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Done at Milford, Del.,

March 30, 1890.

THOMAS BOWMAN.

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OF THE

# Wilmington Annual Conference.

### I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

1. The President shall call the Conference to order, punctually, at all times 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, he shall decide who is entitled thereto.

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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 the 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 exercise, 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 desire 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 is 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.

## Examining Committees and Plans of Examination.

### ADMISSION ON TRIAL.

Discipline and Catechism . . . . .	H. S. Thompson.
History of Methodism . . . . .	W. B. Gregg
Compendium of Methodism . . . . .	E. E. White
Scripture History . . . . .	Isaac L. Wood
History of the United States . . . . .	E. S. Mace

### FIRST YEAR.

Rhetoric . . . . .	J. W. Easley
Christian Perfection and Sermon . . . . .	W. T. Valiant
Biblical Theology . . . . .	J. P. Otis
Systematic Theology . . . . .	Rob't Watt
Ancient History . . . . .	W. W. W. Wilson

### SECOND YEAR.

Mediæval and Modern History . . . . .	G. W. Burke
Biblical Theology . . . . .	E. C. Atkins
Systematic Theology . . . . .	T. A. H. O'Brien
Sacraments and Sermons . . . . .	W. A. Wise
Logic . . . . .	J. Owen Sypherd

### THIRD YEAR.

Atonement in Christ and Sermons . . . . .	J. D. Kemp
Harman's Introduction . . . . .	Alfred Smith
Pope's Theology . . . . .	E. L. Hubbard
Porter's Intellectual Science . . . . .	W. L. P. Bowen
Church History . . . . .	A. S. Mowbray

### FOURTH YEAR.

Harman's Introduction . . . . .	N. M. Browne
Watson's Institutes, Part II . . . . .	T. R. Creamer
Written Exegesis . . . . .	W. E. Avery
Kidder's Homiletics . . . . .	C. S. Baker
Butler's Analogy . . . . .	D. F. Waddell

### ON LOCAL DEACONS' ORDERS.

F. C. McSorley, G. W. Townsend, T. B. Hunter, I. N. Foreman, J. Dodd.

### ON LOCAL ELDERS' ORDERS.

G. W. Wilcox, J. W. Hammersley, G. S. Conoway, W. B. Guthrie.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

- Who are received by transfer, and from what Conferences?*  
Thomas F. Tabler, Cincinnati Conference, Frank Fletcher, West Virginia Conference; George W. Todd, Philadelphia Conference; Edward Freeman, East Maine Conference; Joseph S. Moore, New Jersey Conference.
- Who are admitted on trial?*  
Melvin D. Nutter, George W. Bounds, Aloycius Green, Julius A. Brewington, John E. Franklin.
- Who remain on trial?*  
Julius P. West, James E. Graham, Samuel J. Baker, George W. Todd, Edward Freeman, James W. Fogle, William P. Taylor, Samuel R. Maxwell, Truston C. Smoot.
- Who are discontinued?*  
Peter L. Kartzholzen, John Jones.
- Who are admitted into full connection?*  
George P. Smith, William Sheers, George T. Alderson, John F. Anderson, Frank F. Carpenter, William P. Compton, Wesley W. Chaires, Warren Burr, Charles P. Swain, Joshua W. Gray, John R. Todd, Thos. L. Price, Thos. F. Tabler.
- Who are re-admitted?*  
None.
- Who are received on credentials from other churches?*  
None.
- What traveling preachers have been elected Deacons?*  
George P. Smith, George T. Alderson, John F. Anderson, Frank T. Carpenter, Warren Burr, Charles P. Swain, Thomas L. Price, Thomas F. Tabler.
- What traveling preachers have been ordained Deacons?*  
George P. Smith, George T. Alderson, John F. Anderson, Frank F. Carpenter, Warren Burr, Charles P. Swain, Thomas L. Price, Thomas F. Tabler.
- What local preachers have been elected Deacons?*  
James W. Fogle, Melvin D. Nutter, Truston C. Smoot, John E. Franklin, Geo. W. Bounds, Aloycius Green, Eben Welch, William K. Galloway.
- What local preachers have been ordained Deacons?*  
James W. Fogle, Melvin D. Nutter, John E. Franklin, Geo. W. Bounds, Aloycius Green, Eben Welch, William K. Galloway, Truston C. Smoot.
- Who are the traveling Deacons of the first class?*  
George P. Smith, George T. Alderson, John F. Anderson, Frank F. Carpenter, Warren Burr, Charles P. Swain, Thomas L. Price, Thomas F. Tabler.
- Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?*  
Stephen M. Morgan, Ralph T. Coursey, Zach H. Webster.
- What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*  
Asbury Burke, Wm. W. Sharp, Wm. R. Mowbray, George E. Wood, Willard W. Johnson, Henry S. Dulany, R. Irving Watkins, Clinton T. Wyatt, James T. Prouse, Joseph S. Moore, Harvey W. Ewing, Wm. R. Sears, Wm. G. Koons.

15. *What traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*  
Asbury Burke, Wm. W. Sharp, Wm. R. Mowbray, Geo. E. Wood, Willard W. Johnson, Henry S. Dulany, R. Irving Watkins, Clinton T. Wyatt, James T. Prouse, Jos. S. Moore, Harvey W. Ewing, Wm. R. Sears, Wm. G. Koons.
16. *What local Deacons have been elected Elders?*  
William W. Morgan, Wesley W. Chaires.
17. *What local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*  
William W. Morgan, Wesley W. Chaires.
18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*  
James Hubbard, A. T. Scott, W. F. Talbot, J. B. Merritt, T. E. Bell, T. S. Williams, W. E. England, J. W. Poole, A. T. Melvin, O. S. Walton, C. J. Hammitt.
19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*  
J. L. Houston, A. A. Fisher, George Barton, John Allen, George A. Phœbus, James Esgate, Henry Sanderson.
20. *Was the character of each Preacher Examined?*  
This was strictly done, as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.
21. *Have any died?*  
William Merrill.
22. *Have any been Transferred, and to what Conference?*  
Stanton A. Cornwell, to Northern New York 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 or complaints?*  
None.
27. *Have any been expelled?*  
None.
28. *Who are selected to be the Triers of Appeals?*  
W. T. Valiant, L. E. Barrett, W. M. Warner, J. A. Arters, W. B. Walton, J. P. Otis.
29. *What is the Statistical Report for this Conference year?*  
(See tabulated statement.)
30. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*  
\$9050.00.
31. *What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?*  
\$7121.08 as per Stewards Report.
32. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*  
(See list of Appointments.)
33. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*  
Centreville, Md.

## APPOINTMENTS.

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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St. George's Summit	JOS. S. MOORE
Wilmington, Asbury	J. D. C. HANNA
" Brandywine and Edgmoor	C. A. GRICE
" Cookman	Supplied by W. L. WHITE
" Epworth	D. H. CORKRAN
" Grace	JACOB TODD
" Kingswood	JOHN E. FRANKLIN
" Madely	E. C. ATKINS
" Mt. Salem	W. E. AVERY
" St. Paul's	L. E. BARRETT
" Scott	V. S. COLLINS
" Silver Brook	Supplied by C. K. MORRIS
" Swedish Mission	To be Supplied
" Union	ADAM STENGLE
" Wesley	W. G. KOONS
Zion,	ISAAC L. WOOD

Wm. P. TAYLOR left without appointment to attend school.

## EASTON DISTRICT.

JOHN FRANCE, P. E.

Appoquinimink	WM. M. WARNER
Bayside and Tilghman	J. M. LINDALE

Cecilton	T. A. H. O'BRIEN
Centreville	C. A. HILL
Chestertown	J. H. WILLEY
Church Hill	J. A. ARTERS
Crumpton	Supplied by J. B. MERRITT
Easton	R. H. ADAMS
Galena	E. H. NELSON
Greensboro	R. W. TODD
Hillsboro	S. M. MORGAN
Ingleside	NEWTON MCQUAY
Kent Island	WM. W. SHARP
Kenton	A. CHANDLER
King's Creek	J. A. BRINDLE
Marydel	G. S. CONNOWAY
Massey's	Supplied by EBEN WELSH
Middletown	ALFRED SMITH
Millington	E. E. WHITE
Odessa	R. C. JONES
Oxford	E. P. ROBERTS
Pomona	W. R. MOWBRAY
Queenstown	J. W. FOGLE
Rock Hall	ROBERT ROE
Royal Oak	J. D. REESE
St. Michaels	S. J. MORRIS
Sassafras	WM. SHEERS
Smyrna	W. W. W. WILSON
Smyrna Circuit	R. K. STEPHENSON
Still Pond	J. D. RIGG
Sudlersville	T. H. HAYNES
Townsend	R. IRVING WATKINS
Trappe	F. J. COCHRAN
Union and Salem	To be supplied
Wye	Supplied by J. D. LECATES

## DOVER DISTRICT.

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

Beckwith	W. F. DAWSON
Bridgeville	G. W. TOWNSEND
Burrsville	T. F. TABLER
Cambridge	J. H. HOWARD
Camden	P. H. RAWLINS
Cannon	R. T. COURSEY
Church Creek	J. W. HAMMESLEY
Crapo	ASBURY BURKE
Denton	H. S. THOMPSON
Dorchester	Supplied by BAYNARD WHEATLEY
Dover	T. E. TERRY
East New Market	L. W. LAYFIELD
Ellendale	W. L. P. BOWEN
Elliott's Island	J. M. COLLINS
Farmington	JOSEPH ROBINSON
Federalburg	J. W. EASLEY
Felton	E. C. MACNICHOL

Frederica	J. H. CALDWELL
Galestown	G. L. HARDESTY
Georgetown	J. D. KEMP
Greenwood	L. P. CORKRAN
Harrington	T. L. PRICE
Hooper's Island	C. P. SWAIN
Houston	JAMES CARROLL
Hurlock	M. D. NUTTER
Leipsic	S. R. MAXWELL
Lewes	F. C. MCSORLEY
Lincoln	I. N. FOREMAN
Little Creek	J. P. WEST
Magnolia	W. T. VALIANT
Milford	ROBT. WATT
Millsboro'	G. W. WILCOX
Milton	T. R. CREAMER
Nassau	J. T. PROUSE
Preston	E. S. MACE
Salem	EDWD. FREEMAN
Seaford	W. J. DUHADWAY
Taylor's Island and Lakeville	G. W. BOUNDS and two to be supplied
Vianna	FRANK FLETCHER
Willston	WM. M. GREEN
Woodside	JAS. M. MITCHELL
Wyoming	ALOYCIUS GREEN

J. R. Todd and G. W. Todd, Professors in Wilmington Conference Academy.

## SALISBURY DISTRICT.

T. O. AYRES, P. E.

Annessex	W. R. MCFARLANE
Asbury	W. F. CORKRAN
Barren Creek	To be supplied
Berlin	WM. A. WISE
Bethel	WM. B. GREGG
Bishopville	G. T. ALDERNON
Cape Charles City	F. F. CARPENTER
Chincoteague	GEO. E. WOOD
Concord	Supplied, W. K. GALLOWAY
Crisfield	H. W. EWING
Deal's Island	C. S. BAKER
Delmar	A. D. DAVIS
Fairmount	C. W. PRETTYMAN
Frankford	C. F. SHEPPARD
Fruitland	J. W. GRAY
Girdle Tree	E. H. DERRICKSON
Gumboro'	W. W. JOHNSON
Holland's Island	W. B. GUTHRIE
Laurel	J. O. SYPHERD
Mt. Vernon	G. W. BOWMAN
Nanticoke	D. F. WADDELL
Newark	E. H. MILLER
Onancock	G. W. BURKE



Parksley . . . . .	H. S. DULANEY
Parsonsburg . . . . .	J. F. ANDERSON
Pocomoke . . . . .	J. E. GRAHAM
Pocomoke City . . . . .	A. S. MOWBRAY
Powellville . . . . .	W. W. REDMAN
Princess Anne . . . . .	W. P. COMPTON
Quantico . . . . .	EDWD. DAVIS
Roxanna . . . . .	C. T. WYATT
Reed's Wharf . . . . .	JULIUS A. BREWINGTON
St. Peter's . . . . .	WARREN BURR
Salisbury . . . . .	T. E. MARTINDALE
Selbyville . . . . .	GEO. P. SMITH
Sharptown . . . . .	C. H. WILLIAMS
Smith's Island . . . . .	WILMER JAGGARD
Snow Hill . . . . .	W. B. WALTON
Somerset . . . . .	W. W. CHAIRES
Stockton . . . . .	T. H. HARDING
Tangier . . . . .	JAS. CONNER
Westover . . . . .	S. J. BAKER
Whitesville . . . . .	Z. H. WEBSTER

## JOURNAL.

The twenty-second session of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Milford, Del. Wednesday morning, March 26, 1890 at 8.30 o'clock.

