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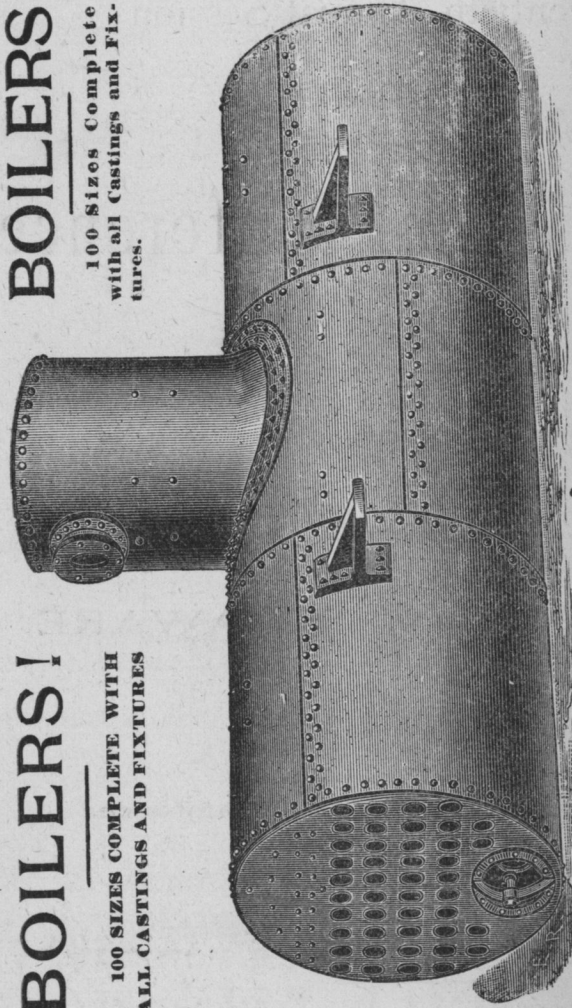
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7. ON REVISING CHARTER OF TRACT FUND—T. E. Terry, J. A. B. Wilson, C. H. B. Day.
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10. TO AUDIT MISSIONARY ACCOUNT OF T. O. AYRES—A. S. Mowbray.
11. TO CORRESPOND WITH CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS—Dr. R. J. Price.
12. TO DISBURSE FUNDS OF MRS. CHATHAM—E. H. Nelson.
13. ON F. A. ELLIS—T. E. Martindale, J. P. Otis, N. M. Browne.
14. ON THANKS—W. H. Hutchin, H. S. Thompson.
15. ON THE HENRY WHITE MONUMENT—T. Snowden Thomas, Chas. Hill, Adam Stengle.
16. TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON—W. S. Robinson,—Alternate, W. F. Corkran.
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18. ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE—T. E. Martindale, J. A. Arters, J. W. Easley, J. H. Willey, J. P. Otis.

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For the Government of the Wilmington Annual Conference

I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

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

II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

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

III. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

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

IV. QUESTIONS TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT DEBATE.

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

CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

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

1872	Adams, R. H.	E.	Middletown, Del.	3
1841	Allen, John	S.	67 Irving Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.	
1877	Atkins, E. C.	E.	Cecilton, Md.	3
1870	Arters, J. A.	E.	Church Hill, Md.	2
1877	Avery, Walter E.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1870	Ayers, T. O.	E.	Salisbury, Md.	2
1888	Alderson, Geo. T.	P.	Queenstown, Md.	1
1888	Anderson, John F.	P.	Westover, Md.	1
1881	Baker, C. S.	E.	Delmar, Del.	3
1876	Barrett, L. E.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1836	Barton, George	S.	Church Hill, Md.	
1859	Bell, Thos. E.	Sp.	Tunis Mills, Md.	
1876	Bowen, W. L. P.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	3
1885	Bowman, Geo. W.	E.	Parsonsburg, Md.	1
1843	Brindle, James A.	E.	Cordova, Md.	1
1860	Browne, N. M.	E.	Newark, Del.	1
1857	Bryan, James E.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1865	Burke, George W.	E.	Federalburg, Md.	3
1886	Burke, Asbury	D.	Chesapeake City, Md.	2
1888	Burr, Warren	P.	Girdle Tree, Md.	1
1845	Caldwell, J. H.	E.	Frederica, Del.	1
1865	Carroll, James	E.	Houston, Del.	1
1876	Chandler, Albert	E.	Ingleside, Md.	1
1881	Cochran, F. J.	E.	Gumboro, Md.	1
1876	Collins, J. M.	E.	Elliott, Md.	1
1883	Collins, Vaughan S.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1862	Conaway, George S.	E.	Blackbird, Del.	3
1868	Conner, James	E.	Leipsic, Del.	2
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	3
1881	Corkran, L. P.	E.	Preston, Md.	2
1885	Corkran, D. H.	D.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1887	Coursey, R. T.	P.	Hurlock, Md.	2
1873	Creamer, T. R.	E.	Milton, Del.	1
1888	Carpenter, Frank F.	P.	Bishopville, Md.	2
1888	Compton, Wm. P.	D.	Princess Anne, Md.	1
1888	Chaires, Wesley W.	D.	Shortley, Del.	1
1860	Davis, A. D.	E.	Georgetown, Del.	2
1869	Davis, Edward	E.	Nassau, Del.	2
1884	Dawson, W. F.	E.	Millsboro, Del.	1
1884	Derrickson, E. H.	E.	Sharptown, Md.	1
1879	Dodd, Julius	E.	Hockessin, Del.	1
1871	Duhadway, W. J.	E.	Seaford, Del.	1
1886	Dulany, H. S.	D.	Parksley, Va.	1
1885	Easley, J. W.	D.	Onancock, Va.	2
1845	England, W. E.	Sp.	Seaford, Del.	
1866	Esgate, James	S.	216 Oxford street, Portland, Maine	
1887	Ewing, H. W.	D.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1859	Fisher, A. A.	S.	Federalburg, Md.	
1873	Foreman, I. N.	E.	Denton, Md.	2
1868	Fosnocht, I. G.	E.	Galena, Md.	2

1856	France, John	E.	Smyrna, Del.	4
1856	Gardner, S. T.	E.	Magnolia, Del.	1
1873	Green, Wm. M.	E.	Cambridge, Md.	1
1857	Gregg, Wm. B.	E.	Bethel, Del.	2
1879	Grice, Charles A.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1883	Guthrie, Wm. B.	E.	Deal's Island, Md.	1
1885	Gray, J. W.	D.	Pocomoke City, Md.	2
1887	Geisler, J. W.	P.	Boston, Mass.	
	Given, Thomas N.	E.	Rockland, Del.	1
1851	Hammersley, J. W.	E.	Booth's Corner, Pa.	2
1873	Hanna, J. D. C.	E.	Newport, Del.	2
1883	Hardesty, G. L.	E.	Tangier, Va.	1
1871	Harding, Thos. H.	E.	Newark, Md.	1
1887	Hartwig, K. R.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1848	Haynes, Thos. H.	E.	Sudlersville, Md.	1
1845	Hill, Charles	E.	Elkton, Md.	1
1878	Hill, Charles A.	E.	Centreville, Md.	2
1833	Houston, J. L.	S.	Wilmington, Del.	
1882	Howard, J. H.	E.	Bridgeville, Del.	2
1878	Hubbard, E. L.	E.	New Castle, Del.	2
1850	Hubbard, James	Sp.	Laurel, Del.	
1869	Hunter, Thos. B.	E.	Charlestown, Md.	2
1868	Hutchin, Wm. H.	E.	Greensboro, Md.	3
1850	Hynson, E. H.	E.	Zion, Md.	1
1882	Hammitt, Chas. J.	E.	Widgeon, Md.	1
1884	Jaggard, Wilmer	E.	Galestown, Md.	2
1870	Jewell, Isaac	E.	Rising Sun, Md.	3
1886	Johnson, W. W.	D.	Quantico, Md.	1
1872	Jones, R. C.	E.	Odessa, Del.	1
1888	Jones, John	E.	Woodlawn, Md.	2
1872	Kemp, Jno. D.	E.	Georgetown, Del.	1
1869	Kidney, J. E.	E.	Wyoming, Del.	1
1886	Koons, Wm. G.	D.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E.	East New Market, Md.	1
1879	Lindale, J. M.	E.	Wittman, Md.	1
1885	Mace, E. S.	D.	Monie, Md.	2
1875	Macnichol, E. C.	E.	Felton, Del.	1
1864	Martindale, T. E.	E.	Salisbury, Md.	2
1868	McFarlane, W. R.	E.	Hopewell, Md.	1
1884	McFaul, D. F.	E.	Crapo, Md.	2
1873	McQuay, N.	E.	Rock Hall, Md.	3
1873	McSorley, F. C.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	2
1865	Melvin, A. T.	E.	Roxanna, Del.	1
1849	Merrill, Wm.	Sp.	Fairmount, Md.	
1853	Merritt, James B.	Sp.	Crumpton, Md.	
1869	Miller, E. H.	E.	Elk Neck, Md.	2
1885	Mitchell, James M.	D.	Vienna, Md.	1
1887	Morgan, S. M.	P.	Townsend, Del.	2
1858	Morris, S. J.	E.	Harrington, Del.	1
1883	Mowbray, A. S.	E.	Pocomoke City, Md.	2
1886	Mowbray, Wm. R.	D.	Royal Oak, Md.	2
1871	Murray, W. L. S.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1888	Morgan, Frank M.	D.	Greenwood, Del.	1
1870	Nelson, E. H.	E.	Chesapeake City, Md.	2
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E.	Cherry Hill, Md.	2
1872	Otis J. P.	E.	Port Deposit, Md.	1
1853	Phoebus, G. A.	S.	53 Third Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.	

1881	Pilchard, S. N.	E.	Frankford, Del.	3
1870	Poole, John W.	Sp.		
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	E.	Fairmount, Md.	1
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	E.	Trappe, Md.	3
1836	Price, B. F.	E.	Christiana, Del.	2
1886	Prouse, J. T.	D.	Cburch Creek, Md.	1
1850	Quigg, J. B.	E.	North East, Md.	2
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	E.	Camden, Del.	1
1885	Reese, J. D.	E.	Pomona, Md.	1
1858	Redman, W. W.	E.	Potter's Landing, Md.	2
1867	Rigg, J. D.	E.	Still Pond, Md.	1
1877	Robinson, W. S.	E.	Smyrna, Del.	2
1867	Robinson, Joseph.	E.	Kent Island, Md.	1
1884	Roberts, E. P.	E.	Oxford, Md.	2
1873	Roe, Robert.	E.	Ellendale, Del.	1
1845	Sanderson, Henry	S.	Wilmington, Del.	
1858	Scott, A. T.	Sp.	Wilmington, Del.	
1859	Sheppard, C. F.	E.	Delaware City, Del.	2
1886	Sharp, W. W.	D.	Kenton, Del.	1
1885	Sears, W. R.	D.	Madison, N. J.	
1879	Smith, Alfred.	E.	Cambridge, Md.	3
1870	Stengle, Adam.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1873	Stephenson, R. K.	E.	Millington, Del.	3
1860	Sypherd, J. O.	E.	Laurel, Del.	2
1888	Sheers, William.	D.	Sassafras, Md.	2
1888	Smith, Geo. P.	P.	Wye Mills, Md.	2
1888	Swain, Chas. P.	P.	Hooper's Island.	2
1857	Talbot, Wm. F.	Sp.	Dover, Del.	
1886	Taylor, W. P.	P.	Carlisle, Pa.	
1876	Terry, Thos. E.	E.	Dover, Del.	2
1858	Thompson, H. S.	E.	Lewes, Del.	2
1853	Todd, R. W.	E.	Chestertown, Md.	1
1862	Todd, Jacob.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1887	Todd, John R.	D.	Madison, N. J.	
1871	Tomkinson, Wm. E.	Sp.	604 Market St., Wilmington, Del.	
1876	Townsend, G. W.	E.	Hillsboro', Md.	3
1877	Valiant, W. T.	E.	Cannon's, Del.	2
1859	VanBurkalow, J. T.	E.	Bellevue, Del.	1
1874	Waddell, D. F.	E.	Nanticoke, Md.	1
1848	Walton, Wm. B.	E.	St. Michael's, Md.	2
1879	Walton, O. S.	E.	Red Lion, Del.	1
1853	Warner, Wm. M.	E.	Marydel, Md.	2
1882	Warren, B. C.	E.	Deal's Island, Md.	2
1865	Warthman, John.	E.	St. George's, Del.	1
1886	Watkins, R. I.	D.	Chincoteague, Va.	2
1885	Watt, Robert.	D.	Snow Hill, Md.	1
1887	Webster, Z. H.	P.	Fruitland, Md.	1
1866	White, E. E.	E.	Smyrna, Del.	3
1872	Wilcox, G. W.	E.	Farmington, Del.	1
1878	Willey, J. H.	E.	Milford, Del.	2
1857	Williams, T. S.	Sp.	North East, Md.	
1882	Williams, C. H.	E.	Stockton, Md.	2
1869	Wilson, J. A. B.	E.	Dover, Del.	2
1877	Wilson, W. W. W.	E.	Easton, Md.	2
1884	Wise, Wm. A.	E.	Cape Charles City, Va.	1
1884	Wood, Isaac L.	E.	Lincoln, Del.	2
1886	Wood, George E.	D.	Hallwood, Va.	1
1886	Wyatt, C. T.	D.	Berlin, Md.	1

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1884		Bullock, Moses	Wilmington, Del.	
1886		Bush, M. A.	" "	
1886		Brown, A. R.	Sylmar, Md.	
1885	D	Cann, John	Louisville, Pa.	
		Dumbracco, J.	Wilmington, Del.	
	D	Dodd, David	" "	
1864	L	Fryer, Thomas	Cherry Hill, Md.	
1869	L	Flinn, V. G.	Newport, Del.	
1869	L	Ford, John	North East, Md.	
1886		Grimes, W. E.	Wilmington, Del.	
1886		Graves, Harry	" "	
1866	D	Green, Daniel	Newport, Del.	
1868	L	Hendrickson, W. H.	Centreville, Del.	
	L	Hamilton, Wm.	Wilmington, Del.	
1874	D	Hodson, Jabez	" "	
1888		Hinchliffe, E. V.	Elkton, Md.	
1887		Hammond, W. T.	North East, Md.	
	D	Kershaw, Wm.	Elkton, Md.	
	E	Kirk, Elin.	Sylmar, Md.	
1866	D	Logan, Samuel	Charlestown, Md.	
1859	L	Miller, Wm. T.	Mechanics' Valley, Md.	
1862		Mendinhall, Eli	Wilmington, Del.	
	L	Moore, Chas.	" "	
		McCoy, James	" "	
		McLaughlin, J. F.	" "	
		McCrea, A.	" "	
	D	Mulford, R. W.	Summit Bridge, Del.	
	E	Rawlings, J. N.	Claymont, Del.	
	L	Rodgers, R. L.	Wilmington, Del.	
	D	Roop, F. A.	" "	
	L	Roop, S. J.	" "	
	L	Sentman, Chas.	" "	
1887	L	Simms, J. H.	" "	
	E	Simmons, John.	Edgemoor, Del.	
1867	D	Scott, Jas. T.	Christiana, Del.	

	D	Thatcher, Albert.....	Wilmington, Del.
	D	Taylor, Wm. W.....	" "
1868	L	Todd, Lewis.....	" "
	L	Williamson, J. F.....	Newark, Del.
1870	D	Weldin, G. W.....	Wilmington, Del.
1876		White, Wm. L.....	" "
	L	White, John.....	" "

EASTON DISTRICT.

1860	L	Benson, E. T.....	Royal Oak, Md.
	D	Clark, J. M.....	Kenton, 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	Gardner, Thomas R.....	Madison, N. J.
	L	Jones, A. E.....	Easton Md.
1881	L	Lassell, J. C.....	Smyrna, Del.
1867	L	Morris, C. R.....	Sassafras, Md.
	L	Mumford, Thomas.....	Millington, Md.
		McLean, R.....	Queenstown, Md.
	D	Numbers, Thomas.....	Millington, Md.
1856	L	Perkins, J. A.....	Chestertown, Md.
1881	L	Roe, Herman.....	Smyrna, Del.
1831	L	Stubbs, James.....	" "
1859	D	Smith, J. B.....	" "
1886	L	Welsh, Eben.....	Merrickton, Md.

DOVER DISTRICT.

1865	L	Betts, W. H.....	Millsboro, Del.
1865	L	Clifton, G. W.....	Lincoln, Del.
	E	Creamer, V.....	Cambridge, Md.
1866	L	Conoway, R. H.....	Harrison, Md.
	L	Dawson, Dr. E.....	Frederica, Del.
1866	E	Donoho, S. M.....	Crapo, Md.
1820	L	Evans, W.....	Lewis, Del.
1885	L	Franklin, J. E.....	Madison, N. J.
	L	Golt, Richard.....	Dover, Del.
1852	D	Harris, Wm.....	Bridgeville, Del.
1844	E	Hazzard, R. B.....	Hurlock, Md.
1883	L	Knight, C. W.....	Little Creek, Del.
	D	Kenney, J. T.....	Hinson, Md.
1859	L	Minner, S. L.....	Harrington, Del.
		Morgan, F. M.....	Concord, Del.
1886	L	Northorp, C. L.....	Hurlock, Md.
1872	L	Roach, Eli J.....	Stockley, Md.
	L	Smoot, T. C.....	Madison, N. J.
	L	Thomas, J. A.....	Milford, Del.

	L	Sullivan, J. F.....	Fowling Creek, Md.
1887	L	Swain, C. P.....	Redden, Del.
1884	L	Wheatly, B.....	Linkwood, Md.
1854	E	Willis, J. S.....	Milford, Del.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

1872	L	Beauchamp, John.....	Fairmount, Md.
	L	Conner, N. E.....	Marion, Md.
	L	Connelly, J. H.....	Bethel, Del.
	L	Conner, J. W.....	Crisfield, Md.
1864	D	Deveraux, J. J.....	Snow Hill, Md.
1874	L	Daniel, J. P.....	Wenona, Md.
	L	Hill, M. M.....	Delmar, Del.
1867	L	Hitch, Elijah.....	Laurel, Del.
1864	L	Lawson, Hance.....	Crisfield, Md.
	L	Jones, J.....	Whitesville, Del.
1886		Foxwell, B. H.....	Princess Anne, Md.
1883	E	Nelson, Alonzo.....	Crisfield, Md.
1858	L	Robinson, John.....	Sharptown, Md.
	L	Scott, J. H.....	Mt. Vernon, Md.
	D	Scott, Geo. E.....	Williamsville, Del.
1884	L	Simonson, J. A.....	Crisfield, Md.
1887	L	Strickland, W. G.....	Klej Grange, Md.
1874	D	Tyler, John.....	Chance, Md.
1852	E	Webb, Samuel.....	Fruitland, Md.
	L	Wilson, Isaac.....	Monie, Md.
	L	Ward, N. N.....	Salisbury, Md.
1867	L	White, H. P.....	Dames Quarter, Md.
1887	L	Williams, Z. L.....	Millville, Del.

VIRGINIA DISTRICT.

1886	L	Ayers, J. S.....	Leemount, Va.
	L	Galloway, Wm. K.....	Parksley, Va.
	D	Leatherbury, P. A.....	Onancock, Va.
	L	Winton, E. J.....	Onancock, Va.

PLANS OF EXAMINATION.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

Discipline and Catechism.....	G. W. BURKE.
History of Methodism.....	T. A. H. O'BRIEN.
Compendium of Methodism.....	E. C. ATKINS.
Scripture History.....	J. O. SYPHERD.
History of the United States.....	W. A. WISE.

FIRST YEAR.

Rhetoric.....	J. D. KEMP.
Christian Perfection and Sermon.....	W. L. P. BOWEN.
Biblical Theology.....	ALFRED SMITH.
Systematic Theology.....	E. L. HUBBARD.
Ancient History.....	A. S. MOWBRAY.

SECOND YEAR.

Mediæval and Modern History.....	C. S. BAKER.
Biblical Theology.....	N. M. BROWNE.
Systematic Theology.....	T. R. CREAMER.
Sacraments and Sermons.....	T. E. MARTINDALE.
Logic.....	W. E. AVERY.

THIRD YEAR.

Church History and Sermons.....	F. C. MCSORLEY.
Systematic Theology.....	G. W. TOWNSEND.
Harman and Miley.....	T. B. HUNTER.
Porter's Intellectual Science.....	I. N. FOREMAN.
Kidder's Homiletics.....	JULIUS DODD.

FOURTH YEAR.

Biblical Theology.....	J. A. ARTERS.
Watson's Institutes, Part II.....	W. R. MCFARLANE.
Butler's Analogy.....	W. F. CORKRAN.
Written Exegesis.....	JOS. ROBINSON.
Books to be read.....	J. M. COLLINS.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

- Who are received by transfer, and from what Conference?*
Charles J. Hammett from the Alabama Conference.
Thomas N. Given from the Virginia Conference.
- Who are admitted on trial?*
Frank M. Morgan, George P. Smith, William Sheers, Geo. T. Alderson, John F. Anderson, Frank F. Carpenter, Wm. P. Compton, Wesley W. Chaires, Warren Burr, Charles P. Swain, John Jones, John R. Todd, John W. Geisler, Joshua W. Gray, Wm. P. Taylor.
- Who remain on trial?*
Konrad R. Hartwig, Harvey W. Ewing, Stephen M. Morgan, Ralph T. Coursey, Zach H. Webster.
- Who are discontinued?*
Ethan F. Staats, Samuel F. Johnson.
- Who are admitted into full connection?*
George W. Bowman, George E. Wood, Asbury Burke, Wm. W. Sharp, Wm. R. Mowbray, Willard W. Johnson, Henry S. Dulany, Wm. G. Koons, R. Irving Watkins, Clinton T. Wyatt, James T. Prouse.
- Who are re-admitted?*
None.
- Who are received on credentials from other churches?*
John Jones, from the Primitive Methodist Church.
- What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?*
George E. Wood, Asbury Burke, Wm. W. Sharp, Wm. R. Mowbray, Willard W. Johnson, Henry S. Dulany, Wm. G. Koons, Clinton T. Wyatt, James T. Prouse.
- What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
George E. Wood, Asbury Burke, William W. Sharp, William R. Mowbray, Willard W. Johnson, Henry S. Dulany, Wm. G. Koons, Clinton T. Wyatt, Jas. T. Prouse.
- What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?*
Frank M. Morgan, Charles K. Morris, John R. Todd, Wm. L. White, Harvey W. Ewing, William Sheers, William P. Compton.
- What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
Frank M. Morgan, Charles K. Morris, John R. Todd, William L. White, Harvey W. Ewing, William Sheers, William P. Compton.
- Who are the Traveling Deacons of the first-class?*
William R. Sears, George E. Wood, Asbury Burke, William W. Sharp, William R. Mowbray, Willard W. Johnson, Henry S. Dulany, William G. Koons, Clinton T. Wyatt, James T. Prouse.
- Who are the Traveling Deacons of the second class?*
David H. Corkran, James M. Mitchell, James W. Easley, Robert Watt, Edgar S. Mace.

14. *What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*
William F. Dawson, Edmund H. Derrickson, Emerson P. Roberts, William A. Wise, Daniel F. McFaul, Wilmer Joggard.
15. *What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
Wm. F. Dawson, Edmund H. Derrickson, Emerson P. Roberts, Wm. A. Wise, Dan'l F. McFaul, Wilmer Jaggard.
16. *What local Deacons have been elected Elders?*
George E. Scott, George W. Bowman.
17. *What local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
George E. Scott, George W. Bowman.
18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*
James Hubbard, Wm. Merrill, Alfred T. Scott, Wm. F. Talbot, James B. Merritt, Thos. E. Bell, Thos. S. Williams, Wm. E. Tomkinson, Wm. E. England, John W. Poole.
19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*
James L. Houston, A. A. Fisher, George Barton, John Allen, George A. Phoebus, 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?*
Joseph Dare.
22. *Have any been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*
George F. Hopkins to North India 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?*
None.
27. *Have any been expelled?*
None.
28. *Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?*
Charles Hill, Wm. B. Walton, W. J. Duhadway, J. W. Easley, T. B. Hunter, Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran.
29. *What is the Statistical report for this Conference Year?*
(See tabulated Statement.)
30. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*
\$7475.00.
31. *What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?*
\$6,104 00, which has been applied under order of the Conference.
32. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*
(See list of Appointments.)
33. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*
Easton, Md.

APPOINTMENTS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

W. L. S. MURRAY, P. E.,—307 W. SEVENTH, 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.....	J. W. HAMMERSLEY
Christiana.....	B. F. PRICE
Claymont.....	TO BE SUPPLIED
Delaware City.....	C. F. SHEPPARD
Elk Neck, Md.....	E. H. MILLER
Elkton and Crouch's, Md.....	CHARLES HILL
Hockessin and Ebenezer.....	JULIUS DODD
Hopewell, Md.....	JOHN JONES
Mount Lebanon and Union.....	T. N. GIVEN
Mount Pleasant and Edgemoor.....	J. T. Van BURKALOW
Newark and Wesley.....	N. M. BROWNE
New Castle.....	E. L. HUBBARD
Newport, Stanton and Marshalton,....	J. D. C. HANNA
North East, Md.....	and one to be Supplied, H. A. GRAVES
Port Deposit, Md.....	J. B. QUIGG
Red Lion and Kirkwood.....	J. P. OTIS
Rising Sun, Md.....	O. S. WALTON
Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant, Md.....	ISAAC JEWELL
St. Georges and Summit.....	To be Supplied by F. E. MCKINSEY
Wilmington: Asbury.....	JOHN WARTHMAN
“ Brandywine.....	J. E. BRYAN
“ Epworth.....	C. A. GRICE
“ Grace.....	D. H. CORKRAN
“ Madeley.....	JACOB TODD
“ Mount Salem.....	H. W. EWING
“ St. Paul's and Kingswood, {	W. E. AVERY
“ Scott.....	L. E. BARRETT and
“ Swedish Mission.....	one to be Supplied, W. L. WHITE
“ Union.....	V. S. COLLINS
“ Wesley.....	K. R. HARTWIG
Zion Md.....	ADAM STENGLE
W. P. Taylor, {	W. G. KOONS
J. W. Geisler, {	E. H. HYNSON
W. R. Sears, {	
J. R. Todd, }	Left without appointment to attend our Schools

EASTON DISTRICT.

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

Appoquinimink.....	G. S. CONOWAY
Bayside and Tilghman, Md.....	J. M. LINDALE
Cecilton, Md.....	E. C. ATKINS
Centreville, Md.....	C. A. HILL
Chestertown, Md.....	R. W. TODD
Church Hill, Md.....	J. A. ARTERS
Crumpton, Md.....	TO BE SUPPLIED
Easton, Md.....	W. W. WILSON

Galena, Md.....	I. G. FOSNOCHT
Greensboro, Md.....	W. H. HUTCHIN
Hillsboro, Md.....	G. W. TOWNSEND
Ingleside, Md.....	ALBERT CHANDLER
Kent Island, Md.....	JOSEPH ROBINSON
Kings Creek, Md.....	J. A. BRINDLE
Kenton, Md.....	W. W. SHARP
Marydel, Md.....	W. M. WARNER
Massey's, Md.....	To be supplied by D. GOLLIE
Middletown, Del.....	R. H. ADAMS
Millington, Md.....	R. K. STEPHENSON
Odessa, Del.....	R. C. JONES
Oxford, Md.....	E. P. ROBERTS
Pomona, Md.....	J. D. REESE
Queenstown, Md.....	G. T. ALDERSON
Rock Hall, Md.....	NEWTON MCQUAY
Royal Oak, Md.....	W. R. MOWBRAY
St. Michael's, Md.....	W. B. WALTON
Sassafras, Md.....	WILLIAM SHEERS
Smyrna, Del.....	W. S. ROBINSON
Smyrna Circuit.....	E. E. WHITE
Still Pond, Md.....	J. D. RIGG
Sudlersville, Md.....	T. H. HAYNES
Talbot, Md.....	TO BE SUPPLIED
Townsend, Md.....	S. M. MORGAN
Trappe, Md.....	A. P. PRETTYMAN
Wye, Md.....	G. P. SMITH

DOVER DISTRICT.

