll of Honor for the third time.

2. Bro. Jas. W. Easley, at Girdle Tree, in addition to an extensive revival last year, from 43 conversions adds 39 probationers to the church, with an aggregate on the collections of \$212; 54 per cent. in advance; 518 visits is the record of pastoral work. A new appointment has also been made at Green Run, a place not occupied before, and a chapel erected, suited to the needs of the people.

3. At Pocomoke City, Rev. I. G. Fosnacht has been wrestling with the subscription of a year ago, on the church improvement, in an heroic endeavor to collect it all, and has realized \$1200 upon it, to date. 10 probationers have been added and 600 visits reported. The collections aggregate \$149, with all up to minimum standard.

4. Pocomoke Circuit lies partly in Somerset, but having a Worcester Co. name, we give it to that county. It has been supplied by Zach. H. Webster. Here a parsonage is nearly completed; the collections reach \$100, the probationers, 55, and the interests of the charge are faithfully served. The pastoral calls number 405.

5. At Bishopville, R. Irving Watkins, the pastor, reports 400 calls, \$131 raised for the benevolences, 48 conversions and 38 probationers. Here a Godly couple, blessed with worldly substance, have determined to add nothing more to their capital, but will henceforth do business for God. I venture the liberty of this mention, that the example be not lost to the church, and that God may be glorified. Oh, that all our people of wealth might learn when and where to stop hoarding, and instead of unworthy retirement might continue to use their heaven ordained talent for the betterment of the world and the praise of Jesus Christ.

6. At Berlin, William B. Gregg has been in labors abundant, as 187 sermons and 713 visits attest. The following results have been reached: 29 conversions, 22 probationers, \$143 upon the collections—a slight advance. Here the roll of membership has been corrected and found to contain 154 members instead of 120 as per last report.

7. E. H. Derrickson, at Newark, to which he was ordered from Cape Charles a few days after Conference, has led in the building of a church at Poplartown, costing \$1,000, all of which is paid. 33 probationers have been saved from the 40 who professed conversion. 125 sermons have been preached and 450 visits made by this pastor, and the collections brought up to \$125.

8. Stockton is the point to which William T. Valliant was removed just after Conference. He has preached 140 sermons, and made 484 pastoral calls. The results achieved are 35, probationers and \$107 raised for building and improvements, and \$200 on the old and embarrassing parsonage debt, reducing it to \$310. The collections reach a total of \$140—an advance of 33 per cent.

9. In August, Klej Grange Circuit was organized. It at present consists of the Grange and Furnace, a church long abandoned until reopened by R. W.

Todd, with Sabbath School and preaching. Warren J. Burr, an exhorter of Frankford Circuit, was put in charge to make the experiment and hold the fort until a better man could be secured, in the event of his expected failure, when a letter, anxiously expected, from a very intelligent and pious man of the community came a week later saying that 42 souls had been converted, and that the whole community was stirred with a great revival. His first Sabbath was to him like the fleece of Gideon, and God made it either wet or dry, as he wanted it. Before the day closed 20 souls were converted. Sixty was the total product of that outpouring, and not one has fallen from grace. The membership now numbers 91, a few coming by letter from Stockton and Snow Hill. With this endorsement from heaven, we concluded to license Brother Burr to preach. This man seems to have a special endowment for soul-saving, and I have been pressed to yield him to assist in revivals elsewhere, and though anxious for his admission, and knowing how much he needed every hour upon his conference studies, I could put no barrier in the way, and success has always attended his labors. If he keeps humble as now, there is before him a glorious future in the line of his special gift. The appointment is very poor, and only able to promise \$150 yet, for the support of his family of five. For his six months' support they paid him \$180, and send him to Conference with \$40 for the benevolent work of the church. Visits for the six months, 225.

SOMERSET CO.

Of the full term pastorates,

1. I begin with that of John D. C. Hanna, at Deal's Island. Two revivals have attended his labors, 70 persons were converted this year, 14 of whom are yet on trial. He has seen the membership increase 68 per cent., and the collections 300 per cent. The report of the present year is \$457. A camp-meeting ground has been purchased and paid for, at the rate \$350, and the church repainted. The pastoral visits number 750.

2. Crisfield, under the pastorate of Wells W. W. Wilson, has been blessed with an extensive revival each year. 90 have been converted during the present year; 40 of whom remain upon probation at this writing. The benevolences aggregate \$383 against \$243; 57 per cent. above 1884. Paid on debts and improvements this year, \$1193, which leaves the church free, with money in the treasury. A mention of 1200 visits completes this review.

Of ministers in the

SECOND YEAR,

3. I first make mention of my own pastor, Robert Watt, at Princess Anne, Md., under whose ministry the weak and discouraged membership of 28 have grown to 73 exultant, happy christians, who crowd the vestry with their presence and companions every prayer and class meeting, without much reference to the weather. 31 are now on probation, and their numbers increase almost weekly. The methods of the revival this winter was a departure from the plan of this territory. No public altar-work was done, but they were hand-picked, every one of them. Private work with the awakened, and instructions in the inquiry room, amid surroundings of sympathy, song and prayer, characterized the endeavor. I make special mention of this as peculiarly old fashioned methodism, which never tied herself to stereotyped formularies, but like wise fishermen adapts her nets, for the fish to be taken. There has been no unhealthy reaction, and though the extra services have closed, the revival is yet progressing with the church, on a flood-tide of spiritual power.

The church improvement is about completed and all the expense provided for. The offering for connectional work of the church, \$143, an average of \$1.96 per member and probationer. This is the little church, last year, whose offerings for all church purposes was \$73.48 per capita. Here, there is no murmuring against doing too much. If God does not make of this people a

great church, then the analogy of his providence is not understood. Of pastoral visits we have had 514.

4. Bro. T. H. Harding, at Mt. Vernon, with a revival each year, has 60 probationers now, and \$133 for the various benevolences; 48 per cent. above last year. \$400 has been paid on the parsonage debt, leaving but \$150 yet to be paid.

5. From St. Peter's, Bro. Wilcox comes bringing the sheaves of 67 probationers from 73 Conversions. His parsonage debt nearly liquidated, and in the benevolent line, like many others, he raised money until advised to stop; \$249, all up to minimum standard, and could have been on the Roll of Honor by a little unhealthy crowding, but the effort has been in every case to do nothing which cannot be repeated. 150 sermons and 400 visits is the tale of pastoral work.

6. Rev. B. C. Warren, at Annessex, has made 540 visits, had 30 conversions and 15 probationers; \$225 for collections continues his charge on the Roll of Honor means an advance of 23 per cent. \$344 paid on church debts, leaves a present liability of \$250.

Coming to pastorates of

A SINGLE YEAR.

7. Westover has been the field of W. G. Koons, who came to us last year from Drew, and, like all the other Drew men of our Conference, needs no other eulogy than his works. 500 visits, 81 conversions, with 44 on probation. \$145 for the collections indicates an advance of 61 per cent., and the circuit on the Roll of Honor for the first time.

8. At Asbury, W. F. Corkran reports 625 visits, and for the benevolences \$324, against \$278 last year. 80 conversions and 60 yet upon probation, show a year fruitful in soul-saving.

9. At Fairmount, Bro. W. E. Avery reports 20 probationers and 800 visits. The collections foot up the sum of \$1,008, which is \$8 more than the salary of the pastor, and begins to look like loving one's neighbor as one's self. The advance over last year is 7 per cent.