The devotional services were opened by singing the 809th hymn, and prayer was offered by Isaac L. Wood; the 815th hymn was then sung, and J. P. Otis preached from the second Epistle of John, eighth verse.

At 9.15 Bishop E. G. Andrews took the chair and explained the absence of Bishop Fowler upon the ground of his sickness at his home in San Francisco, Cal.

The Secretary of the last session called the roll, and 127 members answered to their names.

J. D. Rigg was re-elected Secretary, E. C. Macnichol and A. S. Mowbray were re-elected assistants, and W. T. Valiant was re-elected Journal Secretary. Julius Dodd was re-elected Statistical Secretary and was authorized to nominate his assistants, who were elected.

The Standing Committees nominated last year, were announced by J. France and confirmed. (See list.)

The bar of the Conference was fixed on a line with the central light on the side wall.

The ministerial Stewards were re-elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference. (See list.)

The rules of the last session were adopted for the present session.

Dr. Homer Eaton, agent New York Book Concern, was introduced, and addressed the Conference respecting our publishing interests.

The following resolutions was adopted by a rising vote:

*Resolved*, That having learned with deep regret of the illness of Bishop Fowler, we hereby extend to him our warmest sympathy, and pledge him our prayers for his speedy recovery."

The Secretary was instructed to wire him the substance of this resolution.

Resolutions respecting the prosperity of the Book Concern and Dr. Eaton were adopted. (See Res.)

The Annual Report of the Book Committee was read and referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

Drafts on the Book Concern for \$1143, and on the Chartered Fund for \$30, were ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards. Apportionments for the Episcopal Fund, the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, the Tract Society, and the Sunday School Union were announced, and referred to the Presiding Elders.

Educational and other documents were referred to the appropriate Committees.

Friday morning at ten o'clock was fixed for the vote on equal ministerial and lay representation in the General Conference, also for the nomination of delegates to the Ecumenical Conference.

A resolution respecting the method of collecting the Episcopal Fund was adopted. [See Res.]

The roll of the Conference was called, and the various reports and moneys were given to the appropriate Committees.

Drs. Wm. P. Davis of the New Jersey Conference, and J. W. Young of the Newark Conference, were introduced, and Dr. Young addressed the Conference respecting his plan for taking the Benevolent Collections, and a committee was appointed to confer with him. [See Sp. Com.]

Documents respecting Chaplaincies in the U. S. Army were referred. [See Sp. Com.] Papers on the subject of usury were referred to the same Committee.

F. F. Carpenter was made Conference Postmaster.

The 20th Question, "Was the Character of each Preacher examined?" was taken up. Easton District was called, the character of John France, P. E., was passed and he read a report of his District. The following Effective Elders were then called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: W. M. Warner, J. M. Lindale, E. C. Atkins, C. A. Hill, R. W. Todd, J. A. Arters, W. W. Wilson, I. G. Fosnocht, S. J. Morris, G. W. Townsend, A. Chandler, J. Robinson, J. A. Brindle, G. S. Conoway, R. H. Adams, E. F. White, R. C. Jones, E. P. Roberts, N. McQuay, J. D. Reese, W. B. Walton, R. K. Stephenson, J. D. Rigg, T. H. Haynes, F. J. Cochran.

Salisbury District was called, the character of T. O. Ayres, P. E., was passed, and he read the report of his District.

The time was extended.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we request the Committee on Temperance to make their report immediately after the order of the day on Friday.

The Committees were called, notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Dr. J. H. Caldwell pronouncing the Benediction.

## SECOND DAY—THURSDAY MORNING.

### SECOND SESSION.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, a hymn was sung, W. E. Tomkinson led in prayer, and A. P. Prettyman preached from John 14: 12.

At 9.20 the business of the Conference was resumed, the Journal was read and approved, the names of absentees were called, and further calling of the roll dispensed with.

The Bishop announced the following transfers to this Conference; George W. Todd from the Philadelphia Conference, a probationer of the first year; Edward Freeman, from the East Maine Conference, a probationer of the first year; Joseph S. Moore, from the New Jersey Conference, a deacon of the second class; Thomas F. Tabler, from the Cincinnati Conference, a probationer of the second year; and Frank Fletcher, from the West Virginia Conference, a deacon of the first class; and they were introduced to the Conference.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the Conference moneys to the treasurers of the respective societies.

A paper respecting the affliction of Bishop Hurst in the death of his wife, was adopted by a rising vote. (See Res.)

The report of the Trustees of the Centenary Fund was read and filed, and an order for \$167.12 was given in favor of the Board of Stewards.

The cases of W. F. Talbot, Thos. E. Bell, A. T. Melvin, and J. W. Poole, supernumeraries, were referred to the Board of Stewards for consideration.

A resolution directing that the Centenary Fund and Riddle Legacy to be placed in the hands of the Board of Stewards, was adopted. (See Res.)

J. O. Sypherd was appointed to audit the Missionary accounts of the Presiding Elders.

The report of the Committee to confer with Dr. Young respecting the collections was read. Dr. Young addressed the Conference, and the report was adopted. (See Report.)

Dr. J. W. Mendenhall, Editor of the Methodist Review, Dr. Lucien Clark, Assistant Editor Christian Advocate, and Dr. George E. Reed, President of Dickinson College, were introduced and addressed the Conference respecting their work.

A resolution respecting Dickinson College was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

Bishop Bowman came upon the platform and was introduced to the Conference.

Dr. A. W. Rudisill, of the Baltimore Conference, Thomas Myers, agent Maryland Bible Society, S. W. Thomas and J. F. Meredith of the Philadelphia Conference, and John Warthman of the New Jersey Conference, were introduced.

The 20th Question was resumed, the following Effective Elders of Salisbury District were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: W. R. McFarlane, W. F. Corkran, W. B. Greeg, W. A. Wise, E. H. Miller, F. C. McSorley, B. C. Warren, C. S. Baker, C. W. Prettyman, C. F. Sheppard, W. W. Redman, W. B. Guthrie, J. O. Sypherd, C. J. Hammitt, D. F. Waddell, T. H. Harding, G. W. Burke, A. S. Mowbray, Edward Davis, A. D. Davis, T. E. Martindale, E. S. Mace, E. H. Derrickson, Robert Watt, Wilmer Jaggard, C. H. Williams, James Conner.

The time was extended.

The Conference directed that hereafter, during the session, the morning sermon be omitted, and that there be a half hour prayer service. Alfred Smith was appointed to lead the devotions to-morrow morning.

Leave of absence was granted to A. P. Prettyman. Notices were given and the Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Bishop Bowman pronouncing the Benediction.

## THIRD DAY—FRIDAY MORNING.

### THIRD SESSION.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, Alfred Smith in charge of the devotions.

At 9 o'clock Bishop Bowman took the chair. The Journal was read and

approved. A telegram from Bishop Fowler, acknowledging the expressions of sympathy of the Conference in his sickness, was read.

Resolutions appreciative of Capt. Alex. Kelley, and sympathizing with him in his increasing physical infirmities, were adopted. (See Res.)

T. E. Terry presented a paper respecting a decision of the P. E. of Dover District, concerning the amenability of local preachers to Quarterly Conferences, asking the Bishop's opinion in the case.

Dr. W. W. Evans, of the Central Pa. Conference, Prof. J. T. Van Meter, of the Woman's College of Baltimore, Prof. A. Rittenhouse and Joseph Welch of the Philadelphia Conference, and H. L. Steve of the Utah Mission Conference, were introduced. Dr. Evans addressed the Conference concerning the proposed new church at Carlisle. Prof. Van Meter represented the Woman's College, Dr. Rittenhouse represented the Philadelphia Hospital, Dr. Gray, Assistant Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, represented that work, and Dr. Wagner represented Morgan College.

Resolutions commending the Philadelphia Hospital and the new M. E. Church at Carlisle were adopted. (See Res.)

Notice from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the W. C. Academy, of the expiration of the term of four ministerial Trustees, was read and a committee was appointed to make nominations to fill the vacancies. (See Sp. Com.)

On motion, the order of the day, equal representation in the General Conference, was taken up, discussed at length by ministers and laymen, and the vote was ordered to be taken by ballot. J. P. Otis, C. W. Prettyman, J. T. Van Burkalow and W. E. Tompkinson were appointed tellers, received the ballot and retired.

The question of nominating delegates to the Ecumenical Conference was taken up, a ballot vote was ordered, W. L. S. Murray, R. H. Adams, Jacob Todd and Alfred Smith were appointed tellers. The Conference ordered that the two ministers and two laymen receiving most votes should be the nominees. The tellers received the vote and retired.

Dr. Hamlin, Principal of Mallileu Seminary, Dr. Myers of the Maryland Bible Society, and W. W. Moffat of the American Bible Society, addressed the Conference in the interest of their work.

Resolutions respecting Dr. Gray of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society and his work were adopted. (See Res.)

A resolution calling for special sessions of the Conference in which to hear the various representatives of the Church, was adopted. (See Res.)

The time was extended.

The tellers reported on equal representation, in the General Conference and the Bishop announced the vote, 77 "Yes" and 51 "No."

The tellers also reported respecting the nominations for the Ecumenical Conference, and the Bishop announced the following as chosen: Ministers, Jacob Todd and W. L. S. Murray. Laymen, Joseph Pyle and J. S. Willis.

B. C. Warren was appointed to lead the devotions to-morrow morning. Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Dr. S. F. Upham pronouncing the Benediction.

## FOURTH DAY—SATURDAY MORNING.

## FOURTH SESSION.

Conference met at 8:30 o'clock, B. C. Warren in charge of the devotions. At 9 o'clock the business of the Conference was resumed. The Journal was read and approved.

The 14th Question, "What Traveling Preachers have been elected Elders?" was taken up. George W. Bowman, Geo. E. Wood, Asbury Burke, Wm. W. Sharp, Wm. R. Mowbray, Willard W. Johnson, H. S. Dulany, Wm. G. Koons, R. I. Watkins, C. T. Wyatt, J. T. Prouse, H. W. Ewing, J. S. Moore, and Wm. R. Sears were called; the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented; they reported their collections and all were elected to Elder's orders excepting G. W. Bowman who was already an Elder.

The 16th Question, "What Local Deacons were elected Elders?" was taken up. Wm. W. Morgan and Wesley W. Chaires were called and being duly recommended, the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and they were elected to Elders Orders.

Dr. S. F. Upham, of Drew Seminary, addressed the Conference in the interests of that institution.

W. R. McFarlane was excused from further attendance upon the Conference Session.

The 5th Question "Who are Admitted into Full Connection?" was taken up. Geo. P. Smith, Wm. Sheers, G. T. Alderson, J. F. Anderson, F. F. Carpenter, Wm. P. Compton, W. W. Chaires, Warren Burr, Chas. P. Swain, Joshua W. Gray, John R. Todd, Thos. L. Price, and Thos. F. Tabler, were called before the Conference, the Bishop addressed the class, propounded the usual Disciplinary Questions, the committees reported, the Presiding Elders represented, they reported their collections, they were received into full connection, and the following members of the class were elected to Deacon's Orders. Geo. P. Smith, G. T. Alderson, J. F. Anderson, F. F. Carpenter, Warren Burr, C. P. Swain, T. L. Price, T. F. Tabler, the others being already in Orders.

John Jones was discontinued at his own request.