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

Beckwith's Md.....	W. M. GREEN
Bridgeville, Del.....	J. H. HOWARD
Burrsville, Md.....	TO BE SUPPLIED
Cambridge, Md.....	ALFRED SMITH
Camden, Del.....	P. H. RAWLINS
Cannon's Del.....	W. T. VALIANT
Church Creek, Md.....	J. T. PROUSE
Crapo, Md.....	D. F. McFAUL
Dorchester Circuit, Md.....	To be Supplied by BAYNARD WHEATLY
Denton, Md.....	I. N. FOREMAN
Dover, Del.....	T. E. TERRY
East New Market, Md.....	L. W. LAYFIELD
Ellendale, Del.....	ROBERT ROE
Elliott's Island, Md.....	J. M. COLLINS
Farmington, Del.....	G. W. WILCOX
Federalsburg, Md.....	G. W. BURKE
Felton, Del.....	E. C. MACNICHOL
Frederica, Del.....	J. H. CALDWELL
Galestown, Md.....	WILMER JAGGARD
Georgetown, Del.....	J. D. KEMP
Greenwood, Del.....	F. M. MORGAN
Harrington.....	S. J. MORRIS
Harbeson, Del.....	To be Supplied by W. N. CONWAY
Hooper's Island, Md.....	C. P. SWAIN
Houston, Del.....	JAMES CARROLL
Hurlock, Md.....	R. T. COURSEY
Leipsic, Del.....	JAMES CONNER
Lewes, Del.....	H. S. THOMPSON
Lincoln, Del.....	I. L. WOOD
Magnolia, Del.....	S. T. GARDNER

Milford, Del.....	J. H. WILLEY
Millsboro, Del.....	W. F. DAWSON
Milton, Del.....	T. R. CREAMER
Nassau, Del.....	EDWARD DAVIS
Potter's Landing, Md.....	W. W. REDMAN
Presto n, Md.....	L. P. CORKRAN
Seaford, Del.....	W. J. DUHADWAY
Taylor's Island, Md.....	To be supplied by G. W. BOUNDS
Vienna, Md.....	J. M. MITCHELL
Woodside.....	To be Supplied by E. S. J. McALLISTER
Wyoming, Del.....	J. E. KIDNEY

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

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

Annessex, Md.....	W. R. McFARLANE
Asbury, Md.....	W. F. CORKRAN
Berlin, Md.....	C. T. WYATT
Bethel, Del.....	W. B. GREGG
Bishopville, Md.....	F. F. CARPENTER
Crisfield, Md.....	F. C. MCSORLEY
Deal's Island, Md.....	B. C. WARREN
Delmar, Del.....	C. S. BAKER
Fairmount, Md.....	C. W. PRETTYMAN
Frankford, Del.....	S. N. PILCHARD
Fruitland, Md.....	Z. H. WEBSTER
Girdle Tree, Md.....	WARREN BURR
Gumboro, Del.....	F. J. COCHRAN
Holland's Island, Md.....	W. B. GUTHRIE
Laurel, Del.....	J. O. SPHERD
Mount Vernon, Md.....	C. J. HAMMETT
Nanticoke, Md.....	D. F. WADDELL
Newark, Md.....	T. H. HARDING
Parsonsburg, Md.....	G. W. BOWMAN
Pocomoke Circuit, Md.....	J. W. GRAY
Pocomoke City, Md.....	A. S. MOWBRAY
Powellville, Md.....	To be supplied by L. T. McLAINE
Princess Anne, Md.....	W. P. COMPTON
Quantico, Md.....	W. W. JOHNSON
Roxanna, Del.....	A. T. MELVIN
Salisbury, Md.....	T. E. MARTINDALE
Selbyville, Del.....	To be supplied
Sharptown, Md.....	E. H. DERRICKSON
Shortley, Del.....	W. W. CHAIRES
Snow Hill, Md.....	ROBERT WATT
Somerset, Md.....	To be supplied by JOHN TYLER
Stockton, Md.....	C. H. WILLIAMS
St. Peter's, Md.....	E. S. MACE
Westover, Md.....	J. F. ANDERSON

VIRGINIA DISTRICT.

A. D. DAVIS, P. E.—P. O. GEORGETOWN, DEL.

Accomac and Northampton, Va.....	To be Supplied by J. F. AYRES
Cape Charles City, Va.....	W. A. WISE
Chincoteague, Va.....	R. I. WATKINS
Hallwood, Va.....	G. E. WOOD
New Church, Va.....	To be Supplied by W. K. GALLOWAY
Onancock, Va.....	J. W. EASLEY
Parksley, Va.....	H. S. DULANEY
Smith's Island, Md.....	W. L. P. BOWEN
Tangier, Va.....	G. L. HARDESTY

JOURNAL.

The twentieth session of the Wilmington Annual Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, met in Union M. E. Church, Wednesday morning, March 7th, 1888, at nine o'clock, Bishop Cyrus D. Foss in the chair.

Opening Services.—The Bishop announced the 798th hymn, read the 100th Psalm and the 2d chapter of II Timothy, and Dr. J. H. Caldwell led the Conference in prayer. The 656th hymn was sung and the Bishop addressed the Conference in words of greeting.

Roll Call.—The secretary of the last session was directed to call the roll, and one hundred and eleven members answered to their names.

Secretary.—J. D. Rigg and J. P. Otis were nominated for Secretary, and P. A. Rawlins, Chas. A. Hill and W. H. Hutchin were appointed tellers. The vote was taken and they retired to count.

Standing Committees.—The usual Standing Committees were nominated by the Presiding Elders, and they were confirmed. (See list.)

Hours for Meeting, &c.—Eight and a half a. m. and twelve p. m. were fixed for meeting and adjourning.

Conference Bar.—The eighth line of pews from the front was fixed as the bar of the Conference.

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

Election of Secretary.—J. D. Rigg was re-elected Secretary, who nominated E. C. Macnichol and A. S. Mowbray as Assistants, and E. H. Nelson as Journal Secretary. J. D. C. Hanna was elected Statistical Secretary, with power to name his assistants. (See list.)

Statistical Call.—On motion of J. D. C. Hanna, the call for Statistical reports and Benevolent Collections was made the order of the day, for eleven o'clock this morning.

Introductions.—Dr. G. R. Crooks of Drew Theo. Seminary, Dr. W. A. Spencer, Ass't Cor. Sec'y Church Extension Society, and W. C. Webster of the Genesee Conference were introduced.

Stewards.—The Presiding Elders nominated the Ministerial Stewards, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference. (See lists.)

J. D. C. Hanna was excused from preaching the annual Missionary sermon.

Steward's Call.—The call of the Stewards was made the order of the day for ten o'clock to-morrow.

Dr. Crooks ably addressed the Conference concerning the work of Drew Seminary.

Order of the Day.—The order of the day was called, and the Statistics and Benevolent Collections were handed in.

Freedmen's Aid.—Documents from the Freedmen's Aid Society were referred to that Committee.

Educational Documents were referred to the Committee on Education.

Drafts.—Drafts on the Chartered Fund for thirty dollars, and on the Book Concern for three hundred and twenty dollars were ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

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

Dr. W. A. Spencer addressed the Conference in the interests of the Church Extension Society.

General Conference Delegates.—Friday morning at 10 o'clock, was fixed as the time for the election of Delegates to the General Conference.

G. A. Phoebus was granted leave of absence until to-morrow evening.

Post Master.—W. G. Koons was appointed Conference Post Master.

Methodist Review.—Geo. E. Wood was appointed to solicit subscribers for the Methodist Review.

The Committees were called, the announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, the Bishop pronouncing the Benediction.

SECOND DAY—THURSDAY MORNING.

SECOND SESSION.

Opening.—Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, the Bishop in the chair. The devotions were led by R. H. Adams. The Journal was read and approved.

The 20th Question.—"Was the character of each preacher examined?" was called. The character of W. L. S. Murray, Presiding Elder of Wilmington, was passed; he read a report of his District, and the effective Elders of his District were called, their character passed, and they reported their Missionary collections, viz: T. B. Hunter, T. A. H. O'Brien, E. H. Nelson, J. W. Hammersley, B. F. Price, C. F. Sheppard, E. H. Miller, J. P. Otis, C. W. Prettyman, Julius Dodd, E. L. Hubbard, J. D. C. Hanna, J. B. Quigg, L. E. Barret, Isaac Jewell, L. W. Layfield, J. E. Bryan, C. A. Grice, Jacob Todd, R. C. Jones, Chas. Hill, N. M. Browne, A. Stengle, J. T. VanBurkalow, J. H. Caldwell.

Joseph Dare.—When the name of Joseph Dare was called, it was announced that he died Oct. 22d.

Statistical Report.—The Statistical Secretary reported a very few failures to hand in the reports as required by the order of the day.

The 20th Question was resumed. The character of A. D. Davis, Presiding Elder, was passed, and he read a report of his District. The characters of W. L. P. Bowen and S. J. Morris were passed, and they reported their Missionary collections.

Steward's Call.—The order of the day having arrived, the roll was called, and the Steward received the Conference Claimant's Collections.

Centenary and Tract Fund.—The reports of the Centenary and Tract Funds were presented, ordered to be filed, and an order for \$180 00 was made in favor of the Board of Stewards.

Trustees of Centenary Fund.—Dr. J. H. Caldwell and J. G. Baker were re-elected trustees of the Centenary Fund.

The 5th Question, "Who were admitted into full connection?" was taken up. The class was called, addressed by the Bishop, and received. (See Dis. Questions.)

Paper of N. M. Browne.—Upon a question of privilege, N. M. Browne read a paper respecting certain tabulations, printed in the Minutes of last year.

On motion the time was extended.

J. B. Quigg's Resolutions.—J. B. Quigg presented a preamble and resolutions respecting Bro. Browne's paper, which were made the order of the day, for nine o'clock to-morrow.

Introductions.—Drs. J. S. Porter of Newark Conference, W. P. Davis of New Jersey Conference, and J. M. Williams of N. H. Conference, and Theo. Stevens, H. T. Quigg and Henry Frankland of the Philadelphia Conference, were introduced.

Sabbath Committee.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, a Committee on the observance of the Sabbath was appointed, and the Presiding Elders were asked to nominate said Committee. The announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Dr. J. S. Porter pronouncing the Benediction.

THIRD DAY—FRIDAY MORNING.

THIRD SESSION.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, the Bishop in the chair. The devotions were led by T. E. Martindale.

Journal.—The journal was read and approved.

Dr. Porter.—Dr. J. S. Porter, whose early ministry was within our bounds, addressed the Conference in a few pleasant words.

Introductions.—Joseph Mason, S. W. Thomas, Wm. Swindells, J. F. Crouch, S. W. Kurtz, I. R. Merrill, Amos Johnson and Charles E. Adamson, of the Philadelphia Conference, were introduced.

Order of the Day.—The hour for the order of the day having arrived, J. B. Quigg, having made an explanation, with the consent of the Conference, withdrew the resolutions which he presented yesterday.

The 20th Question was resumed.—The character of T. O. Ayres, P. E. Salisbury District, was passed, and he read a report of his District, after which the Effective Elders of the District were called, their characters passed, and they reported their Missionary money, viz: J. A. Brindle, George W. Wilcox, W. B. Gregg, B. C. Warren, C. S. Baker, W. E. Avery, S. N. Pilchard, W. B. Guthrie, D. F. Waddell, J. O. Sypherd, T. H. Harding, A. S. Mowbray, W. R. McFarlane, T. E. Martindale, O. S. Walton, R. W. Todd, C. H. Williams, A. T. Melvin.

Easton District.—The character of John France, P. E., was passed, and he read a report of his District.

Order of the Day.—The hour for the order of the day, the election of General Conference Delegates, having arrived, the Conference directed that the selection of delegates should be by choice, that the vote should be by ballot, that a majority of the votes cast should elect, that the ballots should contain the names of as many candidates as were required to be elected, that in case there should be more than the required number receiving a majority, the three receiving the highest vote should be considered elected, that all blank ballots and all ballots containing more than the required number of names should be thrown out, and any ballot containing less than the required number should be counted. It was also directed that there be two reserve delegates, and that they be elected in the same manner.

Tellers.—Upon nomination by the Presiding Elders, R. W. Todd, W. H. Hutchins, Isaac Jewell, L. P. Corkran and R. I. Watkins were appointed tellers, and E. C. Macnichol, Ass't Secretary, was appointed to assist in the count of the ballots.

Sealed Vote.—W. S. Robinson presented the sealed ballot of J. O. Sypherd,

who was necessarily absent, and it was directed that the tellers count it, if it met the requirements of the rules adopted for voting.

First Ballot.—The vote was then taken and the tellers retired.

Introductions.—Drs. W. J. Paxson, C. W. Buoy, N. B. Durell, B. T. String, H. E. Gilroy, W. L. McDowell and George Cummins, of the Philadelphia Conference; Bishop Andrews, Dr. J. M. King, of New York Conference, and Job H. Jackson, H. F. Pickels, and other laymen of Wilmington, were introduced.

The 20th Question was resumed. The following Effective Elders of Easton District were called, their characters passed, and they reported their missionary collections: Geo. S. Conoway, E. C. Atkins, C. A. Hill, J. D. Kemp, J. A. Arters, W. W. W. Wilson, I. G. Fosnocht, W. H. Hutchin, Geo. W. Townsend, J. E. Kidney, W. M. Warner, R. H. Adams, R. K. Stephenson, T. R. Creamer, J. M. Lindale, J. W. Poole, N. McQuay, W. B. Walton, W. S. Robinson, E. E. White, E. C. Macnichol, J. D. Rigg, J. D. Reese, A. P. Prettyman.

Dover District was called, the character of J. A. B. Wilson, P. E., was passed, and he read a report of his District. The Effective Elders of this District were called, their characters passed, and they reported their missionary collections: J. H. Howard, S. T. Gardner, Alfred Smith, E. H. Hynson, W. T. Valiant, J. M. Collins, I. N. Foreman, Thos. E. Terry, P. H. Rawlins, C. J. Hammett, F. J. Cochran, G. W. Burke, V. S. Collins, T. H. Haynes, W. J. Duhadway, Jas. Carroll, John Warthman, Jas. Conner, H. S. Thompson, Isaac L. Wood, G. L. Hardesty, J. H. Willey, Robert Roe, Joseph Robinson, Edward Davis, W. W. Redman, L. P. Corkran, Wm. E. England, W. M. Green.

Teller's Report.—The tellers reported the first ballot, showing 131 votes cast; Jacob Todd, receiving 90 votes, and J. A. B. Wilson 71, they were declared elected to the General Conference. A ballot was then ordered for one delegate.

Bishop E. G. Andrews, by invitation of Bishop Foss, took the chair.

Hospital Committee.—S. W. Thomas, and Wm. Swindells, addressed the Conference respecting the Methodist Hospital, and a committee was appointed to confer with them respecting that matter. (See Special Committee.)

Wilmington Conference Academy Trustees.—The Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy, announced vacancies in said Board, and a committee was appointed to make nominations to fill said vacancies. (See Special Committees.)

Teller's report.—The Tellers reported the second ballot, no choice was made and a third ballot was ordered.

Tract Fund Committee.—On motion of J. B. Quigg, a committee was appointed to consider matters relating to the Conference Tract Fund. (See Sp. Com.)

Teller's Report.—The tellers reported, no choice was made, and a fourth ballot was ordered.

Freedmen's Aid Collection.—The apportionment for the Freedmen's Aid Collection of the Conference was announced, and referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to the respective charges.

Teller's report.—The tellers reported and no choice was made.

Sabbath Committee.—A committee was appointed on the observance of the Sabbath. (See Sp. Committee.)

Announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Dr. W. J. Paxson pronouncing the Benediction.

FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY MORNING.

FOURTH SESSION.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, the Bishop in the Chair. The devotions were led by Chas. Hill. The journal was read and approved.

The 14th Question.—"What travelling Deacons have been elected Elders?" was taken up and disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

The 10th Question.—"What local Preachers have been elected Deacons?" was called and disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

Lay Conference Ushers.—A Committee was appointed to conduct the Lay Conference to seats within the bar of the Conference for fraternal greetings. (See Sp. Committee.)

The 16th Question.—"What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?" was taken up, and disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

The 3rd Question.—"Who remain on trial was called and disposed of. (See Dis. Questions.)"

Konrad R. Hartwig was continued on trial with the understanding that the Conference accept a certificate of his examination in the prescribed course from any duly qualified Swedish minister during the year.

John R. Todd was continued on trial, and by request of the Conference, was left without an appointment to attend school, and it was directed that he pass examination in the first year's course of study at the next session.

Samuel F. Johnson and E. F. Statts were discontinued at their own request.

John W. Geisler and Wm. P. Taylor were continued on trial, and by request of the Conference, were left without appointments to attend school.

Joshua W. Gray was continued on trial with the understanding that he pass examination in three of the books in the first year's course, at the next session.

Introductions.—Chas. K. Morris of the Philadelphia Conference, and G. F. Farring, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church in this city, were introduced.

Fifth Ballot.—On motion of J. B. Quigg, the ballot for one delegate to the General Conference was resumed.

Dr. J. P. Durbin.—Dr. G. A. Phoebus presented a paper commending the biography of Dr. Durbin by Dr. J. A. Roche, which was adopted. (See Resolutions.)

Coke Memorial Church.—Rev. W. R. Griffith, pastor of the Bishop Coke Memorial Church, a Welch Mission in Utica, N. Y., was introduced, addressed the Conference concerning its financial needs, and a collection was taken for that work amounting to \$79.37. He also addressed the Lay Conference and raised \$15.00 additional making in all \$94.37.

Tellers' Report.—The Tellers reported that no choice was made, and the sixth ballot was ordered.

Stewards' Report.—The report of the Stewards was made the order of the day for Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The 13th Question.—"Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?" was taken up and disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

Wm. R. Sears continued a Deacon of the first class, and by request of the Conference, was left without an appointment to attend school.

Geo. F. Hopkins was announced as transferred to the North India Conference during the year.

The 19th Question.—"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up and disposed of. (See Disciplinary Questions.)

Tellers' Report.—The tellers reported N. M. Browne, having received 67 votes out of 126, was declared elected a delegate to the General Conference.

Reserve Delegates.—The Conference ordered an election for two reserve delegates to the General Conference.

Auditing Committee.—J. O. Sypherd was made a Committee to audit the Presiding Elders' accounts of missionary money. (See Sp. Com.)

J. H. Connelly.—On motion of T. O. Ayres, the Conference directed the restoration of the parchments of J. H. Connelly, a Local Deacon.

Tellers' Report.—The tellers reported, and W. S. Robinson, having received 65 votes out of 121 was declared elected a reserve delegate to the General Conference.

Lay Electoral Conference.—The Lay Conference was received at 11½ o'clock, and H. C. Dodson, President, Dr. R. J. Price, Secretary, and L. S. Melson and H. P. Cannon, Lay Delegates to the General Conference, were introduced.

The President of the Lay Conference presented and read a brief fraternal address, announcing their choice of delegates. Resolutions of greeting to the Lay Conference were offered by J. B. Quigg, which were adopted. Brief addresses were also made by Drs. R. J. Price and A. E. Sudler, with an inspiring response by Bishop Foss. The Lay Conference then retired to complete their work.

It was directed that the proceedings of the Lay Conference be printed in the Minutes.

Finance.—The Conference directed the Treasurer of the Finance Committee to pay the funds to the Treasurers of the respective societies represented.

L. C. Andrew.—J. A. B. Wilson presented the parchments of L. C. Andrew, a local Elder, and they were ordered to be placed in the Archives of the Conference. Announcements were made and Conference adjourned with the doxology, the benediction by Bishop Foss.

FIFTH DAY—SABBATH

The Conference Love-feast was held at nine o'clock A. M., in charge of T. E. Martindale.

Sermon by Bishop Foss at 10.30 A. M., followed by the ordination of Deacons.

Memorial Service.—A service in memory of Joseph Dare and Mrs. Sarah J. Terry, was held at 7.30 o'clock P. M., the memoirs to be printed in the Minutes. Ordination of Elders followed this service.

SIXTH DAY—MONDAY MORNING.

SIXTH SESSION.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, the Bishop in the chair, the devotions in charge of N. M. Browne.

The journal was read, corrected and approved.

Constitution D. M. Society.—J. B. Quigg presented and read a revised constitution of the Conference Domestic Missionary Society, which was adopted. (See reports.)

W. C. A. Trustees.—Vacancies were filled in the Board of Trustees of the W. C. Academy. (See list.)

T. O. Ayres Accounts.—The receipts of T. O. Ayres for Missionary moneys were put in the hands of A. S. Mowbray to be audited. (See Sp. Com.)

Church Extension.—T. E. Martindale presented and read the report of the Conference Church Extension Society and it was adopted. (See reports.)

Woman's Home Missionary Society.—T. A. H. O'Brien presented and read the report of the W. H. M. Society, which was adopted. (See reports.)

W. F. M. Society.—B. F. Price presented and read the report of W. F. M. Society, which was adopted. (See reports.)

Tract Report.—W. B. Gregg presented and read the report of the committee on tracts, which was adopted. (See reports.)

Sabbath Observance.—T. E. Martindale presented and read the report of the committee on Sabbath Observance, which was adopted. (See reports.)

Board of D. Missions.—On motion of J. B. Quigg, vacancies in the Conf. Board of Domestic Missions were filled. (See list.)

Ordinations.—The Bishop presented the certificate of ordinations which were read and filed.

The 18th question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up and disposed of. (See Dis. Questions.)

Seat of Next Conference.—The 33d question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up and disposed of. (See Dis. Questions.)

Reserve Delegate.—A ballot was ordered for a second reserve delegate to General Conference.

Printed Statement of N. M. Browne.—On motion of W. S. Robinson, the statement of N. M. Browne, read on the first day of the Conference, was ordered to be printed in the Minutes, excepting the last half of the last paragraph, which had been withdrawn by Bro. Browne.

Tellers' Report.—The tellers reported that no choice had been made. On motion, the rule requiring a vote by ballot for General Conference delegate was reconsidered, and upon nomination, John France was elected a reserve delegate by acclamation.

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

The Secretary of the Stewards was directed to notify all claimants upon the Conference funds, of the action of the Conference requiring fuller information concerning the needs of the claimants.

Mrs. Chatham.—E. H. Nelson was appointed to take charge of, and disburse the funds allowed Mrs. Annie D. Chatham.

Wm. H. Jackson.—T. O. Ayers presented resolutions in regard to the munificence of Wm. H. Jackson in the erection of a new church and parsonage in Salisbury, Md., which were adopted. (See Res.)

The 2d Question.—"Who were admitted on trial?" was taken up and disposed of. (See Disciplinary Ques.)

F. M. Morgan Excused.—Frank M. Morgan was excused from examination for admission on the ground that he had previously passed upon this course, he having been one year on trial in the Conference, and having appeared before the committee on the first year's course, he was credited with that examination.

The 7th Question.—"Who are received on credentials from other churches?" was called, the credentials of John Jones were presented and recognized, the Disciplinary questions were asked and answered, and he was received on trial as an Elder.

Afternoon Session.—A session of the Conference was ordered for three o'clock this afternoon and Jacob Todd was appointed to preside.

Report of W. C. A. Trustees.—T. E. Martindale read the report of the Trustees of the Conference Academy and it was referred to the Committee on Education.

Prof. W. L. Gooding, Principal, addressed the Conference in the interest of the W. C. Academy.

Tract Fund and Ladies' Hall.—J. B. Quigg presented resolution respecting the Tract Fund and Ladies' Hall, which were made the order of the day for to-morrow at ten o'clock.

Dr. B. S. Rust.—Secretary F. A. Society was introduced.

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

SIXTH DAY—MONDAY AFTERNOON.

SEVENTH SESSION.

Conference met at 3 o'clock, Jacob Todd in the chair. Devotions were led by J. B. Quigg. Reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Peninsula Methodist.—J. B. Quigg presented resolutions respecting the Peninsula Methodist, which were adopted. (See Resolution.)

Historical Society.—B. F. Price presented and read the report of the managers of the Conference Historical Society, which was adopted, (See Report), and a number of historic articles were presented to the Society.

Standing Committee for 1889 were ordered to be nominated at the present session. (See Resolutions.)

Finance Committee presented a report of the benevolent collections. District and Conference totals were read, and the report was received and filed.

Eleven O'Clock Call.—On motion of R. W. Todd, the Conference directed that eleven o'clock on the first day of the next annual session, be fixed as the time for receiving the Statistics and moneys for the various benevolences.

Rev. Thos. Myers, agent of the Md. Bible Society was introduced, and spoke concerning the work of that Society.

Chairman of Finance Committee.—It was directed that the Presiding Elders nominate only the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and that he be permitted to name his assistants.

Bible Report.—J. M. Lindale, presented and read the report of the Bible Committee, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

Freedmen's Aid Report.—Isaac Jewell presented and read the report on Freedmen's Aid, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

Temperance Report.—J. D. Kemp, presented and read the report on Temperance, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

Sunday Schools.—L. E. Barrett, presented and read the report on Sunday Schools, which was amended and adopted. (See Reports.)

Methodist Hospital.—R. C. Jones, presented and read the report of the Committee on Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, which was amended and adopted. (See Reports.)

F. A. Ellis—A committee was appointed to prepare a paper concerning the late F. A. Ellis. (See Sp. Com.)

Tobacco.—V. S. Collins offered a resolution respecting educational funds for young men, which was adopted. (See Res.)

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology and Benediction by C. Hill.

SEVENTH DAY—TUESDAY MORNING.

EIGHTH SESSION.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, the Bishop in the chair, and the devotions in charge of B. F. Price.

The Journal was read and approved.

Audited Accounts.—J. O. Sypherd presented the Audited accounts of Presiding Elders, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

Education.—J. H. Willey presented and read the report on education, which was adopted. (See Reports.)

Statistical Report.—J. D. C. Hanna read the District and Conference totals of the Statistical report, and the report was adopted. (See tables.)

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

F. A. Ellis.—J. P. Otis read a report of the Committee in the case of F. A. Ellis, deceased, and it was adopted. (See Reports.)

Riddle Fund.—Vacancies in the Trustees of the Riddle Fund were filled. (See List.)

Thanks of Reporters.—J. B. Quigg presented resolutions expressing thanks of the representatives of the Press for the courtesy shown them, and it was ordered that they be printed in the Minutes. (See Res.)

Thanks to Reporters.—On motion of T. E. Martindale a vote of thanks was given the representatives of the Press for the full, fair and impartial record of the proceedings of the Conference.

Wm. E. England.—W. H. Hutchin offered a resolution respecting the retirement of W. E. England from the effective work, which was adopted. (See Res.)

Sexton.—A collection was taken for the Sexton, which amounted to \$35.68.

Henry White.—Resolutions respecting the erection of a monument to Rev. Henry White were read and adopted. (See Res.)

W. E. Tomkinson's case was called, and on motion of W. L. S. Murray, the Conference directed that a private session be held to consider the case.

PRIVATE SESSION.

Conference was called to order at 10.15 o'clock, the case was fully discussed, and after a full reply by Brother Tomkinson, his relation as Supernumerary was continued by a count vote of 75 to 14.

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

Conference adjourned at one p. m., Bishop Foss pronouncing the Benediction.

SEVENTH DAY—TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

NINTH SESSION.

Conference met at 2 o'clock, the Bishop in the Chair, the devotion in charge of J. T. Van Burkalow.

The Journal was read and approved.

J. W. Poole.—By request and motion of Jno. France, the relation of John W. Poole was changed from Effective to Supernumerary.

Collections.—A collection was ordered for W. E. Tomkinson and J. W. Poole to be equally divided between them, and it amounted to \$254.35.

J. McK. Brewington.—R. F. Bishop of the Virginia Conference, one of a committee to represent the case of J. McK. Brewington, was introduced, addressed the Conference and the parchments of Bro. Brewington were directed to be restored.

Ladies' Hall.—The order of the day for ten o'clock this morning was taken up, and J. B. Quigg read the resolutions respecting the funds for a Ladies Hall at the Conference Academy, and they were adopted. (See Resolutions.)