10. John Tyler has been supplying Somerset, and has, possibly, been the first local preacher, not a candidate for admission to Conference, to put his charge on the Roll of Honor. The collections amount to \$193, against \$89 of the past year, which makes the advance 129 per cent., besides \$450 for building and debts. 40 is the number of conversions and 30 yet remain on probation. His sermons are 155, and visits, 504.

11. From his Island home on Smith's, comes Bro. Wm. L. P. Bowen, a literal exemplification of the scripture, "He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." It seemed but a dark prospect to the eye of many who knew nothing about it, when this faithful brother, with his unbroken record of blessed achievement, was assigned to this work. There was no parsonage, and on an island, too, 10 miles from the main.

During the year a beautiful parsonage has been built at a cost of \$1154, and paid for, save a debt of \$75. \$351 raised on the collections, an advance on the good report of last year of 175 per cent. These people have raised and paid this year more than \$2,500. The salary was advanced 31 per cent. Nor has God forgotten to be gracious to those who honor him with their substance, and with the first fruits of all their increase, 37 probationers having yielded to the saving influences of grace. The visits number 900.

IN DORCHESTER COUNTY

We have but one appointment, Holland's Island, made famous in our Conference by the liberality of the people, as developed under the labors of Bro. H. S.

Dulaney, now in his second year. But 24 families occupy this beautiful islet, nestling like a swan upon the bosom of the Chesapeake. 60 members and 7 probationers now constitute the membership, yet the salary is \$400. A parsonage worth \$1,000, completed this year, having a debt of only \$400, for which ample provision is made. The collections reach the sum of \$284, which is a small advance upon last year. Here, I change the plan somewhat and begin with the shorter pastoral term for the purpose of bringing these grand Chesapeake Islands together.

IN ACCOMAC CO., VA.,

Fifteen miles from the port of Crisfield, lies Tangier Island, with its teeming population of 900, who are, to the last degree, loyal to the old church, which sent them the message of salvation more than 100 years ago. Through the retirement to a supernumerary relation of the brother proposed for this work last year, it was left to be supplied, and through varying vicissitudes before explained, after the blessed revival under the labor of Brother Galloway, in December, 12 weeks ago, Rev. Samuel J. Morris, B. D., came to us from the M. E. church, south, and was stationed at Tangier. He won, immediately, the hearts of the people. 400 visits have been made, and 137 by the present pastor, and though but little had been done for the collections during the year, and money borrowed to pay the salary of the first supply, all back bills have been cancelled, and the support of the pastor met at the rate of \$50 per month. A parsonage purchased worth \$1200, the price subscribed with a margin of \$100, and \$300 paid down. The collections brought up to \$270, and the charge on the Roll of Honor for the third time; more than this, the salary for next year is pledged at \$800, and \$900 subscribed. In these 12 weeks, more than \$766 has been raised in cash, from these willing people, by this indefatigable brother, for the work of the Lord. More than this, 48 probationers have been given to this glorious Church. I trust this man of power will receive from us the welcome his faithful works deserve. I would that all Methodisms were one, and every preacher with gifts, grace and usefulness in other branches, who feels in his soul that ours is the one, shall from me, receive a welcome. I would take the initiative in no case with a brother in another communion. I would, however, lessen the hinderances to coming or going between our Methodist sections, that the comers and goers might be needles threaded with Christian Charity, stitching up the rents in the beautiful garments of our common mother. God speed the day when every Methodistic fleet on the sea of holy militant endeavor, shall dip its colors to the same flag-ship, and take sailing direction from one Admiralty.

Until that time, however, it is only ours, with charity for all, and malice toward none, to go everywhere and to everybody; building our strong holds to stay forever, and each forage a centre of mighty aggression to the regions about and beyond.

2. So thought Brother A. D. Davis, when he offered himself for the new work in Virginia, and took Accomac, with a dilapidated church, worth \$150, and five discouraged members, with right of way throughout the county. Now, after the toils of the year are over, he comes to our annual gathering with two charges, Parksley and Hallwood, numbering 80 members for the two, five churches, a parsonage worth \$3,300, and less than \$1,000 of debt. More than 700 calls have been made, and this man of ripe maturity has gloriously done his work. \$32 from Hallwood, and \$66 from Parksley Circuit, puts both his charges on the Roll of Honor. Thank God, the hearts of the people are turning to us, the old mother of their translated parents, who were converted at her altars, shouted at her camp meetings, and were helped into the chariot of glory by her preachers. The ministers do not receive us cordially, nor bid us God-speed, but against them we bring no railing accusation. May the Master give them success in soul-saving. The people, however, with true Virginian hospitality, receive us kindly, and see that we have fair play, and a hearing. They begin to find that we are Southern peo-

ple, like themselves, and love our sunny South in common with them. They cannot believe us political, with a majority of our membership on the Southern side politically. Then, too, they found in their Local Option war, and victory, last April and May, that our ministers could be depended on every time, in the attempts to protect the home against the grogery. What yeoman work they rendered while others were debating the ministerial dignity question as to whether ministers should make temperance addresses, and were slow to see that true dignity could stand the strain. Not so was it with our Baptist brothers, Huntley and Grimsley. In the thick of the fight from the beginning, in defence of their favorite element, to the consternation and overthrow of the liquor traffic, the fight was hardly fought and gloriously won in all of Accomac save one district. In that District we have no worker. God bless these Virginia people of all among whom we labor and pray. I want my own kind—I most long for the people of the South for our glorious church. Brother Davis has secured five lots upon which to build in the near future. Pray for this work, and pay as well as pray. When a man upon this field writes or pleads, answer his solicitude with dollars and sympathy, and rich shall be the reward of the future.

3. At Onancock, Bro. Grice stood at the head of the campaign for temperance until the victory came. He has preached 181 sermons, and made 570 visits. The collections reach the sum of \$268; 10 per cent over last year. The conversions number 20, and probationers, 18; the fruits of the extensive revivals of last year were carefully husbanded. A tornado swept through a belt of the town, taking our church in its way and demolished the spire. This has been restored at a cost of \$365.

4. At Chincoteague, Clinton T. Wyatt, since June, has labored with success as evinced by 75 conversions and 38 probationers. Many of the good people here, when converted, like ducks hatched under a hen, immediately take to the water. Hence, the disparity between the above numbers. The collections amount to \$67. His sermons number 140 and visits 112.

IN NORTHAMPTON CO. VA.,

Our only work is Cape Charles City. When Bro. Derrickson was removed, Olin S. Walton, true son of a worthy sire, consented to undertake the work, where was an incomplete church debt to be raised, and not a single member with which to begin. He leaves with 8 full members and 10 probationers, and the spirit of revival abroad in the town. The Church property is worth \$1,000, completed, and with but little debt. \$60 has been raised for benevolent purposes and the place grandly on the Honor roll. This completes the summary of the charges, the last that I shall make.

To my own home a sweet baby-girl, life was given and taken five months later, during the year. Of my own work I have only to enter 8340 miles traveled, 226 days spent from home, preached 223 times and made 38 addresses. A total of 271 public discourses, an average of 5 for each of the 54 weeks of this Conference year. Have also attended 49 love feasts and 159 Quarterly Conferences.

It has been a part of my administration to look for men called of God to preach the Gospel, and to insist upon and aid them to sharpen their scythes, before they enter the harvest-field as reapers for God. I have suffered embarrassment in the work for three years because of this, but feel comforted in the thought that it will save them and the church from embarrassment in the future. I have, through each year since the first, sought earnestly for men thoroughly furnished for their work by the training of the schools. From Drew seven have come, and this year a number from Boston University. These men will, in the near future, make it hard for us, who entered from other conditions. Time will reveal the wisdom of this policy. To this I appeal and calmly wait the arbitrament of the future.