Wm. P. Taylor, being at Dickinson College, the Presiding Elders represented and he was continued on trial.

W. W. Redman was recommended to the Board of Stewards for consideration.

The 10th Question, "What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?" was taken up. Melvin D. Nutter, Geo. W. Bounds, Aloycius Green, Eben Welch, Wm. K. Galloway, Truston C. Smoot and John E. Franklin were called, and being duly recommended, the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and they were elected to Deacon's Orders.

The Secretary was directed to furnish a certificate of ordination to Louis E. Andrews, withdrawn from the M. E. Church, he desiring to enter the ministry of another church.

The Committee to nominate Trustees for the Conference Academy, reported the names of John H. Willey, C. A. Grice, C. W. Prettyman and J. T. Van Burkalow, and they were elected.

The Bishop was requested to reappoint the Examining Committees of this year, advancing them with their respective classes.

T. E. Terry read the Annual Report of the Trustees of the Conference Academy. Prof. Gooding represented that institution, and the report was received and filed.

The following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That James W. Fogle be elected to Deacon's Orders provided he shall pass an examination satisfactory to the committee, who shall report to the Bishop the result of the examination.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Dr. A. B. Leonard pronouncing the Benediction.

#### FIFTH DAY—MONDAY MORNING.

##### FIFTH SESSION.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock. H. S. Thompson in charge of the devotions.

At 9 o'clock the business of the Conference was resumed.

The Journal was read, amended and approved.

Rev. H. L. Bunstein, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Milford, was introduced.

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

The Temperance report was made the order of the day, to-morrow, immediately after the reading of the Journal.

The 20th question was resumed. Dover District was called; the character of J. A. B. Wilson, P. E., was passed, and he read a report of his District. The following effective Elders were then called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections. Wm. M. Green, J. H. Howard, Isaac N. Foreman, T. E. Terry, L. W. Layfield, Robert Roe, J. M. Collins, G. W. Wilcox, J. W. Easley, E. C. Macnichol, J. H. Caldwell, G. I. Hardesty, J. D. Kemp, L. P. Corkran, Jas. Carroll, H. S. Thompson, Isaac L. Wood, W. T. Valiant, J. H. Willey, W. F. Dawson, T. R. Creamer, W. L. P. Bowen, W. J. Duhadway, J. M. Mitchell, Alfred Smith, P. H. Rawlins, J. W. Hammersley.

The report of the Board of Stewards was read and adopted, and the moneys were distributed. (See Report).

E. H. Nelson was appointed trustee of the Conference funds voted to Mrs. Annie D. Chatham.

The relation of Chas. J. Hammitt was changed from effective to supernumerary, and a collection was taken for him, which amounted to \$137.96.

Dr. A. B. Leonard, Secretary Missionary Society, addressed the Conference respecting that work.

F. B. Clegg, agent Philadelphia Conference Book Store, addressed the Conference respecting that business.

The time was extended.

It was ordered that when the Conference adjourn, it be to meet at 2½ o'clock this afternoon.

Dr. S. L. Gracey of the N. E. Conference, addressed the Conference briefly and tenderly concerning his former connection with this Conference.

C. W. Prettyman was appointed to lead the devotions this afternoon.

Notices were given, and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Dr. S. L. Gracy pronouncing the Benediction.

#### FIFTH DAY—MONDAY AFTERNOON.

##### SIXTH SESSION.

Conference met at 2.30 o'clock, C. W. Prettyman in charge of the devotions.

The Journal was read and approved.

The 19th question, "Who are the Superannuated preachers?" was taken up. J. L. Houston, George Barton, John Allen, Geo. A. Phœbus, James Esgate and Henry Sanderson were called, their characters passed and their relation was continued.

The 20th question was resumed. Wilmington District was called. The character of W. L. S. Murray, P. E., was passed, and he read a report of his district. The following effective elders were then called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: S. T. Gardner, T. B. Hunter, T. A. H. O'Brien, E. H. Nelson, A. P. Prettyman, B. F. Price, W. E. Tomkinson, S. N. Pilchard, D. F. McFaull, Chas. Hill, Julius Dodd, T. N. Given, J. T. Van Burkalow, N. M. Browne, E. L. Hubbard, J. E. Bryan, J. B. Quigg, J. P. Otis, O. S. Walton, Isaac Jewell, J. D. C. Hanna, C. A. Grice, D. H. Corkran, Jacob Todd, W. E. Avery, L. E. Barrett, V. S. Collins, Adam Stengle, E. H. Hynson.

The relation of Olin S. Walton was changed from effective to Supernumerary.

The 18th question, "Who are the Supernumerary preachers?" was taken up. Jas. Hubbard, A. T. Scott, W. F. Talbot, J. B. Merritt, T. E. Bell, T. S. Williams, J. W. Poole and Alfred T. Melvin were called, their character passed, and their relation was continued.

The 13th question, "Who are the traveling Deacons of the second-class?" was taken up.

Stephen M. Morgan, Ralph T. Coursey and Zach. H. Webster were called, the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, they reported their collections, and they were advanced to Deacons of the second-class.

The 3rd question, "Who remain on trial?" was taken up. Julius P. West, James E. Graham, Sam'l J. Baker, Truston C. Smoot, Geo. W. Todd and Edward Freeman were called, the committee reported, the Presiding Elder represented, they reported their collections, and were continued on trial.

Peter L. Kartzholzen was discontinued at his own request.

Stanton A. Cornwell was transferred to the Northern New York Conference.

James W. Fogle was continued on trial and directed to pass his first year's examination.

W. P. Taylor was continued on trial with permission to attend one of our schools.

The case of S. R. Maxwell was referred to a committee of five for investigation. (See Sp. Com).

Vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Centenary Fund were filled by the election of W. L. S. Murray, N. M. Browne and H. C. Robinson.

Dr. H. L. Steve of Utah, addressed the Conference respecting his work, and a collection was taken for him which amounted to \$21.04.

On motion the memorial service was held. W. W. W. Wilson read the memoir of Wm. Merrill. Remarks were made by C. W. Prettyman, J. A. B. Wilson, B. F. Price and W. E. England, and the memoir was adopted.

The memoir of Mrs. Sarah S. Carroll was read by J. H. Willey, that of Mrs. Lida L. Jones by N. M. Browne, that of Mrs. Anna H. Martindale by R. W. Todd, that of Mrs. Lena S. Stephenson by R. C. Jones, and they were adopted. W. B. Gregg then led the Conference in prayer.

P. H. Rawlins was appointed to prepare the memoir of Mrs. Elijah Miller, and J. H. Willey that of Mrs. Kate D. Hopkins.

W. E. Tomkinson was appointed to lead the devotions to-morrow morning.

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

#### SIXTH DAY—TUESDAY MORNING.

##### SEVENTH SESSION.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, William E. Tomkinson in charge of the devotions. At 9 o'clock the business of the Conference was resumed.

The Journal was read and approved.

The report of the committee in the case of S. R. Maxwell was read, the report was adopted, he reported his collections, the committee reported, the Presiding Elder represented, and he was continued an trial. (See Report.)

The order of the day was taken up, Alfred Smith read the Temperance report, and after lengthy discussion it was adopted. (See Report.)

The report of the Trustees of the Conference Domestic Missionary Society, was read and ordered on file.

The Board of Domestic Missions was nominated and confirmed. (See list.)

The Temperance Committee was directed to nominate the Local Option Committee called for in the Temperance Report. (See Report.)

The 33rd Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. Centreville, Smyrna, and Middletown, were nominated at the request of their Quarterly Conferences; they were represented by their pastors respectively, and Centreville was chosen, the vote being made unanimous.

It was ordered that when the Conference adjourn it be to meet at two o'clock this afternoon. The Conference then went into executive session.

The 2nd Question, "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up. Melvin D. Nutter, George W. Bounds, Aloycius Green, Julius A. Brewington, and John E. Franklin, were called, the committees reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and they were received on trial.

The Presiding Elders were given permission to employ George P. Jones.

T. E. Martindale was appointed to take the chair at the opening of the afternoon session.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, J. B. Quigg, pronouncing the Benediction.

#### SIXTH DAY—TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

##### EIGHTH SESSION.

Conference met at 2 o'clock, T. E. Martindale in the chair. The Devotions were led by T. E. Terry.

A Resolution was adopted looking to a change of title of the Domestic Missionary Society, which was referred to a committee. (See Sp. Com.)

V. S. Collins appointed, at the last session to publish the Constitutions, Charters and By-laws of the respective Conference Societies, made his report which was adopted. (See Rept.)

Reports of the Committees on Sabbath Observance, on Periodicals, on Freedman's Aid and Southern Education, on the Conference Historical Society, on Tracts, on Deaconesses, on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, on Woman's Home Missionary Society, on Army Chaplaincies, on Conference Education Society, and on Education were read and adopted. (See Reports.)

The Committee on Thanks was appointed, (See Sp. Com.)

The Committee on Local Option was nominated and confirmed. (See Sp. Com.)

A Resolution on Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Apportionments was adopted and referred to the Presiding Elders. (See Res.)

J. O. Sypherd presented the Audited Accounts of Missionary moneys, which was ordered on file.

Action taken on the first day of the Conference, directing the Conference Treasurer to pay the moneys in his hands to the Treasurers of the respective Societies was reconsidered, and the Bible Collection in New Castle County was directed to be paid to the American Bible Society. It was then ordered that the remaining moneys be paid as previously directed.

The following nominations as Life Directors of the Maryland Bible Society were made and confirmed: A. S. Mowbray, C. A. Hill, D. F. Waddell, C. S. Baker, Robert Watt, E. C. Atkins, W. P. Compton, H. W. Ewing and T. A. H. O'Brien.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was adopted, and an abstract of it ordered to be printed in the minutes.

The Conference Board of Education was nominated and confirmed. [See list.]

The Report on Sunday Schools was read, and amended by striking out so much as referred to the apportionment of \$1,000 to the various charges, and it was adopted. [See Rep.]

The Bishop took the Chair.

A collection was taken for the Sexton which amounted to \$31.27.

The Report of the Committee on Missions was read by J. France and adopted. [See Rep.]

Thanks from reporters and Correspondents for privileges and courtesies were announced through T. E. Martindale.

The Report of the Committee on Thanks was read and adopted by a rising vote. [See Rep.]

The Board of Church Extension was nominated and confirmed. [See list.]

A committee to nominate the Standing Committees for the next session was made. [See Sp. Com.]

A resolution commending George W. Bounds and his work in Dorchester County was adopted. [See Res.]

The Statistical Report was read by Julius Dodd and it was adopted. [See tables.]

It was directed that each family in Milford entertaining members of the Conference be furnished with a copy of the Minutes, and a collection was taken to pay for the same, amounting to \$11.21.

J. France, C. A. Hill, and J. A. Arters were made a Committee on Anniversaries of the next session.

The Presiding Elders were made a Committee on Railroad facilities.

The Journal was read preparatory to adjournment, the Bishop addressed the Conference, offered prayer, read the appointments, and Conference finally adjourned with the Doxology. Bishop Bowman pronouncing the Benediction.