On motion of J. B. Quigg the Conference directed that the Presiding Elders apportion the sum of twelve thousand dollars to the respective charges of the Conference from the erection of a Ladies' Hall, five thousand of which, at the request of J. A. B. Wilson, were apportioned to Dover District.

Transfer.—The Bishop announced the transfer of Thomas N. Given, of the Virginia Conference, to this Conference.

Nominations.—The Bishop presented the names of the Examining Committees and Conference Boards, which were approved. (See List.)

Ladies' Hall.—R. W. Todd offered a resolution stating the immediate necessity for a Ladies' Hall, and it was adopted. (See Res.)

Thanks.—Resolutions of thanks were presented by H. S. Thompson, and were adopted. (See Res.)

Domestic Missionary Money.—On motion of W. L. S. Murray, sixty dollars, the amount of Domestic Missionary Money from the Virginia District, was applied to the salary of A. D. Davis, P. E.

Monument Committee.—A committee to devise ways and means for a monument to Henry White, was appointed. (See sp. Committee.)

Introductions.—W. J. Parker of the Delaware Conference, and Rev. A. N. Keigwin pastor of West Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, Del., were introduced.

Footnote.—The Secretary was directed to put an explanatory footnote on the Salisbury Statistical table. (See table.)

E. H. Nelson.—V. S. Collins presented to E. H. Nelson, on behalf of the Conference, a purse of \$35.00 for his faithful services as Journal Secretary.

Dr. J. A. McCauley of Dickinson College was introduced, and addressed the Conference respecting that institution.

Committee on Anniversaries.—J. France and W. W. W. Wilson were made a committee on Anniversaries of the next session of Conference.

Final Adjournment.—On motion, it was directed that after the reading of the Journal and announcement of the appointments, the Conference stand adjourned, Sine die.

The Bishop addressed the Conference, announced the appointments, and Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Foss.

ANNIVERSARIES.

TEMPERANCE.—Tuesday evening, March 6th, at 7.30 o'clock, addressed by Geo. L. Hardesty, and B. C. Warren.

HISTORICAL.—Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, addressed by B. F. Price.

CHURCH EXTENSION at 7.30 o'clock, addressed by Dr. W. A. Spencer.

WOMENS FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Thursday at 2.30 o'clock, addressed by Mrs. Osborne.

Conference Stewards, at 7.30 o'clock, addressed by T. E. Martindale, and Jacob Todd.

EDUCATION.—Friday at 2.30 P. M., addressed by Alfred Smith, J. M. Williams, D. D.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRACT, at 7.30 o'clock, addressed by S. J. Morris.

WOMEN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY, in Grace Church at 7.30 P. M., addressed by Dr. J. M. King of New York.

FREEDMEN'S AID, at Union Church at 7.30 P. M., addressed by Dr. R. S. Rust, Corresponding Secretary.

MISSIONARY.—Monday evening at 7.30 o'clock, report of the Treasurer, A. G. Cox, Esq., addressed by C. C. McCabe, D. D.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1889.

PUBLIC WORSHIP—John France, P. E., W. W. W. Wilson.

PUBLICATION OF MINUTES—Secretaries.

EDUCATION—L. E. Barrett, R. H. Adams, W. J. Duhadway, T. E. Martindale, J. W. Easley, G. W. Todd, Dr. J. E. Sudler, James E. Elegood, J. T. Kenney, Edward Stephenson.

BIBLE—R. W. Todd, J. W. Hammersley, Lewis P. Corkran, W. R. McFarlane, W. A. Wise.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION—W. H. Hutchin, V. S. Collins, T. H. Harding, H. S. Dulaney.

TEMPERANCE—G. S. Hardesty, John Jones, R. C. Jones, C. J. Hammett, John Howard.

W. F. M. S.—Dr. J. H. Caldwell, J. P. Otis, J. A. Brindle, D. F. Waddell, R. I. Watkins.

W. H. M. S.—W. E. Avery, T. H. Haynes, S. T. Gardener, W. R. McFarlane.

TRACTS—E. H. Hynson, E. P. Roberts, James Conner, W. B. Gregg, G. E. Wood.

FREEDMAN'S AID—C. W. Prettyman, W. M. Warner, G. W. Wilcox, Julius Dodd, W. L. P. Bowen.

MISSIONARY STATISTICS—G. W. Bowman, W. R. Mowbray, Wilmer Jaggard, W. G. Koons, W. K. Galloway.

CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE—C. A. Grice.

LOCAL PREACHERS' ADDRESS—C. T. Wyatt, S. M. Morgan, Robert Roe, James Ayres, T. N. Given.

POST OFFICES—W. Sheers, Asbury Burke, Z. H. Webster, James T. Prouse, G. E. Wood.

SABBATH COMMITTEE—Joseph Robinson, J. W. Easley, C. T. Wyatt, T. R. Creamer, Charles Hill.

MISSIONS—Presiding Elders.

NECESSITOUS CASES—Board of Stewards.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION REPORT.

As loyal Methodists we note with gratification the increasing attention paid by our church to the subject of Education. The pew is moving forward and is demanding a corresponding advance on the part of the pulpit. While we are willing to be the church of the poor and the illiterate, we are not willing to be esteemed an illiterate church. We do not fear the effect upon our peculiar institutions of a riper culture among our people. Our fathers builded wiser than they knew, and their children find that the great principles of faith do not suffer by the strong light of the present century. Nor does the increase of knowledge result in a diminution of zeal. "The Almighty's big wooden spoon with which to stir the churches," as an eminent churchman was ever pleased to call Methodism, may be said to be getting silver plated. The plating however does not seem to affect its stirring properties. The church of the emotions is beginning to pay its respects to the intellect, and it is found that when the brain is soundly corrected it makes as good a Methodist as the heart. We therefore felicitate ourselves as a Conference because of the interest manifested in higher and broader culture, and as your committee we take pleasure in reporting progress along all the lines in the various institutions which look to us for patronage.

The Wilmington Conference Academy, the only begotten child of the Conference, is the object of our special solicitude, and is making a splendid record. If its facilities were equal to its opportunities, or if its equipments were commensurate with its popularity, nothing more could be desired. As a church we are able to rise up and possess the land, and the land is quietly waiting to be possessed. This Academy, located as it is at the legislative and social centre of the Peninsula, may and ought to become the nucleus of Peninsula Methodism. It is not unknown to us that other influences are abroad in our territory, and it is well to remember that the church which pre-empted the ground in the nineteenth century, will be master of the situation in the twentieth century. The integrity of our Methodism, the preservation of our creed, the denominational safety of our children demand that this Academy receive our closest minute attention. The Divine voice is again saying, "enlarge the plan of thy tent, and stretch forth the curtains of thy habitation, spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes. For thou shalt break forth on the right hand, and on the left, and thy seed shall inherit the gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited."

The report from the Centenary Biblical Institute is encouraging, and we rejoice to learn of the success attending the work of the primary school at Princess Anne, Md.

Drew Seminary is justifying all the hope of its founders and patrons. The Literary and Historical Building is finished, and will be opened before Com-

mencement. It is completely fire-proof, is of great architectural beauty, and is intended to hold 60,000 volumes. Many of the volumes are rare, and the manuscripts are invaluable. Their preservation is very dear to our church, and their loss would be irreparable. The declared purpose of this school of the prophets is to equip young men who shall be in every respect qualified to meet the demands of the age. The record of its alumni is sufficient demonstration of the skill and fidelity with which the work is done.

The report from Boston notes the completion of the Building for the special Theological Department, and also calls attention to the large per centage of college graduates among the students. The exacting demands of our Conference examining committee, are producing most salutary results. Among the many applicants for admission into the Annual Conference, there is in constant operation the laws of the survival of the fittest, and more and more do the young men appreciate the wisdom of remaining at Jericho, "until their beards be grown."

The condition of Dickinson College is much more assured and satisfactory than at our last session. The President is confident and enthusiastic and the year is full of promise. Of the 33 graduates last year, one was a young lady, and it is significant and suggestive that this young lady, the first of her sex to graduate from Dickinson, immediately offered herself for service in the Foreign Mission field, and, on being accepted, entered one of the Medical schools of Philadelphia to fit herself for more effective work. Wisdom again is justified of her children. It is not enough that Moses should be learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, his sister Miriam must now be sent to the schools and given an equal chance, for both are destined to become leaders of the people.

CHURCH EXTENSION REPORT.

The Conference Board of Church Extension begs leave to submit the following report:

A special meeting of the Board was held during the session of the Conference a year ago, at which time the following recommendations were made: Golt's Station, Easton District, an additional donation of \$100; Pittsville, Virginia District, loan \$100 and donation of \$200; Thawley's, Dover District, donation of \$180; and Viola, same District, loan of \$250 and donation of \$86.

The regular semi-annual meeting of the Board was held on May 10th, at Asbury M. E. Church, Wilmington, and was largely attended. Applications for aid were received from the following places: Wesley in Wilmington; Derrickson's or Ironshire, Md; Parksley, Assawaman, Horntown, Eastville, New Church, Bird's Nest and Exmore in Virginia, and Little Creek, Del. After full discussion the following recommendations were made:

Houston, Loan \$200, Donation.....	\$200
Assawaman Loan \$200, ".....	200
Parksley. " \$200, ".....	400
Wesley " ".....	35
Derrickson " ".....	300
Little Creek, " \$600, ".....	400

The application of Eastville was endorsed with the understanding that it shall be considered by the Parent Board as soon as there shall be funds in hand to our credit. The subjoined statement of our account with the Parent Board, rendered February 2nd, 1888, will show the disposition made of these cases:

Paid to Pittsville, Va., Loan, \$100, Donation.....	\$200
" " Golt's, Md, ".....	200
" " Houston, Del., ".....	100
" " Viola, Del., " \$250 ".....	75
" " Reliance or Cokesbury, Md., ".....	150
" " Derrickson's, Md., ".....	35
" " Little Creek, Del., Loan \$600 ".....	300
" " Wesley, Wilmington ".....	400

Applications granted on conditions not yet complied with:

Assawaman, Va., Loan \$200, Donation.....	200
Horntown. " \$200, ".....	200

These when paid will leave a balance to the credit of your Conference of \$46. The application of Thawley for a donation of \$180 is on file and has not yet been acted upon.

The Board during the year has sustained a severe loss in the decease of its honored Treasurer, Francis A. Ellis, Esq. For sixteen years he has served the Conference in this office with fidelity and zeal. The gathering infirmities of age did not abate his ardor. His last meeting with the Board was a sadness to us because the shadows of the Valley were then evidently upon him. In view of his relation to other departments of our Conference work we would respectfully request the appointment by the Conference of a committee to prepare a suitable minute for adoption, and record in its journal.

REPORT OF FREEDMAN'S AID.

The philanthropy of our church in this department of the work has been truly wonderful, raising and expending nearly \$6,000,000 for all purposes since its organization, \$2,000,000 of which have been expended for education of the Freedmen and poor whites in the South.

Our real estate purchased has not depreciated in value, and is now estimated at \$900,000, and our schools are admirably located for all our purposes of education.

Our schools are not mixed; we have 25 for colored children with 5,000 scholars, and 18 for whites with 2,000 scholars. The blacks and whites have equally just and pressing claims upon the consideration of the church, and the Freedman's Aid Society. Our 450,000 members, with a constituency of 1,500,000, spread over the whole South and nearly equally divided in respect to race and position of our religious household, must not be left without care. To meet this emergency, hundreds of ministers have been blessed with a good education, thoroughly preparing them for the work of the ministry—resulting in thousands of conversions. The Centenary Biblical Institute of Baltimore has been signally blessed in this particular—under the efficient presidency of Dr. Frysinger.

We have now in our Colleges, Normal schools and Seminaries, 6,556 students.

We need a larger number of thoroughly educated teachers and preachers. The training of these for the specific work of the Society has been wisely looked after by a committee duly appointed by our church, who ask from the church this year, \$250,000, our apportionment of which is \$4,000.

Additional school buildings and accommodations for our Freedmen are needed; our present buildings are over-crowded; additions are specially needed for Claffin, New Orleans, Austin and Greensboro.

Our scholars, most of whom come from homes of poverty and are unable to pay for their education, and it becomes an imperative necessity to endow professorships in these schools for the purpose of properly carrying on our work and saving our people. We, therefore, need from the church \$160,000 to carry on the work this year.

RESULTS.—1. No workers have entered any field having so many discouraging features, and have reaped such glorious results.

2. In our day schools we have 1000 teachers and 76,000 scholars, and 80,000 Sunday school scholars. The inaugurated work by Christian women has given results unparalleled, the freed-women have been instructed by them in home duties, virtue and morality, the results of which have been truly wonderful.

The Schools have been blessed with an unusual outpouring of the Holy Spirit

during the past year, and hundreds have been converted to God; a large number of the young men will go as missionaries to Africa. It is also demonstrated that the colored man is in possession of a brain capable of cultivation. As an evidence of that fact, ignorant children have been taken and transformed into intelligent youth, and they show great aptness for mathematics and other studies. Sixty-two physicians have graduated from the Medical College, Tennessee, the past year.

WHEREAS, We have raised this year \$1746, an increase of \$270 over last year, therefore

Resolved, We will encourage every laudable effort to raise our apportionment whatever it may be.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, It is a fact that under our form of government the several States of this union have and hold all rights of police powers, and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court has always recognized these powers as belonging to the States, and by late decisions has re-affirmed them with greater emphasis than ever before, and

WHEREAS, The States in the proper exercise of these powers, can control all matters of good government and good morals in the interest of the "general welfare," and

WHEREAS, We consider the traffic in intoxicating beverages the fruitful source of a large per cent. of the evils that curse our race, therefore,

Resolved 1st, That in view of the responsibilities imposed upon us as citizens, we advise counsel, and entreat all electors within the bounds of our Conference territory to exercise their right of suffrage in abolishing, by constitutional provision, the liquor traffic.

Resolved 2nd, That believing as we do, that our duty to God and our moral obligations are more binding upon us than any party alliances, as christian ministers and members of the Wilmington Conference declare our purpose, in the future, to support no political party that does not embody our sentiments on the temperance question in its platform.

Resolved 3rd, That we recognize with gratitude the favorable attitude of the Courts within the bounds of our territory, towards temperance reform and good morals, and would urge upon our people the necessity of taking advantage of this fact to present remonstrances, wherever possible, and thereby defeat every application for license.

Resolved 4th, That we recognize in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union one of the most efficient agencies of temperance reform, and earnestly recommend that our pastors open the way, so far as they may be able, for the organization of auxiliaries in every hamlet, village and town within the bounds of our Conference.

Resolved 5th, That we recognize the State Temperance Alliances of Delaware and Maryland as helpfui agencies in pushing forward the cause of Constitutional Prohibition and bid them God speed in their brave and heroic work.

TRACT REPORT.

1. The free distribution of well-written literature, in the form of Tracts, emanating from our publishing house as well as others of a like character, full of living thoughts that will touch the hearts of the people and bring them to Christ,

has always been a useful means, in the Providence of God, in aiding the pastor in his arduous work of building up the church and saving souls.

2. We believe that a more general and wise use of our committees on Tract distribution, would be the means of accomplishing great results, in connection with their visits from house to house, as well as a proper selection of Tracts suitable to the various necessities of the people.

The course pursued by the Missionary Society in its effort to inform and stir up the heart of the church upon the subject of missions, by publishing Tracts for distribution among the people, giving much needed information of the condition of the heathen world, and success of our missionaries among them, is accomplishing an untold amount of good.

3. Your committee call special attention to the premium Tract on Tobacco by Dr. Gibbons of California, which no doubt gives the best exposition of its evil effects, and where circulated and read properly, induces many to break loose from the bond of habit which binds them so tightly.

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 the organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, has brought into the mission field an additional class of workers from among our women: that it has been instrumental in awakening an interest in home mission work, in persons indifferent and even hostile to foreign missions; that it has secured an interest among our people in lines of work hitherto overlooked by every other Society of our church; that it has called the attention of our people to the perils of our own country; the opportunities furnished for usefulness and influence, and the obligation pressing upon us for its evangelization; and that much of this work can only be accomplished by the living sympathy, warm affection, and earnest endeavors of the christian women of our land.

2. The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Wilmington Conference, organized two years ago, has already done effective work.

Seven Auxiliary Societies have been organized, hundreds of dollars added to the general treasury, and special aid has been rendered through the supply department, to the families of several ministers engaged in our frontier work.

The total amount collected during the year ending March 9th, 1888 was \$751.18.

3. At the anniversary of this Society held in Grace Church this city, welistened with pleasure and profit to the able address of the Rev. Dr. James M. King of New York, who said: "the object of this Society is to purify the American home—a patriotic object. If you will utilize the dormant energies of womanhood it will do more in purifying the country than all the Evangelical Societies in the same. In America womanhood has been exalted to her right place more fully than in any other country."

4. We believe that the present occasion affords us an opportunity of special value to commend to this Society those churches where auxiliaries do not now exist. We, therefore, 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 work.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Committee on the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society would report that this Society is doing a great work, and we regard it as an essential factor in

the cause of Christian Missions, which serves at once to develop and utilize our resources at home, and to achieve success in the foreign field. It was organized eighteen years ago, October last, and during that time it has formed over 4600 auxiliaries, with 115,000 members; it has sent 125 missionaries to the foreign work, 75 of whom are now in active service. During the past 18 years, more than a million and a half dollars were paid into its treasury, and the receipts of the year ending October last were over \$191,000. The special importance of this Society is seen in the fact that through it the women of Heathendom are reached and thereby the gospel is carried into the homes of the people. It must be admitted that the conversion of woman is the most direct and effectual agency for making Christian homes, and for the evangelization of the nations, and without a claim to prophetic sight, we believe the work of this Society is destined to give to the future annals of the Church their brightest chapters, where the names of the heroines of the Master's cause will be written with tokens of enthusiasm, sacrifices and triumphs. From what we have learned, this Society challenges our admiration and faith, and we are constrained to declare it to be a reliable and efficient auxiliary of the great Missionary cause of our Church, inspiring a noble emulation, and preserving joyous harmony in the same glorious work, and deserves in a high degree our patronage and our prayers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

WHEREAS, The Sunday School is indeed an important part of the church which is evidenced by the fact that about fifty per cent. of the probationers come from the ranks of the school; and that we have by no means any right or reason to believe that the extent of its work in that particular is measured by the number of conversions that are reported from its ranks from year to year; for there are doubtless many who go out from the Sunday School, and cease to be members thereof, who, nevertheless, carry with them such religious impressions and such instructions in divine things received there, as ultimately to lead to, and culminate in, their conversion, therefore,

Resolved 1st, That we are profoundly convinced of the providential character of the Sunday School and of its absolute necessity to the church of God. It is doing a work of religious instruction that would not be done elsewhere. It is a department of church work, and a means of grace which the entire membership might avail themselves of with good profit and general prosperity.

Resolved 2d, That as too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of impressing the minds of the young with the pure and saving truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and as the Bible is the fountain from which the young must drink if they would secure the lasting results of moral and spiritual character, we would insist upon the Holy Scriptures being used regularly in our Sunday School instruction and not to be laid aside or substituted by any helps, however efficient.

Resolved, 3rd, That as we believe the doctrines of the M. E. Church to be the best formula of Bible truth in existence, we would also urge the constant use of the Catechism in our Sunday schools, that our children may grow up to be Methodist christians.

Resolved, 4th, That we will zealously guard the shelves of our Sunday School Libraries, that all books of a doubtful or sensational character be excluded therefrom; and that as far as practicable, we will patronize the publications of our own Book Concern, in preference to those of other houses.

Resolved, 5th, That we will urge the keeping open of our Sunday Schools all through the year, wherever practicable, that Bible instructions may be kept active, to counteract evil and unbelief, that neither slumbers nor sleeps.

Resolved, 6th, That as the M. E. Church is pronounced in its attitude on the temperance question, we would urge upon our young people the study of

temperance literature, that they may become posted in the facts and figures bearing on this great question, so that when the ballot is placed in the hands of our young men, they may vote as they pray. To this end we endorse and will use the Quarterly Temperance Lessons, printed in the Sunday School Journal Berean Lessons.

Resolved 7th, That as the Discipline provides for the effective and harmonious working of our Sunday School system, it is desirable that all our schools be organized in accordance with its provisions and that we pledge ourselves to see that this is done, where it has not already been accomplished.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT.

In behalf of the Managers of the Historical Society of our Conference, I beg leave to report that the Anniversary meeting held at this session was an occasion of special interest, celebrating at once the quadrennial existence of the Society and the second decade of the Wilmington Conference. Interesting and able papers were read by Rev. brothers Wm. E. England and H. S. Thompson, which were handed over to the Society. The Conference ought to place high estimate upon the work of this Society; its object is nothing less than to chronicle the relation of individuals and events in Methodist history, and also to secure and preserve relics and memorials of historic value. Bro. A. Cowgill of Dover is the custodian of the Society, and is prepared and anxious to receive such memorials and relics during the interval of Conference, which will be carefully and safely preserved. At this session of our Conference several objects of interest have been reported and received, among them a Bible belonging to Bishop Asbury; saddle bags of the Rev. Henry White; a bound copy of the first year's numbers of the Christian Advocate, and a small volume containing an extract from Wesley's Journal. We trust that the interest taken by our preachers and people in the Conference Historical Society will increase from year to year, and that from every part of this classic Peninsula trophies will be gathered to strengthen and adorn our Church's annals.

CONSTITUTION OF THE WILMINGTON CONFERENCE DOMESTIC MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

PREAMBLE.

WHEREAS, In the growth and development of our Conference territory, opportunities for the extension of the church are lost, because of the failure to secure eligible church-sites at the proper time, therefore,

Besides providing for the support of Domestic Missions, it is necessary in order to maintain our position as an aggressive church, that we secure a fund which may be used to obtain such sites. To these ends we organize the Wilmington Conference Domestic Missionary Society.

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

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

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

4. The officers of the Board shall be elected by ballot, at the annual meet-

ing; and shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee.

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

6. When any presiding elder shall deem it necessary for the interests of the Church to purchase a lot in any eligible place, he shall make written application to the Executive Committee, and if they agree with him in the necessity of the case, upon their recommendation, the Board shall have the power to appropriate such sum as they may consider proper.

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

8. The collections, heretofore known as the Church Relief, shall be designated Domestic Missions, and shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Society, and a sum, not exceeding 90 per cent. thereof, shall be subject to the drafts of the Presiding Elders for the support of such charges as in their judgment shall require help; and the money to be distributed to the Presiding Elders shall be in proportion to the collections received from their respective Districts.

9. The Board shall report annually to the Wilmington Conference the sums disbursed by the Presiding Elders to aid in the support of Domestic Missions, what churches have been aided, and whatever sums may have been used in the purchase of building lots, and what funds are in possession of the Board.

10. This Constitution shall be subject to alteration or amendment by the Wilmington Conference, such alteration or amendment having been considered and recommended by the Board.

11. The Board shall have authority to adopt By-Laws for their government not inconsistent herewith.

SABBATH REPORT.

The Christian Sabbath is a divine institution, founded in the wisdom of God for the conserving of the physical, intellectual, social and religious welfare of the people. It is the bulwark of our Christian civilization, the body guard also of the church, and neither the one nor the other can long remain in prosperity unless it be sacredly preserved.

The testimony of the past is to the effect that the Sabbath gives security to government, quickens conscience, directs morals, and sends forth the tide of a pure influence into every department of life. It is because of its relation to all these interests that it has been embodied in the laws of our land and stands to us for all that is hallowed and helpful.

It is however evident that we have come to an alarming period, and that crises are upon us with regard to this holy day. Efforts are being made all around us to weaken its sanctions and bring upon it the blight of utter secularization. The Sunday laws in many states are as "dead letters, and there is a strange laxity of sentiment even among professing Christians, as to the possibility of maintaining the Sabbath obligations of the past. Many of the features of the Continental Sunday are stealthily creeping in upon us without vigorous and united protest from our law abiding and church going population. The cry of the saloon is "down with the Sunday law," and in some sections men are banded together for the avowed purpose of their abolishment. The government also seems to sanction this attack upon the sacred institution by the transportation of Sunday mails and the holding open of many of its post-offices on the Lord's day. We cannot view the situation without profound concern; and the conviction that to

secularize it were to remove our body guards, to invade our guaranteed rights, and to strike a death blow at the liberty of peaceful worship.

As a Conference, we desire by this action to enter our protest against the encroachments upon the Sabbath, that are becoming prevalent in our own territory; such as the sale of Sunday newspapers, the running of Sunday trains the transportation of freight by our steamboat companies, and the landing of it at our wharves, on the Lord's day, and the sale of merchandise on the Sabbath at our Camp Meetings. We feel that the time has come for a more strict consistency among ourselves, in avoiding anything that is incompatible with the sacredness of our day of rest.

We therefore urge a more earnest and careful instruction of our children in regard to this vital matter, and pledge ourselves to lift our voices in regard to it, as we never have done before, so that we may arouse our people to the dangers which lie about them; and summon them to resist by vote, influence and example the tendencies which threaten to undermine the foundations of our Holy day.

We also respectfully suggest that a Committee on Sabbath observance be added to the list of our standing Committees.

PRESIDING ELDERS' ACCOUNTS.

Your committee appointed to audit the Presiding Elders' accounts with the Missionary Society, New York, and Domestic Mission Fund beg leave to report that Rev. W. L. S. Murray, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, received from the Parent Board, \$300, and from the Domestic Mission Fund, \$279; total \$579, and disbursed the same as follows:

Swedish Mission.....	\$300 00
Christiana.....	45 00
Red Lion.....	22 00
Elk Neck.....	32 00
Mt. Lebanon.....	20 00
Chester.....	10 00
Wesley.....	75 00
Claymont.....	5 00
Mt. Pleasant and Rowlands.....	5 00
Chesapeake City.....	25 00
Epworth.....	15 00
Hockessin.....	25 00
	\$ 579 00

Rev. J. France, Presiding Elder of Easton District, received from the Domestic Mission Fund \$198. 90, and distributed as follows:

Massey's.....	\$ 45 00
Tunis Mills.....	65 00
Queenstown.....	27 00
Talbot.....	25 00
	\$ 162 00
In hand.....	36 90

Total..... \$ 198 90

Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, Presiding Elder of Dover District, received of Parent Board, \$500, paid to the following charges: Dorchester, \$478; Hooper's Island, \$20; Taylor's Island, \$10. Total amount paid, \$508. \$8 in excess of amount received from Parent Board.

He also received from Domestic Mission Fund, \$52.80 and paid to the following charges as follows:

Leipsic, \$5; Potter's Landing, \$5; Milton, \$15; Millsboro, \$8; Wyoming, \$5; Ellendale, \$8; Bursville, \$5; Houston, \$5; Farmington, \$2. Total, \$58. \$5.20 in excess of receipt.

Rev. A. D. Davis, Presiding Elder of Virginia District, received of Parent Board, \$1,300, and disbursed the same as follows to the Presiding Elder, \$625. Hallwood charge, \$200; Parkesley, \$275; Cape Charles, \$200. Total amount paid out, \$1,300.

He also received from the Domestic Mission Fund, \$30, the same paid to Presiding Elder. I received vouchers for all the above.

Respectfully submitted,

J. OWEN SYPHERD,
Committee.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATIONS.

This is to certify that I have this day ordained Geo. E. Wood, Asbury Burke, Wm. W. Sharp, Wm. R. Mowbray, Willard W. Johnson, Henry S. Delaney, Wm. G. Koons, Clinton T. Wyatt, James T. Prouse, Frank W. Morgan, Chas. K. Morris, John R. Todd, Wm. L. White, Harvey W. Ewing, Wm. Sheers, and Wm. P. Compton, as Deacons;

And that, assisted by several Elders, I have also ordained Wm. F. Dawson, Edmund H. Derrickson, Emerson P. Roberts, Wm. A. Wise, Dan'l F. McFaul, Wilmer Jaggard, Geo. W. Bowman, and Geo. E. Scott, as Elders.

Done in Wilmington, Del., March 11th, 1888.

CYRUS D. FOSS.

REPORT ON BIBLE CAUSE.