I wish to present an historical summary of the District, and the percentages

of the present quadrennium, taking the returns of 1883 for a basis. But first may I not pause to name him and his co-laborers to whom honor is due? To my

PREDECESSOR,

in the sadness of a retirement from the active ministry. Let him comfort himself with the reflection that he did not leave this work prostrate in the dust of defeat, waiting for a leading to victory. Under his administration, it made the largest advance ever known, at the time of its close, to this Conference. I and my colleagues found the District on the up grade, and a long way from the bottom. 2,953 probationers in four years, 31 per cent upon ministerial support, 17 per cent. increase in Sunday School scholars, and 64 per cent. upon the benevolences, are advances not easy to make, nor often found.

It has been the endeavor of my co-laborers with myself, to accelerate its progress toward the zenith of usefulness. But we leave much land to be possessed by those who shall come after us. We have endeavored to build—not of wood, hay and stubble, however, but to lay a basis of solid information with reference to every interest, and to make a symmetrical development, not pushing some things to the detriment of others. Every cause is a sacred trust; there are no minor collections, and no minor interests; but every one is great to the extent of its claims. We offer the record and appeal to its testimony. *See page 87.*

For two years 3,000 copies of Minutes have been distributed, each twelve months, and this year more than 20,000 missionary tracts, and 5,000 upon other interests have been given to the people. We have labored on the connectional lines for the salvation of souls away from home. God has honored the scattering with the largest increase ever known upon this territory. More than 1,800 conversions, and 1,336 upon probation after all the pruning and reception into full connections, before Conference. 13 churches more than were in existence four years ago, though one was burned this year, and also a parsonage; yet we are able to report 12 parsonages more than formerly.

I have never claimed the credit for these advances. How could the District do else than advance, when one considers the quality of men upon it? Out of 66 preachers, 60 have been successful at many points, and a great number of them upon all.

In the name of the band of faithful brethren whom God hath permitted me to lead, we invite an appeal to the record as the only criterion of the worth of our ministry. How could there be failure with such captains of the host as have been my companions in labor? I would bestow upon their heads every crown of praise accorded for the success attained. It has been my pet conviction that never before was so efficient a body of ministers, as a whole, massed upon a single District.

The reports to this Conference from other Districts might seem to indicate an equitable claim to equality, however. I thank God for the success of the four squadrons composing our Conference fleet, and as the Commodores have rendered an account of their cruises to the Admiral, my spirit has rejoiced in God, my Saviour. I praise God, this moment, that I can enjoy the success of others, especially when that success is lifting the world to the feet of Jesus, to "Crown him Lord of all." But these need no word from me, other than a brother's congratulations. Of those who have served under my own pennant, I will not refrain from speaking. All honor to these men of Salisbury District; many of whom, upon short allowance and amid difficult surroundings, in obscure stations, have yet honored the King and enlisted hundreds under the banner of the cross. I would I could write them with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever. But God is keeping their tally; their record is on high. All honor to the people also, who, in their zeal for Jehovah, have supported us, in most cases, better than they lived themselves. And in times of unprecedented severity, have moved forward at the word of their pastors, and out of their bounty have cast

in to the treasury of the Lord more than in the days when the land brought forth plentifully. Now dear brothers and fellow-laborers of Salisbury District, before changing our relation to each other, let me thank you for all your sympathy, co-operation, forbearance and kindness. You have made my labors a glad pastime. It has been easier to toil than not to do so, supported by your generous confidence and love. We have had no secrets from each other. You know how fully I have believed in you. You cannot know, as do I, how impossible it would have been to have brought the district to its present status without your faithfulness to every interest. I now bespeak for my successor a transfer of the devotions and loyalty you have given to me. Answer all his signals for close action, by lying yard-arm and yard-arm with the difficulty to be overcome and with every achievement to be attained. Say to him as you have always said to me, "make your plans and we will work them." "Where you dare to lead we dare to follow." That the Almighty Father may forever bless you, "and the peace of God which passeth understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus," is the prayer of your brother.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOHN A. B. WILSON, P. E.

STATISTICS OF THE TERRITORY NOW EMBRACED IN SALISBURY DISTRICT AT THE CLOSE OF EACH QUADRENNIUM AND OF THE FOUR YEARS OF THE CLOSING QUADRENNIUM. STATISTICS No. I

1867	1871	1875	1879	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	
803	743	1005	912	922	918	1215	1142	1336	Prob. for the year.....
3038	2675	3760	3444	2953	.....	.....	3275	4611	" " " " quadrennium.....
4555	4783	5948	6388	6470	6587	16145	6708	7107	Full mem. for year.....
5358	5526	6953	7260	7392	7505	7360	7850	8443	Total mem. and prob.....
.....	03	25	04	02	.....	.....	06	14	Per cent. of increase during quad....
81	80	80	86	88	87	95	98	116	No. S. Schools.....
3676	4375	4790	5653	6618	6615	6887	7825	9235	" S. S. Scholars.....
.....	03	11	18	17	.....	.....	18	39	Per cent. of increase.....
13	17	23	24	29	31	33	39	43	No. pastoral charges.....
17	19	21	24	31	.....	.....	41	43	No. charges to begin new quad.....
.....	11	10	14	29	.....	.....	32	39	Per cent. of increase.....
88	84	87	85	87	89	89	95	101	No. churches.....
.....	03	.....	02	.....	.....	.....	09	18	Per cent. of increase.....
78700	84400	136250	129700	135500	146900	154900	157800	166725	Value of churches.....
9	9	12	12	17	19	19	23	29	No. parsonages.....
.....	33	.....	41	.....	.....	.....	35	76	Per cent. of increase.....
13600	15250	19500	17300	24600	27850	27000	33575	39550	Value of parsonages.....
92300	99650	155750	147000	160100	174750	181900	191375	206975	Total value of church property.....
.....	08	55	.....	09	.....	.....	19	28	Per cent. of increase in value.....
12075	5701	2072	3594	7795	10347	13148	13862	13887	Raised for building, debts, etc.....
24500	17721	58541	24660	32446	.....	.....	37357	51344	" " " " during quad.....
.....	230	.....	31	.....	.....	.....	15	57	Per cent. of advance.....
.....	6545	4675	2908	6248	9140	9337	10151	10151	Indebtedness.....
.....	.....	.....	29	38	.....	.....	232	259	Per cent. of increase.....
.....	.....	.....	29	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	" " " " decrease.....
8270	11968	16805	15435	20084	23297	24279	26304	27841	Min. support, (B., P. E., P. & Rent.)
.....	43	40	.....	31	.....	.....	31	38	Per cent. of advance.....
668	984	1466	1031	1714	2679	2972	3597	4555	Missions.....
.....	47	48	.....	66	.....	.....	109	165	Per cent. of advance.....
44	60	92	48	135	460	457	614	734	Ch. ex.....
.....	36	53	.....	181	.....	.....	355	443	Per cent. of advance.....
.....	15	25	.....	56	139	251	373	459	F. Aid.....
.....	.....	66	.....	125	.....	.....	500	719	Per cent. of advance.....
362	67	88	45	54	100	137	251	304	Bible.....
.....	.....	31	.....	20	.....	.....	364	462	Per cent. of advance.....
56	46	54	25	42	69	95	153	186	Tract.....
.....	17	.....	.....	68	.....	.....	264	343	Per cent. of advance.....
106	52	40	24	33	68	79	152	188	S. S. Union.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	.....	360	469	Per cent. of advance.....
.....	137	103	86	75	635	1014	624	624	Education.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1079	625	Per cent. of advance.....
1236	1209	1892	1301	2120	3590	4626	6154	7050	Total amt. for the 7 cols.....
.....	.....	56	.....	63	.....	.....	190	232	Per cent. of advance.....
383	394	549	509	716	942	938	903	1020	Conference Claimants.....
.....	.....	39	.....	40	.....	.....	26	42	Per cent. of advance.....
.....	.....	27	112	183	294	403	264	284	W. F. M. S.....
.....	.....	315	63	.....	.....	.....	44	55	Per cent. of advance.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	70	W. H. M. S.....
5137*	.....	.....	.....	145	413	352	408	518	Other cols. including Dom. Mis.....
6756	1603	2468	1922	3164	5239	6331	7799	8943	Total for all cols.....
.....	.....	54	.....	64	.....	.....	146	182	Per cent. of advance on all cols.....
519	94	107	80	109	169	190	200	208	Average per charge for cols.....
126	29	35	26	43	69	86	99	106	" " " " mem. and prob.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13363	18005	Pastoral visits.....
.....	6	12	Roll of Honor.....