### 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, Reserves—J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd.
4	Feb. 21, '72.	Laurel.....	E. R. Ames...	T. E. Martindale..	
5	Mar. 5, '73.	Easton.....	L. Scott.....	"	
6	Mar. 4, '74.	Salisbury.....	I. W. Wiley...	"	
7	Mar. 17, '75.	Smyrna.....	E. S. Janes....	"	1876.— { L. C. Matlack, W. E. England. Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.
8	Mar. 15, '76.	Wilmington...	L. Scott.....	"	
9	Mar. 7, '77.	Milford.....	E. R. Ames...	"	
10	Mar. 13, '78.	Chestertown..	R. S. Foster..	"	
11	Mar. 19, '79.	New Castle...	M. Simpson...	"	
12	Mar. 17, '80.	Dover.....	E. G. Andrews	"	1880.— { L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby, Chas. Hill. 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. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, J. A. B. Wilson.
16	Mar. 5, '84.	Wilmington...	W. L. Harris...	"	
17	Mar. 12, '85.	Snow Hill,...	S. M. Merrill..	"	
18	Mar. 4, '86.	Elkton,.....	W. F. Mallalieu	"	
19	Mar. 17, '87.	Crisfield, Md.,	H. W. Warren.	"	
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.
21	Mar. 20, '89.	Easton, Md.,	R. S. Foster..	"	
22	Mar. 26, '90.	Milford, Del..	Thos. Bowman	"	

## REPORTS.

### I. Education.

While Methodism has never deserved the reproach that has sometimes been cast upon her, of being at the least indifferent if not hostile to education and culture, there is getting to be less and less ground for any such reproach, as the years go on. Although she has sought to utilize the most meager talent that could possibly be employed in the service of the church, she has nevertheless always recognized the value and need of all the educational facilities and forces that could be secured, and has sought to strengthen herself and the cause of Christ by providing them. The numerous schools of every grade from the lowest to the highest that are operating under the auspices and fostering care of Methodism attest more emphatically than mere words, her faith and interest in the highest and broadest culture. In all departments of church work, a well informed and well-cultured mind can be made to serve the cause of Christ. We notice with pleasure therefore, the constantly increasing strength and power of our church in that particular, and rejoice in the prosperity of all the institutions of learning under her care and supervision.

We regard all our collections in the interest of education as highly important in contributing to the better equipment of those who are to labor in any department of church work. The Board of Education consequently manifests a very proper solicitude in its appeal to our ministers not to suffer the collections that are taken ostensibly for educational purposes to be diverted to other and merely local channels. For a proper and full understanding of the purport of the "Children's Day" collection and the right disposition of it, we refer our brethren to a careful perusal of Dr. C. H. Payne's pamphlet entitled: "A Word with Brother Ministers." At the same time we rejoice in the conception and now widely prevalent use of this unique method of educating the church in this part of her work, and in the success that has hitherto attended it, and hope that "Children's Day" may not so degenerate into a mere occasion for floral display and an exhibition of Sunday-school oratory as to keep out of sight the higher purpose of the day and its observance.

The Conference Academy, erected and sustained by our own gifts and sacrifices and those of our people, still holds its place in our affections, confidence and interest. We believe that the work it is doing is indispensable to Methodism within the borders of our Conference, and is as efficient and of as high an order as that performed by any other institution of similar grade. The high standing which its graduates invariably have when they go to other institutions of learning, is certainly very creditable to those who instruct them, and ought to be very gratifying to all who have the interests of the Academy at heart. We are sorry to hear of the decrease in the attend-

ance during the past year, but are glad to know that it is mainly due to causes for which the Academy itself is not responsible. No member of the under-graduate classes of last year, who is not in attendance this year has gone to any other school. We very much wish that the proposed and greatly needed Ladies' Hall might be erected in the near future, and we are of the conviction that the delay of the trustees to rise up and build, occasions in part the luke-warmness and indifference shown in the matter of securing the amounts apportioned to the various charges for that purpose. It sometimes needs the stimulus of an imperative necessity for raising an apportionment to stir us up to activity. We do most heartily commend the Academy to the patronage and support of our people.

Under the presidency of Rev. Geo. E. Reed, D. D., Dickinson College has enjoyed a year of great prosperity, with the promise of still better things to come. There has been during the year a liquidation of half of a large floating debt of \$11,000 and a new equipment in the way of additional buildings and heating apparatus at a cost of \$25,000. A post-graduate course has been established and the creation of two new departments of Physiology and Hygienic lecture and Oratory. The standards for admission to the college have been raised, putting it on a level in this respect with the first colleges of the country. Arrangements have also been made for the establishment of a law department with one of the best equipped buildings for that purpose. There has been an acquisition of very valuable adjacent property, which is to be utilized as a residence for the President of the college. The moral and spiritual condition of the college is of a very gratifying character. And in this particular Methodism in the town of Carlisle is about to take a new and long needed departure in the erection of a new church building at a cost of \$30,000, on a most eligible site, where the students who go to Dickinson from Methodist homes may be instructed in the church of their own faith. The territory occupied by our own Conference is well represented in the college, and the best reports come to us concerning the character and standing of those who have gone there from us. The attendance during the past year has been the largest since 1861, and for the coming year promises now to be the largest in the entire history of the institution. We trust that both church and college may be entering upon a wider field and career of usefulness and power.

The institution of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, formerly known as Centenary Biblical Institute, has changed its character and curriculum to that of a college, and its name to Morgan College, located in Baltimore, with preparatory branches at Princess Anne, Md. and Orangeburg, Va. The change in the grade of the institution has been made to meet the needs of students who desire a college education and whose resources are too limited to allow them to attend the established colleges of the land. And when it is stated that the small sum of \$65 will furnish a student with board, room rent, tuition and books, everything indeed but his own clothes for a year, it certainly is putting the advantages of higher education within reach of even the poor colored youth of our country, and is giving them a chance which they ought to awake to, appreciate and embrace. We are in full accord with our bishops concerning the imperative necessity and the immeasurable importance of the work that our church is doing in the South in the matter of Christian education, and we hope that an advance in interest and liberality will characterize the future attitude of our people toward it.

The record of the first year's work of the Woman's College of Baltimore

city is a very praiseworthy and gratifying one. To the one building owned and occupied one year ago, two others have been added, while the attendance has very materially increased. The institution is a college in every sense, and puts itself abreast with the leading colleges of the land. Young ladies within our own borders who are seeking a college education will do well to avail themselves of such a splendid opportunity almost at their very doors.

It should be especially gratifying to the church to hear of the gracious spirit of revival manifest from time to time in our various institutions of learning. The Day of Prayer for Colleges was recently observed by many of them with most happy results, in the quickening of the spiritual life of those who were professedly Christians, and in the conversion of many who were not. And it would be well indeed if the whole church would remember especially that day in the week of prayer, and unitedly pray for the Divine blessing in converting power to fall upon all our schools and colleges, so that the best heart culture may go hand in hand along with the highest mental culture, and that they may become centers of experimental religion and spiritual power.

The excellent character of the work that is being done by Drew Theological Seminary is so well known to this Conference as to render unnecessary any detailed account of it. Our own Conference receives accessions every year from those who are trained within her walls for the work of the ministry, and they make no mean record among us. We therefore heartily commend all our young men who are contemplating entering the ministry to avail themselves, if possible, of the ample facilities and advantages offered them there so cheaply for preparing them specially to pursue the gospel vocation. We believe the orthodoxy of Drew to be no more questionable than that of the Methodist Review, and that those who enter it, imbued with the doctrines and spirit of Methodism, will be confirmed in the same by the instruction they there receive.

Boston University, the oldest of our Theological Institutions, while rather too remote to receive much patronage from our territory, is also doing most effectively her special work, and offers rare inducements to our young men who desire a better equipment for the work of the ministry.

The movement recently inaugurated, and which is in such a fair way to succeed, of establishing a Methodist University at the city of Washington, has our most unqualified approval and emphatic endorsement, and should commend itself to the whole church as a most wise and providential conception. We assure Bishop Hurst of our entire accord with the undertaking, and pledge him our hearty co-operation therein.

## II. Temperance.

1. We recognize the significant fact that the Liquor Traffic is a growing power, and an increasing menace to the welfare of the church, the purity of society and the existence of the State.

2. We most sincerely deplore the spirit of compromise manifested by Christian people toward the rum curse, by the disposition to license the traffic in alcoholic stimulants, and thus protect it from the righteous wrath of an injured people.

3. We oppose, first, last, and all the time license, high or low, as "vicious in principle and powerless as a remedy," "lame in logic and a failure in practice." Nor do we concede that there are any circumstances

possible under which the granting or the continuance of a license is justifiable.

4. We commend to the attention of all temperance people the present conflict between Prohibition and its enemies in the State of Nebraska, and request that all our people, who can, lend a hand in helping to fight this, the great battle of the present decade. We urge help for Nebraska because there is a new and bold effort to put license into the Constitution of the State, and because it is a crisis conflict in point both of time and place.

5. We desire to express our approval and appreciation of that noble army of temperance workers, the national W. C. T. U., and give to them a hearty God speed in their grand and varied labors for our common humanity.

6. We are loyal Methodists. We believe in the truth of the utterance of our General Conference and Bishops, which they have from time to time sent out for our guidance and help, teaching us the folly of regulation, the sin of license, the responsibility of the government and the duty of the elector, declaring as the motto of the Methodist Episcopal Church "voluntary total abstinence from all intoxicants as the true ground of personal temperance, and complete legal prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating drinks as the duty of civil governments;" teaching us that while we should not dictate to people their political affiliations, we should show them that it is not right to support and make common cause with those organizations, political or otherwise, that abet and protect the traffic; but that it is our duty to proclaim relentless hostility to the business, to use every weapon in our hands for its destruction, and do all in our power to foster and encourage all good men and measures, whereby the destruction of the liquor traffic is sought.

7. That it is our solemn conviction that the time has fully come when all good citizens, and especially christians, should lay aside all minor considerations, and band themselves together into a great national organization; no matter by what name it may be called, which has as its supreme issue the total and eternal destruction of the liquor traffic.

8. We believe that an earnest local option campaign in our Conference bounds, will furnish a platform upon which all can stand and make telling sentiment for temperance. We therefore suggest the appointment of a committee of nine ministers and nine laymen, to take such steps as may be necessary to inaugurate a local option campaign, and to assist in continuing the struggle on this line until success is achieved.

### III. Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education.

For the benefit of those who wish to know, the field of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education work, occupies one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of the United States, an area in which reside thirteen million of whites and seven millions of colored people.

In this vast field the Methodist Episcopal Church has over four hundred and fifty thousand communicants, about equally divided between the races. The communicants are chiefly among the poor.

These, and the church property, are included in thirty-two Annual Conferences. Of these Conferences 16 are wholly among white people, and of the remaining 16, eight are wholly among colored people.

The territory comprises 16 Southern States.

The Rev. Atticus G. Haygood has truthfully said: "It is a stupendous thing, the education of a race, but it is going steadily, and hopefully on." He further adds: "Of this problem, Christian education is the only solvent. Christian education for both races will lead us to sure deliverance."

Secondly: We congratulate the Society on the cheering fact that during the past year there has been an increase of ten (10) institutions, forty (40) teachers, and seven hundred and fifteen (715) students over the preceding year.

Thirdly: We believe with Dr. J. C. Hartzell that this increase in the number of schools, teachers, and students, to be due, largely to the wise provision of the General Conference, which committed to this society the educational work of the church, in the whole South, among both white and colored people, and we wish to express our approval of the legislation of the General Conference upon this matter.

Fourth: We appreciate the heroic labor of all who have devoted their lives and talents to this work; and, while we commend to the complete confidence of our people the entire administration of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, we beg leave to call attention to the apparent unfairness of the present methods of apportionments.

Statistics show that in proportion to wealth and members, the Wilmington Conference does much more than similar Conferences for the Missionary collection.

To make this very liberal and special collection among us, (to raise which strenuous effort is in many places made) the basis of apportionment, in other collections, does not seem to us proper, and we call the attention of those who are charged with the work of apportionment to that fact.

### IV. On Missions.

Amount appropriated . . . . .			\$1900.
Distributed as follows:			
	SALISBURY DISTRICT.		
To Reed's wharf . . . . .		\$250.	
" Parksly . . . . .		400.	
" Cape Charles City . . . . .		250.	\$900.
	WILMINGTON DISTRICT.		
To Swedish Mission . . . . .		\$300.	\$300.
	DOVER DISTRICT.		
To Taylor's Island . . . . .		\$500.	
" Dorchester . . . . .		\$100.	\$600.

W. L. S. MURRAY,  
T. O. AYRES,  
JOHN A. B. WILSON,  
JNO. FRANCE.

In the above appropriations I concur. THOS. BOWMAN.

### V. Autonomic Apportionments.

It is a well-known fact that the apportionment of the Benevolent Collections to the Conferences, Districts and Charges is not an equitable one. It is also well known that these benevolences are largely dependent upon the extra-proportionate givers and that an increase in their contributions is sometimes prevented by this inequity.