We report the recommendation of the Committee in last year's report, that our people throughout the Conference territory continue to support this cause, and that a generous distribution of Bibles be made to destitute persons and needy Sabbath Schools. We rejoice in the good work done by the American Bible Society in sending forth the word throughout the world, and as far as practicable, translating it into all tongues.

At the same time, we deem the recent action of the Department of the Interior, prohibiting the instruction of American Indians in their native tongue, a serious hindrance to the training of that people in a knowledge of God's word.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON F. A. ELLIS.

The Committee charged with preparing a minute concerning the character and services of Bro. F. A. Ellis, would respectfully submit the following:

The members of the Wilmington Conference heard with sorrow and a sense of personal loss, that on the 2nd of Nov., 1887, Francis Asbury Ellis had passed away from earth. His noble form has been a familiar presence at the sessions of our Conference, ever since its organization; and often in the love-feasts, especially in his latter years, have his testimonies thrilled our hearts. In many of our Conference organizations does his departure leave a vacancy hard to fill. This year, and almost with his life, expires a term of service as Trustee of the Conference Academy, and in the founding of that institution of learning, the records of the Peninsula Convention show that he took a notable part. As President of the Conference Missionary Society, President of the Conference Education Society, and Treasurer of the Conference Board of Church Extension, he gave the

benefit of his strong character and practical sagacity to the great benevolences of the church. It was one of the great joys of his life to welcome the Conference to Elkton for the session of 1886, and to aid in its entertainment, only a short distance from the house where a century before, his ancestors had entertained Francis Asbury. In the General Conference of 1884, he proved himself a worthy and influential representative of the laity of the Peninsula. Now that he has gone to the general assembly of the first born whose names are written in heaven, we record our belief that in that mighty assembly also, he is a true representative of the fruits of Methodism on this historic ground.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Amount appropriated.....\$ 2,300
Distributed as follows:

VIRGINIA DISTRICT.

To the District.....	\$ 600
“ Accomac and Northampton.....	100
“ Cape Charles City.....	175
“ Hallewood.....	200
“ New Church.....	300
“ Parkesley.....	225
	————— \$ 1,600

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

To Swedish Mission.....	300	\$300
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DOVER DISTRICT.

To Dorchester.....	200
“ Church Creek.....	125
“ Taylor's Island.....	25
“ Hooper's Island.....	50
	————— 400
	\$2,300

[Signed] W. L. S. MURRAY,
JOHN FRANCE,
JOHN A. B. WILSON,
T. O. AYRES,
A. D. DAVIS.

I concur in the above appropriations.
[Signed] C. D. FOSS.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL.

WHEREAS, We have heard from Revs. S. W. Thomas and W. Swindells, D.D., a committee from the Board of Managers of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in the city of Philadelphia, showing the necessity of such an institution and its proposed advantages to the people of our Church, and others residing within the bounds of this Conference, and, inasmuch as the late Dr. Scott Stewart made the Methodist Episcopal Church his residuary legatee for the purpose of assisting in the founding and maintaining a Methodist Episcopal Hospital, the

sum of which now amounts to \$250,000, and inasmuch as by chartered organization and otherwise, all the necessary steps have been taken to secure such a result; therefore

Resolved, That we commend the above enterprise to the liberality of the members of our Church within the bounds of this Conference.

Resolved, That we take a collection in our churches for the Hospital whenever practicable, and recommend that our contributions be set apart for the endowment of a bed or beds in the name of the Wilmington Conference.

MEMORABILIA.

No.	Date.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.	Delegates to General Conference.
1	Mar. 17, '69.	Wilmington...	M. Simpson..	S. L. Gracey.....	
2	Mar. 16, '70.	Port Deposit..	E. S. Janes....	"	
3	Mar. 8, '71.	Dover.....	L. Scott.....	"	1872.— { J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney, Chas. Hill,
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.....	"	
6	Mar. 4, '74.	Salisbury....	I. W. Wiley...	"	
7	Mar. 17, '75.	Smyrna.....	E. S. Janes....	"	1876.— { L. C. Matlack, W. E. England.
8	Mar. 15, '76.	Wilmington..	L. Scott.....	"	Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.
9	Mar. 7, '77.	Milford.....	E. R. Ames...	"	
10	Mar. 13, '78.	Chestertown..	R. S. Foster..	"	
11	Mar. 19, '79.	New Castle...	M. Simpson...	"	1880.— { L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby, Chas. Hill.
12	Mar. 17, '80.	Dover.....	E. G. Andrews	"	Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R. W. Todd.
13	Mar. 16, '81.	Lewes.....	Thos. Bowman	Jno. D. Rigg.....	
14	Mar. 8, '82.	Middletown..	J. F. Hurst...	"	
15	Mar. 7, '83.	Cambridge...	M. Simpson...	"	1884.— { J. H. Caldwell, Chas. Hill, J. B. Quigg.
16	Mar. 5, '84.	Wilmington..	W. L. Harris..	"	Reserves—T. E. Martindale, J. A. B. Wilson.
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.	"	
20	Mar. 7, '88.	Wilmington...	C. D. Foss....	"	1888.— { Jacob Todd, D. D., J. A. B. Wilson, D. D., N. M. Browne. Reserves—W. S. Robinson, John France.

RESOLUTIONS.

WM. H. JACKSON.

WHEREAS, In the disastrous fire which occurred at Salisbury, Md., in Oct. 1886, our entire church property was destroyed; and

WHEREAS, This Conference has had heard with pleasure of the completion of a handsome Parsonage, almost entirely the gift of Bro. Wm. H. Jackson, as well as the erection of an elaborate granite church, now nearly completed, which is also largely the work of the same brother; therefore

Resolved, That we hereby record our high appreciation of the generosity of Bro. Jackson, and the sacrifice and zeal of the little band of devoted men and women who have aided him in securing for Methodism such noble structures.

Resolved, That we tender our congratulations, and will ever pray that the blessing of the great Head of the Church may abundantly rest upon him and them.

TRACT FUND AND LADIES' HALL.

Resolved 1st. That the President of the Centenary Board of this Conference be and is hereby instructed to subscribe for as many shares of the stock of the Conference Academy as can be paid for by the Tract Fund to aid in the building of a Ladies' Hall, provided,

1. That a subscription be secured, which, with the sum here provided for, shall be sufficient to enclose the same.
2. That whatever legal difficulties existing, shall be removed.
3. That Rev. T. E. Terry, J. A. B. Wilson, and C. H. B. Day, Esq., be a committee to secure whatever legislative action may be necessary to remove any legal obstructions.

FUNDS FOR LADIES' HALL, &c.,

Resolved, That the sum of twelve thousand dollars be apportioned to the charges of this Conference for the purpose of building a Ladies' Hall.

LADIES' HALL.

Resolved, That a Ladies' Hall in connection with the Conference Academy is an immediate necessity, and that this Conference advises the Trustees to build at once.

WM. E. ENGLAND.

WHEREAS, After forty-three years of active and gloriously successful service as an itinerant preacher, our beloved Brother Wm. E. England, has decided to take a supernumerary relation; therefore,

Resolved, That we cherish the record of the work of our Brother, and the recollections of our associations with him as a rich mine of pleasant and inspiring memories.

Resolved, That in his retirement we will surround him with our prayers and sympathy, and will not entertain the thought that the strong and valued ties which unite us, are at all relaxed by this change in his relation to the Conference. He and his afflicted wife are held in our hearts.

DR. J. P. DURBIN.

We, the members of the Wilmington Annual Conference, having learned that the Rev. J. A. Roche of the New York East Conference is preparing for publication a life of the sainted John P. Durbin, D. D., he being urged thereto by scholarly and distinguished ministers and laymen of our Church, respectfully express to Dr. Roche our indorsement of his purpose, and commend the issue of said work to the Father and Brothers of the M. E. Church.

THANKS.

1. That the thanks of the Conference are tendered to the Christian families of Wilmington who have so kindly entertained us during the present session. Their friendly cheer made the brightness of the early days all the brighter, while the warmth of their hospitality has tempered the blizzard as nothing else could have done.

2. We desire to express our sincere appreciation of the presence of our beloved Bishop, Cyrus D. Foss, in the presidency of this Conference, and will cherish the memory of his words of exhortation and inspiration with pleasure and profit.

3. We record our appreciation of the patient efforts of our Bro. A. Stengle, Pastor of this Church, and his associates, in the arrangement for the entertainment of this Conference.

4. We express our thanks to the Trustees of this Church for the use of their Church Home with its comforts and conveniences.

5. Also to the Choir for the music which has brightened many of our sessions.

6. To Mr. G. H. Murphy, of this city, for office furniture kindly loaned to the Committee of Entertainment, for the use of the Bishop and officers of the Conference.

7. To the Secretaries for their faithful discharge of their onerous duties devolving upon them.

8. To the Reporters for their clear and impartial reports made of the proceedings of Conference sessions.

9. To the Sexton, (in addition to the collection taken,) for his untiring attention to the needs of the Conference.

GREETINGS TO LAY CONFERENCE.

Resolved 1, That we greet our Brethren of the Lay Electoral Conference with grateful hearts, for the blessings which God has showered upon our Conference during the past quadremium.

Resolved 2, That we are happy in the confidence which unites us as ministers and laymen, and trust that our relations may continue united, and that we may always be one in the endeavor to build up every interest of Zion in our midst.

PENINSULA METHODIST.

Resolved 1st, That the Peninsula Methodist meets a local need, and furnishes an opportunity to discuss Conference interests greatly to our advantage; and is an interesting, suggestive, cheap weekly paper which can be put where a higher priced paper would not be taken.

2 We are glad that our Brothers Rev. T. S. Thomas and J. Miller Thomas, Esq., are about to put their Methodist Book Store in a more eligible location; and we hereby express our appreciation of their enterprise, and hope that they may receive the fullest support of our Conference patronage.

3. We also desire to commend them to the favor of the Book Concern at New York as entitled justly to the same discounts and advantages given other Methodist Book Stores.

TOBACCO.

Resolved, That we will ~~not~~ recommend to the Educational Societies of our Church for a share in their benefits, no young man who will not promise wholly to abstain from the use of tobacco.

REPORTERS' THANKS.

The reporters of the daily press of this city desire to return their sincere thanks to the officers and members of the Wilmington M. E. Conference for the uniform courtesy and kindness with which they have been treated during the session just ending, good and comfortable accommodations being provided them and opportunity given to make extracts of all reports and documents presented to the conference.

WM. H. HILL, *Morning News*.
J. TRAVERS JONES, *Every Evening*.
HARRIE THOMAS PRICE, *Republican*.

MONUMENT TO REV. HENRY WHITE.

WHEREAS, we have within the bounds of the Wilmington Annual Conference, the grave of one of the most able, faithful, and successful of our early itinerant ministers, the Rev. Henry White, thirteen years in the pastorate; thirteen years a local preacher; and seventeen years a most distinguished and successful Presiding Elder, and ten years an honored superannuate, who died in peace, October 17th, 1857, in the eightieth year of his age, the fifty-seventh of his religious life, and the fifty-fourth of his ministry; and

WHEREAS, his sacred dust has lain in the grave-yard of Asbury M. E. Church, in this city without any monument whatever to mark the place, for more than thirty years, therefore

Resolved, That as a Conference we recommend the erection of a suitable monument over the grave of our venerated father, Henry White; and that a committee be appointed to devise ways and means for this purpose; and as the Wilmington Conference, at the time when Henry White was admitted on trial in 1803, covered all the territory from Canada, on the North to Cape Charles, on the South, now embraced in the Newark, New Jersey, Philadelphia and Wilmington Conferences, with parts of New York and Central Pennsylvania, as well as the Delaware Conference; we recommend this purpose to honor the worthy dead, to the favorable attention of our brethren of these Conferences.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are expressed to our brother, J. D. Rigg, for his valuable and accurate map of the territory embraced within the bounds of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

STANDING COMMITTEE FOR 1889.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders at the close of the present session report the nominations for Standing Committees for 1889, the same to be read at the opening of the session of 1889, for confirmation.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

Your Board of Stewards are glad to report an increase from collections of \$200 and an increase from all sources of \$324. The whole amount placed in our hands for distribution is \$6104.

<i>From</i>	<i>Apportioned.</i>	<i>Raised.</i>	<i>Excess.</i>	<i>Deficit.</i>
Wilmington District.....	\$1620	\$1844	\$214	
Easton District.....	1295	1242		\$53
Dover District.....	1145	1224	79	
Salisbury District.....	785	893	108	
Virginia District.....	115	135	20	
Total from collections.....		\$5338		
Chartered Fund.....		30		
Centenary Fund.....		180		
Book-Concern Dividend.....		320		
Interest on Riddle Legacy.....		95		
Interest on Bates Mortgage.....		141		
Total from all Sources.....		\$6104		

These funds we have endeavored to distribute in the most equitable manner we possibly could.

Each claim has been prayerfully considered, and the allowance made according to our best judgement from the information we have received. Each member of your Board of Stewards has felt the responsibility placed upon him and has sought to do his duty to the church and to each claimant upon these funds, in the fear of God. We do not claim infallibility of judgement, but sincerity of purpose in our work. Our hearts have been pained to think that we have not the funds to give more liberally to many of these worthy claimants. By a vote of the last session of our Conference, your Board of Stewards were constituted a Committee on Endowment Fund. In accordance with instructions given at that time by the Conference, the Board met on October 4th, 1887, and issued an appeal in tract form, urging it upon the attention of the ministers and liberal minded Laymen of our Conference. We regret to say that no response has been received to that appeal. It has gladdened our hearts to know that the Lay Conference at this session have, by a resolution adopted in their meeting, heartily endorsed the plan of an endowment fund, and it gives us encouragement to believe, that if the proper effort is made by the pastors, the amount asked for (\$50,000) may be secured in the near future. A subscription amounting to two hundred dollars was made at the Stewards Anniversary at this Conference, which subscription is in the hands of the Treasurer of the Board of Stewards.

The reports of the pastors of collections this year are free from any fractions of dollars, for which we extend our congratulations to the bretheren.

We have distributed the funds placed in our hands to seven superannuated and one supernumerary preachers, twenty-four widows and one child of a deceased preacher.

We desire to present the following resolutions for adoption by this Conference:

Resolved 1st. That each claim upon this fund shall come from the Quarterly Conference within whose bounds the claimant resides. See Disc. Par. 367.

Resolved 2nd. That the Presiding Elders be requested to have the report of each conference claimant committee endorsed by the Quarterly Conference within whose bounds the claimant resides.

Apportionments for Missionary, and other Collections.

Tables for Wilmington District and Easton District. Columns include Circuits and Stations, Missionaries, Church Extension, Freedmen's Aid, Episcopal Fund, Domestic Missions, and Conf. Aced.

Tables for Dover District and Salisbury District. Columns include Circuits and Stations, Missionaries, Church Extension, Freedmen's Aid, Episcopal Fund, Domestic Missions, and Conf. Aced.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT. GENERAL STATISTICS, NO. 1.

Main statistical table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, MEMBERSHIP, BAPTISMS, CHURCH PROPERTY, CHURCH SCHOOLS, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, GENERAL STATISTICS (No. of Officers, No. of Scholars, No. of Parsonages), BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS, and OTHER COLLECTIONS (M' STRIAL SUPPORT, Domestic Missions, General Collections).

Total this year. Total last year. Increase. Decrease.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	No. of Schools.	No. Officers & Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages	No. Scholars 15 years old and over.	No. Scholars under 15 yrs. old, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers & Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expenses 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 Probs. nrs.	No. of Conversions in S. School this year.
	Annamessex	2	30	208	80	63	65	95	35	35	16	39	10	10	10
Asbury	1	25	300	85	125	90	175	60	60	18	24	85	12	12	12
Berlin	3	25	175	50	80	45	125	175	26	5	6	25	25	25	25
Bethel	3	32	272	88	129	55	165	91	56	64	13	32	78	48	48
Bishopville	3	34	229	42	157	30	124	40	40	40	24	40	24	24	24
Crisfield	1	35	332	107	175	50	272	200	161	30	35	31	55	14	14
Deal's Island	1	22	175	69	49	57	100	175	30	30	18	18	30	6	6
Delmar	4	50	550	240	187	123	275	100	100	30	40	150	20	20	20
Fairmount	4	40	300	135	100	65	175	150	63	30	40	40	125	29	29
Frankford	4	45	330	175	100	55	305	100	70	30	6	44	100	2	2
Fruitland	4	18	120	40	60	20	85	36	61	6	14	40	11	11	11
Girdle Tree	4	40	349	145	139	65	163	180	40	30	2	15	42	14	14
Gumboro	4	68	540	160	200	180	425	700	200	15	8	12	135	115	20
Holland's Island	1	14	76	45	19	12	52	25	19	6	9	12	41	19	19
Klej Grange	4	36	245	115	90	40	200	30	46	30	17	36	90	56	56
Laurel	2	25	284	126	67	91	190	316	190	22	24	104	56	56	56
Mt. Vernon	2	25	247	110	37	100	115	41	1	1	1	21	59	59	59
Newark	3	29	180	72	78	30	118	45	20	10	30	60	11	11	11
Parsonsburg	3	32	285	114	76	95	160	24	24	9	32	75	14	14	14
Pocomoke City	1	28	140	42	78	20	105	230	93	20	27	34	2	2	2
Pocomoke Circuit	4	26	152	66	56	30	100	200	25	18	8	16	22	50	50
Powellville	3	25	179	85	79	15	125	150	42	26	4	9	14	14	14
Princess Anne	1	9	69	20	18	31	50	300	42	26	4	9	14	14	14
Quantico	4	42	250	105	85	60	120	100	50	12	12	12	12	12	12
Roxanna	5	60	400	140	200	60	45	250	85	14	12	35	5	5	5
Salisbury	2	36	320	95	127	98	190	268	187	60	26	36	100	13	13
Sharptown	2	34	240	84	121	35	160	190	60	60	33	65	4	4	4
Shortley	5	40	250	150	100	150	500	30	30	12	30	25	20	20	20
Snow Hill	1	21	183	64	69	50	130	500	140	60	22	21	75	21	21
Somersét	2	26	185	80	80	25	90	120	65	25	14	23	18	18	18
Stockton	3	28	133	50	52	31	85	50	65	25	14	23	18	18	18
St. Peter's	3	47	400	160	100	140	300	70	70	25	37	44	108	18	18
Tyaskin	4	33	384	133	199	52	171	170	45	45	28	26	96	30	30
Selbyville	1	17	187	100	31	56	110	45	45	10	17	54	8	8	8
Westover	4	24	210	75	110	25	80	300	40	40	6	24	8	8	8
Total this year	93	1111	8879	3447	3436	2096	5330	5454	2364	371	104	526	1040	2065	516
Total last year	114	1284	9314	3498	3530	1959	5915	1345	2372	182	122	528	1107	2243	659
Increase	21	173	435	51	94	137	109	189	8	18	2	67	178	143	143
Decrease	21	173	435	51	94	137	109	189	8	18	2	67	178	143	143

This District was divided last year into the Salisbury and Virginia Districts.

VIRGINIA 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 except infant class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	No. of Library Books.	Total expenses 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 Church Members or Probs. nrs.	No. of Conversions in S. School this year.
	Cape Charles City	1	16	93	30	50	13	55	45	22	10	9	12	8	7
Chincoteague	2	24	153	55	73	25	105	110	27	10	9	12	8	7	7
Hallwood	3	15	100	35	40	25	65	50	10	10	10	10	15	6	6
Onancock	3	37	365	130	120	115	192	440	118	10	10	10	36	121	29
Parksley	2	17	173	80	33	60	110	35	20	10	10	10	6	15	19
Smith's Island	4	22	160	92	43	25	110	100	28	10	10	10	22	70	40
Tangier	2	41	225	85	84	56	195	30	30	10	10	10	3	38	35
Total this year	17	166	1269	507	443	319	832	780	255	10	9	35	152	278	98
Recapitulation by Dis.															
Wilmington	67	1355	10532	4053	3736	2743	7214	14586	6276	829	106	860	1265	2114	756
Easton	79	1063	7306	2774	2818	1714	4434	10495	2650	410	160	824	1015	1867	466
Dover	122	1608	10766	4394	3767	2608	6581	8877	3069	592	192	979	1472	2721	639
Salisbury	93	1111	8879	3447	3436	2096	5330	5454	2364	371	104	526	1040	2065	516
Virginia	17	166	1269	507	443	319	832	780	255	10	9	35	152	278	98
Total this year	378	5303	38755	15175	14200	9480	24391	40192	14614	2212	571	3224	4944	9045	2475
Total last year	364	5094	55905	14002	11833	11980	22433	35059	13342	1752	445	2869	4638	8630	2317
Increase	15	209	2850	1173	2367	1492	1958	5133	1272	460	126	355	306	415	158
Decrease							1549								

March 16, 1888.

I have examined the Missionary accounts of T. O. Ayers and find them to be correct.
A. S. MOWBRAY.

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,	Salisbury, Md.
Joshua Humphriss,	January 23d, 1879,	Berlin, Md.
Francis M. Chatham,	May 29th, 1878,	Wilmington, Del.
Edward G. Irwin,	March 12th, 1879,	near Trenton, N. J.
John Hough,	March 27th, 1879,	New Castle, Del.
Thomas J. Williams,	March 29th, 1879,	Pocomoke City, Md.
Wm. I. Bain,	May 13th, 1880,	Smyrna, Del.
Wm. Urie,	November 13th, 1880,	Wilmington, Del.
Thomas F. Plummer,	February 2d, 1881,	Sudlersville, Md.
Elijah Miller,	April 15th, 1881,	Wilmington, Del.
John W. Pierson,	May 6th, 1881,	Hopewell, Md.
Francis B. Quigley,	August 19th, 1881,	Newark, Md.
Thomas J. Prettyman,	February 27th, 1882,	Seaford, Del.
Benj. W. Chase,	December 11th, 1882,	Cambridge, Md.
Lucius C. Matlack, D. D.,	June 24th, 1883,	Camden, Del.
I. T. Cooper, D. D.,	April 12th, 1884,	Philadelphia, Penna.
Henry Colclazer,	December 18th, 1884,	Norristown, Penna.
John L. Taft,	May 30th, 1884,	Wilmington, Del.
John Shilling,	July 22nd, 1884,	Harrington, Del.
A. W. Milby,	June 13th, 1886,	Baltimore, Md.
Elon J. Way,	July 5th, 1886,	Gap, Penna.
Valentine Gray,	January 21st, 1887,	Bridgeville, Del.
Isaiah Johnson,	March 4th, 1887,	Church Hill, Md.
Wm. J. O'Neill,	March 9th, 1887,	Newark, Del.
Jos. Dare,	October 22, 1887,	

IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. Joseph Dare.

Rev. Joseph Dare died suddenly in Newark, Del., October 22, 1887, in the 57th year of his age. He was born in Greenwich, Cumberland Co., N. J., July 20, 1831. In the Spring of 1847 his parents moved to Phoenixville, Pa., where soon after he entered a classical school in which he continued a year or two. On leaving school he sought to qualify himself for a livelihood by the mastery of a trade.

Bro. Dare's father was a Baptist in his religious sentiments, but his mother was a strict Presbyterian. He had had the training of his mother's church, but as no chance for that existed in Phoenixville, he availed himself of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Here he found an open door and entered the Sunday School, and although not a professing christian, he accepted a class of little boys, and he became a teacher. He had been much exercised on the subject of religion. For several years he had been so affected that he could not rest; yet he had never taken any step to adjust his relations with the Lord, and hardly knew what step to take. While pondering the subject nearly all the time, a quarterly meeting was held and he attended it. Invitations were given to seek the Savior publicly and after a little delay, though discouraged by some of his friends, he bowed at the altar and tried to pray. He made a full surrender of himself finally and obtained mercy. Now he felt that he was a child of God, and having the joyful experience of adoption into God's household, he did not hesitate to become a member, but fully identified himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bro. Dare's class-leader as well as pastor were credited by him as faithful servants of the church. Their instrumentality in his progress as a christian were acknowledged by him; and in a paper read before an association of his brother preachers he said, that "Religion became with him the principle business of life." He was then in his seventeenth year.

Five years later, he entered the work of the ministry under the direction of his Presiding Elder. In the Spring of 1854 he was admitted on trial in the Philadelphia Conference, and was appointed to Lebanon and Reading Furnace, as junior preacher. The next year was spent at Schuylkill Haven and Port Clinton. Two years of probation were passed successfully, and he was elected a member of the Conference, and ordained a Deacon by Bishop Scott. Evansburg in Mont. Co., Pa., followed by Croziersville, were his fields until he was elected, and ordained Elder by Bishop Ames.

St. George's Circuit, Cochranville, Milton, Quantico, Charlestown, Cherry Hill and Wesley, Delmar, Wyoming, Elk Neck, Rosanna, Fruitland, Galestown, Christiana and Hockessin, were the various charges occupied by him until at once he ceased to work and live.

No one can appreciate the deprivations and sacrifices of such a ministry. Bro. Dare's talents were like the talents of many of his brethren, not showing and popular.

He had little opportunity for "softness and needless self-indulgence." But the end has come to sacrifice and self-denial, and of what account is it to him, now that he was denied the pampered ease others may have en-

joyed! Nay, we may rather say it is an occasion of joy that he was required to endure hardship and give unrequited toil in his Masters vineyard.

His widow, son and daughter remain and cherish the precious memory of his patient, gentle, devout and faithful spirit. They shared his deprivations and trials, and also partook of his comforts and look forward in the hope of meeting him in the home not made with hands.

Bro. Dare had been attending a meeting of Good Templars in Newark, Del. The last day of the Convention he took a hurried leave of the Lodge intending to go to his home. Just as he was leaving the Lodge, a brother arose and said "I move we all form into line and bid brother Dare good-bye." They did so, saying, This may be the last time we shall ever see him. He dined with Rev. C. W. Perettyman with whom he had stayed during the meeting. After dinner he went to the Railroad Station, but finding that he had forgotten something, he returned to Bro. Prettyman's for it. On his way again to the station as he was crossing the street, kneeled on one knee, fell over and expired.

For a considerable period previous to his death he had anticipated such an ending of his life. This expectation did not distress him. He looked forward with calm confidence in the Shepherd and Bishop of souls. His quietness of spirit was not due to indifference, but to the sure belief of the Psalmist: "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

His remains were laid away in the Methodist Episcopal Cemetery, Newark, Del., after public religious services in which several of the brethren took part. He has gone away. Let us be ready to take our departure as suddenly, if it be God's will. It may be said of Bro. Dare, as of Enoch, "he was not, for God took him."

Sarah J. Terry

Sarah J. Terry was born near Magnolia, Del., Oct. 26th, 1846. She was the daughter of Captain Robert M. and Roxanna Carter.

On November 30th, 1865, she was united in marriage to Thomas E. Terry, and with him entered the Wilmington Conference in the Spring of 1876, and died at Dover, Del., March 1st, 1888.

The interment took place on Monday, March 5th, when she was laid to rest in the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Camden, Del.

For five weeks, since the birth of a lovely babe, she had hovered between life and death, at times, giving strong hopes of recovery, at others, sinking very low, until on Saturday, February 25th, when she began rapidly to fail, and fell asleep in Christ, Thursday, March 1st, at 8.30 p. m.

Sister Terry, even from a child, was noted for her piety, and as the grace of God developed and matured her fine natural qualities she became a most lovely and lovable woman.

Everywhere she endeared herself to the people under her husband's pastoral care, and everywhere her beautiful character was felt and revered.

Her chief ambition was to be good, and the most prominent trait of character was her deep conscientiousness. She had a holy reverence for the right, and in constant struggle with her natural diffidence. She went forth in the path of hard duty for the Master and as a most competent Sunday School teacher, as a wise counselor, and as tender comforter of sorrowing hearts, she will be long remembered and loved.

She had strong points, such as a transparent truthfulness and honesty of purpose, noble and refined ambition, yet at the same time she was a quiet, modest, retiring, christian woman, and shrank from publicity and prominence.

If she could perform a good deed, or make some life happier, without being known, she was gratified.

She was incapable of deception, and treated all manner of disguises with a just contempt.

She was a strong and faithful friend, and never failed to defend the absent, when assailed in her presence, and in such a way that there was no mistaking her high regard for the sanctity of true friendship. She was a fine example of those lovely qualities of soul that constitute true and noble womanhood.