*Centenary offering.
 †Reduced 10000 by correcting the Church Records.

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OF THE
MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE
Methodist Episcopal Church within the bounds of the
WILMINGTON CONFERENCE,
FOR THE
PROMOTION OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MISSIONS,

IN ACCOUNT WITH ALFRED G. COX, TREASURER.

CRISFIELD, MD., MARCH 17, 1887.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. J. T. Van Burkalow.	Bethel and Glasgow.....	\$ 62 00
" " " W. E. Tomkinson.	Charlestown	60 00
" " " Chas. A. Hill.	Cherry Hill	135 00
" " " T. A. H. O'Brien.	Chesapeake City.....	80 00
" " " Thos. B. Hunter.	Chester	60 00
" " " Joseph Dare.	Christiana.....	50 00
" " " Chas. Hill.	Claymont	46 75
" " " John H. Willey.	Delaware City.....	125 00
" " " Asbury Burke.	Elk Neck.....	31 00
" " " J. P. Otis.	Elkton and Crouchs.....	365 00
" " " Julius Dodd.	Hockessin	43 00
" " " W. R. Sears.	Hopewell	65 00
" " " W. H. Hendrickson.	Mt. Lebanon.....	50 00
" " " J. W. Hammersley.	Mt. Pleasant.....	62 00
" " " C. W. Prettyman.	Newark and Wesley.....	175 00
" " " Thos. E. Terry.	New Castle.....	216 00
" " " E. H. Nelson.	Newport and Stanton.....	200 00
" " " Thos. S. Williams.	North East.....	171 00
" " " L. E. Barrett.	Port Deposit.....	274 00
" " " W. A. Wise.	Red Lion.....	50 00
" " " Isaac Jewell.	Rising Sun.....	75 00
" " " W. R. Sears.	Rowlandville and Pleasant.....	13 00
" " " L. W. Layfield.	St. George's and Summit.....	95 00
" " " J. E. Bryan.	Wil., Asbury.....	1,015 00
" " " E. L. Hubbard.	" Brandywine.....	125 00
" " " D. H. Corkran.	" Epworth.....	40 00
" " " Jacob Todd.	" Grace.....	3,103 00

" " " B. F. Price.....	" Madely	30 00
" " " R. C. Jones.....	" Mt. Salem.....	214 00
" " " W. L. S. Murray..	" St. Paul's & Kingswood..	700 00
" " " N. M. Browne.....	" Scott	225 00
" " " K. R. Hartwig.....	" Swedish Mission.....	17 00
" " " Adam Stengle.....	" Union	485 00
" " " S. T. Gardner.....	" Wesley	8
" " " C. F. Sheppard.....	" Zion Circuit.....	190 00
Total received this year.....		\$8,655 75
" " last year.....		7,491 00
Increase over last year.....		1,164 75
Apportionment.....		8,300 00
Excess.....		355 75

EASTON DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. G. S. Conway.....	Appoquinimink.....	\$ 32 20
" " " J. D. Reese.....	Bayside and Tilghman's Isl'd.	40 00
" " " E. C. Atkins.....	Cecilton.....	160 00
" " " J. A. Arters.....	Centreville	150 00
" " " J. D. Kemp.....	Chestertown.....	290 00
" " " John France.....	Church Hill.....	118 41
" " " Geo. E. Wood.....	Crumpton.....	30 00
" " " H. S. Thompson.....	Easton.....	175 00
" " " T. L. Tomkinson.....	Galena.....	114 00
" " " W. H. Hutchin.....	Greensboro.....	76 00
" " " G. W. Townsend.....	Hillsboro.....	106 00
" " " W. W. Sharpe.....	Ingleside.....	60 00
" " " J. E. Kidney.....	Kent Island	74 00
" " " T. E. Bell.....	King's Creek	35 00
" " " A. S. Mowbray.....	Marydel	90 00
" " " R. H. Adams.....	Middletown.....	450 00
" " " C. K. Morris.....	Massey's	1 25
" " " R. K. Stevenson.....	Millington.....	172 00
" " " T. R. Creamer.....	Odessa.....	225 00
" " " L. P. Corkran.....	Oxford.....	60 00
" " " J. M. Lindale.....	Pomona.....	60 00
" " " J. W. Poole.....	Queenstown	50 00
" " " Newton McQuay.....	Rock Hall.....	75 00
" " " I. L. Wood.....	Royal Oak	30 00
" " " J. O. Sypherd.....	St. Michaels.....	191 00
" " " W. R. Mowbray.....	Sassafras	30 00
" " " J. B. Quigg.....	Smyrna.....	550 00
" " " E. E. White.....	Smyrna Circuit	100 00
" " " E. C. Macnichol.....	still Pond	245 00
" " " J. D. Rigg.....	Sudlersville.....	120 00
" " " D. Gollie.....	Talbot.....	60 00
" " " E. P. Roberts.....	Townsend.....	44 00
" " " A. P. Prettyman.....	Trappe	100 00
" " " Geo. P. Smith.....	Wye.....	20 00
Total received this year.....		\$4,133 86
Total received last year.....		3,419 00
Increase over last year.....		714 86
Apportionment.....		4,500 00
Deficit.....		366 14