Hence the necessity of a system of apportionments made according to the number and ability of the membership has long been felt. It is also equally necessary to have a plan that would not use the extra-proportionate contributions of some to diminish the apportionments of others whose contributions are too small, but that would leave such extra offerings to the credit of those making them, and that would leave to the small contributors the full amount of equitable apportionment.

Such a system should make provision for grading the apportionments in exceptional cases, so that they may be able to meet the requirements, even when they have given less than their share by a general plan.

We have examined the autonomic system presented by Dr. J. W. Young and believe that it meets all these requirements. We therefore recommend its adoption by this Conference and also recommend it to the consideration of the General Missionary Committee and to other Boards having such work in charge, and also that a standing committee of eight, including the Presiding Elders, be appointed by the Bishop to disseminate the needed information, and otherwise promote the interests of the Benevolences, and the expenses incurred by this committee for postage, printing etc. be paid by the Treasurer of the Conference and charged pro-rata to the interests benefitted.

VI. Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

We regard the W. F. M. S. as a part of the great army commissioned by Christ to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. This Society is doing a work among the heathen women, which the Parent Board cannot do, by opening the homes of these people and planting the standard of the Cross in these centres of civilization, from which will ere long radiate a light whose rays will be seen and felt among the nations who now sit in darkness.

We commend the establishing of auxiliaries in all our charges, to the hearty co-operation of our Presiding Elders and Pastors. We believe that if our sisters in the several charges will enlist in this work, that they will be better equipped to assist in advancing the cause of the Master at home.

We are gratified to learn that the society has had the largest income the past year of any of its history, and that every Branch has advanced its contributions and met all financial obligations.

We regret however to record the fact that in our 164 charges there are only 51 auxiliaries.

We urge our sisters to engage more generally and earnestly in this work, and trust that during the coming conference year the number of auxiliaries will be greatly augmented.

The recent reports of the W. F. M. S. show advancement all along the line.

In the various stations occupied by the N. India Conference, more than 10,000 women are receiving instruction, and of this number over 6,000 received regular religious training, and over 4,000 homes are regularly visited by the Bible women.

In China, Japan, Mexico, Corea, Bulgaria, Italy and S. America, schools are being founded, orphanages established, and thousands of girls are receiving christian training.

We call attention to the fact that the Heathen Women's Friend has 19,834 subscribers, is self-supporting, and from its surplus funds pays for nearly all the literature issued by the Society.

Another feature of great interest is the "Illustrated Zenana Paper," for the women of India. When we consider the splendid Evangelical work being done by the Bible women, trained in these schools, and the lady physicians sent out for the healing of the body as well as the soul, we are led to conclude that the W. F. M. S. not only meets a real need, but also as the pioneer of the Parent Board, should command our admiration, and calls for all the practical aid we can render.

VII. Charters.

Your committee on publication of "Charters, Constitution and By-Laws" begs leave to report that he secured copies of the same and published them in pamphlet form, and sent copies to each minister in the Conference, and to each layman whose name appears in the minutes as bearing any official relation to the Conference. The total cost of printing and mailing was \$51.32 which distributed among the various societies pro rata according to space in the pamphlet is as follows:

Conference Board of Education . . . . .	\$ 5 40 Pd.
" Missionary Society . . . . .	3 38
" Board of Stewards . . . . .	6 08 Pd.
" Trustees of Centenary Fund . . . . .	14 18 Pd.
" Board of Church Extension . . . . .	2 70 Pd.
Wilmington Conference Academy . . . . .	16 20 Pd.
" " Domestic Missions . . . . .	3 38 Pd..
Total . . . . .	\$51 32

All of which is respectfully submitted.

VAUGHAN S. COLLINS, Committee

VIII. On Bible Society.

While recognizing the importance of the various lines of work proposed by the church for the advancement of the cause of Christ, it is not unjust to say that the Bible is the foundation upon which all Christian work must rest. The work proposed by the American Bible Society, which is to circulate the word of God among all people in all lands, is one which ought to receive the support of every Christian in America, irrespective of denomination.

The Bibles sent forth from the presses of this society are not intended to advance the particular interests of any denomination. It does not include foot notes and marginal references to promote Roman Catholicism at the expense of Christianity, as does the Douay version. It does not translate "baptizo" by the word "immerse," wherever it occurs, as does the Bible published by the American Union Bible Society.

It comes without note or marginal reference as the plain word of God to man, that they may read for themselves what God requires for salvation and eternal life.

The American Bible Society has, during its seventy-two years of existence, to March 31st, 1889, donated to needy men, women and children fifty millions of Bibles in eighty different languages. Within the last six years the society has undertaken a fourth general canvass of our entire country.

Although not yet completed, its agents have visited over 5,000,000 of families and found over 500,000 families without a Bible in their homes. Of these 427,346 were supplied by sale or donation, while 179,663 refused to accept the version supplied by the Society. These were principally foreigners, dominated by foreign influence.

As is known, the money this conference collects for the Bible Society is not paid directly into the treasury of the parent board, but into four auxiliary societies, the Maryland, Sussex, Kent and Delaware Bible Societies. Examining the work of each of these we find that the Maryland Bible Society is in a flourishing condition and is doing a good work. During its existence of 56 years it has distributed 986,682 volumes of the word, and paid its surplus to the parent society to the amount of \$71,500. During the past year the society has employed three colporteurs in the city and eleven in the country; and after paying all its expenses, paid into the parent society \$1500 for the general work.

An item of interest is the fact that all expenses are met from outside sources, so that every cent of contributions from churches goes directly into the work of distribution.

By the terms of the charter we are entitled to elect a "Life Director" in this society for every \$50 contributed. Our contributions this year would entitle us to elect nine such directors. The committee hereby recommend the election of these directors, that our church may have its share of representation in the board of managers.

The Sussex Bible Society is also doing its work well, and at almost no expense. Donations have been made to the marine hospital at Lewes, and 10 dozens Bibles to Sunday-schools. A thorough canvass of the entire county has been made without a dollar's cost to the Society. Almost the entire receipts are promptly sent annually to the parent society.

The Kent Bible Society is also working well, on an economical basis, sends a large per centage of its receipts to the parent board.

The Delaware Bible Society does not commend itself very favorably to your committee. It has not sent a dollar to the parent society since May 12th, 1887, when it sent \$200. The last preceding donation was December 31st, 1884, when \$100 was granted. The last donation previous was March 9th, 1878, when \$300 were granted.

This society does not present as favorable a report upon the economy of the work done as does the other societies. A canvass of the county was ordered in December, 1888, and two colporteurs were put in the field. During the past fourteen months to February 28th, 1890, they reported 4,485 families visited, 362 families and individuals found destitute of the Bible, of which 149 were supplied by donation or sale. For this work the society paid the sum of \$590.10, a cost of \$3.96½ for every destitute supplied. In view of the small per cent. of destitute found in this canvass, and the large cost of supplying the few destitute who would allow themselves to be supplied, and in the fact that for nearly three years the society has donated nothing to the parent society, the committee recommended that the Conference Treasurer be ordered to pay the amount now in his hands for the Delaware Bible Society to the treasurer of the American Bible Society in New York.

We note with pleasure the appointment of Rev. W. W. Moffett of the New Jersey Conference to supervise the work of the American Bible Society in New Jersey and Delaware. We commend him to the brethren of the ministry and laity, and hope they will aid him in his work.

### IX. Woman's Home Missionary Society.

This society was organized in the year 1880 with a small membership; since that time with beautiful charity and Christ-like spirit, it has been alleviating suffering and poverty, and carrying the Gospel to needy homes of our country, which so pitiously call for aid and sympathy. It is doing for our own land what the sister organization is doing in foreign lands.

The reports show a marvellous growth in efficient agencies, funds, and numbers. There are now 1,770 auxiliaries, which contributed last year \$129,806. In the brief space of its existence there have been raised and expended \$21,300, more than the total receipts of the general Missionary Society for the first eighteen years of its history.

The amounts received for the present year are equal to the entire receipts for the first eleven years of the W. F. M. Society. We take great pleasure in endorsing the work and spirit of this Society, and heartily recommend that an auxiliary shall be formed in every charge.

### X. Sunday Schools.

The Sunday-school is the great auxiliary of the church, and is indispensable to her development and growth. Since fifty per cent of our probationers come from the ranks of the school, the entire church should awake to a sense of its absolute necessity.

It is possible for the high calling to which God has evidently called the Sunday-school to be forgotten. It is not enough to increase the number of Schools and teach Bible, Geography and History. Let the teachers have for their objective point the conversion of the individual members of their classes. To be efficient laborers in this great department of church work, the officers and teachers should be so under the influence of the Holy Spirit that they shall be eminently successful in exerting a controlling spiritual influence over the scholars. Let the word be exalted and the saving truths of the glorious Gospel so impressed upon the minds and hearts that the highest type of christian character shall be developed.

Your Committee would urge the workers in Sunday-schools to guard against any tendency to neglect the use of the Bible because the lesson leaves may contain the text for the day. The teachers should be mighty in the Scriptures, for Jesus said, "The words that I have spoken unto you are life." We would emphasize the importance of teaching the children the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church in order that they may become intelligent and devoted Methodists, always zealous and defending the usages and genius of our Church.

We urge upon our people, in accordance with the request of Dr. Eaton in his address before this Conference, the importance of patronizing the publications of the Methodist Book Concern in preference to other houses, and that our Sunday-schools be furnished with said literature as will enrich the minds with heavenly wisdom. This suggestion is made because many Sunday-schools have books which are of a sensational character. Large sums are needed to aid in furnishing literature, papers and library books to needy schools in various parts of this country, especially in the South and West, besides from every mission field of the church there comes a call for help to provide Sunday-school literature in the different languages spoken. Nothing is more important in the present crisis of the Temperance Reform than the distribution of temperance literature in our Sunday-school. By practical illustration let the evils of the liquor traffic be indelibly impressed upon the minds of our youth, thus public opinion in favor of the prohibition

of the infamous traffic will be strengthened, without the support of which all laws however favorable must remain inoperative. Every superintendent would do well to give a short temperance address every month.

It is not enough for our young people to be converted. They need to be more thoroughly trained for active service. Many would do better, if they knew better. "The 'Oxford League'" supplies this need and lays a foundation for intelligent piety and splendid loyalty to the church. The course of study is excellent and we would be glad to see the league organized in all of our churches.

We would also recommend the formation of anti-tobacco societies in our schools. The use of tobacco is filthy and injurious in its effects upon the system. Therefore every effort should be put forth to educate the conscience up to the highest standard of decency and piety.

#### XI. Army Chaplaincies.

WHEREAS, It is the policy of this government to maintain a standing army; and

WHEREAS, Life in the army is such as to expose the soldier to extraordinary temptations, and, as a matter of fact, army life is known to be characterized as a rule, by an almost total disregard both of religion and morals; and

WHEREAS, Not more than one-fourth of the military posts throughout the country are now supplied with chaplains or any established religious instruction; therefore,

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of Congress by appropriate legislation, to supply this pressing need by some fixed and efficient religious service in every garrison.

*Resolved*, That in our judgment the most efficient service is that performed regularly by a thoroughly qualified minister appointed after the examination by such a board as Congress designates for that purpose, such minister to be what is commonly known as evangelical in doctrine and methods of work; however, that so far as such regulations can consist with proper military discipline, every soldier shall be allowed the privilege of religious service conducted according to his own faith.

*Resolved*, That the secretary of this Conference be authorized and requested to send a copy of these resolutions to at least one Representative and one Senator from the States of Delaware and Maryland.

#### XII. On Sabbath.

WHEREAS, Our American Sabbath is threatened with danger from the grasping tendency of soulless corporations to appropriate it to business purposes, and from the irreligious tendency of the times to devote it to pleasure seeking. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we hail with delight the evidences of an awakening conscience on the part of our National law-makers, and sincerely pray that the same spirit which inspired the Sunday Rest Bill already introduced into the National Congress, may further develop into permanent and wholesome legislation on this great and important matter.