In her own home she was most attractive, and it was here she shone with purest lustre.

Her domestic heaven was to make those around her comfortable and happy, and to accomplish this end was ever ready to perform severest toil, or practice the greatest selfdenial. She ever anticipated the wants of her beloved husband and daughter, and constantly manifested her deeply affectionate heart by words and deeds of love.

Her gentle christian life exerted a charm upon all around her, and under its genial influence, her husband has pressed on to successful toil. She was not appreciated by those who did not know her well, but to her intimate friends she was solid and pure as gold.

But her form, so beautiful in death, is with us no more, and we must await the greeting she shall give us on the other shore.

Milton, in speaking of a dream he had of his departed loved one, said:

"Methought I saw my late espoused Saint,
Brought back to me, like Alcestis from the grave,
Whom Jove's great son to her glad husband gave,
Rescued from death by force, though pale and faint."

"And such, as yet once more I trust to have
Full sight of her in Heaven without restraint;
Came, vested all in white, pure as her mind,
Her face was veiled, yet to my fancied sight"
"Love, sweetness, goodness, in her person shined,
So clear, as in no face with more delight;
But, O, as to embrace me she inclined,
I waked, she fled, and day brought back my night."

But we shall greet our departed sister in a land where no delusive dreams shall disappoint our joys, nor darkness of sorrow settle upon our souls, for

"There is no night there, but one eternal day.
In that beautiful home, away far away,
Flowers are ever blooming, skies are fair,
There is no night there, there is no night there."

REPORTS OF THE PRESIDING ELDERS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Entering upon my work as Presiding Elder, I found the altar fires of our beloved Methodism burning, and have reason to rejoice that, through the itinerancy, a providential provision has been made that notwithstanding removals, withdrawals, resignations, locations, transfers, afflictions, yea, even death itself, these fires shall be as those of the Ancients, never extinguished.

SUPPLIES.

At the close of the last Conference, Claymont, Mt. Lebanon, Rowlandsville and Mt. Pleasant and Kingswood were left to be supplied. J. N. Rawlings, Wm. H. Hendrickson, Elim Kirk and W. L. White, Local Preachers, have filled these places acceptably and with success.

CHARGES.

Rev. W. R. Sears, stationed at Hopewell, resigned his charge September 9, 1887, to attend Drew Theological Seminary. This vacancy has been filled by Rev. John Jones, a traveling elder who came to us well recommended from the Primitive Methodist Church. His work among us has given great satisfaction. The reports will show every apportionment met, and thirty conversions, with money in the treasury with which to begin next year.

DEATHS.

Rev. Joseph Dare, stationed at Hockessin and Ebenezer, died suddenly Oct. 22, 1887. A memoir has been prepared by Rev. J. B. Quigg. Rev. W. E. Tomkinson was removed from Silverbrook, Wilmington, Del., where he had served as a supply from May 8th, until October 23rd, and appointed to fill this vacancy November 2, 1887. This charge has no parsonage and as none could be rented, Bro. Tomkinson has been compelled to live in Wilmington, eight or nine miles from his work. The Sundays have, for the most part since his appointment, been rainy, and the traveling difficult; notwithstanding all these hindrances, every interest of the church has been faithfully served. Revival meetings have been held at both charges, forty-nine have professed religion, and the good work is still in progress.

November 2, 1887, Francis Asbury Ellis, one of our best known, most highly respected and most faithful laymen, entered into heavenly rest, in the eighty-first year of his age. At the time of his death he was president of the Conference Education Society, Treasurer of the Conference Board of Church Extension, President of the Conference Missionary Society and Trustee of the Conference Academy. This is the first time our Conference has met since its organization that Bro. Ellis has not been with us during the session.

February 12th, 1888, Harry, the only son of Brother and Sister E. H. Nelson, died in the fourteenth year of his age. These smitten hearts claim our sympathy and prayers.

Rev. W. J. Grant, a local preacher at Cherry Hill, died April 8th, 1887, in the sixty-sixth year of his age. He was a good man, full of faith and the Holy Ghost.

Children's Day was generally observed with good results. Good Tidings Day has not met with general favor, but was successfully observed at Grace Church, this city.

To the deeds by which our church and parsonage properties are held, I have given special attention. A new deed with an explanatory statement has been drawn by Bro. W. J. Jones, of Elkton, for Bethel Parsonage, to which the signatures of the five surviving Trustees have been secured. Salem, on Christiana charge, one of the oldest churches on the District, has no deed, nor is there any record that one was ever given. The Trustees, while they believe there is no necessity for it, have promised to give it their attention.

LOCAL PREACHERS.

I herewith submit the names of three brethren who, after being examined in the Quarterly Conference on Doctrine and Discipline, were granted license to preach. W. T. Hammond, North East, Md., Edwin V. Hinchliffe, Elkton, Md., and H. S. Budd, Grace Church, Wilmington, Del. Bro. Hinchliffe, is at Delaware College, and Bro. H. S. Budd, at Dickinson, preparing for the itinerancy. I have traveled through the District each quarter during the year, preaching, holding Love Feasts and Quarterly Conferences, in every charge, except in a very few instances. This has been done without traveling on the railroad on Sunday, or holding Quarterly Conferences, which are business meetings on the Lords Day.

CAMPMEETINGS.

Two have been held, one at Brandywine Summit, Delaware Co., Penna., Rev. R. C. Jones, in charge, the other at Woodlawn, Cecil Co., Md., Rev. J. B. Quigg, in charge. These camps were well attended and owned of God. At the former there were forty-four conversions, at the latter, thirty-five."

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In the city, in towns, and a few in the country continue throughout the year, but quite a number in the country close for the winter. All our schools, except one, use the Berean Lessons or our own publications, and that one has promised to become thoroughly Methodist in the future. All are organized into missionary societies except a few mission schools.

CLASS MEETINGS

have had my especial attention and I rejoice to bear testimony to the good accomplished through them, but there are many of our people feeding upon husks who might have the bread of life if they would but attend to this means of grace.

TEMPERANCE.

Wilmington District is made up, geographically, of Cecil Co., Md. and New Castle Co., Del. In the Maryland part of the territory the liquor traffic has been prohibited for the last six years, by a local option Law, which has been greatly strengthened during the year by effective amendments and vigorous enforcement. Its good effects are seen on every hand.

New Castle Co., Del., is under a license law, the baneful effects of which are painfully apparent, yea more, Delaware intoxicants are shipped into Cecil County with false labels and a constant effort made outside the county to make void the law within the county. While our pulpits give no uncertain sound concerning this licensed iniquity and many temperance people are active and outspoken against the traffic, the strongest weapon recently brought to bear upon this evil is remonstrance. At the November session of court for New Castle Co., through the voluntary efforts of certain public spirited citizens, the Judges readily granted a

public hearing in open court to all who were opposed to the giving of licenses. This wholesome innovation has been effectual in greatly reducing the number of licenses and has spread consternation among the saloonists and liquor dealers. At this session there were one-hundred and twenty-eight applications, forty-one of which were refused. At the term of court which closed a few days ago there were thirty-eight applications and only twelve granted. St. George's, Del., has perhaps had the greatest triumph through remonstrance. About two years ago in that town there were two houses whose licenses were revoked, mainly through the leadership of Rev. L. W. Layfield, and notwithstanding repeated application, the court has refused to grant license. Great credit is due and should be given to the press of this city for the bold and decided stand they have taken in favor of good morals, by opposing the increase of saloons and the granting of license to those who violate the provisions of the law, and also for their earnest effort at breaking up the gambling dens in our midst.

SALARIES.

Cherry Hill, Chesapeake City, Hockessin and Ebenezer, Epworth, Union, Wilmington, Del., Mt. Salem and Wesley, Wilmington, Del., seven in all, have advanced \$100 each on Pastor's salary. Rowlandsville and Mt. Pleasant, no salary last year, 125 this. Newport and Stanton increased \$150, New Castle, \$200.

We need in many places a better system of finance and an earlier and more vigorous working of the same.

PARSONAGES.

\$281 have been expended in furniture for the District Parsonage. Captain Alexander Kelly advanced the money and the several charges have reimbursed him. At Bethel, Cherry Hill, Chester, Elk Neck, North East, Port Deposit, St. Georges, Delaware City and Mt. Salem, the parsonages have been made more comfortable by an expenditure of \$1200. The following amounts have been paid on parsonage debts: Christiana, \$100; Claymont, \$125; New Castle, \$750; Rising Sun, \$800, and the remaining part of the debt, \$675, has been provided for. What is more remarkable, New Castle and Rising Sun, after raising these amounts for local work meet every apportionment of benevolences and advance their missionary collection over last year.

Charlestown and Newport have rebuilt their parsonages, the former at a cost of \$600, \$200 of which have been paid; the latter at a cost of \$1400, \$400 paid. Scott Church, Wilmington, Del., through the liberality of Sister Ann G. Perkins, a member of Asbury Church, this city, has received the house No. 809 Poplar St., for a parsonage, valued at \$2600, on condition that the Trustees of Scott Church pay her \$14 a month during her natural life. This benevolent act of Sister Perkins is greatly appreciated by the Scott people, and deserves our commendation.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

\$250 have been spent in Claymont Church on chandelier and organs; \$143 on repairs at Cherry Hill; 88 on the Sunday School room at Red Lion; \$30 on heater at Mt. Lebanon; \$270 in repairs on Scott; \$270 on Infant School and Lecture Rooms, of New Castle; \$225 on Madely, in carpets and heaters, and \$125 on Summit, (\$1401,) all of which we have paid.

CHURCH DEBTS PAID.

At Port Deposit, \$500, at Brandywine, \$800, at Epworth, \$100, at St. Paul's, \$5100, at Scott \$2600, and the mortgage burned, which has been a burden from the origin of the Church, some thirty years ago. This self-sacrificing and devoted people under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. N. M. Browne, have not only paid their church debt, but have increased every benevolence of the church; the missionary collection has advanced from \$100 to \$225 during the pastoral term, and in all, the church has raised in cash \$12,000.

DEDICATIONS.

The first at Edgemoor, about three miles east of Wilmington, May 30, 1887. The building is a frame, 28x42 ft. in its main part, and 21x16 ft. in the annex. It is one story high, with slate gables and stained glass windows. The whole cost \$2300, all paid except \$400. The pastor, Rev. Julius Dodd, reports a revival in both churches under his care, with thirty-eight conversions, and in collections every apportionment met.

The second dedication was Wesley Church in Wilmington, Del., on the corner of Jackson and Linden Streets. The foundation was laid in the Fall of 1886, in the pastorate of Rev. S. T. Gardner. \$3000 were expended, \$1500 paid. For lack of money the work ceased. Last Spring, Rev. W. G. Koons found his city appointment, a cellar 50x70 ft., with almost two feet of water in it, and a mortgage on it of \$1375; and his little flock worshipping in the second story of the old Weccaco Engine House. The building of this church was a forlorn hope. All the churches in this city, willing and able to help, had given a public collection to the enterprise, and not until the following liberal lay brethren, Eli Mendenhall, Charles Howland, Joseph Pyle, John G. Baker, Henry Robinson, Geo. W. Todd, J. Taylor Gause, Captain Alexander Kelly, Job H. Jackson, J. C. Johnson and others, were induced to help, could we move in the matter. The Parent Board of Church Extension gave us \$400. The building is of brick, 35x59 ft., one story, slate gables and tin roof, with a seating capacity of about four hundred. The whole cost \$6000, \$5000 provided for, paying for all we have done, and about \$375 on the mortgage, leaving this church with a mortgage of \$1000, \$375 less than was on the cellar. The pastor has been abundant in labors; every apportionment on benevolences met in full, and a protracted meeting has continued with unabated interest from watch night until the present, resulting to date in one hundred and fifty conversions.

The third dedication was a chapel built near Elkton, Md., at a cost of \$600, called Jones Chapel, in honor of Bro. W. J. Jones, dec'd. The amount was provided for, and Rev. J. P. Otis on this charge, is closing his pastoral term of three years with great credit to himself, and good to the church. All his apportionments are met and more too; seventy souls have been led to Christ this year, and the church has enjoyed a revival that has not been gotten up, but one that has been brought down upon the hearts and homes of the people.

The fourth dedication was at Marshallton, Del., Mar. 4, 1888. This church was built in 1886, and dedicated March 1887, a union chapel, belonging to no denomination. Last Fall, Rev. J. D. C. Hanna received permission from the Trustees to hold a protracted meeting in this new Church; ninety-one professed religion, and the greater number joined our church, which Bro. Hanna organized at Marshallton. This led to the transfer to us of the church property, valued at \$2500. A balance unprovided for was raised last Sunday, and the church dedicated as the Union Methodist Episcopal Church of Marshallton, Del. God has wonderfully blessed Bro. Hanna in his work. Benevolences will be reported up to apportionments, a large advance on missions, and best of all, in the midst of parsonage building, money collecting, one hundred and sixty-one conversions.

February 26th, I was sent for to preach at a church belonging to the public, called Newark Union, in Brandywine Hundred, five miles above Wilmington. I had been informed that the society of about fifty persons at that place desired to unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church. The conditions of membership were stated, and March 2nd, 1888, a committee called on me to inform me that the society would comply with the conditions, and desired a pastor from the Wilmington Conference. Thus it may be seen we are trying to possess the land, and the land is ready to be possessed.

BENEVOLENCES

have received due attention. The difficulties, such as rainy Sundays, bad roads, hard times, business failures, a lack of information, and a corresponding

lack of appreciation of the great connectional interests by many of our people, have all been squarely faced by the pastors. While some have toiled just as earnestly, and have not succeeded according to their desires and the merits of their work, it is due those who have advanced, especially on missions, to name their charges. They are Bethel and Glasgow, Charlestown, Cherry Hill, Chester, Christiana, Claymont, Elk Neck, Hopewell, Mt. Lebanon, Asbury, Wilmington, Mt. Pleasant, Elkton, Newport, North East, Port Deposit, Red Lion, Rising Sun, Rowlandsville and Mt. Pleasant, St. Georges, Brandywine, Epworth, Grace, Mt. Salem, Hockessin and Ebenezer, Union, Wilmington, Del., Wesley, Madeley, Swedish Mission, and New Castle, being in all thirty out of thirty-five appointments, which have increased on missions.

Revival meetings have been held in every charge. If we have served tables we have not neglected the salvation of souls. In this as well as benevolences, no blanks. Woe be unto us when soul saving becomes of secondary importance among us. I believe in this; every pastor has done what he could. We report 1,652 conversions. If all have joined on probation, we will have the largest number of probationers ever reported on the Wilmington District.

Praising God for what he has done for us, and thanking all who have cooperated with us, I submit this report.

W. L. S. MURRAY, P. E.

EASTON DISTRICT.

In making this, my annual report of the work on Easton District, I would first of all acknowledge my obligation to the Great Head of the church for the good health enjoyed, and which has enabled me to fill, with one or two exceptions, all of my appointments for the Conference year. It is my privilege also to record that the health of the preachers and their families has been exceptionally good. The wife of W. W. Sharp was, for a time, very sick, but is now improving. With this single exception the preachers on Easton District have had no cause for complaint on the score of health.

Immediately upon the adjournment of the last session of our Conference, I proceeded to fill, as best I could, the charges left to be supplied.

Sassafras was supplied by the appointment of William Sheers, a local preacher and student from the Boston University. He has done good service and comes to the Conference, well recommended, for admission into the traveling connection.

Bro. D. Gollie, a local preacher, who had supplied Talbot Circuit last year, was continued in that work.

Wye was supplied by the appointment of George P. Smith, a local preacher, who had been on trial in the Conference, but was discontinued at the last session by his own request.

Crumpton was placed under the care of James B. Merritt, one of our highly esteemed supernumerary preachers.

Tunis Mills, formerly a part of Kings Creek Circuit, has been supplied by T. E. Bell, another supernumerary preacher of the Conference.

Bro. C. K. Morris was continued in charge of Massey's Mission.

These arrangements being completed, our whole field was provided for with capable and earnest workmen; and although the fruit gathered from the toils and sacrifices of the year, may not equal in quantity what we could have desired, yet we may well join you in this harvest home rejoicing, over what the Lord has done for his heritage.

It will be seen from the number of appointments, which were of necessity left to be supplied on Easton District, that there is evidently a great demand for laborers in the Lord's vineyard. We have been impressed as never before, with the words of our Saviour. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are

few; pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth the laborers into his harvest.

During the year one more parsonage has been added to the 25 parsonages owned by the charges of the District. Crumpton, heretofore without a home for its pastor, has, through the indefatigable efforts of its pastor, secured just such a home as will meet the demand. It was purchased for \$800, on which has been paid \$500, leaving a balance of \$300 yet due, but which will soon be provided for.

The parsonage at Ingleside which was in process of erection at my last report, has been completed, and is now occupied by the pastor's family. The whole cost of the lot and building was \$1350, of which \$800 has been paid, and the remaining \$550 nearly all secured in good subscriptions.

The new parsonage built last year on Tilgman's Island, has been nearly cleared of debt during the present year.

The parsonage at Church Hill has, through the efforts of Mrs. Arters, the pastor's wife, and of the Ladies' Mite Society, been enlarged and improved, at a cost of \$337, nearly all of which has been raised and paid.

\$200 have been expended for improvement on the parsonage at Easton, and \$400 on the Smyrna station parsonage. The parsonage at Marydel has had its debt reduced in the sum of \$150. The following parsonages have also been improved during the year, to viz: Cecilton, Appoquinimink, Rock Hall, Hillsboro, Greensboro, Trappe, Galena, Centreville and District Parsonage.

The work of building new churches has not been entirely neglected, although we sometimes think that the territory covered by our District is already well provided for with church buildings. We find in nearly every little town and village two and three Methodist churches, representing as many different branches of our common Methodism. We hope that the time is not far distant when Methodism on this Peninsula will rally under but one banner, and that the banner under which have been won the victories that have placed our Church where she stands to-day.

A society has been recently organized, and a new church is being erected in the town of Clayton, Del., an important Railroad centre, and where there is considerable promise of success. They have a Sabbath school which already numbers 119 scholars and teachers. The society has been under the pastoral care of the Presiding Elder, and has been supplied with preaching by the local preachers of Smyrna station. The church building is under roof, and will soon be ready for Dedication. The lot was kindly donated to the society by Mr. A. Sivil, a citizen of the town. The building will cost when completed over \$2,000. They have in hand and on subscription two-thirds of the money.

Bro. J. D. Reese of Bay Side and Tilghman Circuit has made all necessary preparation for building a chapel at Sherwoodville, a village midway between Bay-Side and Tilghman Island. The material is on the ground, and the building will be commenced as soon as the weather will permit.

Bro. W. W. Sharp, of Ingleside, has a subscription on hand of over \$400 towards the building of a new church at Henderson, on the Delaware and Chesapeake Railroad and which when built, is to take the place of Pippins Church.

At St. Michaels, W. B. Walton, pastor, the lecture room of the church has been remodeled and beautified at a cost of \$856. This improvement is largely due to the efforts of H. Clay Dodson, the very efficient superintendent of the Sabbath school. This, added to the improvements noted one year ago, gives a finish to St. Michael's church, which leaves nothing to be desired in the way of interior decorations.

Chatham Chapel, on Talbot Circuit, is now in process of being enlarged, and when completed will furnish a more comfortable place of worship for their growing congregation.

On Kent Island, J. E. Kidney, by the most persistent efforts, has succeeded in remodeling the church at Stephenville. The improvement is such as to transform that old building into a beautiful church edifice, and one which is both the

pride and joy of methodism on that Island. The improvement has cost \$2,800 a part of which has been paid, and the remainder provided for by subscription taken on the day of dedication. This makes two churches rebuilt on Kent Island during the last two years, and the work is largely due to the earnest efforts of Bro. Kidney.

I. G. Fosnocht has remodeled our church at Galena. This work has been greatly needed, and for the want of it, methodism has been at a disadvantage in that community. It is now nearly completed, and when finished the church at Galena will take a place among the better churches of our Conference, and with its spire pointing heavenward and large churchly bell calling the people to the worship of God, it will long stand as a monument of the faith and zeal of both pastor and people. The cost of the improvement will be \$3,600. It will be ready for dedication in the month of April, when they expect to have the entire cost of the improvement provided for. The Lord has most signally shown his approval of this forward movement by pouring out his Holy Spirit, and sending them a revival of religion which has swept through the community, converting and adding to the church scores of precious souls.

Centreville Church, C. A. Hill, pastor, has been improved by the putting in of stained glass windows at a cost of \$650, all of which has been paid.

Our church at Oxford, has been entirely cleared of debt through the laudable efforts of Bro. E. P. Roberts and his zealous people.

\$100 has been paid this year on the debt of the church at Trappe, and \$684 on old debt at St. Michael's.

The Conference collections have been taken, and with what results the statistics will show. Last year marked a decided advance on all the lines of church benevolences on Eastern District. This year we still keep up that march, and although the advance is not so great as last year, yet it is sufficient to show that our people are growing in their appreciation of these great connectional interests.

In the earlier part of the Conference year we endeavored by the holding of Ministerial Conventions, and the circulation of literature on the subject, to arouse the pastors and churches to the great importance of these church benevolences.

There may have been failures at some points in these collections, but these failures have occurred, not for the lack of zeal and effort on the part of the pastors, but because of the want of appreciation of these interests on the part of some churches, and at others, by reason of local demands which have imperatively required the use of all their available means at home. If the history of the struggle had by some of these preachers to bring up their collections could be spread before the church and world, it would be seen that the time for earnest labour and self-sacrificing is not yet passed in the Methodist Episcopal Church. But it has always been the lot of Methodist preachers to lead in self-sacrificing labor for the cause of Christ; and we are constrained to believe that through their leadership our church and people are advancing to a higher plane of Christian experience and Christian giving.

Our Missionary collection will be in the aggregate nearly, if not quite, up to our appointment, \$4,624. An advance of \$1,200 in the last two years, or of \$500 for the last year. The other collections will also be in advance of last year, but how much I cannot say.

The following charges have met all their apportionments, to viz.: Cecilton, Sudlersville, Centerville, Chestertown, Church Hill, Easton, Hillsboro, Ingleside, Millington, Trappe, Rock Hall, Middletown and Smyrna.

The following are up on their Missionary apportionment, but fall below on some of the other collections, viz.: Oxford, Townsend, Bay Side and Tilghman, and Still Pond.

The following named charges are in excess of their Missionary apportionment:—Hillsboro, \$40; Smyrna, \$75, and Easton, \$115. And a number of others have made very creditable advances over the collection of last year.

If the Rev. Mr. Young will carefully study the statistical tables of Easton District for this year, he will find a number of charges which have met the requirements of his "roll of honor," and a much greater number of preachers who are already on the roll of honor kept in heaven by the great Head of the Church.

A strong faith in the efficiency of revivals of religion has ever been a distinguishing feature of Methodism. Methodism was born in a revival, and its wonderful success in the earth is largely due to the same instrumentality. On Easton District, the spirit of revival has been abroad, and every charge has shared to some extent in its saving influence. Hillsboro, leads with 98 conversions; Church Hill, follows with 93; Galena, 80; Ingleside, 76; Greensboro, 74; Marydel, 65; Appoquinimink, 60; Millington, 63; St. Michaels, 56; Townsend, 52; Trappe, 35; Cecilton, 33; Smyrna Circuit, 30; Oxford, 20; Crumpton, 40; Centerville, 58 at the church, and 57 at their camp meeting, and Smyrna 25.

The other charges not named have shared also in this revival influence, but not so largely as those referred to. The whole number of conversions reported by the pastors, is 1,200, and of probationers, 1,100.

We are led to devoutly hope, that this wide spread revival influence, will result in giving more spiritual life to our class meetings, which in some parts of our Districts, are not so well attended as they should be. I take pleasure in reporting that on Church Hill Circuit, the average attendance on that means of grace for the past year, has been equal to two-thirds of the membership. It is no wonder that the pastor reports such a gracious revival of religion, and collections up to the apportionments. In a number of the other charges the attendance is one half, but in the majority of our churches the attendance on class meetings does not exceed one-fourth of the membership. Whatever will foster and maintain the spirituality of the church should receive our earnest support, for the spirit of worldliness is abroad in all our communities, and is a constant menace to the spiritual life of the Church of Christ. In our part of the field this worldliness shows itself in the guise of progressive euchre parties, fashionable gatherings for dancing, and so called scientific clubs, but which, we fear, are only so many places for wine drinking and gambling. The cry that "other churches tolerate such things," must not lead us to relax our watchfulness. We would rather be a "peculiar people"—peculiar for our freedom from the contamination of sin, and for our strict devotion to God, than be called a fashionable church.

In my last report I took occasion to refer to the great reform going forward on the question of prohibition. We are still on the line of battle, believing that nothing less than the entire overthrow of the rum traffic and power will meet the demands of the moral law, and the spirit of the gospel of Christ. Our preachers and churches are standing up boldly for this great reform. I take pleasure in saying that the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union" is doing a grand work for the cause, on some parts of our District.

The Sabbath school work on Easton District suffers greatly by reason of many of the schools suspending during the winter months. This is true however, only of the schools situated in the country, but as our District is largely agricultural, it causes a great break in this grand work. In nearly all our larger churches, the schools are fully alive, and abreast with the times. We shall report seven thousand scholars upon our rolls. Surely this puts upon the church a great responsibility, but at the same time affords a grand opportunity of recruiting her forces for the overthrow of Satan's kingdom, and the establishment of the kingdom of Christ in all the earth.

JOHN FRANCE, P. E.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Like a squadron returned to the home port, the cruise of another year is over. The Captains with the logs of their voyage completed are ready to recount their achievements and with scarcely an exception victory has been experience of all.

Until within a few days it had been the expectation to report no death in any parsonage. But on the 21st in Fredrica, the mother of Sister Haynes was called to her eternal home at the ripe age of 91.

"Servant of God well done
Thy glorious warfare past,
The battles fought, the victory won
And thou are crowned at last."

At 8 o'clock Thursday evening, March 1st the pall of a great sorrow fell upon the Dover parsonage. From Brother Terry, the wife of his youth was taken. Quiet, unobstrutive in her piety, a keeper at home, the more terrible the loss to her family, though heaven will seem nearer to them for this new inhabitant.

"Who shall forbid our chastened woe,
Our tears of love to start;
There's balm in their assuaging flow,
To heal the wounded heart."

The homes of Brothers Carroll and Mitchell have been shadowed by the protracted illness of their wives, now happily recovered.

Sister England continues an invalid confined to her home.

This district was committed to my supervision one year ago with 37 charges. These have increased to 40. 17 in Maryland and 23 in Delaware. By county situation there 11 in Kent, 12 in Sussex, 5 in Caroline and 12 in Dorchester.

IN DORCHESTER

where Methodism was planted 102 years ago, we have been favored with a remarkably successful home mission work.

In a part of this territory, which the political rancor of former times compelled us to abandon, we have returned with the olive branch of peace, an evangel of salvations and recount the result with shoutings of grace.

With a missionary appropriation of \$500, George F. Hopkins was turned loose without a church or member or Sunday school, but with the right of way to break this ground again for God and our Methodism. The abandoned churches, forsaken even by those who dispossessed us, were rehabilitated. A few persons were found who had never acknowledged allegiance to another ecclesiasticism, and through all the long, sad years, had waited for the old church to come back to her children. Sylvester Adams never lost his old class book, nor Major Ruark his expectation of living to see our return. Others, longing for deeper spiritual life, and weary of political Christianity, rallied to our standard. The Lord poured out his spirit in awakening power, and scores of souls were converted. Soon enough was gathered to form a self-supporting circuit under the name of

HOOPER'S ISLAND,

And Louis E. Andrews was employed to serve it, which he did with great acceptability and success until his resignation in August, when Charles P. Swain was employed, with what wisdom his returns will show. His charge in the beginning consisted of the old churches on Mt. Zion and Centennial on Hooper's Island. He has since built a new one on the Lower Island, worthily called Hopkins Chapel. Another is in progress on Bawn Island. A parsonage is likewise in process of erection. He found 48 members six months ago, which has increased to 105. His support was fixed at \$174, but they have paid \$219, and \$47 on the benevolences of the church.