DOVER DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. G. W. Bowman.....Beckwith.....	\$	85	00
" " " H. W. Conner.....Bridgeville.....		30	00
" " " James Conner.....Burrsville.....		31	00
" " " Alfred Smith.....Cambridge.....		110	00
" " " E. H. Hynson.....Camden.....		64	00
" " " Edward Davis.....Cannon's Crossing.....		77	00
" " " C. H. Williams.....Church Creek.....		50	00
" " " R. F. Bishop.....Denton.....		80	00
" " " T. E. Martindale.....Dover.....		514	00
" " " P. H. Rawlings.....East New Market.....		70	00
" " " Wilmer Jaggard.....Ellendale.....		30	00
" " " F. J. Cochran.....Farmington.....		50	00
" " " G. W. Burke.....Federalburg.....		100	00
" " " V. S. Collins.....Felton.....		100	00
" " " T. H. Haynes.....Frederica and Barretts.....		108	00
" " " W. M. Green.....Galestown.....		75	00
" " " W. J. Duhadway.....Georgetown.....		110	00
" " " James Carroll.....Greenwood.....		105	00
" " " John Warthman.....Harrington.....		90	00
" " " J. M. Mitchell.....Houston.....		60	00
" " " Geo. F. Hopkins.....Hurlock.....		100	00
" " " D. F. McFaul.....Leipsic.....		75	00
" " " J. A. Brindle.....Lewes.....		151	26
" " " J. M. Collins.....Lincoln.....		20	00
" " " G. L. Hardesty.....Magnolia.....		64	00
" " " W. S. Robinson.....Milford.....		178	00
" " " Robert Roe.....Millsboro.....		60	00
" " " Joseph Robinson.....Milton.....		40	00
" " " I. N. Foreman.....Nassau.....		95	00
" " " F. M. Morgan.....Potter's Landing.....		55	00
" " " S. M. Morgan.....Preston.....		81	00
" " " W. E. England.....Seaford.....		135	00
" " " W. F. Dawson.....Vienna.....		70	00
" " " W. W. Redman.....Woodlandtown.....		93	00
" " " W. M. Warner.....Wyoming.....		30	00
Total received this year.....	\$	3186	26
" " last year.....		2687	00
Increase over last year.....	\$	499	26
Apportionment.....		3900	00
Deficit.....		713	74

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Received from Rev. B. C. Warren.....Annamessex.....	\$	100	00
" " " W. F. Corkran.....Asbury.....		170	00
" " " W. B. Gregg.....Berlin.....		75	00
" " " A. T. Melvin.....Bethel.....		63	00
" " " R. I. Watkins.....Bishopville.....		50	00
" " " O. S. Walton.....Cape Charles City.....		30	00
" " " C. T. Wyatt.....Chincotoague.....		30	00
" " " W. W. W. Wilson.....Crisfield.....		200	00
" " " J. D. C. Hanna.....Deal's Island.....		250	00
" " " C. S. Baker.....Delmar.....		150	00
" " " W. E. Avery.....Fairmount.....		588	00
" " " S. N. Pilchard.....Frankford.....		100	00

Received from Rev. W. B. Guthrie.....Fruitland.....		50	00
" " " J. W. Easley.....Girdletree and Conner's.....		77	00
" " " D. F. Waddell.....Gumboro.....		90	00
" " " H. S. Dulaney.....Holland's Island.....		158	00
" " " A. D. Davis.....Hallwood.....		8	00
" " " Warren Burr.....Klej Grange.....		13	00
" " " T. H. Harding.....Mt. Vernon.....		62	00
" " " F. C. McSorley.....Laurel.....		200	00
" " " E. H. Derrickson.....Newark.....		62	00
" " " C. A. Grice.....Onancock.....		150	00
" " " W. W. Johnson.....Parsonsburg.....		60	00
" " " I. G. Fosnocht.....Pocomoke City.....		70	00
" " " Z. H. Webster.....Pocomoke Circuit.....		45	00
" " " W. W. Chaires.....Powellville.....		27	00
" " " A. D. Davis.....Parksley.....		30	00
" " " Robert Watt.....Princess Anne.....		75	00
" " " J. T. Prouse.....Quantico.....		60	00
" " " E. F. Staats.....Riverton.....		5	00
" " " Wm. R. McFarlan.....Roxana.....		100	00
" " " W. B. Walton.....Salisbury.....		155	00
" " " E. S. Mace.....Selbyville.....		78	00
" " " E. H. Miller.....Sharptown.....		40	00
" " " J. W. Gray.....Shortley.....		25	00
" " " W. L. P. Bowen.....Smith's Island.....		242	00
" " " R. W. Todd.....Snow Hill.....		125	00
" " " John Tyler.....Somerset.....		105	00
" " " W. T. Valliant.....Stockton.....		50	00
" " " G. W. Wilcox.....St. Peters.....		130	00
" " " S. J. Morris.....Tangier.....		160	00
" " " J. H. Howard.....Tyaskin.....		212	00
" " " W. G. Koons.....Westover.....		75	00
Amount received this year.....	\$4,554	00	
Amount received last year.....	3,597	00	
Increase over last year.....	957	00	
Apportionment.....	3,700	00	
Excess.....	854	00	

RECAPITULATION.

Received from Wilmington District.....	\$	8,655	75
" " Easton.....		4,133	86
" " Dover.....		2,186	26
" " Salisbury.....		4,554	00
" " Special collection.....		4	50
Total received this year.....	\$20,534	27	
Received from Wilmington District last year.....	\$	7,491	00
" " Easton.....		3,419	00
" " Dover.....		2,687	00
" " Salisbury.....		3,597	00
Total received last year.....	\$17,194	00	
Increase over last year.....	\$	3,340	37
Apportionment for Conference.....	\$20,400	00	
Amount received.....	20,534	37	
Excess over appointment.....	\$	134	37

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel and Glasgow—J. T. Van Burkalow, Pastor.

Bethel Church.....	\$ 29 00
Bethel Sunday School.....	15 00
Total.....	\$ 44 00

Glasgow Church.....	\$ 8 00
Glasgow Sunday School.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 18 00

Total.....\$ 62 00

Charlestown Circuit—Wm. E. Tomkinson, Pastor.

Perryville Sunday School.....	\$ 24 06
Principio Sunday School.....	5 48
Asbury Sunday School.....	2 28
Charlestown Sunday School.....	80
Charlestown Church.....	1 66
Asbury Church.....	1 46
Principio Church.....	8 97
Wm. E. Tomkinson.....	15 29
Total.....	\$ 60 00

Cherry Hill—Chas. A. Hill, Pastor.

Cherry Hill Church.....	\$ 5 00
Cherry Hill Sunday School.....	90 00
Carter's Bank.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 135 00

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

Sabbath School.....	\$ 23 78
Church.....	56 22
Total.....	\$ 80 00

Chester—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 23 00
Church.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 63 00
Less Expenses.....	3 00

Total.....\$ 60 00

Highest amount ever reported from this charge, not up to apportionment, \$75.

Christiana—Joseph Dare, Pastor.

Christiana Church.....	\$ 10 00
Christiana Sunday School.....	15 00
Ebenezer Church and Sunday School.....	15 00
Salem Sunday school.....	\$ 10 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Claymont.

Church.....	\$ 1 90
Sunday School.....	44 85
Total.....	\$ 46 75

Delaware City—J. H. Willey, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 60 00
Sunday School.....	65 00
Total.....	\$ 125 00

Elk Neck—A. Burke, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 31 00
Total.....	\$ 31 00

Elkton and Crouch's—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Elkton, congregation.....	\$ 72 00
Elkton, Sunday School.....	216 50
Crouch's, " ".....	6 00
West Amwell, " ".....	40 00
Johnson's " ".....	15 00
Wilna, " ".....	15 50
Total.....	\$ 365 00

Hockessin—Julius Dodd, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 9 00
Church.....	35 00
Total.....	\$ 44 39
Less Expenses.....	1 39

Total.....\$ 43 00

Hopewell—William Dean, Pastor.

Congregation.....	\$ 5 00
Sunday School.....	60 00
Total.....	\$ 65 00

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

Sabbath School.....	\$ 16 54
Church.....	33 46
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Mt. Pleasant—William Sears, Acting Pastor.

Congregation.....	\$ 2 00
Sunday School.....	11 00
Total.....	\$ 13 00

Newark and Wesley—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 100 00
Church.....	45 00
Wesley.....	30 00
Total.....	\$ 175 00

New Castle—Thos. E. Terry, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 42 00
Sunday School.....	174 00
Total.....	\$ 216 00

Newport and Stanton—Edwin H. Nelson, Pastor.