*Resolved*, That in our judgment the temperance and other moral reforms can only be successfully prosecuted in connection with the proper observance of the Sabbath. The saloon will not be closed so long as it is the

appointed meeting place where unscrupulous politicians congregate on the Sabbath to plan for political campaigns.

*Resolved*, That it is the imperative duty of every christian, by his example and influence to maintain the sanctity of the holy Sabbath by refraining from all secular or worldly employment or amusements on that day, and by refusing to patronize or share in the profits of any enterprise that violates God's command to remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

*Resolved*, That we, ministers of Christ, will oppose the patronizing by our church or Sunday-school excursions, all places where the Sabbath is not properly observed and respected.

#### XIII. Deaconesses.

Your committee, appointed last Conference, to consider the establishment of the order of Deaconesses in our Conference, held a meeting in Fletcher Hall, Wilmington, March 17, 1890. Dr. W. L. S. Murray was elected president, C. A. Grise, Sec. After considerable discussion, the following resolution was passed.

*Resolved*, That we are not now in possession of sufficient information to make any recommendation to the annual Conference concerning the establishment of the order of Deaconesses within our bounds and that we ask to be continued.

#### XIV. Conference Education Society.

During its existence of seventeen years this Society has helped thirty-one students to the amount of \$3444.85. Fifteen of these brethren are now in active relation to this Conference, ten are in school, two are dead and four have gone elsewhere. The Society has, in virtue of the right vested in it by the constitution, cancelled all obligations held against its beneficiaries who have entered the Conference and spent four years in it, and has ordered the collection of all loans made to parties not complying with these conditions and have continued all obligations not yet mature.

It also decided that persons helped by it should attend our schools, except where in the judgment of the executive committee consisting of the president secretary and treasurer there should be justifying reasons to the contrary.

There are now ten claimants and but \$716 to provide for them during the year, saying nothing of those who will yet apply. We bespeak for the society the liberal support of our people and the careful attention of our presiding elders and pastors. We are purely dependent upon the collections for our funds, and no investment is of greater interest to us, as it helps worthy young men in their preparation for the ministry, and by extra inducements which they find nowhere else binds them to us.

#### XV. S. R. Maxwell.

Your Committee appointed to investigate certain complaints against S. R. Maxwell, make the following report:

I. We find that the cause of the complaint was a business transaction between Jas. Conner and S. R. Maxwell concerning which transaction certain improper language was used by Brother Maxwell, which he has retracted and for which he has expressed regret.

II. It is the opinion of the committee that Brother Conner should refund to Brother Maxwell a part of the money paid by him; this Brother Conner has consented in writing to do.

III. It is further the opinion of the committee that this misunderstanding could and should have been amicably adjusted between the brethren without the publicity of conference action.

IV. We desire to express our decided disapproval of the manner in which this action was brought against Brother Maxwell, and believe that the failure to give the accused brother or his Presiding elder due notice of the complaint, was grave injustice.

V. In view of the above considerations, we recommend the passage of S. R. Maxwell's character.

#### XVI. Tracts.

WHEREAS, The short sermons that appear in tracts form are peculiarly adopted to the needs of the public calling their attending to spiritual things in moments of leisure as they journey by rail or water, engaging the mind and reaching the heart with the influence of Divine truths. Therefore,

*Resolved, First,* That we make diligent effort to place tracts in all railway stations and all steam boat landings where they may be easily accessible to the traveling public.

*Second,* In the selection to instruct the public mind with regard to temperance education and all moral reforms as well as spiritual truths. It is earnestly recommended to the pastors of this Conference that the disciplinary provisions in reference to the work of the Tract Committees in each charge receive the fullest and most conscientious attention for we are persuaded that if we fail to do this, and we neglect a great opportunity to store the minds of many with religion thoughts.

#### XVII. On M. E. Book Concern.

WHEREAS, We have learned through the report submitted to us by the Managers of the Book Concern, of the great prosperity of our publishing interests, and believing that in the language of the said report: "Our periodical literature is invaluable to the ministry and to the church at large, in that it fortifies the pastor in his work, serves to educate our people in the spirit, mission and connectional interests of Methodism, acquaints them with the progress and enterprises of the church, and stimulates them to a wiser adjustment of their resources to its legitimate and pressing demands," therefore,

*Resolved,* That we hereby pledge ourselves to present the interests of our publishing houses to our people and insist upon it that before purchasing supplies for our Sunday-schools or our churches, elsewhere the price and quality of our own publications shall be considered with a view to patronizing our own publishing houses,

*Resolved,* That we congratulate our book agents and the editors of the Methodist Review and the Christian Advocate on the marvelous success already attained, and will use our best efforts to increase their circulation in our respective charges.

#### XVIII. Conference Historical Society.

The anniversary of the Society was held in the afternoon of the first day of the session, and was an occasion of interest. John D. C. Hanna read a paper on the Centenary of Asbury Church, Wilmington. John H. Willey read an essay on Methodism in Milford and its vicinity. These were followed by an address by Jonathan S. Willis. His subject

was "The Two Decades of the Wilmington Conference." These addresses were all well delivered and highly entertaining, interspersed with music by the choir, that heightened the effect, after which a number of relics were presented to be deposited in Fletcher Hall, at Thomas's Book Store, Wilmington.

And here I would say, it is very desirable to collect from year to year, books, pamphlets and manuscripts, together with all varieties of heirlooms to be found in our borders, so as to complete and enrich our cabinet of historical treasures.

A few of the managers answered to the call and met in the infant school room and opened with prayer by Bro. H. S. Thompson after which Bro. Cowgill, the custodian, offered his resignation and nominated W. H. Foulk, of Wilmington, who was elected his successor.

In the absence of the Secretary Bro. Thompson acted as secretary pro tem, and after some further consultation the meeting adjourned.

And now Brethren, I would submit if the statement be true, as we have been taught to accept that "History is Philosophy Teaching by Examples," a richer lesson requires our endorsement, and that is that our Historical Society proposes an important mission. And it is not more true that "science is the handmaid of religion," than that the annals of our Society are the exponent of evangelism.

Our Conference having passed the era of two decades enters, upon its twenty-second year with a field white unto the harvest, and with tokens of encouragement to the sowers and reapers in this work.

The object, as you all may know, of our Society is to gather knowledge from the records of the past and to keep a chronicle of what is going on within our borders, namely, sketching the various actors and agencies in their consecutive relations, and preserve this for useful data to our successors.

This work deserves appreciation and claims unceasing diligence. I wish I could prompt a greater zeal. We have great opportunities. There are facilities within our reach that ought to be utilized. We are the almoners of coming generations. Let us rescue from oblivion the trophies that strew the battlefields on which our fathers fought and conquered, and in the name of their Lord and ours lift up our banners, and so mingle our names with the benefactors of the race, that posterity may rise up and call us blessed.

## RESOLUTIONS.

**Bishop Hurst.**—We have learned with profound sorrow of the bereavement our Brother, Bishop Hurst, in the decease of his gifted wife. The members of the Wilmington Conference, within whose bounds was his childhood home, desire to assure him of our sincere and united sympathy in this time of his sore trial, earnestly praying that the God of all consolation may be especially present with him and his family.

**Bishop Fowler.**—*Resolved,* That, having learned with deep regret of the illness of Bishop Fowler, we hereby extend to him our warmest sympathy and pledge him prayers for his speedy recovery.

**Dr. Homer Eaton.**—*Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure the report of Dr. Homer Eaton with reference to the Book Concern and its continued prosperity. And we pledge him our best endeavors to have used exclusively in our Sunday-schools the publications of our own house.

*Resolved*, That we welcome Dr. Eaton to our Conference at this his first visit to our Conference.

**Dr. Gray and His Work.**—*WHEREAS*, We have heard with great interest the representations of Dr. Gray concerning the F. Aid and S. Ed. Society, and that we pledge our best endeavors to uphold its work.

*Resolved*, That we extend to him a hearty welcome upon this his first visit to our conference.

**Centenary and Riddle Funds.**—*WHEREAS*, There are three distinct corporations connected with the Wilmington Conference holding certain funds for the use of Conference claimants, viz.: The Board of Stewards, holding the Bates legacy, the Riddle Fund, a bequest from the Rev. James Riddle, and the centenary Fund, holding (1) money for the use of Conference claimants. (2.) Money designated as *Tract* money. And,

*WHEREAS*, The Conference at its session in 1888, did direct the trustees of the Centenary Fund to subscribe the tract money to the stock of the Conference Academy, to erect a ladies hall when certain conditions are met. And

*WHEREAS*, The Centenary Corporation will expire by limitation in 1891, Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we request the Conference to direct the treasurer of the Riddle Fund and of the Centenary Fund to pay over the moneys in their hands to the Treasurer of the Board of Conference Stewards, thus making one fund under one Board of Control.

**Capt. Alex. Kelley.**—*Whereas*, Alex. Kelley, Esq., one of our lay Stewards, under the infirmation of advanced years, has left the Conference, in the belief that he will never be permitted to attend another session, therefore,

*Resolved* 1. In Capt. Kelley the Methodist Episcopal Church has a member whose loyalty and devotion has been evidenced by most earnest service, and the largest liberality.

2. The Conference Claimants, our worn out preachers, the widows and orphans of deceased preachers are indebted to him because of his liberal support, and constant attention to their interests.

3. We find it difficult to express the obligation we feel to him for his untiring efforts to forward our general church enterprise, and the delight we have found in his personal friendship.

4. We earnestly commend him to the grace of God, and pray that the eventide may be so illuminated by the light of the coming day of glory and blessedness that he may feel amply rewarded for his labor of love among us.

**Philadelphia Hospital.**—*Whereas* we have heard with great pleasure the representations of Prof. A. Rittenhouse, superintendent-elect of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in the city of Philadelphia.

*Resolved*, That we, mindful of our his'oric connection with the Philadelphia Conference people, are still related to the city of Philadelphia, most heartily rejoice in the fact that this enterprise has been inaugurated, and in the success thus far attained.

*Resolved*, That we commend the Hospital to the liberality of our people and will welcome the superintendent in our charges for the purpose of representing its needs.

**Carlisle M. E. Church.**—*Resolved*, That we have listened with great interest and gratification to Dr. W. W. Evans pastor of the M. E. Church in Carlisle, Pa., representing the special claims of that church upon the liberality of our people throughout the patronizing territory of Dickinson College. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That we assure Dr. Evans of our sympathy with, and support of his efforts to erect a church edifice that shall be superior to any church edifice to be found in the Cumberland Valley.

**Episcopal Fund.**—*Resolved*, that it is the sense of this conference that the amount apportioned for the support of Bishops should be raised by the Stewards with the salary of the pastor and Presiding Elder.

**G. W. Bounds and his work.**—*WHEREAS*, In the prosecution of his work Bro. George W. Bounds may be compelled to ask assistance beyond the limits of his charge. Therefore

*Resolved*, That we commend Brother Bounds to both ministers and laymen in this Conference, and outside of its territory as worthy, of all confidence, and that his cause is deserving of generous support.

**Special Conference Sessions.**—*WHEREAS*, Because of the multiplicity of interests seeking representation before this Conference, the time of our sessions has been largely monopolized by the interesting addresses of our visiting brethren, and our regular minute business has been seriously retarded, and crowded into limits of time that prevent our attention thereto with sufficient deliberation and carefulness. Therefore

*Resolved*, That the committee on programme for our next session be requested to arrange for two sessions of the Conference, afternoon and evening, for the purpose of extending a cordial welcome to all visiting representatives, and of affording them a full opportunity to address this body on the great interests they represent—said representatives to be notified before hand of this arrangement.

**Domestic Missionary Society.**—*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Domestic Missionary Society be referred to a special committee, with a view to a restoration of its former name, and a revision of its provisions to secure its better adaption to our needs, said committee to report at the next session of the Conference.