Early in June, Brother Hopkins had

TAYLOR'S ISLAND CIRCUIT

ready for an occupant, with St. John's, Bethesda, Asbury, and the promise of a church lot on Taylor's Island. George W. Bounds from the Conference Academy was appointed. He opened his commission on Taylor's Island, in a tent prepared by the kind people; revival followed, and a church was organized with 50 members. There were 50 when he came to the work, and now material is on the

ground for a church, and the old places of worship have been repaired. The people have boarded the pastor, supplied him with a horse, paid \$265 on the self-supporting plan, and contributed \$73 on the collections to save other people. Without disparagement to others, it may be said of these charges, "Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all."

With Brother Hopkins, still in the open field by October, another Circuit was organized and Baynard Wheatley assigned to it. It now has 64 members, two churches, three other preaching places, with four lots secured and part of the material on the ground for building. This work will not be soon ready for self-support, it having raised but \$35 for self-support and \$22 for the benevolences.

A serious blow was given to this work in November, however, when Brother Hopkins was removed, under appointment to North India. Methodism contains no more sincere christian, tender, loving spirit, self-sacrificing, aggressive, wise and successful minister than this brother. His going is a serious loss to this Conference, but a benediction to India. Let his name ever be written in the annals of this recovery in Dorchester, for to him under God, belongs the chief praise. By the outlay of \$500 missionary money in a single year, we have secured 319 members, 9 churches, with more Sunday schools than churches and possibly 400 scholars and \$142 for the benevolences of the church.

TO CAMBRIDGE.

Under the pastorate of Alfred Smith has been given the second great work of grace in the county, 98 conversions. The embarrassing debt has been reduced by nearly \$1,500 yet the 7 general benevolences have been increased 41 per cent. and the whole, both general and local 20 per cent. 618 visits have been made and 22 Christian advocates are taken. The temperance work at this place will be referred to later on.

From Crapo, Bro. McFaul comes rejoicing with 43 conversions; the parsonage refurbished, his salary increased and paid and the collections 50 per cent. in advance. 8 Advocates are taken, 470 visits made and all of the work well and successfully done. Here one of our best Circuits is fast developing.

At East New Market Bro. Rawlins closes his 3rd year with 30 conversions, 500 visits. 24 per cent. increase on the collections and subscribers for 11 Advocates.

At Vienna Bro. Dawson has made 370 visits; had 20 conversions and 36 per cent. advance on the general benevolences. The number of Advocates are 7.

Elliott's Island was cut off from Crapo, and constituted a separate charge to be supplied. Two months after Conference it was filled by the transfer of C. J. Hammett from the Alabama Conference. A parsonage has been erected worth \$400. The salary advanced to treble the former amount, 20 persons converted, the membership increased to 41, and the Roll of Honor standard gained on the collections. 400 pastoral calls have been made.

At Galestown, Bro. Jaggard reports 25 conversions, 406 visits, \$500 paid on debts. Extensive improvements have been made about the parsonage; 25 per cent. advanced on the 7 and 83 per cent. on all collections. 3 Advocates are taken.

Brother Bowman at Beckwith, was favored with a good advance on his support. He has made 400 visits, secured 17 per cent. advance on the collections, and reports 7 Advocates and 19 probationers.

Hurlock's, served by Ralph T. Coursey, has 18 probationers, visits, 325, the salary increased, and 45 per cent advanced on the 7 collections, 9 Advocates are taken.

CAROLINE COUNTY.

Burrsville with Brother Gardner, leads Caroline in the number of conversions, there being 103, and 91 on probation, 2 Advocates taken, 435 visits made. The pastor has spent two-thirds of the time in the homes of his people. The benevolences are 10 per cent. in advance.

Preston under Bro. L. P. Corkran, has been favored with 42 conversions, 4 Advocates, 500 visits, 35 per cent. advance on collections, and a lot secured and church commenced at Medford's wharf, tell of a busy year.

At Federalsburg, Bro. Burke has received 24 probationers, and though hindered for two months by illness in his family, yet reports 400 visits, 56 per cent. increase on the 7, and 87 per cent. on all benevolences, and no deficiency in salary. 8 Advocates find their way to the people.

Bro. Redman for Potter's Landing, recounts 10 probationers, ministerial support advanced, 250 visits made, and 5 percent. increase in collections.

SUSSEX COUNTY.

Brother I. L. Wood at Lincoln grandly leads the Sussex advance with 150 conversions, 800 visits, 6 advocates, the 7 collections put forward 632 per cent. Adjectives are not necessary.

At Millsborough, Brother Roe closes his third year with the right to second place in the county for salvation harvest. 112 have been converted, 400 visits, 4 Advocates taken and the collections 81 per cent. in advance. The salary was increased and paid. No more doth the black kite sweep its tail over the chimney tops of this borough.

Cannons under the leadership of W. T. Valiant has a gain of 50 probationers one hundred was advanced on salary, a commodious parsonage built at cost of \$1200 with by \$560 debt remaining, 11 Advocates are taken 400 visits made and the benevolences increased 93 per cent. A prestige equal to that of Old Bridgeville Circuit will soon rest upon Cannons. They have more men and women who want to make something of it and fewer to hold them back as is often seen.

Brother Carroll has had 65 conversions at Greenwood, 9 Advocates are taken 530 visits made, 38 per cent. advanced on the collections. This is another coming charge. One hundred was added to the salary and still there's more to follow. Though held at home for a time by the illness of his wife, the work has not been permitted to suffer loss.

Brother Duhadway closes the full term at Georgetown with 45 probationers, 31 per cent advance on the benevolences and 14 Advocates. He has organized the only anti-tobacco temperance society on the District. May their tribe increase.

The conversions at Bridgeville under Bro. Howard's ministry number 37, the support of the pastor was advanced and the people have added to the collections 175 per cent with but 74 members and probationers. The 10 Advocates taken makes the largest proportion to the membership on the District. Pastoral visits number 575 and the charge is on the Roll of Honor.

SEAFORD.

Bro. England is closing his 3rd year and has 35 probationers. Advocates are taken and a number of the collections are beyond last year.

LEWES.

Bro. Thompson has suffered from the severest exodus known to this section. 75 contributing members have removed during the present year; 30, however, have been admitted to probation. The benevolences advanced 46 per cent. and the charge on the Roll of Honor \$1,338 have been expended in property improvement, 14 Advocates taken and 560 visits made.

Ellendale, served by Bro. Prouse, has 22 probationers, 225 visits made and the benevolences are 148 per cent. in advance.

NASSAU,

with Rev. E. Davis, pastor, has 11 probationers; Advocates and the benevolences put forward 11 per cent.

AT MILTON.

Rev. Jos. Robinson reports 11 probationers, 1,000 visits, 8 Advocates, the general collections increased 107 per cent. and the charge on the Roll of Honor.

Harbeson is the name of a new charge found 8 months since of places with nowhere else to go. Though few in number and weak in ability, yet there is a prospect that the little one shall become stronger in the near future. It is being served by Wm. N. Conway, an Elder who came to us from Independent Methodism and who, in coming, brought his little church, built upon his own land with him, and showed his good faith by dedicating it to us. 23 years ago he and I trode the deck of the same vessel, and when he concluded to return to the church in which he was converted and work in his ministry, he dipped his flag to the pennant of his old shipmate. The appointment has 40 members and \$25 for the collections.

KENT COUNTY.

At Milford, under the pastorate of Bro. Willey, the candle of the Lord shineth upon them and their bow abideth in strength, 176 have been converted, 155 admitted to probation, 29 Advocates are taken, 835 visits made, \$600 expended in improvement of property, all collections forwarded, 171 per centage, and the seven increased by a per centage of 236 and the charge on the Honor List

Farmington has proven a fruitful soil to F. J. Corkran's three years of labor. During this year 75 have been converted, \$300 paid on debts. The salary advanced \$100, and the collection pushed forward more than 80 per cent. 6 Advocates are taken, and 400 visits made.

From Wyoming, Bro. Green also reports 75 conversions and 20 probationers, 3 Advocates, 700 visits, and the collections increased 170 per cent.

Felton sends Vaughn S. Collins to Conference with 100 added to his support, and over paid, an unusual occurrence, and excepting Hooper's Island, the only one on the District. 24 have been converted, 500 visits made, 8 Advocates taken, the 7 collections 52 per cent. in advance, and the charge on the Roll of Honor.

Brother Mitchell at Houston, though greatly hindered by the protracted illness of his wife, has made a success. 24 conversions, 8 Advocates taken, 300 calls made. The embarrassing debt at Houston's is paid, and the collections advanced 65 per cent. There was also made a good advance upon the salary.

Camden, with Brother Hyson in his 3d year, has added \$50 to his support. 26 have been converted, and 32 per cent. added to the 7 collections.

Frederica, Bro. Haynes, pastor, has 10 conversions following the great revival of last year, and 41 per cent. advance on the general benevolences; 10 Advocates are taken, and 900 calls made.

Magnolia, where Brother Hardesty is closing his term, has added \$100 to his support, cancelled old debts, and built a parsonage; 15 have been converted, 10 Advocates taken, 400 visits made, and the collections put forward 70 per cent.

Harrington advanced upon the payment of Bro. Warthman's support \$100 this year. 12 have been converted following the great revival of last year; 8 Advocates are taken, 550 visits made, and the collections are 89 per cent. in advance.

Leipsic presented to Brother Connor a very difficult field, an accumulation of debts, running through many years, and the furniture of the parsonage under execution. Yet they added 100 to his support and have paid it, and \$950 has been raised to cancel their old liabilities.

The Church, Little Creek, through generous assistance from Church Ex. will soon be free. 3 Advocates are taken, 13 probationers have been received and 520 visits made.

I think no greater difficulties faced any preacher last year, and none have been more signally overcome.

Substantial success has crowned the efforts of Brother Terry at Dover. A beautiful chapel has been erected at a cost of \$2,500, 30 received on probation, the seven benevolences advanced 18 per cent. 600 pastoral visits made and 32 Christian Advocates taken. This is the largest list of Advocates on the District;

the total number reaching to not quite 300, an average, per charge, of a little more than 7.

Shall we not provoke a healthy emulation among the charges to win the banner of numbers for this best of all of the Christian weeklies, rather than to put in our homes sheets that minimize its influence by hostile attacks, covert flings at the paper, and continual strictures upon the Editor. The Advocate always helps and never hinders in advancing the work of God, increasing the intelligence and broadening the views of our people upon every phase of our manifold work, which furnishing, not merely a bellows, but substantial fuel for the flames of devotion.

ON THE SALARIES OF THE PREACHERS.

No charge of the District decreased the estimate, and if the four new charges where nothing was raised before be included, twenty have advanced to an aggregate of \$2,000. It was my hope and expectation to see them all paid, but unfortunately the two weeks saved for extra visiting to the charges most in arrears, were cut off by the necessary change in the time of holding the Conference.

The District Stewards made a liberal increase upon my own support, and provided for replenishing the furniture to the extent of \$300, which has been more than met by the payment of \$325 by the charges. To do more than expected in such cases is not common.

THE MEMBERSHIP.

A most energetic revision of Church Records has been made this year, and by legitimate methods more than 1,500 names have disappeared from our lists, and though we will not appear so numerous, yet no strength has been lost by pruning our trees to their live timber. About 1,790 conversions have gladdened the hearts of the sowers and reapers, many are already admitted to full membership, and the revision of the number before Conference instead of after, will account for the difference in converts and probationers.

PARSONAGES.

Three have been built, but the sale of the one in Seaford will make the increase but two.

CHURCHES.

I think 11 is the correct number of their increase, and this includes the old ones in Dorchester, refounded and repaired.

THE SABBATH SCHOOLS

are more numerous than formerly, and of scholars an additional host have been gathered. Give us the children who ever will take the petrified sinners, and the future will find us fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and to every evil that is in the world, terrible as an army with banners. More and more do, I believe that, if possible to prevent it, none of our children should be permitted to reach their teens without a scriptural new birth unto righteousness. God wants them saved and we are the people to do it and add them to the Militant force of our conquering church.

THE BENEVOLENCES.

The increase under the administration of my five predecessors has not faltered during the present annual.

My co-laborers and I expect no man to pay money to a cause upon which he is not informed. Accordingly we have put tracts upon Bible, Tract, S. S. U. and Church Extension to the amount of 5000 each, into the hands of the people, and 60,000 upon the subject of missions, besides sermons and addresses on all the topics represented.

By working proper methods to harvest the benefits, and reach, if possible, the last man, our people have not disappointed us. Our methodist people never

will, under such circumstances, give them the facts and take the necessary trouble to secure their financial conclusions upon them and their responses will gladden the hearts of the pastors who trust them.

The figures I give are not exact, owing to the difficulty of securing accurate data in advance of the statistical report. From that received however, I can report the collections well in advance. The only one likely to be short is the W. F. M. Society which, however, is not a collection for which the pastors are responsible. The apportionment for General Conference expenses was made before the death of Bro. Milby, and inadequate to the demand. Taken on the small requirement last year, it has been difficult to have it done once again and it may not be up to apportionment.

For Church Extension no charge has less than \$10, and the increase is 110 per cent. For Freedman's Aid no appointment has less than \$5, and the percentage of advance is 97. The Bible collection has increased 136 per cent., Tract 118, S. S. Union, 94 and Education 41 per cent.

Our advance upon missions has been 41 per cent. Our apportionment was \$4,050. The Million line assessment, \$4,150. Our 1,200,000 requirement 4500, but our collection this year is over \$4,600.

For Conference Claimants every charge but one has reached its apportionment and many have gone beyond, so that the apportionment of the District will be more than raised. For Domestic Missions we have doubled upon the previous year.

THE TEMPERANCE WORK

Is pushed with more or less vigor on every charge, and days reserved for it at the camp meetings. I have frequent occasion to come before the people on this subject. Local Option prevails in Caroline and all Dorchester, save two Districts, and these need saving to the same.

Brother Smith, in Local Option Cambridge, with the courage of Haddock, has tempted his fate in his determination to rid the town of the illicit trade. In presence of threats and violence that barely spared his person, the last batch of law-defiers have been taken to a public boarding house supported by the State, and now they "know that it was loaded."

Brothers Willey and Warthman have tried to rid their communities of the throne of iniquity, framed by law, but as yet ineffectual. Well, we are all at it, and always at it, and will continue until the last place of infamy is closed and every home protected.

OF PASTORAL VISITS.

More than 16,000 have been reported.

What need I say more. My brethren have been faithful to their work and have done it well. Like wise shipmasters in difficult channels, they have been on deck and around the ships themselves, while our people, responsive to their direction, are entitled to the commendation of duty well and faithfully done. I have sought to aid the work in all practicable ways, and have given 242 days from home, traveled 7,050 miles, preached and made addresses 308 times.

There is one school of the church within the District.

THE WILMINGTON CONFERENCE ACADEMY,

Situated in Dover, founded in 1873. Secondary in grade but first class in quality. W. L. Gooding, Ph. D., is the efficient principal, assisted by a faculty of eight.

The students this year have reached the number of 159. 102 have been graduated, 6 of whom are in the ministry, and 15 non-graduates are in the same high calling. 14 of the present students are ministerial, some of whom have divided among them according to need from Board of Education at New York, to the extent of \$250, and \$150 by our own Conference Education Society. But

what is this among so many. The property is valued at \$60,000, with an indebtedness of \$10,000. The Library contains 1,600 volumes, and the scientific apparatus is worth \$150.

The number of botanical and geological specimens have reached 1500.

The income from board and tuition is \$13,630.41. Expenses \$11,229.98, leaving a rental of \$600.14. All of which for many years to come should be spent upon the property to keep it fit for advantageous competition with other schools. The crying necessity is for more room; the ladies' department is full, and until a student left recently, there was not a place for even one more. The male department is crowded to repletion. For the last student that came, a room was rented outside of the building.

This is the situation, while catalogues of schools of other churches in neighboring Conferences and states show scores of our Peninsula young people who ought to be with us. Many of them are not in schools of our denomination and will return home infatuated with the gilding and tinsel of ecclesiastical millinery, and will be lost to us forever, just when they should pay their debt of gratitude to Methodism for lifting their parents to a higher plane and bring to their opportunity better conditions.

Brothers, Barrett's chapel, 12 miles away and possibly within sight of the cupola of this academy, and the dust of Whatcoat, awaits the resurrection in Dover. In the name of Coke and Asbury and Whatcoat, in the name of the christianity which they planted in persecution and watered with tears, in the name of the God whose glory it will promote, let us speak unto the people that they go forward, let us rise up and build.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. B. WILSON, P. E.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

To the Presiding Bishop, the members of the Conference, and to the Laymen scattered abroad: Greeting:

Would you know the official acts of the pastors and laymen of Salisbury District for the Conference year ending March 7th, 1888? Are they not written in the statistical department of the Minutes? If you would know the facts read the record. The year has been one of toil and triumph. The Captain of our Salvation has led us on to victory. In Salisbury the Lord has literally given us "Beauty for Ashes." One year ago we had two ash piles. The cremated remains of our church and parsonage. Out of the one has come the most beautiful parsonage in the Conference, and from the smouldering ruins of the other, has arisen a magnificent stone church, the most modern in design, and second to but one in the Conference. The Salisbury spartan band of Methodists more than helped by Brother William H. Jackson, have shown themselves to be true sons of heroic fathers. A new church, a new parsonage, a good revival, salary advanced a hundred dollars and paid, with all the collections not only up to and beyond the apportionments, but in advance of all that has gone before in the history of the charge.

The energy generated of such heroism ran along the nerve-lines of the district resulting in the building of three other churches; one at Bladensburg, on Bethel circuit, Rev. W. B. Gregg, pastor; one on Powelville circuit, Rev. L. T. McLain, pastor; and one on Mt. Vernon charge, Rev. T. H. Harding, pastor.

Churches have been repaired as follows: Two on Somerset charge, Rev. John Tyler, pastor; one at Frankford, Rev. S. N. Pilchard, pastor; and one on St. Peter's charge, and the parsonage debt paid to stay paid, Rev. E. S. Mace, pastor.

The year has been one of general revival, resulting in a large number of conversions. There has been a little retrograde at some points, the result of local causes. But these light afflictions are for but a moment, and will, by grace divine, work to the glory of God, and the good of men. Even the weakest will come out of their moulting season, and rising on strong new-feathered wings, will navigate "the blue expanse that vaults the summer noon." They are even now singing, "We are coming bye and bye." The vampire of rum is still at the throat of Worcester and Wicomico counties, sucking out their life-blood. Berlin, Snow Hill, Pocomoke City and Salisbury, are cursed with a curse that is degrading, not only the people, but the ground also, and it is, in many places, bringing forth "thorns and thistles." Nature's prospect would be pleasing, but for the fact that rum is making men vile. The preachers and women are true temperance advocates, but too many of the men are afraid of temperance agitation because it has political dynamite in it.

The good Lord hasten the day,
When men will vote as they pray,

THE MALARIA SCARE.

Grim-visaged Malaria has not smoothed his wrinkled front; but is still abroad mounted on barbed steeds, riding to and fro to fright the souls of fearful adversaries. The fiction has gone beyond the bounds of our Conference and is working damage to our interests. We are spoken of abroad as "the grave-yard of Methodism." The Malaria ghost has made its advent into Drew Theological Seminary and the students are being scared away from our Conference. Two gave their names to come last year and then declined because of what they had heard about the malaria scourge of our territory. The following facts taken from the file of the Minutes of our Conference will show that there is no foundation in fact for the existence of such a prejudice against the healthfulness of our climate. The Conference was established in the spring of 1868, twenty years ago, during which time forty of its members have died, an average of just two a year.

Nine of the forty have died on Salisbury district's territory. Six were active and three were retired: Four were broken down of general causes: Two were aged. Two died of consumption, and one, yes, just one—the Rev. John E. Elliott, died in Snow Hill, Md., November 8th, 1868, of intermittent fever:—Call it malaria, and the fact is complete that one preacher has died of malaria on Salisbury district in twenty years, or rather, one died twenty years ago.

Five have died on Dover district. Four active and one retired. Of these one died of consumption, two of diseases of the heart, and two were aged.

Easton district has lost seven. Three active and four retired. One of consumption, one of malaria, one broken down, and four because their sands of life had run out.

Wilmington district has furnished death beds to twelve, who were, or had been, members of our Conference. One of heart disease; six broken down; two of consumption, and three were aged.

Seven, who had retired and gone beyond our Conference limits, have died, two were broken down, and five were aged. These facts kill the malaria scare as dead as its Banquo, but its ghost, like the ghost of Banquo, is his here and everywhere.

We trust the following quotations from the reports of the Presiding Elders, covering the entire period of nineteen years—to furnish a coffin, a shroud, and a grave to the malaria scare, and hope the poor old ghost will down, and be permitted to stay down.

QUOTATIONS:

1871. "Our Heavenly Father has favored us with general health."
1872. "Life has been spared to all the preachers, and reasonable health."
1873. "God has preserved the health of the preachers."

1874. "The brethren, with few exceptions, have enjoyed good health."

These declarations, to the number of forty, are about evenly distributed through the reports of each district of the Conference, from 1869 to 1887.

This one thing is worthy of special notice, namely: There is not a single mention of protracted illness, or serious delay of work in any one of the sixty Presiding Elders' reports, that have been made during the twenty years covered by the history of our Conference. We do not deny that some men do have malaria, and that here as elsewhere men die, but we do claim that the average health of the Methodist preachers is as good in the Wilmington Conference, as it is in any Conference in the connection, and we challenge contradiction, and call for proof to the contrary.

This Conference at its session in 1873 passed a resolution requesting its members to hand in sketches of their lives, to be put upon file for future use. The resolution suggested to me the preparation of the book of books, I now present to the Conference. It contains a photograph and a sketch of the life of each preacher on the district, both active and retired.

I desire the Conference to place the work in the Conference Historical Society.

The year's work is done. The ledger of the district is posted, and shows a balance on the credit side.

T. O. AYRES, P. E.

VIRGINIA DISTRICT.

With sincere gratitude to God for his tender mercy in preserving my life and health, and that of my brethren, I submit this my first report of the work done on the District during the past year.

Because of communications published in a secular paper in the early part of the year, evidently written with the design of prejudicing and embittering the people against us, and because of an uncalled for, and unwise controversy, conducted through the columns of the Peninsula Methodist, over the "Fifth District" question, our work was greatly hindered. Like Alexander, the coppersmith, in St. Paul's day, these brethren did us much harm. Another great drawback was the want of a sufficient number of efficient helpers to man the work, so that I have been compelled to serve in the double capacity of presiding elder, preacher and pastor, as best I could. However over, all our difficulties we have triumphed. God has blessed our united efforts, and we are able to report that degree of progress, that we believe will place us at the head, and not that other appendage of our much loved Wilmington Conference.

The following is a brief statement of the work in the several charges:

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Having no man or money for this work, there is no report. We expect to put a good man on this work the incoming year, and hope for an abundant harvest.

CAPE CHARLES CITY.

J. N. Geisler served this young charge very acceptably up to the first of October, when he returned to Boston to complete his theological course, since which time we have filled all the appointments, either in person or in temporary supplies. We dedicated our church building on Sabbath the 27th day of November. Rev. Charles Hill, whose presence was a real benediction to us, officiated, and we raised money enough to cancel all indebtedness and \$60 over. This church, already too small to accommodate our constantly increasing congregations, the trustees are planning to move it on a more desirable lot, and turn it into a lecture room, and in the near future erect a church that will be up to the

needs of this flourishing young city. For this purpose one brother offered to give \$500 to begin with. We have had a number of accessions to our membership, have increased our benevolent collections, and are on the "Roll of Honor."

CHINCOTEAGUE ISLAND,

has been advancing in every element of true success under the care of R. Irwin Watkins. Souls have been converted, missionary collections doubled that of last year, the other collections ten per cent. in advance. Goodwill, having been moved up the Island, was dedicated July 3rd: R. W. Todd, officiated; debts all paid, and money in the treasury. The congregation in the village still worship in Temperance Hall, but steps have been taken to build a church that will supply the needs of the people. Local Option is a fixed fact here, and this charge has nearly reached the "Roll of Honor."

HALLWOOD.

E. F. Statts, the young brother who was appointed to this charge, heeding discouraging reports from some of the brethren, did not go to his work. After the delay of a month or so, I secured the service of J. A. Connelley, a plucky local preacher, who, because of the bitter prejudice around against our church by our enemies in that vicinity, was, soon after coming to his work, assaulted with eggs by a couple of Pittsville roughs, with the evident intention of driving him from the field, but, like some of our heroic forefathers, he nobly stood his ground, shouting his way through, traveling on foot over 1,200 miles, visiting from house to house, praying with the people, receiving but a little over \$200, for his year's service. Yet this man of God was faithful to the end, and is able to report an increase of membership, collections in advance of last year, and his charge on the "Roll of Honor."

ONANCOCK

Has not been allowed to sleep, under the faithful administration of J. W. Easley. Every interest of his charge shows faithful work done, and he need not fear to face his last year's record at the judgment. He has had good revivals, and the church greatly strengthened numerically and spiritually, and well organized for future work. Collections all taken, and a healthy increase over last year.

PARKSLEY

Has been supplied by Wm. K. Galloway, who commenced and has kept up the shout of salvation through the year. Many have been converted, the membership largely increased, collections in advance of last year. On the "Roll of Honor." Camp meeting a grand success. Parksley Church dedicated Sabbath October 9th, by Brother Martindale. Raised \$160 on church debt. Everything looking up. Galloway and his people happy, is but a brief pen picture of this charge.

SMITH'S ISLAND.

Everything considered we regard this as our banner appointment. Ninety conversions: over \$700 paid on church and parsonage improvements: \$40 paid on old debts; \$261 missionary money raised, and all other collections increased 25 per cent. over last year. This puts this charge far beyond the Roll of Honor, and Brother Bowen is happy, and aspiring for greater achievements on this charge next year.

TANGIER ISLAND.

Last named but not least in the list of appointments. This charge stands at the head of the district in amounts paid on pastor's salary, and presiding elder's claim, and is loyal to all the interests of Methodism. The pastor, Samuel J. Morris, has been very successful in promoting every interest of his charge, and especially that of the Sunday school. Quite a number have been added to the membership, benevolent collections in advance of last year, and this charge also on the "Roll of Honor."

NEW CHURCH BOUGHT.

Our brethren of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, not being able to complete their church building at Read's Wharf, put it up for sale to the highest bidder on the 10th of January. I bought it at a comparatively nominal price, and propose to finish and occupy it in a few weeks. George H. Reed, Esq., offers to donate a suitable lot for a parsonage in this thrifty place, so that now we have the nucleus of a new charge, in the upper end of Northampton county. The people here appear to be in full sympathy with us, and our future prospects are apparently bright.

In conclusion, I will sum up by saying that it has been a good year in improvements made, debts paid, souls converted, church quickened, increased membership, and benevolent collections, and every charge but two on the "Roll of Honor." Of the preachers I must say that they have been healthful, cheerful, faithful and successful in their work. Of the people I must say that they have treated us with true Virginia hospitality, and have done their part equally well. Virginia District is accomplishing a grand work in holding up the standard of old time Methodism, and reaching people who would never be reached by other denominations. For the future we want a full supply of wise, industrious, courageous, self-sacrificing, talented, popular preachers on this District. For any other kind there is no demand.

A. D. DAVIS, P. E.

Geo. W. Simpler,
Geo. Hutchinson,
H. S. Goldy,
Amos E. Davidson,
H. W. Silver,
G. W. Weldon,
J. H. Brooks,
Jabez Hodson,
L. T. Grubb,
Daniel Green,
Jno. White,
Wm. H. Hendrickson,

J. F. Wilson,
H. J. Shallcross,
H. Bramble,
Aubrey Vandiver,
Isaac Winchester,
J. H. Newman,
W. E. Mitchell,
W. H. Casho,
J. D. Davis,
J. H. Hoffecker,
W. H. Thompson.

Jesse T. Sharp,
H. P. Cannon,
Jas. A. Cauey,
Beriah W. Truitt,
I. W. Kinder,
Baynard Wheatley,
Jas. E. Thomas,
Moses S. VanBurkalow,
Rev. C. H. Swayne,
Jas. B. Anderson,

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Lay Electoral Conference.