Newport Congregation.....	\$ 40 00
" School.....	100 00
Stanton Congregation.....	50 00
" School.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 200 00

North East—T. S. Williams, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 15 00
Sunday School.....	158 00
	\$ 173 00
Expenses.....	2 40
Total.....	\$ 170 60

Port Deposit—Louis E. Barrett, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 90 00
Sunday School.....	184 00
Total.....	\$ 274 00

Red Lion—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 36 00
Sunday School.....	14 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Rising Sun—Isaac Jewell, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 65 00
Congregation.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 75 00

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

Church.....	\$ 2 00
Sunday School.....	60 00
Total.....	\$ 62 00

St. George's and Summit—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

St. George's Sunday School.....	\$ 80 00
Church collection.....	15 00
Total.....	\$ 95 00

Asbury—J. E. Bryan, Pastor.

Asbury Church.....	\$ 424 00
" Sunday School.....	568 00
Silverbrook Church.....	13 00
" Sunday School.....	10 00
Total.....	\$1,015 00

Brandywine—E. L. Hubbard, Pastor.

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

Epworth—D. H. Corkran, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 37 00
Church.....	3 00
Total.....	\$ 40 00

Grace—Jacob Todd, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 826 19
Sunday School.....	2,276 81
Total.....	\$3,103 00

Madeley—B. F. Price, Pastor.

Congregation.....	\$ 4 00
Sabbath School.....	26 00
Total.....	\$ 30 00

Mt. Salem—R. C. Jones, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 96 00
Sunday School.....	62 00
Juvenile Miss. Society.....	57 94
Expenses.....	1 94
Total.....	\$ 215 00

St. Paul's and Kingswood—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.

St. Paul's Church.....	\$ 390 00
Kingswood Church.....	10 00
Sunday School.....	300 00
Total.....	\$ 700 00

Scott Church—N. M. Browne Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 35 00
Sunday School.....	190 00
Total.....	\$ 225 00

Swedish Mission—Konrad R. Hartwig, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 10 59
Sunday School.....	6 41
Total.....	\$ 17 00

Union—Adam Stengle, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 152 00
Sunday School.....	333 00
Total.....	\$ 485 00

Wesley—S. T. Gardner, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School.....	\$ 8 00
Total.....	\$ 8 00

Zion Circuit—Charles F. Sheppard, Pastor.

Zion Church and by collections.....	\$ 6 38
“ Sunday School.....	58 43—\$ 64 81
St. John's Church and by collections.....	27 20
“ Sunday School.....	9 67—\$ 36 87
Union Church and by collections.....	30 20
“ Sunday School.....	10 00—\$ 40 20
Ebenezer Church and by collections.....	22 10
“ Sunday School.....	26 02—\$ 48 12
Total.....	\$ 190 00

EASTON DISTRICT.**Appoquinimink—G. S. Conaway, Pastor.**

Friendship Church.....	\$ 16 70
Friendship Sunday School.....	8 00
Union Church.....	4 25
Walkers Sunday School.....	3 25
Total.....	\$ 32 20

Bayside and Tilghman—J. D. Reese, Pastor.

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

Cieilton—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 93 83
Sunday Schools.....	66 17
Total.....	\$ 160 00

Centreville—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Centreville Sunday School.....	\$ 100 00
Ebenezer Sunday School.....	25 00
Congregations.....	25 00
Total.....	\$ 150 00

Chestertown—Jno. D. Kemp, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 195 00
Sunday School.....	95 00
Total.....	\$ 290 00

Church Hill—W. J. O'Neill, Pastor

Church Hill.....	\$ 23 93
Church Hill Sunday School.....	8 53
Union.....	20 00
Salem.....	11 75
Spanairds Neck.....	1 61
Church Hill Mission Band.....	45 59
Total.....	\$ 111 41

Crumpton—Geo. E. Wood, Pastor

Churches.....	\$ 12 64
Sunday Schools.....	17 36
Total.....	\$ 30 00

Easton—H. S. Thompson, Pastor

Church.....	\$ 50 00
Sunday School.....	125 00
Total.....	\$ 175 00

Galena—T. L. Tomkinson, Pastor.

Galena Church.....	\$ 20 00
“ Sunday School.....	33 00
Chesterville Church.....	14 00
“ Sunday School.....	12 00
Locust Grove Church.....	19 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	16 00
Total.....	\$ 114 00

Greensborough—W. H. Hutchin, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 23 00
Sunday School.....	53 00
Total.....	\$ 76 00

Hillsboro—George W. Townsend, Pastor.

Hillsboro Church.....	\$ 37 50
Hillsboro Sunday School.....	22 50
Ridgeley Church.....	27 00
Ridgeley Sunday School.....	4 00
Hall's Cross Roads Church.....	15 00
Total.....	\$ 106 00

Ingleside Circuit—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 20 00
Sunday Schools.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 60 00

Kent Island—J. E. Kidney, Pastor.

Stevensville Church.....	\$ 20 00
Stevensville Sunday School.....	34 20
Kingsley Church.....	11 00
Kingsley Sunday School.....	1 05
Trinity Church.....	7 75
Total.....	\$ 74 00

Kings Creek—T. E. Bell, Pastor.

Kings Creek.....	\$ 22 00
Chapel.....	5 50
Cordova.....	7 50

Total.....\$ 35 00

Marydel—A. S. Mowbray, Pastor.

Templeville Church and School.....	\$ 40 00
Marydel Church and School.....	20 00
Thomas' Chapel Church and School.....	15 00
Hartley Church and School.....	15 00

Total.....\$ 90 00

Middletown—R. H. Adams, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 338 00
Congregation.....	112 00

Total.....\$ 450 00

Millington—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor.

Millington Church.....	\$ 70 00
Millington Sunday School.....	76 00
Blackiston's Church.....	11 00
Holden's Church.....	10 00
Holsten's Sunday School.....	5 00

Total.....\$ 172 00

Odessa—T. R. Creamer, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 66 00
Sunday School.....	159 00

Total.....\$ 225 00

Oxford—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

From Church.....	\$ 9 00
From Sunday School.....	51 00

Total.....\$ 60 00

Pomona—J. M. Lindal, Pastor.

Bond Sunday School.....	\$ 47 05
Walton's Congregation.....	5 93
Salem Congregation.....	5 38
Cash.....	1 64

Total.....\$ 60 00

Queenstown—John W. Poole, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 42 00
Sunday Schools.....	8 00

Total.....\$ 50 00

Rock Hall—N. McQua, Pastor.

Rock Hall Sunday School.....	\$ 68 21
Church.....	6 79
Expenses.....	6 00

Total.....\$ 81 00

Royal Oak—I. L. Wood, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 16 00
Sunday School.....	14 00

Total.....\$ 30 00

St Michael's—J. Owen Sypherd, Pastor.

Church collection.....	\$ 38 00
Sunday School.....	153 00

Total.....\$ 191 00

Sassafrass—W R. Mowbray, Pastor

Church.....	\$ 21 00
Sunday School.....	9 00

Total.....\$ 30 00

Smyrna—John B. Quigg, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 200 00
Sunday School.....	350 00

Total.....\$ 550 00

Smyrna Circuit—E. E. White, Pastor.