**Freedmen's Aid Apportionments.**—*WHEREAS*, The Board of Managers of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society have apportioned \$5,512 as the amount to be raised by the Wilmington Conference for that society during the coming year, and

*WHEREAS*, The discipline allows an annual conference no discretion in the matter, but compels the Conference to apportion the amount directed the said managers; and

*WHEREAS*, Although we have adopted the autonomic system of apportionment, this will not relieve the committee from being compelled to apportion the full amount of \$5,512 among the charges, and

*WHEREAS*, After a hard year's labor we have been able only to collect the sum of \$1,733 for this cause, therefore be it

*Resolved*, 1st. That it is the judgment of this Conference that \$2,000 so all that we can reasonably hope to raise for the Freedmen's Aid and Sutherin Education Society during the coming year.

2nd. That the committee on apportionments be hereby instructed to prepare two columns of apportionments for this cause, one to be marked "Asked," in which shall appear apportionments based upon the amount asked for by the managers of this society, and an other column marked "Expected," in which shall appear apportionments based upon the sum of \$2,000 expected from the whole Conference.

**Thanks.**—The 22nd session of the Wilmington Annual Conference, convened in Milford Del. March 26th to April 1, 1890 has been a season of more than usual enjoyment, enhanced to a large degree, by the splendid hospitality with which the citizens of Milford, without respect to denominational lines, have received our visit and blessed our sojourn.

We therefore gratefully acknowledge our obligations to our hosts and hostesses, and beg to assure them that their kind attentions will ever be lovingly remembered; that we shall gladly avail ourselves of any and every opportunity to show practically our appreciation, and reciprocate their hospitality; and that we will continue to pray that, in the same measure in which we have enjoyed the temporal comforts provided by their bounty, they may enjoy the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace.

The careful attention of our brother Dr. J. H. Willey, in arranging for our entertainment and providing facilities for our comfort and our work; the faithful and efficient services of our hard worked secretaries; the courtesies of the officary of this church; the attentions of the honored doorkeeper of the house of the Lord, and the excellent music furnished by the Choir; all have contributed to make this one of the most notable and delightful of our annual gatherings.

Our thanks are also due to Mr. Reyner Williams for the use of his office, and to the Young Men's Republican Club, for our occupancy of its headquarters for committee purposes.

Our venerable Senior Bishop, in his second presidency in our Conference, has but emphasized the delightful impressions, begotten by his former association with us in this relation; and we pray that his valuable life and services may long be spared to bless the church he has so largely contributed to build, and that we shall be glad to welcome his future coming to us in the same relation.

We duly appreciate the favors extended to us by the R. R. companies and tender them our thanks.

*Resolved,* That a collection be now taken for the benefit of the sexton.

*Resolved,* That the secretaries be directed through the pastor to present each family of Milford entertaining ministers or official lay visitors during this session, a copy of our minutes; and that a collection be taken, among the members of the conference, and visiting laymen only, to meet the necessary outlay for the same.

## Report of the Board of Stewards.

Your Board of Stewards would submit the following report:

Notwithstanding the great financial pressure within the bounds of our Conference, an increase of \$94 is reported from collections, and we would congratulate our brethren upon their success and say to them "well done."

The receipts are as follows:

Received from Conference Treasurer . . . . .	\$5,513.00
" " Book Concern Div. . . . .	1,143.00
" " Chartered Fund . . . . .	30.00
" " Bates Mortgage . . . . .	141.00

Received from Riddle Legacy . . . . .	95.00
" " Centenary Fund . . . . .	167.12
" " Collection at Anniversary . . . . .	31.96

Total . . . . . \$7121.08

The report by Districts is as follows:

	<i>Apportioned.</i>	<i>Raised.</i>	<i>Excess.</i>
Wilmington District . . . . .	\$1675	\$1956	\$281
Easton " . . . . .	1330	1358	28
Dover " . . . . .	1185	1253	88
Salisbury " . . . . .	960	946	Deficit 14
Increase of collections over last year . . . . .			\$ 94

Increase from all sources . . . . . \$119.08

We have examined each and every claim that has been presented to us for our consideration, with great care and have prayed earnestly to be guided in our work by Heavenly wisdom. In some cases there may be those who will think we have given too little, and other cases where some may think we have given too much. We do not claim infallibility in judgement, but that, in view of all the circumstances presented to us, we have done the best we could, and believe the distribution to be as equitable as we can make with the light we have.

We congratulate the conference on the fact that we have had at this session a successful Steward's Anniversary. We hope that at all future Conferences the Committee on arrangements, will give to the Stewards, Friday evening of the Conference as the time for an anniversary. The success attending our effort this year to increase our permanent fund was so great as to give encouragement for the future if we put forth the proper effort in that direction. We hope the \$506 secured at this session will continue to grow during the year and that we will not stop until the full \$50,000 is in hand. We do not feel authorized to make any assessments for the Permanent Fund of the Conference, but do suggest that each preacher in the effective ranks bring at least one per cent. to the next session of our Conference for the Permanent Fund, and as much more as he can secure for that purpose. We are fully persuaded that if all our brethren will lay this matter to heart we will be able to report a very creditable increase yearly.

We would express our gratification at having Rev. J. Benson Hamilton with us at our Anniversary, and appreciate his very earnest appeal in the interest of the veterans who have given their life work to the Church.

We would urge upon the Presiding Elders and pastors the importance of attention upon the part of Quarterly Conference Committees on Conference Claimants to the duties required of them by the discipline, in order that the Board of Stewards may have all the information possible in regard to each claim, and furthermore, all claims should be presented on the first day of the Conference, as our work is greatly retarded and any labor increased by any failure to furnish the needed information early in the session.

We have greatly missed at this Conference the presence and counsel of our beloved brother, Capt. Alexander Kelly, who has for so many years faithfully performed the duties of Treasurer of the Board of Stewards and we would assure him in his affliction of our sincere and earnest prayers in his behalf.

We have distributed the funds in our hands to seven superannuates, five supernumeraries, and one effective preacher, and twenty-three widows.

Wilmington District.

Easton District.

Distribution of Conference Funds, March 25th, 1890.

Table with columns: Claim Term of Service, Name of Claimant, Post-office, Estimates of Quarterly Conference, Amount received by each. Includes sub-sections: SUPERANNUATED, SUPERNUMERARY, WIDOWS, EFFECTIVE.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS table for Wilmington District with columns: Apportionment last year, Amount collected this year, Apportionment next year.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS table for Easton District with columns: Apportionment last year, Amount collected this year, Apportionment next year.

Dover District.

Salisbury District.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS table for Dover District with columns: Apportionment last year, Amount collected this year, Apportionment next year.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS table for Salisbury District with columns: Apportionment last year, Amount collected this year, Apportionment next year.

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WILMINGTON DIST.

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## IN MEMORIAM.

### REV. WILLIAM MERRILL.

Rev. William Merrill was born in Compton, N. H., May 11th, 1814, and died in Upper Fairmount, Md., Oct. 23d, 1889.

He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1833. He began preparing for college in 1835 and graduated at Wesleyan University in 1842. In 1842-3 he was Professor of Languages and Mathematics in the Classical School at Ellington, Conn. In 1844 and '45 he was Principal of the High School at Fair Haven, Mass. After teaching a private school for girls in Easton, Md., (1846-7), he commenced preaching in the Philadelphia Conference in 1848, and served the following circuits and stations in the Philadelphia and Wilmington Conferences: 1848, Milford; 1849, Dover; 1850, Bridgeville; 1851-2, Annamessex; 1853-4, Newtown; 1855-6, Berlin; 1857-8, Laurel; 1859-60, Accomac; 1861, Willow Grove; 1862-3, Kent Island; 1864-5, Fairmount; 1866-7, Georgetown; 1868, East New Market; 1869-70, Milton. In 1871 he was appointed to the Classical Institute at Laurel, Del., and remained there till 1873, when he became principal of Fairmount Academy. In 1878 he took a supernumerary relation. From that time he taught private scholars at his house in Upper Fairmount, Md.

The ripe scholar, the excellent teacher, the clear and logical preacher has left us. On the still autumn morning, when "God's finger touched him and he slept" the neighborhood lost a pillar of strength and the Church one of its warmest friends.

He had learned how to live, and death simply took him by the hand and led him into a field of larger activities. When he was with us in the flesh, his mind was as active and his mental grasp as tenacious as that of any of his brethren, but he is wiser than any of us to-day. Some men never grow old. Seventy-five years, with their storms and sunshine, had not killed the flowers of youth; he was young in disposition. Three quarters of a century rested upon him like a crown. When we conversed with him, he thought not of winter but of spring. There are some here to-day whose minds were quickened and whose desire for knowledge was intensified by coming in contact with this Christian scholar. If all whom he instructed could speak of the benefits, which they derived from his teaching and his life, this room would be filled with benedictions. One of Franklin's maxims was "Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve." I do not know whether he ever read the philosopher's helpful words, but he incorporated them into his life. His deeds were always equal to his resolutions. His pastor never found him unwilling to help him, when his services were needed. In his ordinary conversation, he frequently gave his hearers a thought-jewel. And one left him feeling that his life had been made better because of the communion with so rare a mind.

His books were very dear to him—he looked upon them as friends—they were his friends. He did not neglect them as the January days of life approached; but in his quiet country house held sweet converse with the great and good. He was to his house what sunshine is to flowers.

For the good woman who feels his loss most and who made his declining years so peaceful, he lived. Their home was a little Eden, and their love for each other increased with the fleeting years. He murmured not at his Father's dealings, but praised him for his mercies and blessings. We do not think of our brother as dead, he simply went out of this pent-up life. He developed the kingdom within him. He doubled the talents the Master gave him, and doubtless has heard, "Well done, good and faithful servant" from his Lord. He left the world better than he found it. As the golden grain stands waiting to be garnered, so he waited for the angel reapers to take him to the skies. He did not serve his Father less faithfully while waiting; for "they also serve who only stand and wait."

And now departed friend, the time has come to say farewell. Thy life was very helpful to all that knew thee. We shall miss thee more than thou wilt miss us. Thou hast gone into company so much purer than ours that it will all be gain to thee. We will stand on the banks of life's stream for a little while, and then we hope to join thee with those who walk in white forever.

"Let us be patient; these severe afflictions,  
Not from the ground arise;  
But oftentimes celestial benedictions,  
Assume this dark disguise.

"We see but dimly through the mists and vapors,  
Amid these earthly damps;  
What seems to us but sad funeral tapers,  
May be heaven's distant lamps.

"There is no death; what seems so is transition;  
This life of mortal breath,  
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,  
Whose portal we call death."

"We will be patient and assuage the feeling,  
We may not wholly stay,  
By silent sanctifying, not concealing  
The grief that must have way."

### SARAH S. CARROLL.

Mrs. Sarah Summerfield Carroll, wife of Rev. James Carroll, died April 30, 1889, in Houston, Del. For many years her life had been one of suffering, and through all these years she had quietly awaited the day of her release. Afflicted with an incurable disease, there was neither shrinking from the inevitable result, nor impatient solicitude for the crisis. Easter day came, as the end perceptibly drew near and in the first early hours of the dawn, her tired spirit cried out: "O, if I could only begin Heaven to-day!" The resurrection song of the redeemed hosts had scarcely ceased, before a new voice was added to the celestial choir, and it was a voice that more than once had filled with the glad music of heaven, some distressed human life.

Sister Carroll was born in Baltimore, and was the daughter of H. W. Gibson, a class-leader of the Fayette Street Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1852 she gave her hand to James Carroll, and in 1865, together they joined the Itinerancy, accepting an appointment in the Phil-

adelphia Conference. She was an Itinerant in thought, ambition and consecration. There was no appointment too obscure if the "powers that be" designated such as the field of labor, there was no sacrifice too great if the exigencies of the system seemed to demand it, there was no duty too exacting if good might be expected to follow its performance. In his study, her husband found her quick perception and unusual Biblical knowledge a valuable supplement and auxiliary; in the pastorate she shared with him the love and confidence of the people. She was never happier than when making others happy, and many a widow's handful of meal and cruse of oil lasted through the season because of the timely supplies that came from the parsonage larder. An uncowed Sister of Mercy, whose capitial vows were whispered to God, and whose credentials came from heaven, she moved in and out carrying on her heart the burdens, and soothing with her touch the pangs of the invalid and the world-worn. The Pastorate was not neglected and at the same time her children had in her all that makes the perfect mother and the unerring guide; the home fires did not smoulder though like the Roman Vestals, she watched so faithfully, the altar flames in the temple.