ROLL OF MEMBERS.

WILMINGTON.

W. H. Cole,
Wm. H. Talley,
John S. Miller,
J. Miller Thomas,
Thos. Worrellow,
W. T. Weldon,
W. T. Miller,
John H. Woodward,
Dan'l Harvey, Sr.,
E. M. Groves,
W. W. Carter,

L. A. C. Gerry,
Rev. Jas. T. Scott,
Wm. T. Dayett,
James Dumbraco,
J. Taylor Gause,
C. S. Abrams,
Jos. Pyle,
J. M. Clair,
Chas. Moore,
J. W. Thawley,
Abner Vernon.

EASTON.

C. H. Morris,
J. F. Dawson,
C. W. Smith,
Algia Smith,
L. V. Aspril,
W. T. H. Seymour,
Geo. H. Vandegrift,
R. T. Stevens,
David S. Clarke,
Dr. A. E. Sudler,
T. Cavender,

T. W. Eliason, Jr.,
T. E. Grace,
Thos. Mallalieu,
H. C. Dodson,
J. B. Bright,
J. K. Skinner,
Dan'l. R. Johnson,
W. F. Harman,
J. W. Gibson,
Jas. Swann,
D. B. Maloney.

DOVER.

Jos. H. Bell,
D. W. Benton, (Alt.)
W. W. Morgan,
Jas. B. Andrews,
Jos. E. Holland,
Wm. D. Wilson,
John Heyd,
Silas Sparkling,
John W. Fletcher,
John Pall,

John A. Ellegood,
Stephen Postles,
Wm. T. Kellum,
P. H. Medford,
Zack Johnson,
Wm. H. Franklin,
J. B. Nickerson,
Dr. R. J. Price,
Chas. P. Richards,
Edward W. Houston,

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J. G. White,
Richard Townsend,
W. J. Downing,
Z. W. Richards, (Alt.),
T. L. Spicer,
Geo. W. Parson,
L. S. Melson,
W. R. McCabe,
Jas. P. Blaine,

Thos. W. English,
N. M. Lawson,
Dan. Hearn,
D. J. Maddox,
L. T. Dryden,
J. C. Short,
Geo. E. Scott,
John E. E. Davis, (Alt.),
W. W. Truitt,

Rev. Hance Lawson,
Wm. H. Dashiell,
Geo. F. Rowe,
Jas. E. Ellegood,
Jas. T. Hynson,
R. J. M. Allan,
Wm. G. Strickland,
E. T. Bowen,

VIRGINIA.

E. V. Tyler,

Henry L. Crockett,

L. E. Mumford,

MINUTES.

WILMINGTON, DEL., March 9th, 1888.

The Lay Electoral Conference convened at Union M. E. Church.

The Conference was called to order by Dr. R. J. Price, Secretary of the last Conference. On motion, Thos. Mallalieu was elected temporary chairman and Dr. R. J. Price, Secretary. After singing a hymn the Conference was led in prayer by J. Hodson.

The following committee was on motion appointed on credentials; Joseph Pyle, Walter F. Harman, W. H. Dashiell, W. H. Thompson and W. W. Morgan.

The roll of delegates was then called, after which the following were appointed a committee on organization: J. Hodson, Stephen Postles, J. F. Dawson, L. S. Melson and H. L. Crockett.

The committee reported the name of H. C. Dodson for permanent president and R. J. Price, M. D. for Secretary, and W. H. Dashiell assistant secretary, which was adopted.

On motion the following were appointed a Committee on Resolutions: Wm. T. Miller, W. F. Harman, S. Postles, J. E. Ellegood and Joseph T. Kenney.

On motion it was ordered to proceed to the election of delegates to the General Conference which resulted in the election of H. P. Cannon and L. S. Melson. Joseph Pyle and Dr. A. E. Sudler were elected alternates. After which the Conference adjourned.

Union M. E. Church, Wilmington, Del., March 10th, 1888.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Conference reconvened, and after devotional exercises, led by Joseph Pyle, Prof. Gooding of the Conference Academy was introduced, who delivered an address representing the merits of that institution.

The committee on resolutions at this stage of the proceedings, asked leave to make their report, which was granted.

The Conference then repaired to the auditorium of the church building, where the Annual Conference was in session, in order to exchange greetings.

H. C. Dodson, President of the Lay Conference, was called upon and addressed the two bodies, and at the request of Bishop Foss, was responded to by Rev. J. B. Quigg; after which Dr. R. J. Price and Dr. A. E. Sudler made addresses, which were followed by Bishop Foss. At the conclusion of the Bishop's address, the lay conference reconvened in the basement of the church, and at 2 P. M. engaged in devotional exercises, conducted by Joseph Pyle.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered the people of Wilmington, for their kindness in entertaining the Conference, after which the Conference adjourned, *sine die*.

R. J. PRICE, *Sec'y*.

RESOLUTIONS.

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 country to-day, and the most formidable foe that we must contend with, therefore,

Resolved 1st, That we hail with delight the evidence 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, 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 course, 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.

3rd, Believing that a Christian man's first duty is to his God, and that his moral obligation should lead him to advance this great cause of temperance by every way, and while we do not presume to dictate to any man his political affiliation, we do express our unqualified opinion, that Christian temperance men should not permit themselves to be controlled by party organizations, that are managed in the interest of, or run by, the Liquor Traffic.

4th, We furthermore pledge ourselves to the enforcement of all such laws as have for their object the extermination of this iniquitous traffic.

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.

PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL.

Inasmuch as we have heard from Rev. S. W. Thomas, and Rev. W. Swindells, a committee of the managers of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in the city of Philadelphia, showing the necessity of such an Institution, and its proposed advantages to the people of our church and others residing within the bounds of this Conference, and inasmuch as the late Dr. Scott Stewart, of Philadelphia, made the Methodist Episcopal Church his residuary legatee for the purpose of assisting in the founding and maintaining of a Methodist Episcopal Hospital, the sum of which now amounts to \$250,000, and

Inasmuch as by chartered organization and otherwise all the necessary steps have been taken to secure such results, therefore

Resolved, That we, in this work, unite with our common Methodism and commend the above enterprise to the liberality of the members of our church, within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

Resolved, That this Electoral Conference hereby endorse the plan of Endowment Fund for worn-out preachers, the widows and orphans, adopted by the Wilmington Conference one year ago, and we call upon our people to make liberal subscriptions and bequests to that most worthy object, and we pledge ourselves to give it material assistance.

CONFERENCE ACADEMY.

Resolved, That the Wilmington Conference Academy is deserving of the support and patronage of the Methodists of this Peninsula, and that this Lay Conference heartily commend it to their favorable consideration.

FRANCIS ASBURY ELLIS.

In view of the long and faithful service rendered to the Methodist Episcopal Church, by our lamented brother, Francis Asbury Ellis, one of the most prominent and highly respected laymen of the Wilmington Conference, this Electoral Conference deem it their duty to place upon record this memorial tribute.

Brother Ellis was born near Turner's Creek, Kent Co., Md., Dec. 29th, 1806, and died in Elkton, Md., Nov. 2d, 1887. Up to his 43d year, he was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. During a gracious revival in the Elkton M. E. Church in 1849, under the ministry of Rev. William H. Elliott, Brother Ellis entered into a new religious experience, which was so clear and complete, as to thoroughly revolutionize his character and life. He promptly identified himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for the thirty eight years of his subsequent life, he demonstrated the strength and ardor of his devotion to the interests of that fold of the one flock of Christ, by responding to every call of duty, and showing himself "ready unto every good word and work." He was soon appointed a class leader, and continued in that most responsible relation till called to his heavenly home. For several years he was a licensed local preacher. From the origin of the Conference Missionary Society, he was its President, and was retained as such so long as he lived. He was for several years a member of the Conference Board of Church Extension, and President of its Board of Education. In the last General Conference, he was one of the two lay delegates representing the Wilmington Annual Conference, in that highest council of the church, and rendering valuable service as such. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

PENINSULA METHODIST.

The Peninsula Methodist, published in Wilmington, Delaware, by our brother J. Miller Thomas, and edited by his father, Rev. T. Snowden Thomas, A. M., merits, and hereby receives our hearty commendation for the valuable service it is rendering in our local church work, proving itself an aid to our pastors, and a source of healthful religious information and influence to our people. As a church paper, we regard it as admirably adapted to our local needs, and all we can reasonably desire in quality and price, and most cordially recommend it to the favor and patronage of our people. The subscription price, one dollar a year, places this excellent religious weekly within the reach of the humblest of our homes.

THE METHODIST BOOK STORE.

We desire to record our gratification at the establishment in our chief city of our Conference, of a Book and Stationery Store, by the publisher of the Peninsula Methodist, where all our church publications may be had at the lowest rates. This laudable enterprise we are glad to learn, has had a good degree of prosperity. A very desirable location on Market St. just above Sixth St., has been secured, and as soon as requisite improvements can be made in the building, the Book Store and office of the paper will be removed to it. We heartily recommend this Book Store to the favorable attention of our people.

HOSPITAL IN WILMINGTON.

The generous donations for the establishment of a Hospital in the city of Wilmington, by the wife of our brother, J. Taylor Gause, with other Methodists of Wilmington, Del., merit and receive our special commendation.

When our people, whom God hath blessed with this world's goods, use them with a wise and loving reference to the needs of the poor and the suffering, thus make to themselves "friends of the mammon of unrighteous," and may they re-

call to their minds the words of the Lord Jesus, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

SALISBURY DISTRICT, 1876-79.

BY N. M. BROWNE.

There appeared in the *printed* copy of the minutes of the last session of the Wilmington Conference, page 87, a tabulation of the statistics of Salisbury District covering the work of that District from the organization of the Conference. The same figures, with the table less complete, was circulated in pamphlet form in the early part of the Conference year.

These publications have tended to produce the impression that the administration of the financial interests of the church during the quadrennium ending 1879, was a failure.

Having had personal supervision of the work in that territory, for four years ending 1879, I deem it a matter of justice to the ministers who did the hard work of that period, and the loyal laymen who, from their meagre incomes, gave to the support of the church, I should make the following statement:

There are two facts essential to a proper understanding of this matter.

First, during the period referred to, there culminated a financial crisis such as had never been felt in the history of the church—a depression seriously affecting every industrial and commercial interest of the country, and awakening in the minds of the Bishops and Secretaries of our benevolent societies the gravest apprehension as to the outcome of such a condition of things. The continued decrease in the missionary collection, (declining in 1878, to a point lower than had been touched for fifteen years,) baffled the wisdom of the best men in the church. The aggregate decrease of the missionary collection of the church for the quadrennium ending 1879, was \$448,722.41.

At a meeting of the General Missionary Committee, held December, 1875, the report says:

"The session was a most careful one, and the more so in view of the great financial embarrassment of the country."

Bishop Harris added: "The financial condition of the country for the past few years has been such that all we could hope for would be that our expenses would not overcome the income of the Society."

"The year has been marked by encouraging success in our Missions, by great labor and anxiety in the management of the affairs of the Society, chiefly arising from the financial distress everywhere prevailing through the land. Under exceeding pressure upon the treasury, a number of Conferences in the older parts of our country have been left entirely without appropriations for the Missions within their bounds. This was only a temporary expedient to spare us from withdrawing from the foreign field, and to avoid crushing our men at work upon the frontiers. The measure was adopted with the greatest regret and apprehension." [See *Report of Missionary Society, 1877.*]

"The patience of our brethren at the front, under the most limited appropriations, is also to be highly commended, and the heartiness with which the older Conferences have continued to sustain the work, though all appropriations to the home work have been withdrawn, is worthy of all praise." [See *Report of Missionary Society, 1878.*]

"We congratulate the church as we take courage in our work that during the past year, though the financial clouds have not passed away, and great depression was still felt in departments of business, we were able to maintain our work." [See *Missionary Report, 1879.*]

The deep anxiety felt at the time may be appreciated, if we note the decline of the average per member for Missions in ten Conferences representing every part of the work in this country.

Alabama, 1875,	\$0 01.6	1879,	\$. 00.8
Baltimore,	0 90.5	"	0 65.0
New York,	1 02.7	"	0 65.2
Central Penna.,	0 56.8	"	0 44.7
New England,	0 73.6	"	0 43.4
New Hampshire,	0 47.1	"	0 29.6
Nevada,	0 58.9	"	0 31.7
Philadelphia,	1 19.3	"	0 83.1
Delaware,	0 06.0	"	0 03.5
Wilmington,	0 45.4	"	0 36.5

[See *Missionary Report*, 1884.]

Fortunately for the tabulation, but unfortunately for the men tabulated, the smallest missionary collection reported by the church in fifteen years was in 1878. [See *Missionary Report*, 1887, page 351.]

The smallest collection for Missions, Tract Society and Sunday School Union ever reported by the Wilmington Conference, was in 1879, and the collection for Board of Church Extension was only fifty-five dollars more than it was ten years before. For the year 1879 there is a decrease in the receipts for Episcopal Fund, Presiding Elders, Senior Preachers, Junior Preachers, Parsonage Rent, Conference Claimants, Missions, Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Board of Church Extension, Sunday School Union, Tract Society and Bible Collection. [See *Minutes*, 1879.] For the five benevolent collections recognized by the Discipline in 1869, the Conference reported \$12,257.07; for the same collection ten years afterward, 1879, there is reported \$10,819.22, a decrease of \$1,437.85.

Asbury, of this city, a representative church of our Conference, reported the smallest Missionary collection in 1879 reported for fifteen years, except one year during the Kramer defection.

The evidence is cumulative that the year 1879, and the one which the tabulation offers as the standard of worth in benevolences, was, without exception the most disastrous in church finances known in the history of our Church and Conference.

The Board of Church Extension felt the pinch of this critical period most severely.

The receipts of the Society from collections were as follows:

For the quadrennium ending 1875	\$296,724 65
" " " " 1879	230,689.00

Decrease, \$ 66,035.65

"The past eight years have been marked by the severest and most prolonged financial stringency known in the history of our country, the crisis having been reached and passed within the last quadrennium." [Report to General Conference, 1880. See *Manual*, Oct. 1880.]

"The same causes which have reduced our receipts have diminished the number of new church enterprises throughout the country." [Dr. Kynett, C. E. Report, 1877.]

"The report of our Treasurer here-with submitted, shows, (we regret to say,) a continued decline in our receipts. This is owing to the continued financial depression which has so unfavorably affected every material interest in the whole country. [Dr. Kynett, 1877.]

"The year 1878 has been the hardest since our Church Extension work was fairly inaugurated. This has arisen out of two causes, both of which came from the hard times, which, with all the evils that have come out of them, we fully believe have passed their culmination in 1878. The first of these causes was our diminished receipts. We have had nearly \$30,000 less coming into our treasury than in 1877." [Dr. Kynett's Report, 1878.]

The decline in the receipts on both General Fund and on the Loan Fund during the quadrennium preceding the last General Conference, (1880,) was in consequence of the severe financial pressure that reached its climax during that period. [Dr. Kynett, *Manuel*, April 1882, page 250.]

Further detail is not necessary. The following figures taken from the most reliable and authentic sources as published by the church, are sufficient to convince the most skeptical of the great and universal depression in church finances.

Decrease in receipts of the following named objects for quadrennium ending 1879.

Missionary,	\$448,722.41
Board of Church Extension,	66,035.65
Tract Society,	26,404.49
Sunday-School Union,	26,385.03
Education Society,	4,697.49
Bible Society, (estimated,)	50,000.00
Conference Claimants,	100,355.36

Total Decrease, \$722,600.48

If additional proof were needed to sustain the position taken in this statement, the decline in property valuation bears the most indubitable testimony. With an increase of 1893 churches and parsonages during the quadrennium ending 1879, the decrease in value was more than \$10,000,000.

The tabulation gives Salisbury District a total value of church property, 1875, of \$155,750; in 1879, \$147,000. Yet there was raised during the quadrennium ending 1879, \$24,660 for building, debts, etc. What became of the \$33,000 unaccounted for, if not lost in a depreciation of values, and why such a shrinkage in value of property?

It was after the storm abated, the strong men of the church, in position to survey the whole field, looked at the peril escaped, and put on record this expression of gratitude to God: "Now that the storm is passing and sunshine begins to appear through the rifted clouds, we stand in grateful amazement, beholding how the Lord has cared for us amid it all." [See *Missionary Report*, 1880.]

That the Wilmington Conference did not escape the sweep of this disastrous tide the proofs are conclusive.

1872-75, raised for the seven benevolences,	\$58,741 16
1876-79,	51,875 47

Decrease, \$ 6,865 69

Average decrease per District, \$1,716 42

Actual " of Salisbury District, 921 48

Amount raised by Wilmington Conference for seven benevolences, Women's Foreign Missionary Society, Conference Claimants, and Domestic Missionary Society, 1872-75, \$73,324 65

For same purpose, 1876-79, \$70,051 75

Decrease, \$ 3,272 90

Average decrease per District, \$818 22

Actual " of Salisbury District, 282 43

Salisbury District paid to all benevolences, 1872-1875, \$8,703 24

Received same time, Missionary appropriation, 6,275 00

Net gain to the church, \$2,428 24

Salisbury District paid to all benevolences, 1876-1879, \$8,420 81

Received same time, Missionary appropriation, 1,833 00

Net gain to the church, \$6,587 81

The second vital fact of our statement is that the work on Salisbury District was not neglected. The Conference Board of Church Extension in the Minutes of 1879, says:

"On Wilmington District every charge reported something, save one. On Easton District there were four, and on Dover District three, from which no report came. While on Salisbury District every charge gave something to this cause."

[See Minutes, 1879, page 34.

In a circular letter to the Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, Dr. J. H. Vincent says: "If every preacher would simply take a collection in each charge without pressing or crowding his people, we should have funds enough. The District on which you preside, for last conference year, (1878,) reported one charge taking no collection for Sunday School Union, and all charges taking collection for Tract Society." He adds to this a personal note over his own signature: "Your report is splendid, almost perfect."

That Salisbury District escaped the shadow of this great cloud so ominous of evil, no one has ever affirmed. But sensible of its effects, and deprecating the fact, (see Presiding Elder's Report, Minutes 1876, page 28; 1877, page 27; 1878, page 29; 1879, page 30,) we do claim that with a net gain to the church in her benevolent work of more than four thousand dollars, (shown by the figures,) an increase of more than three thousand dollars in ministerial support, (when for two years all missionary appropriations were withdrawn,) the dedication of nine churches, the almost completion of two others, the preliminary preparation for building five more, (see P. E. Report, 1879, page 30,) all of which have since been built, the rebuilding and repairing of fifteen churches and parsonages—this work accomplished at a time when the whole land was prostrated financially, and never in the history of the Conference a more unpropitious condition of monetary affairs—makes a record which the men who toiled and made the sacrifices need never blush to put beneath the light.

In conclusion, I submit my protest against the tabulation, as an injustice to the faithful brethren who, with the spirit of self-sacrifice, worked on Salisbury District during a quadrennium under most unprecedented financial difficulties.

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OF THE

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WILMINGTON CONFERENCE,

FOR THE

PROMOTION OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC MISSIONS,

IN ACCOUNT WITH ALFRED G. COX, TREASURER.

WILMINGTON, DEL., MARCH 7, 1888.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Received from Rev.	Asbury Burke.....Bethel and Glasgow, Md.....\$	76 00
" " "	Thomas B. Hunter.....Charlestown, Md.....	61 00
" " "	T. A. H. O'Brien.....Cherry Hill and Union, Md..	175 00
" " "	E. H. Nelson.....Chesapeake City, Md.....	100 00
" " "	J. W. Hammersley.....Chester, Del.....	67 00
" " "	B. F. Price.....Christiana, Del.....	40 00
" " "	J. N. Rawlings.....Claymont, Del.....	51 00
" " "	C. F. Sheppard.....Delaware City, Del.....	85 00
" " "	E. H. Miller.....Elk Neck, Md.....	40 00
" " "	J. P. Otis.....Elkton and Crouch's.....	379 00
" " "	W. E. Tomkinson.....Hockessin and Ebenezer, Del.	53 00
" " "	John Jones.....Hopewell, Md.....	66 00
" " "	W. H. Hendrickson.....Mount Lebanon, Del.....	53 00
" " "	Julius Dodd.....Mt. Pleasant and Edgemoor..	75 00
" " "	C. W. Prettyman.....Newark and Wesley, Del....	120 00
" " "	E. L. Hubbard.....New Castle, Del.....	225 00
" " "	J. D. C. Hanna.....Newport and Stanton, Del..	230 00
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" " "	L. E. Barrett.....Port Deposit, Md.....	300 00
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" " "	Isaac Jewell.....Rising Sun, Md.....	100 00
" " "	Elim Kirk.....Rolandville and Mt. Pleasant.	22 00
" " "	L. W. Layfield.....St. George's and Summit, Del	100 00
" " "	J. E. Bryan.....Wil., Asbury.....	1,016 00
" " "	C. H. Grice....." Brandywine.....	150 00
" " "	D. H. Corkran....." Epworth.....	45 00

" " "	Jacob Todd....." Grace.....	3,125 00
" " "	H. W. Ewing....." Madeley.....	141 00
" " "	R. C. Jones....." Mt. Salem.....	216 00
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" " "	N. M. Brown....." Scott.....	226 00
" " "	K. R. Hartwig....." Swedish Mission.....	35 00
" " "	Adam Stengle....." Union.....	486 00
" " "	W. G. Koons....." Wesley.....	35 00
" " "	J. T. Van Burkalow, Zion.....	160 00

\$ 8,770 00

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" " "	J. D. Reese.....Bayside and Tilghman, Md..	60 00
" " "	E. C. Atkins.....Cecilton, Md.....	170 00
" " "	C. A. Hill.....Centreville, Md.....	210 00
" " "	John France.....Clayton, Del.....	1 00
" " "	J. D. Kemp.....Chestertown, Md.....	300 00
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" " "	J. B. Merritt.....Crumpton, Md.....	36 00
" " "	W. W. W. Wilson.....Easton, Md.....	350 00
" " "	I. G. Fosnocht.....Galena, Md.....	120 00
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" " "	J. M. Lindale.....Pomona, Md.....	75 00
" " "	J. W. Poole.....Queenstown, Md.....	50 00
" " "	N. McQuay.....Rock Hall, Md.....	85 00
" " "	W. R. Mowbray.....Royal Oak, Md.....	36 00
" " "	W. B. Walton.....St. Michaels, Md.....	200 00
" " "	W. Sheers.....Sassafras, Md.....	40 00
" " "	W. S. Robinson.....Smyrna, Del.....	638 00
" " "	E. E. White.....Smyrna Circuit, Del.....	102 00
" " "	E. C. Macnichol.....Still Pond, Md.....	240 00
" " "	J. D. Rigg.....Sudlersville, Md.....	120 00
" " "	D. Gollie.....Talbot, Md.....	40 00
" " "	S. M. Morgan.....Townsend, Del.....	70 00
" " "	A. P. Prettyman.....Trappe, Md.....	110 00
" " "	G. P. Smith.....Wye, Md.....	30 00
" " "	Special Collection.....	18 00

\$ 4653 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Received from Rev.	G. W Bowman.....Beckwith's, Md.....\$	65 00
" " "	J. H. Howard.....Bridgeville, Del.....	100 00
" " "	S. T. Gardner.....Burrsville, Md.....	31 00
" " "	Alfred Smith.....Cambridge, Md.,.....	151 00
" " "	E. H. Hynson.....Camden, Del.....	75 00
" " "	W. T. Valiant.....Cannon, Del.....	125 00

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"	"	"	J. M. Collins.....Church Creek, Md.....	35 00
"	"	"	D. F. McFaul.....Crapo, Md.....	142 00
"	"	"	Baynard Wheatley.....Dorchester, Md.....	3 00
"	"	"	I. N. Foreman.....Denton, Md.....	100 00
"	"	"	T. E. Terry.....Dover, Del.....	632 00
"	"	"	P. H. Rawlins.....East New Market, Md.....	70 00
"	"	"	J. T. Prouse.....Ellendale, Del.....	60 00
"	"	"	C. J. Hammitt.....Elliott's Island, Md.....	20 00
"	"	"	F. J. Cochran.....Farmington, Del.....	105 00
"	"	"	G. W. Burke.....Federalsburg, Md.....	150 00
"	"	"	V. S. Collins.....Felton, Del.....	162 00
"	"	"	T. H. Haynes.....Frederica, Del.....	145 00
"	"	"	Wilmer Jaggard.....Galestown, Md.....	80 00
"	"	"	W. J. Duhadway.....Georgetown, Del.....	146 00
"	"	"	James Carroll.....Greenwood, Del.....	128 00
"	"	"	John Warthman.....Harrington, Del.....	125 00
"	"	"	C. P. Swain.....Hooper's Island.....	22 00
"	"	"	J. M. Mitchell.....Houston, Del.....	100 00
"	"	"	R. T. Coursey.....Hurlock, Md.....	100 00
"	"	"	Wm. W. Conaway.....Harbeson Circuit.....	600
"	"	"	James Conner.....Leipsic, Del.....	65 00
"	"	"	H. S. Thompson.....Lewes, Del.....	190 00
"	"	"	I. L. Wood.....Lincoln, Del.....	125 00
"	"	"	G. L. Hardesty.....Magnolia, Del.....	120 00
"	"	"	J. H. Willey.....Milford, Del.....	650 00
"	"	"	Robert Roe.....Millsboro, Del.....	75 00
"	"	"	Joseph Robinson.....Milton, Del.....	100 00
"	"	"	Edward Davis.....Nassau, Del.....	75 00
"	"	"	W. W. Redman.....Potter's Landing, Md.....	30 00
"	"	"	L. P. Corkran.....Preston, Md.....	75 00
"	"	"	W. E. England.....Seaford, Del.....	100 00
"	"	"	W. F. Dawson.....Vienna, Md.....	85 00
"	"	"	W. M. Green.....Wyoming, Del.....	75 00
"	"	"	G. W. Bounds.....Taylor's Island.....	34 00

\$4,677.00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Received from Rev.	J. A. Brindle.....Annessex, Md.....	\$	85 00
"	W. F. Corkran.....Asbury, Md.....		190 00
"	G. W. Wilcox.....Berlin, Md.....		50 00
"	W. B. Gregg.....Bethel, Del.....		75 00
"	S. F. Johnson.....Bishopville, Md.....		50 00
"	F. C. McSorley.....Crisfield, Md.....		218 00
"	B. C. Warren.....Deal's Island, Md.....		262 00
"	C. S. Baker.....Delmar, Del.....		165 00
"	W. E. Avery.....Fairmount, Md.....		619 00
"	S. N. Pilchard.....Frankford, Del.....		100 00
"	W. B. Guthrie.....Fruitland Md.....		50 00
"	John R. Todd.....Girdletree, Md.....		50 00
"	D. F. Waddell.....Gumboro, Del.....		94 00
"	H. S. Dulaney.....Holland's Island, Md.....		160 00
"	Warren Burr.....Klej Grange, Md.....		25 00
"	J. O. Syphard.....Laurel, Del.....		182 00
"	T. H. Harding.....Mt. Vernon, Md.....		63 00
"	E. H. Derrickson.....Newark, Md.....		62 00
"	W. W. Johnson.....Parsonsbury, Md.....		60 00

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.

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"	"	"	J. W. Gray.....Pocomoke Circuit, Md.....	46 00
"	"	"	A. S. Mowbray.....Pocomoke City, Md.....	75 00
"	"	"	L. F. McLain.....Powelville, Md.....	25 00
"	"	"	Robert Watt.....Princess Anne, Md.....	75 00
"	"	"	Z. H. Webster.....Quantico, Md.....	100 00
"	"	"	W. R. McFarlane.....Roxanna, Del.....	60 00
"	"	"	T. E. Martindale.....Salisbury, Md.....	161 00
"	"	"	W. W. Chaires.....Sharptown, Md.....	50 00
"	"	"	J. R. Anderson.....Shortley, Del.....	50 00
"	"	"	R. W. Todd.....Snow Hill, Md.....	125 00
"	"	"	John Tyler.....Somerset, Md.....	108 00
"	"	"	C. H. Williams.....Stockton, Md.....	50 00
"	"	"	E. S. Mace.....St. Peters, Md.....	183 00
"	"	"	H. T. Melvin.....Tyaskin, Md.....	220 00
"	"	"	O. S. Walton.....Selbyville, Md.....	50 00
"	"	"	C. T. Wyatt.....Westover, Md.....	53 00

\$ 3991 00

VIRGINIA DISTRICT.