Bethel church.....	\$ 29 00
" School.....	20 00
Severon church.....	14 00
" School.....	5 00
Central Church.....	6 50
" School.....	5 50
Kenton School.....	20 00

Total.....\$ 100 00

Still Pond—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.

Still Pond.....	\$ 226 00
Betterton.....	9 00
Union.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 245 00

Sudlersville—Jno. D Rigg, Pastor.

Sudlersville Sunday School.....	\$ 73 00
" Congregation.....	27 00
Dudley's Sunday School.....	6 00
" Congregation.....	14 00

Total.....\$ 120 00

Talbot—D. Gollie, Pastor.

Broad Creek Church.....	\$ 20 00
" " Sunday School.....	15 00
Chatham Chapel Church.....	20 00
" " Sunday School.....	5 00

Total.....\$ 60 00

Townsend—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 21 00
Church.....	23 00
Total.....	
	\$ 44 00
Trappe—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.	
Trappe Church.....	\$ 50 00
“ Sunday School.....	6 00
Landing Neck Church.....	25 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	3 00
Bolingbroke Church.....	14 00
“ Sunday School.....	2 00
Total.....	
	\$ 100 00
Wye—G. P. Smith, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 10 00
Sunday School.....	10 00
Total.....	
	\$ 20 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith's—G. W. Bowman, Pastor.	
Beckwith's Church and Sunday School.....	\$ 54 53
Spedden's Church and Sunday School.....	31 47
Total.....	
	\$ 86 00
Bridgeville—H. W. Connor, Pastor.	
Missionary.....	\$ 30 00
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	22 60
Total.....	
	\$ 52 60
Burrsville—James Connor, Pastor.	
Church and Sunday School.....	\$ 31 00
Cambridge—Alfred Smith, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 40 00
Sunday School.....	60 00
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.....	57 00
Total.....	
	\$ 157 00
Camden—E. H. Hynson, Pastor.	
Camden Church.....	\$ 51 00
Lebanon “.....	7 50
St. Jones “.....	5 50
Total.....	
	\$ 64 00
Cannon's Circuit—E. Davis, Pastor.	
Concord Church.....	\$ 14 68
Bethel Church.....	22 36
“ Sunday School.....	1 50
Wesley Church.....	12 85
“ Sunday School.....	9 28
Brown Church.....	13 42
“ Sunday School.....	2 91
Total.....	
	\$ 77 00

Church Creek—C. H. Williams, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 4 00
Church.....	46 00
Total.....	
	\$ 50 00
Denton—R. F. Bishop, Pastor.	
Denton Church.....	\$ 55 00
“ Sunday School.....	12 00
Harris Chapel.....	13 00
Total.....	
	\$ 80 00
Dover—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 106 00
Sunday School.....	403 00
Mission School.....	5 00
Total.....	
	\$ 514 00
East New Market—P. H. Rawlins.	
Churches.....	\$ 45 00
Sunday School at East New Market.....	25 00
Total.....	
	\$ 70 00
Ellendale—Wilmer Jaggard, Pastor.	
Ellendale Church.....	\$ 10 00
Union “.....	10 00
McColly “.....	5 00
Reed's “.....	5 00
Total.....	
	\$ 30 00
Farmington—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.	
Farmington Church.....	\$ 14 00
“ Sunday School.....	5 00
Todd's Church.....	7 50
“ Sunday School.....	7 50
Prospect Church.....	6 00
“ Sunday School.....	6 00
White's Church.....	2 00
“ Sunday School.....	2 00
Total.....	
	\$ 50 00
Federalsburg—Geo. W. Burke, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 48 90
Federalsburg Sunday School.....	28 70
St. Paul's Sunday School.....	10 73
Chestnut Grove Sunday School.....	8 86
Houston's Mission Sunday School.....	2 81
Total.....	
	\$ 100 00
Felton—Vaughan S. Collins, Pastor.	
Felton Church.....	\$ 37 75
Willis' Church and Sunday School.....	20 00
Manship.....	31 67
Viola Sunday School and Church.....	10 58
Total.....	
	\$ 100 00

Frederica and Barrett's Chapel—T. H. Haynes, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 56 43
Sunday Schools.....	51 57
Total.....	\$ 108 00

Galestown—W. M. Green, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 55 00
Sunday Schools.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 75 00

Georgetown—J. Duhadway, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 24 00
Sunday Schools.....	86 00
Total.....	\$ 110 00

Greenwood—James Carroll, Pastor.

Trinity Church.....	\$ 49 51
“ Sunday School.....	5 49
Chaplin's Church.....	15 75
St. Johnstown Church.....	14 00
“ Sunday School.....	1 00
Greenwood Church.....	16 00
“ Sunday School.....	1 00
From other sources.....	2 25
Total.....	\$ 105 00

Harrington—J. Warthman, Pastor.

Harrington Church.....	\$ 56 75
“ Sunday School.....	20 65
Asbury.....	7 60
Masden.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 90 00

Houston—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

Houston.....	\$ 25 00
Laws.....	25 00
Milford Neck.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 60 00

Hurlock—F. Hopkins, Pastor.

Washington Church.....	\$ 35 00
“ Sunday School.....	5 00
The young Missionaries of W.....	28 00
Cabin Creek Church.....	10 00
The young Missionaries of C. C.....	12 00
“ “ “ “ McK.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 100 00

Leipsic—D F. McFaul, Pastor.

Leipsic.....	\$ 25 00
Raymonds.....	25 00
Little Creek.....	25 00
Total.....	\$ 75 00

Lewes—Jas. A. Brindle, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 73 45
Sunday School.....	77 81
Total.....	\$ 151 26

Lincoln—J. M. Collins, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 20 00
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Magnolia—Geo. L. Hardesty, Pastor.

Magnolia Church.....	\$ 22 00
“ Sunday School.....	20 00
Canterbury Church.....	12 00
“ Sunday School.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 64 00

Milford—W. S. Robinson, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 58 00
Sunday School.....	120 00
Total.....	\$ 178 00

Millsboro—Robert Roe, Pastor.

Missionary collections.....	\$ 60 00
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Milton—Joseph Robinson, Pastor.

Church collection.....	\$ 10 00
Sabbath School.....	30 00
Total.....	\$ 40 00

Nassau—I. N. Foreman, Pastor.

Connelly's Church.....	\$ 30 00
“ Sunday School.....	5 00
Ebenezer Church.....	10 00
“ Sunday School.....	5 00
Whites Chapel.....	15 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	5 00
Zion Church.....	10 00
“ Sunday School.....	5 00
Yellow Hill Sunday School.....	5 00
A friend to Missions.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 95 00

Potter's Landing—F. M. Morgan, Pastor.

Bloomery Church.....	\$ 11 25
“ Sunday School.....	2 00
Harmony Church.....	10 25
Potters Ldg. Church.....	18 00
“ Sunday School.....	2 50
Concord Church.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 54 00

Preston—S. M. Morgan, Pastor.

Preston.....	\$ 46 00
Friendship.....	18 00
“ Sunday School.....	1 00
Bethlehem.....	16 00
Total.....	\$ 81 00

Seaford—W. E. England, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 32 00
Church and Congregation, with private contributions from pastor's family and others.....	103 00
Total.....	\$ 135 00

Vienna—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.

Vienna Church.....	\$ 39 00
“ School.....	5 00
Manship Church.....	10 00
“ School.....	1 00
Wainwrights Church.....	13 00
“ School.....	2 00
Total.....	\$ 70 00

Woodlandtown—W. W. Redman, Pastor.