Received from Rev.	A. D. Davis.....Cape Charles City.....	\$	31 00
"	R. I. Watkins.....Chincoteague.....		60 00
"	J. H. Connelly.....Hallwood.....		10 00
"	J. W. Easley.....Onancock.....		164 00
"	W. K. Galloway.....Parksley.....		35 00
"	W. L. P. Bowen.....Smith's Island.....		261 00
"	S. J. Morris.....Tangier.....		200 00

\$ 761 00

RECAPITULATION.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Raised this year.....	\$8,770 00
Raised last year.....	8,655 75
Increase.....	\$ 114 25
Apportionment.....	8,770 00
Raised.....	8,770 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Raised this year.....	\$4,653 00
Raised last year.....	4,133 86
Increase.....	\$ 519 14
Apportionment.....	4,650 00
Raised.....	4,653 00
Excess.....	\$ 3 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Raised this year.....	\$4,677 00
Raised last year.....	3,186 26
Increase.....	\$1,490 74
Apportionment.....	4,050 00
Raised.....	4,677 00
Excess.....	\$ 627 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Raised this year.....	\$3,991 00
Raised last year.....	3,904 00
Increase.....	\$ 87 00
Apportionment.....	3,560 00
Raised.....	3,991 00
Excess.....	\$ 431 00

VIRGINIA DISTRICT.

Raised this year.....	\$ 761 00
Raised last year.....	650 00
Increase.....	\$ 111 00
Apportionment.....	600 00
Raised.....	781 00
Excess.....	181 00

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Whole amount raised by Conference this year.....	\$22,852 00
Whole amount raised by Conference last year.....	20,534 37
Increase.....	\$ 2,317 63
Apportionment for Conference.....	\$21,630 00
Raised.....	22,852 00
Excess.....	\$ 1,222 00

MISSIONARY COLLECTIONS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel and Glasgow—A. Burke, Pastor.

Bethel Church.....	
Bethel Sunday School.....	\$ 41 75
Glasgow Church.....	12 50
Glasgow Sunday School.....	11 80
Total.....	\$ 76 00

Charlestown Circuit—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.

Charlestown Church.....	
Charlestown Sunday School.....	\$ 8 00
Asbury Church.....	4 02
Asbury Sunday School.....	5 15
Principio Church.....	2 00
Principio Sunday School.....	15 40
Perryville Sunday School.....	5 36
Perryville Church.....	19 07
Total.....	\$ 61 00

Chester—J. H. Hammersley, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	
Church.....	\$ 34 00
Total.....	\$ 67 00

Cherry Hill and Union—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.

Cherry Hill Church.....	
Cherry Hill Sunday School.....	\$ 6 00
Union Church.....	89 00
Union Sunday School.....	20 00
Carters Bank.....	20 00
Big Elk Chapel.....	28 00
Baldwin's Chapel.....	8 00
Total.....	\$ 175 00

Chesapeake City—Edwin H. Nelson, Pastor.

Trinity congregation.....	
Trinity Sabbath School.....	\$ 64 00
Bethesda congregation.....	16 00
Bethesda Sabbath School.....	17 00
Total.....	\$ 100 00

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Christiana—B. F. Price, Pastor.

Christiana congregation.....	\$ 7 00
Christiana Sabbath School.....	18 00
Salem congregation.....	6 00
Salem Sabbath School.....	9 00

Total.....\$ 40 00

Claymont.

Church.....	1 31
Sunday School.....	49 69

Total.....\$ 51 00

Delaware City—Chas. F. Sheppard, Pastor.

From Sunday School.....	\$ 64 68
“ Church.....	25 00

Total.....\$ 89 68

Expenses.....	4 68
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Net.....\$ 85 00

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

Elkton Congregation.....	\$ 71 00
“ Sunday School.....	204 00
West Amwell Sunday School.....	40 00
Crouch's “ “.....	25 00
Jones' “ “.....	15 00
Wilna “ “.....	20 00
Missionary Anniversary.....	13 00

\$ 388 00

Expenses.....	9 00
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Total.....\$ 379 00

Elk Neck—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

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

Total.....\$ 40 00

Hockessin and Ebenezer—Wm. E. Tomkinson, Pastor.

Hockessin Church.....	\$ 15 00
Ebenezer Church.....	29 50
Ebenezer Sunday School.....	8 50

Total.....\$ 53 00

Hopewell—John Jones, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 56 00
Church.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 66 00

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

Church.....	\$ 40 45
Sabbath School.....	12 55

Total.....\$ 53 00

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.

Mt. Pleasant and Edgemoor—Julius Dodd, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Sunday School.....	\$ 62 00
Churches.....	13 00

Total.....\$ 75 00

New Castle—E. L. Hubbard, Pastor.

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

Total.....\$ 225 00

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

Newark Church.....	\$ 24 00
Newark Sunday School.....	55 00
Wesley Church.....	23 00
Wesley Sunday School.....	18 00

Total.....\$ 120 00

North East—John B. Quigg, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 23 00
Sunday School.....	52 00

Total.....\$ 175 00

Newport and Stanton—Jno. D. C. Hanna, Pastor.

Newport Church.....	\$ 47 00
Newport Sunday School.....	116 00
Stanton Church.....	23 00
Stanton Sunday School.....	10 00
Marshallton Church.....	34 00

Total.....\$ 230 00

Port Deposit—Louis E. Barret, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 225 00
Church.....	75 00

Total.....\$ 300 00

Red Lion—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Red Lion Church.....	\$ 34 00
“ Sunday School.....	25 00
Kirkwood Sunday School.....	26 00

Total.....\$ 85 00

Rising Sun—Isaac Jewell, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 44 00
Congregation.....	36 00
A Friend.....	5 00
A Friend.....	5 00
Two Friends.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 100 00

Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant—Elim Kirk, Pastor.	
From Church.....	\$ 19 00
“ Sunday School.....	3 00
• Total.....\$ 22 00	
St. George's and Summit—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.	
St. George's Sunday School.....	\$ 83 00
Summit “ “.....	12 00
Contributions.....	5 00
Total.....\$ 100 00	
Asbury and Silverbrook—J. E. Bryan, Pastor.	
Asbury and Silverbrook Churches.....	\$ 541 00
“ “ “ Schools.....	475 00
Total.....\$1,016 00	
Brandywine—C. A. Grice, Pastor.	
Sunday Schools.....	\$ 110 00
Congregation.....	40 00
Total.....\$ 150 00	
Epworth—D. H. Corkran, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 5 00
Sunday School.....	40 00
Total.....\$ 45 00	
Grace—Jacob Todd, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 835 48
Sunday School.....	2289 52
Total.....\$3125 00	
Madeley—H. W. Ewing, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 50 00
Sunday School.....	91 00
Total.....\$ 141 00	
Mt. Salem—R. C. Jones, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 116 00
Sunday School.....	100 00
Total.....\$ 216 00	
St. Paul's—Charles Hill, Pastor.	
Congregation.....	\$ 296 91
Sunday School.....	104 00
Kingswood.....	30 09
Total.....\$ 431 00	
Swedish Mission—Konrad R. Hartwig, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 20 00
Sunday School.....	15 00
Total.....\$ 35 00	

Scott Church—N. M. Browne, Pastor.	
Sunday School and Church.....	\$ 226 00
Total.....\$ 226 00	
Wesley—W. G. Koons, Pastor.	
From Church.....	\$ 20 00
From Sunday School.....	15 00
Total.....\$ 35 00	
Union—Adam Stengle, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 153 00
Sunday School.....	333 00
Total.....\$ 486 00	
Zion—J. T. Van Burkalow, Pastor.	
Zion Sunday School.....	\$ 38 00
“ Church.....	19 00—\$ 57 00
Ebenezer Sunday School.....	26 65
“ Church.....	28 35— 55 00
St. John's Sunday School.....	13 00
St. John's church.....	48 00—
Total.....\$ 160 00	
EASTON DISTRICT.	
Cecilton—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.	
From the Churches.....	\$ 97 00
Cecilton Sunday School.....	68 67
St. Paul's Sunday School.....	4 33
Total.....\$170 00	
Bayside and Tilghman—J. D. Reese, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 30 50
Sunday Schools.....	30 00
Total.....\$60 00	
Appoquinimink—G. S. Conaway, Pastor.	
Friendship Church.....	\$ 20 50
Friendship Sunday Schools.....	8 73—\$ 29 22
Union Church and Blackbird.....	12 78
Total.....\$ 42 00	
Centreville—Charles A. Hill, Pastor.	
Ebenezer Sunday School.....	\$ 45 00
Centreville Congregation.....	22 00
Centreville Sunday School.....	123 00
Wye Camp Ground Collection.....	20 00
Total.....\$ 210 00	

Chestertown—Jno. D. Kemp, Pastor.

From Church.....	\$ 189 00
From Sunday School.....	111 00
Total	\$ 300 00

Church Hill—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 70 00
Sunday Schools.....	40 00
Total	\$110 00

Easton—W. W. W. Wilson, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 175 00
Sunday School.....	175 00
Total.....	\$ 350 00

Galena—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.

Galena Church.....	\$ 30 00
Galena Sunday School.....	40 00
Chesterville Church.....	13 50
Chesterville Sunday School.....	6 50
Locust Grove Church.....	9 25
Locust Grove Sunday School.....	20 75
Total.....	\$ 120 00

Greensborough—Wm. H. Hutchin, Pastor.

Church Call.....	\$ 24 00
Sunday School.....	76 00
Total.....	\$ 100 00

Hillsboro—Geo. W. Townsend, Pastor.

Hillsboro Church.....	\$ 54 50
“ Sunday School.....	25 00
Ridgely Church.....	37 00
“ Sunday School.....	3 00
Hall's Cross Roads Church.....	18 50
“ “ “ Sunday School.....	1 50
Total.....	\$ 140 00

Ingleside—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.

From Churches.....	\$ 56 00
“ Sunday Schools.....	25 00
Total.....	\$ 81 00

Kent Island—J. E. Kidney, Pastor.

First Church Congregation.....	\$ 43 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	6 00
Kingsley Congregation.....	4 50
“ Sunday School.....	7 50
Pastor.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 66 00

King's Creek—G. E. Wood, Pastor.

King's Creek.....	\$ 25 00
Cordova.....	15 00
Chapel.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Marydel—W. M. Warner, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 40 00
Sunday Schools.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Middletown—R. H. Adams, Pastor.

Congregation.....	\$ 121 00
Sunday School.....	342 00
Total.....	\$ 463 00

Millington—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor.

Millington Church.....	\$ 55 00
“ Sunday School.....	73 00
Blackiston's Church.....	15 00
“ Sunday School.....	5 00
Holden's Church.....	22 00
“ Sunday School.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 180 00

Odessa—T. R. Creamer, Pastor.

From Church.....	\$ 50 00
From Sunday School.....	150 00
Total.....	\$ 200 00

Oxford—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 28 00
Church.....	42 00
Total.....	\$ 70 00

Pomona—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

Sunday Schools.....	\$ 40 00
Churches.....	35 00
Total.....	\$ 75 00

Queenstown—John W. Poole, Pastor.

Sunday School Missionary Society.....	\$ 50 00
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Rock Hall—N. McQuay, Pastor.

Rock Hall Church.....	\$ 12 40
Rock Hall Sunday School.....	56 79
Piney Neck Sunday School.....	19 31
Total.....	\$ 88 50
Expenses.....	3 50
Balance for Missions.....	\$ 85 00

Royal Oak—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.	
Sunday Schools.....	\$ 14 00
Churches.....	22 00
Total.....	\$ 36 00
St. Michael's—W. B. Walton, Pastor.	
Sardis Chapel M. E. Church.....	\$ 38 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	162 00
Total.....	\$ 200 00
Sassafras--William Sheers, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 33 50
Sunday School.....	6 50
Total.....	\$ 40 00
Smyrna—W. S. Robinson, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 267 00
Sunday School.....	371 00
Total.....	\$ 638 00
Smyrna Circuit--E. E. White, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 33 00
Church.....	69 00
Total.....	\$ 102 00
Still Pond—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 110 00
Sunday School.....	130 00
Total.....	\$ 240 00
Sudlersville—J. D. Rigg, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 20 00
Sunday Schools.....	100 00
Total.....	\$ 120 00
Townsend—S. M. Morgan, Jr., Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 40 00
Church.....	30 00
Total.....	\$ 70 00
Trappe—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.	
Trappe Church.....	\$ 60 00
Trappe Sunday School.....	13 00—\$ 73 00
Landing Neck Church.....	15 00
Sunday School.....	7 40—\$ 22 40
Bolingbooke Church.....	\$ 10 00
Sunday School.....	4 60—\$ 14 60
Total.....	\$ 110 00

Talbot—D. Gollie, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 21 00
Sunday Schools.....	19 00
Total.....	\$ 40 00
Wye—G. P. Smith, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 22 00
Sunday School.....	8 00
Total.....	\$ 30 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith—G. W. Bowman, Pastor.	
Beckwith's Church.....	\$ 10 00
“ Sunday School.....	40 00
Spadden's Church.....	5 00
“ Sunday School.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 65 00
Bridgeville—J. H. Howard, Pastor.	
From Sunday School.....	\$ 30 00
From Church.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 100 00
Cambridge—Alfred Smith, Pastor.	
Missions.....	\$ 151 00
Woman's Foreign Mission.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 199 00
Camden—E. H. Hynson, Pastor.	
Camden Church.....	\$ 42 00
“ Sunday School.....	12 00
Lebanon Church.....	4 00
“ Sunday School.....	10 00
St. Jones' Church.....	7 00
Total.....	\$ 75 00
Cannon—W. T. Valiant, Pastor.	
From Churches.....	\$ 75 00
Sunday Schools.....	50 00
Total.....	\$ 125 00
Church Creek—J. M. Collins, Pastor.	
From Church.....	\$ 19 00
“ School.....	16 00
Total.....	\$ 35 00

Crapo—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Zion.....	\$ 45 00
Ebenezer.....	43 00
St. Thomas.....	41 00
Wesley.....	13 00

Total.....\$ 141 00

Dorchester—B. Wheatley, Pastor.

From Church.....	\$ 2 00
Sunday School.....	1 00

Total.....\$ 3 00

Denton—I. N. Foreman, Pastor.

Denton Church.....	\$ 40 00
Denton Sunday School.....	25 00
Miss Sallie Stevens, Col.....	25 00
Harris Chapel Sunday School.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 100 00

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

East New Market Church.....	\$ 35 00
“ “ “ Sunday School.....	30 00
Salem and Secretary.....	5 00

Total.....\$ 70 00

Ellendale—James T. Prouse, Pastor.

Churches—Ellendale.....	\$ 25 00
“ Union.....	10 00
“ Reeds.....	5 00
“ McColey's.....	10 00
Schools.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 60 00

Elliott's Island—C. J. Hammitt, Pastor.

Davis M. E. Church.....	\$ 15 00
Sunday School.....	5 00

Total.....\$ 20 00

Farmington—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Farmington Church.....	\$ 26 00
“ Sunday School.....	8 00
Todd's Church.....	20 00
“ Sunday school.....	9 00
Prospect Church.....	20 00
“ Sunday School.....	12 00
White's Church.....	7 00
“ Sunday School.....	3 00

Total.....\$ 150 00

Federalsburg—Geo. W. Burke, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 120 00
Sunday Schools.....	30 00

Total.....\$ 105 00

Felton—Vaughan S. Collins, Pastor.

Manship.....	\$ 12 00
Willis' Sunday School.....	8 00
“ Congregation.....	17 00
Viola Sunday School.....	5 00
“ Church.....	5 00
Felton Sunday School.....	23 00
“ Church.....	92 00

Total.....\$ 162 00

Frederica and Barretts Chapel—T. H. Haynes, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 70 00
Sunday Schools.....	75 00
Woman's For. Miss. Soc.....	35 00

Total.....\$ 180 00

Galestown—Wilmer Jaggard, Pastor.

Galestown Church.....	\$ 15 00
“ School.....	10 00
Wesley Church.....	21 00
Cokesburg Church.....	13 00
“ School.....	6 00
Woodland.....	15 00

Total.....\$ 80 00

Georgetown—W. J. DuHadway, Pastor.

From Sunday School.....	\$ 75 00
From Churches.....	71 00

Total.....\$ 146 00

Greenwood—James Carroll, Pastor.

Trinity Church.....	\$ 67 70
Sunday School.....	3 95—\$ 71 65
Chaplain's Church.....	20 00
Sunday School.....	2 25—\$ 22 25
Greenwood Church.....	\$ 21 00
Sunday School.....	1 20—\$ 22 20
St. John's Church.....	\$ 11 00
Sunday School.....	1 00—\$ 12 00

Total.....\$ 128 00

Harrington—John Warthman, Pastor.

Harrington Church.....	\$ 95 12
Sunday School.....	9 88—\$ 105 00
Asbury Church.....	\$ 11 00
Masten's Corner.....	9 00

Total.....\$ 125 00

Harbeson Circuit—Wm. M. Conaway, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 6 00
Hooper's Island—Charles P. Swain, Pastor.	
Barren Island.....	\$ 2 00
Mt. Zion.....	10 00
Centennial.....	7 00
Hopkin's Chapel.....	3 00

Total.....\$ 22 00

Houston—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

Houston Church.....	\$ 60 00
Houston Sunday School.....	2 00
Laws Church.....	20 00
Laws Sunday School.....	16 00
Milford Neck.....	16 00

Total.....\$ 100 00

Hurlock—Ralph T. Coursey, Pastor.

Washington Church.....	\$ 77 60
“ Sunday School.....	7 80
McKendree Church.....	9 50
Cabin Creek.....	5 10

Total.....\$ 100 00

Lewes—Henry S. Thompson, Pastor.

Church Collections.....	\$ 77 00
Sunday School Collections.....	113 00

Total.....\$ 190 00

Lincoln—J. L. Wood, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 65 00
Schools.....	60 00

Total.....\$ 125 00

Leipsic—Jas. Conner, Pastor.

Leipsic.....	\$ 25 00
Little Creek.....	26 00
Raymonds.....	14 00

Total.....\$ 65 00

Milford—J. H. Willey, Pastor.

Chapel School.....	\$ 40 00
Avenue School.....	228 00
Congregation.....	382 00

Total.....\$ 650 00

Magnolia—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor.

Magnolia Church.....	\$ 40 00
“ School.....	23 00

Canterbury Church.....	36 00
“ School.....	11 00
Saxton's Church.....	9 00
“ School.....	1 00

Total.....\$ 120 00

Millsboro—Robt. Roe, Pastor.

Millsboro.....	\$ 30 00
Unity.....	15 00
Central.....	10 00
Dagsboro.....	10 00
Bethesda.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 75 00

Milton—Joseph Robinson, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 30 00
Sabbath School.....	45 00
Collected.....	25 00

Total.....\$ 100 00

Nassau—E. Davis, Pastor.

Connelley's Church.....	\$ 24 50
“ Sunday School.....	5 00
Ebenezer Church.....	18 00
“ Sunday School.....	2 00
White's Church.....	14 75
“ Sunday School.....	3 60
Zion Church.....	4 15
Yellow Hill Sunday School.....	3 00

Total.....\$ 75 00

Potter's Landing—W. W. Redman, Pastor.

Pott r's Landing Church.....	\$ 6 00
“ Sunday School.....	6 28
Concord Church.....	4 77
“ Sunday School.....	2 18
Bloomery Church.....	5 30
“ Sunday School.....	1 49
Harmony Church.....	3 00
“ Sunday School.....	98

Total.....\$ 30 00

Preston—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

From Churches.....	\$ 65 00
From Sunday Schools.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 75 00

Seaford—W. E. England, Pastor.

Church and Congregation and Pastor's Family.....	\$ 65 00
Sunday School.....	35 00

Total.....\$ 100 00

Taylor's Island—G. W. Bounds, Pastor.

Simpson Church.....	\$ 8 50
" Sunday School.....	5 00
Asbury Church.....	1 00
" Sunday School.....	1 00
St. John's Church.....	7 00
" Sunday School.....	5 00
Bethesda Church.....	4 50
" Sunday School.....	2 00
Total.....	\$ 34 00

Virginia—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.

Bird's Grove Sunday School.....	\$ 20 00
Vienna Church.....	20 00
" Sunday School.....	15 00
Wainwright's Church.....	12 00
" Sunday School.....	3 00
Manship Church.....	12 00
" Sunday School.....	3 00
Total.....	\$ 85 00

Wyoming—W. M. Green, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 64 00
Sunday School.....	11 00
Total.....	\$ 75 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.**Asbury—W. F. Corkran, Pastor.**

Asbury Church.....	\$ 130 00
Sunday School.....	60 00
Total.....	\$ 190 00

Bishopville Circuit—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 10 00
Wilson Sunday School.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Berlin, Geo. W. Wilcox, Pastor.

Berlin Church and Sunday School.....	\$ 7 00
Bethany Church.....	5 00
Congregation or Church.....	38 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Bethel—W. B. Gregg, Pastor.

Bethel charge.....	\$ 57 00
Bethel Sunday School.....	18 00
Total.....	\$ 75 00

Immanuel, Crisfield—F. C. MacSorley, Pastor

Sunday School.....	138 00
Church.....	80 00
Total.....	\$ 218 00

Deal's Island—Benjamin C. Warren, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 150 00
Church.....	92 00
Jacob Parks.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 262 00

Delmar—C. S. Baker, Pastor.

Delmar Sunday School.....	\$ 75 00
" Church.....	25 00
Country Churches.....	65 00
Total.....	\$ 165 00

Fruitland—W. B. Guthrie Pastor.

Fruitland.....	\$ 20 00
Siloam.....	20 00
Zion.....	8 00
Sunday School.....	2 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Fairmount—W. E. Avory, Pastor.

Christ Church.....	\$ 37 00
" Sunday School.....	438 00
Union Church.....	12 00
" Sunday School.....	110 00
Fishing Island Sunday School.....	22 00
Total.....	\$ 619 00

Frankford—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

Sunday Schools.....	\$ 22 00
Churches.....	78 00
Total.....	\$ 100 00

Girdletree and Conners—Jno. R. Todd, Pastor.

Sunday Schools.....	\$ 26 00
Churches.....	24 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00

Gumboro—D. F. Waddell, Pastor.

Sunday Schools.....	\$ 6 00
Churches.....	88 00
Total.....	\$ 94 00

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

Church and Sunday School.....	\$ 160 00
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Klej Grange—Warren Burr, Pastor.	
Churches and Sunday Schools.....	\$ 25 00
Laurel—J. Owen Sypherd, Pastor.	
Church Collection.....	\$ 30 00
Sunday School.....	152 00
Total.....	\$ 182 00
Mt. Vernon—T. H. Harding, Pastor.	
John Wesley.....	\$ 34 00
Asbury.....	14 00
Cash.....	15 00
Total.....	\$ 63 00
Newark, Md—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 50 00
Sunday Schools.....	12 00
Total.....	\$ 62 00
Pocomoke City—A. S. Mowbray, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 65 00
Church.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 75 00
Pocomoke Circuit—J. W. Gray, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 37 00
Schools.....	9 00
Total.....	\$ 46 00
Powellville Circuit—L. T. McLaine, Pastor.	
Collections.....	\$ 25 00
Princess Anne—R. Watt, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 21 00
Sunday School.....	54 00
Women's Foreign Mission.....	4 00
Total.....	\$ 79 00
Parsonburg—Willard W. Johnson, Pastor.	
From Churches.....	\$ 50 00
“ Sunday Schools.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 60 00
Quantico—Z. H. Webster, Pastor.	
Quantico.....	\$ 60 00
Roxana—Wm. R. McFarlane, Pastor.	
Mariner's Bethel Sunday School.....	\$ 26 00
Roxana Sunday School.....	24 00

Tunnel.....	9 00
Churches.....	41 00
Total.....	\$ 100 00
Selbyville—O. S. Walton, Pastor.	
Church.....	\$ 30 00
Sunday School.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00
Snow Hill—Robt. W. Todd, Pastor.	
Contributed by Congregation.....	\$ 20 00
“ “ Sunday School.....	105 00
Total.....	\$ 125 00
Salisbury—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.	
Asbury M. E. Church.....	\$ 33 00
Asbury M. E. Sunday School.....	104 00
Ebenezer M. E. Church and School.....	24 00
Total.....	\$ 161 00
Stockton—C. H. Williams, Pastor.	
Sunday School.....	\$ 10 00
Church.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00
Sharptown—W. W. Chaires, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 40 00
Sunday School.....	12 00
Total.....	\$ 52 00
St. Peter's—Edgar S. Mace, Pastor.	
St. Peter's Sunday School.....	\$ 143 00
St. Stephen's Sunday School.....	30 00
Bethel School.....	4 50
Bethel Church.....	5 50
Total.....	\$ 183 00
Shortley—J. F. Anderson Pastor.	
Cokesbury Church.....	\$ 21 00
“ Sunday School.....	2 00
St. Thomas' Church.....	7 00
Bethesda Church.....	12 00
“ Sunday School.....	1 00
Asbury Church and Sunday School.....	7 00
Total.....	\$ 50 00
Somerset—John Tyler, Pastor.	
Churches.....	\$ 73 00
Sunday Schools.....	35 00
Total.....	\$ 108 00

Tyaskin—A. T. Melvin, Pastor.

Jones' Church.....	\$ 118 75
" Sunday Sunday.....	80 34
Trinity Church.....	18 00
" Sunday School.....	1 66
White Haven Sunday School.....	1 25
Nanticoke Sunday School.....	
Total.....	\$ 220 00

Westover—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	\$ 1 00
Churches.....	52 00
Total.....	\$ 53 00

VIRGINIA DISTRICT.

Cape Charles City—A. D. Davis, Pastor.

Congregation.....	\$ 6 00
Sunday School.....	25 00
Total.....	\$ 31 00

Chincoteague—R. Irving Watkins, Pastor.

Churches.....	\$ 13 00
Good Will Sunday School.....	15 00
Chincoteague Sunday School.....	32 00
Total.....	\$ 60 00

Hallwood—J. H. Connelley, Pastor.

From Congregation.....	\$ 5 00
From Sunday School.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 10 00

Onancock—James W. Easley, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 76 38
Sunday School.....	52 62
Ayre's Chapel Church.....	19 50
Leatherbury's Chapel Church.....	11 00
Sunday School.....	4 50
Total.....	\$ 164 00

Parksley—W. K. Galloway, Pastor.

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

Smith's Island—L. P. Bowen, Pastor.

Congregation.....	\$ 247 00
Schools.....	14 00
Total.....	\$ 261 00

Tangier—S. J. Morris, Pastor.

Church.....	\$ 122 00
Sunday School.....	78 00
Total.....	\$ 200 00

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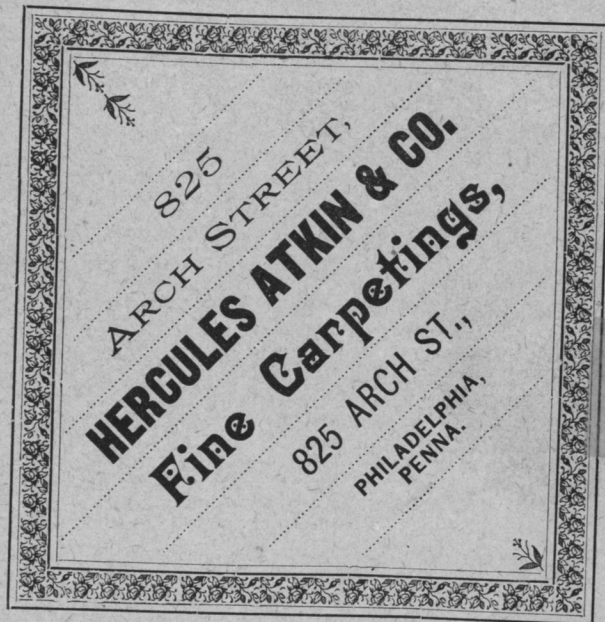
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