Zion.....	\$ 38 97
Ebenezer.....	23 39
St. Thomas'.....	19 80
Elliotts.....	12 65
Total.....	\$ 94 81
Expenses.....	1 81
Total.....	\$ 93 00

Wyoming—W. M. Warren, Pastor.

Wyoming Church.....	\$ 8 00
Willow Grove Church.....	11 00
Union Church.....	11 00
Total.....	\$ 30 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Annamessex—Benj. C. Warren, Pastor.

St. Peter's Sunday School.....	\$ 41 00
Quindocqua “ “.....	27 00
Churches.....	32 00
Total.....	\$ 100 00

Asbury—W. F. Corkran, Pastor.

Congregation.....	\$ 70 00
Sunday School.....	100 00
Total.....	\$ 170 00

Berlin—W. B. Gregg, Pastor.

Berlin Charge.....	\$ 75 00
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Bethel—A. T. Melvin, Pastor.

Bethel Sunday School.....	\$ 16 00
Mt. Zion Sunday School.....	3 00
Bladesville Sunday School.....	3 00
From Bladesville church to make L. D. Morgan Life Member of Missionary Society.....	10 00
Bethel and Mt. Zion.....	31 00
Total.....	\$ 63 00

Bishopville—R. Irving Watkins, Pastor.

Wilson Sunday School.....	\$ 33 00
Churches.....	17 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Cape Charles—O. S. Walton, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 30 00
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Chincoteague—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 4 00
Sunday School.....	26 00
Total.....	\$ 30 00

Crisfield—W. W. W. Wilson, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 100 00
Sunday School.....	100 00
Total.....	\$ 200 00

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

Sunday School.....	\$ 184 00
Church.....	46 00
Jacob Parks.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 250 00

Delmar—C. S. Baker, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 75 00
Sunday Schools.....	75 00
Total.....	\$ 150 00

Fairmount—W. E. Avery, Pastor.

Christ Church.....	\$ 70 09
Christ Sunday School.....	416 50
Union Church.....	22 00
Union Sunday School.....	53 00
Fishing Island Sunday School.....	26 41
Total.....	\$ 588 00

Frankford—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 60 00
Sunday Schools.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 100 00

Fruitland—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.

Fruitland Church.....	\$ 24 00
Siloam Church.....	20 00
Zion.....	5 00
St. Luke's.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Girdle Tree and Conners—J. W. Easley, Pastor.

Girdle Tree Church and Sunday School.....	\$ 37 50
Conner's Church and Sunday School.....	36 75
Chapel at Scotts.....	2 75

Total.....\$ 77 00

Gumboro—D. F. Waddell, Pastor.

For Mission.....	\$ 90 00
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Hallwood—A. D. Davis, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 3 00
Sunday School.....	5 00

Total.....\$ 8 00

Holland's Island—Henry S. Dulaney, Pastor.

Missionary collection.....	\$ 150 00
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Klej Grange—Warren Burr, Pastor.

Klej Church.....	13 00
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Laurel—F. C. McSorley, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 125 00
Church.....	75 00

Total.....\$ 200 00

Mt. Vernon—T. H. Harding, Pastor.

John Wesley Sunday School.....	\$ 37 00
Asbury.....	25 00

Total.....\$ 62 00

Newark--E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.

Bowen's Chapel.....	\$ 34 00
Derrickson Church.....	17 00
Wesley.....	11 00

Total.....\$ 62 00

Onancock--C. A. Grice, Pastor.

Savageville Sunday School.....	\$ 22 00
Letherberry's Chapel.....	12 00
Ayres' Chapel.....	10 00
Onancock Church and Sunday School.....	106 00

Total.....\$ 150 00

Parksley--A. D. Davis, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 10 00
Sunday Schools.....	15 00

Total.....\$ 25 00

Parsonsburg--W. W. Johnson, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 50 00
Sunday Schools.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 60 00

Pocomoke City--I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 64 00
Congregation.....	6 00

Total.....\$ 70 00

Pocomoke Circuit--Zack. H. Webster, Pastor.

Cokesburg Church.....	\$ 12 50
" Sunday School.....	15 00
Holland's Church.....	6 00
Curtis Chapel.....	6 00
William's.....	5 50

Total.....\$ 45 00

Powellville--W. W. Chaires, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 20 00
Sunday Schools.....	7 00

Total.....\$ 27 00

Princess Anne--Robt. Watt, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 58 00
Church.....	17 00

Total.....\$ 75 00

Quantico--James T. Prouse, Pastor.

Quantico Church.....	\$ 22 00
Messick's ".....	20 00
Mills ".....	8 00
Sunday Schools.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 60 00

Riverton--E. F. Staats, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 5 00
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Roxana--Wm. B. McFarlane, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 75 00
Sunday Schools.....	25 00

Total.....\$ 100 00

Salisbury--W. B. Walton, Pastor.

Asbury M. E. Church.....	\$ 52 00
" Sunday School.....	80 00
Ebenezer M. E. Church.....	16 00
" Sunday School.....	7 00

Total.....\$ 155 00

Selbyville—Edgar S. Mace, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 57 00
Sunday School.....	21 00
Total.....	\$ 78 00
Sharptown—E. H. Miller, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 30 00
Sunday School.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 40 00
Shortley—J. W. Gray, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 18 00
Sunday Schools.....	7 00
Total.....	\$ 25 00
Smith's Island—Wm. L. P. Bowen, Pastor.	
Church and Sunday School.....	\$ 242 01
Total.....	\$ 242 00
Snow Hill—Robert W. Todd, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 38 23
Sunday School.....	86 77
Total.....	\$ 125 00
Somerset—John Tyler, Pastor.	
Mission Church.....	\$ 85 00
Sunday School.....	20 00
W. F. Mission.....	1 00
W. H. Mission.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 107 00
Stockton—W. T. Valiant, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 31 00
Sunday Schools.....	19 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00
St. Peters—Geo. W. Wilcox, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 122 59
Church.....	7 41
Total.....	\$ 130 00
Tangier—S. J. Morris, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 40 00
Sunday School.....	129 00
Total.....	\$ 169 00

Tyaskin—J. H. Howard, Pastor.	
Jones.....	\$ 175 00
Trinity.....	32 00
White Haven.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 212 00
Westover—W. G. Koons, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 62 00
Sunday Schools.....	13 00
Total.....	\$ 75 00

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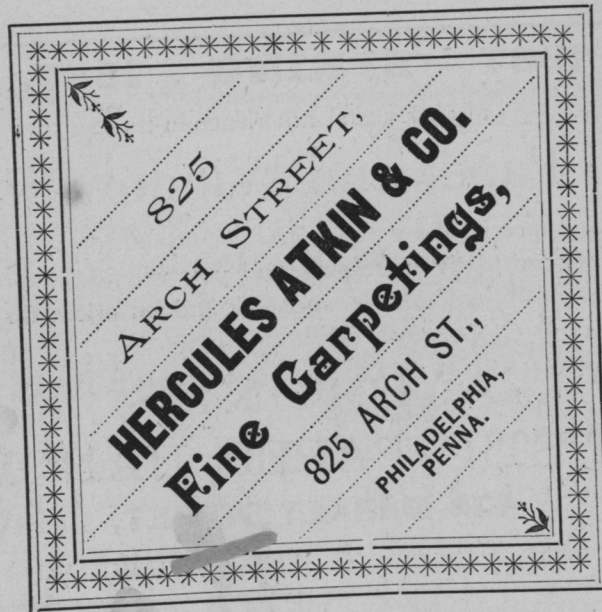
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