In the long and hopeless illness that preceeded her death, her beautiful resignation was the crown and the climax of her useful life. In her weakness there was marvellous strength, and in her silence was there the eloquence of patience and of praise. She triumphed over disease by bearing it; she conquered Death by bidding him welcome. Hers was the faith that fills the future with good, "the confidence of things hoped for, the demonstration of things not seen," and hers was the patience that waited until this good was realized. So her disease was but the vestibule of the hereafter in which hung the golden key of death by which to open the palace of eternity.

Her funeral services were conducted by the writer, and the text from which the sermon was preached was one of God's majestic utterances that found its application in her experience: "It shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light."

"When our souls shall leave this dwelling—  
The glory of our fair and virtuous action  
Is above all the scutcheous on our tombs,  
Or silken banners o'er us."

### ANNA M. MARTINDALE.

Mrs. Anna Houston Martindale, was born at Seaford, Del., July 1st, 1846. Her parents were Rhodes and Lucinda M. Hazzard. On her mother's side, she was descended from the old Huguenots. Her father, a relative of Governor Hazzard of Delaware, was a scion of Methodistic stock. He was a rare christian worker, and greatly devoted to the Methodist Episcopal Church. His house for many years offered an open welcome to her ministers.

Sister Martindale was converted at eleven years of age, under the ministry of Rev. Dr. J. F. Chaplain, of precious memory. She very early revealed her desire to serve the Master's cause. As a young girl, she was often found at the bedside of the sick and in the homes of the aged, reading to them the promises and invitations of God's precious word, and cheering them with her childish ministries. While yet of tender years, she became a Sunday-school teacher, a work for which she ever retained her attachment, and in which she was always signally successful.

She was united in marriage to our bereaved brother, Rev. Thos. E. Martindale, at the same altar which had witnessed her espousals to Christ, and at once took a deep but quiet interest in everything that could minister to her husband's success in his God-appointed work. It was not, however, until her residence in Port Deposit, that her interest assumed a decidedly aggressive form, revealing abilities her most intimate friends scarcely suspected. Soon afterwards, while residing in Wilmington, the influence and spirit of the great Temperance "Crusade" swept into her sympathetic soul, filling her with a holy and unquenchable enthusiasm. She was, perhaps, the first lady in Delaware to welcome Francis E. Willard to her home, and the twain at once became kindred spirits. Immediately she began to surprise her acquaintances by presiding at large gatherings in the interest of the Temperance cause, and by delivering brief, but most earnest and telling addresses. She was chosen President of the Wilmington City Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and afterwards of the Delaware State "Union," filling the latter position with the greatest acceptability, until the exigencies of the itinerancy removed her from the State.

In the Temperance work she was tireless, planning and traveling and giving addresses, although none knew how or when she made preparation. She was especially interested in the Juvenile department of the Temperance work, because—as she one day said to her husband—"God has called away our own dear little boy, and I want to help and save all the other boys who are left behind."

Sister Martindale's influence over people was sometimes almost marvellous. She never concealed her convictions, but firmly and lovingly uttered them everywhere. Nor was she ever silenced or swayed by social criticisms or condemnations. Hers was not an imperious and beligerent aggressiveness. She was rather a sunshiny reformer, smiling, laughing, loving her way through all indifferances and oppositton. In distinctive church work she was equally efficient. She was a great persuader, and consequently a great soul-winner. During revivals she could often touch and win persons whom other influences failed to impress effectually. When, sometimes, in the crisis of a meeting, she would yield to a request of some brother to "say a word," it usually proved to be the needed word, and helped in some hesitating soul's decision. All over the Peninsula there are many seals to her gentle ministry.

The home life of our beloved sister was joyous, earnest, careful, loyal—always spiritual. Here she mightily attracted the young and made them her friends and allies. By her cheerful presence, no less than by her deft fingers and careful and industrious habits, she knew how to make home tidy, refined and blessed to her household—a holy benediction to her husband. Dr. Wilson, her physician while residing in Dover, bears this testimony: "So thoroughly rounded—so symmetrical was her whole life, that I would scarcely know which to notice first or most among her many virtues." Says Francis E. Willard: "One of the gentlest and noblest women with whom I have ever been associated. She was made for the beauty and brightness of the world; its sunny side is the only one of which I can think, when remembering her steadfast courage and patience in all our years comradeship and sisterly affection. She is, for me, a 'treasure laid up in heaven'."

Very beautiful to those who knew her best, was the christian life of Sister Martindale. Having dwelt in the House of the Lord almost all the days of her life, it was second nature for her to pray, to have faith, to go about saying the right word and suggesting the christian course. Says he who most misses her genial and inspiring presence: "She was a natural leader of souls, and she led mine into higher and holier exercises."

Her sickness extended over a period of nearly three years, and was marked all through by seasons of alarming prostration, succeeded by partial renewals of strength and hope, insomnia being a chief and persistent factor. Yet so wonderful was her courage and endurance, that, in the lulls of the dreary storm, she would accompany her husband to church, and, now and then enter the parlor with much of her old time and wonted charm and sparkle. Six weeks before the fatal morning, the type of attack seemed greatly to change, the principal features of which were suffering in the head, coming on suddenly and lasting sometimes for ten days, with occasional touches of paralysis. Her last day, Sunday, December 1st, was one of the brightest she had seen for many weeks. In God's goodness she was permitted to sit up nearly the entire day, joining cheerfully in the family chat, and, at times, becoming even playful with her daughters. It being the regular day in course for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, on the return of her husband from the service, she inquired; "Papa, was there any of the communion wine left?" Hastening back he brought it to the parsonage, and she reverently and joyously received it in memory of her atoning Lord. It was a holy hour—an unconscious and fitting spiritual enrobement for her admission into the marriage supper of the Lamb.

After the evening service, her husband read to her for an hour, from Miss Willard's new book, meantime pausing now and then to discuss with her some of its sentiments. Her retiring was peaceful, giving no premonitions of the coming change. Becoming restless and awakening about 3 o'clock on Monday morning, December 2nd, she suddenly called her companion by one of the tender names she was accustomed to use. Springing from his couch, the electric light was instantly turned on. It revealed a face out of which the light of consciousness was gone. The heavy breathing gradually grew quieter and fainter, and one hour later, the devoted wife and mother was gone; the weary one was at rest.

"Loved ones mourned a mortal dead;  
Angels sang a spirit born."

Throughout her latest attack, Sister Martindale constantly talked of Jesus; quoted passage after passage from the Psalms and from the Hymnal, expressive of her humble and enduring trust in Christ; and often, at the termination of one of her terrible paroxysms, she would whisper, "My Jesus, still the same!" One day she recalled and counted up her friends and relatives who had preceded her to the heavenly world, naming them and saying: "I shall be quite at home there." Sitting amid the lights and shadows of such tender and blessed memories, no wonder our beloved and stricken brother writes: "O what a transcendent life! I look back on it now, and know that an angel walked with me more than twenty-two years."

The Third Quarterly Conference of Asbury Church of Salisbury, Md., places upon the record this testimony; "This Quarterly Confer-

ence can give but feeble expression to the sense of personal bereavement which our church feels at the loss of so noble a character, and so estimable and useful a personage from its fold. While we have been deprived by her long and grievous affliction, of a more active service in the cause of soul-winning for the Master, we have much compensation in the example of a life full of diligent work for his cause, in which not one of her many talents was kept unused; and we have the inspiration of the sweet and holy influence of a life well spent, of a patient resignation under long and indescribable sufferings, and a career closed up by falling asleep in Jesus."

Brief funeral services were held in the church at Salisbury, all the clergy of the town taking part. Thence the precious casket of our ascended sister was conveyed to Middletown, Del., where, after further appropriate services and many loving testimonials on the part of brethren beloved, it was laid down to its rest, as was her wish, beside the grave of her little boy.

Sister, beloved; not lost, but gone before,"

Thy race is run,

Thy battle fought, thy struggle now is o'er;

Thy crown is won.

All robed in white before thy Master's throne,

Thou hear'st His welcome, loving words, "well done!"

Not like to those who have no hope we weep;

Thou didst not die;

In the blest morn shall thou awake from sleep

And mount the sky.

Where night gives place to day—where tears are dry,

We'll greet thee in the coming by and by.

### LIDA A. JONES.

Lida A. Leager, wife of Rev. R. C. Jones, died in her parsonage home, Odessa, Delaware June 6th, 1889. She was born near Hillsboro, Md., July 25th, 1842, and was married to him who mourns her loss, November 5th, 1863. For more than twenty-five years, she has been a faithful and devoted wife; sharing with her husband the lights and shadows of his entire itinerant ministry.

The claims of home and family duties were fully recognized and were met with a courageous spirit that never faltered, in the face of obstacles before which, many would have quailed.

In her own family her thoughts centered; and to make it the point, about which the household would gather, was her highest earthly ambition. While others were led out on more public lines of work, she felt that her duty and pleasure, lay along the more private walks of her own home; and here, unmolested by conflicting opinions as to means and methods, she did her best work, a work planned and wrought out by a heart, that made the teachings of God's word the rule and standard of right living.

Before she became enfeebled by disease, her industry was a marked feature of her character. She contributed her share to the busy move of things about her. Her life was not a listless, inactive one; but a diligent hand, linked to a tender, sympathetic heart, prepared her to meet duty in an uncomplaining spirit; so that the work of her hand, was a pleasure and delight, which she performed with a fidelity and conscientiousness, scarcely in any one whose heart has not been renewed by grace. With genuine hospitality, she welcomed to her home, the friends of herself and family, with a sincere cordiality that brought to all who crossed her threshold a feeling kindred to that which is felt in



the presence of one's own family. She made friends and kept them, by the goodness of her heart.

Fifteen years ago, at a camp meeting at Wise's Point, Va., there came to her, in a fuller and more complete consecration of herself to God, a special baptism of the Holy Spirit, which in the most convincing and satisfactory manner, for the remainder of life, settled the question of her acceptance with the Divine Father.

For seven long years she had been an invalid. Though never strong physically, yet these later years have been a weary struggle with disease, that slowly, but surely did its work.

No tongue will ever tell the burden of her mother-heart, as she contemplated her departure. With husband and children about her in the last hours, she gave to each one her solemn counsels; and then commended them to God; then asking her husband to repeat her favorite Psalm, as he uttered the words, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadows of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me," she broke forth in exultant praises to Jesus, the dear, dear Saviour; and then quietly fell asleep.

### NICOLINA STUART STEPHENSON.

Nicolina Stuart Stephenson, wife of Rev. R. K. Stephenson, and daughter of Rev. P. A. Leatherbury, of Onancock, Virginia, fell asleep in Jesus on the afternoon of February 11th, 1890.

For three years she had suffered with bronchial consumption, drifting daily toward the land of light upon which she entered in triumph on the above date.

Her's was a refined and gentle nature of the most delicate sensibilities and a grace of demeanor and beauty of character that won all hearts. Her natural excellencies were strengthened and beautified by education and religion. She was educated in Baltimore, Maryland, where she graduated in 1872, and, although the youngest of a class of 40, she stood second in the class. She was converted when but a child, and devoted her whole life to the cause of the Master. She was a member of our Church in Onancock, Virginia, and beside working in the Sunday-school there, she assisted Miss Bettie S. Tyler in the Sunday School at Ayres Chapel, and when Miss Tyler became the wife of Rev. B. C. Connor of the Central Pennsylvania Conference, she took charge of the school at that place, remaining in this position until the erection of Leatherbury's Chapel by her father, when she became his efficient helper in that new work, and as an organist, teacher and vocalist, greatly aided the cause of Christ in that hitherto neglected neighborhood. She was a sweet and very devotional singer until her voice failed her, and many hearts have been cheered and comforted by the music of her soul and voice.

In June, 1880, she was united in marriage with Rev. R. K. Stephenson, and for almost ten years had been the light and joy of his heart and home.

She was a woman of superior judgment, and well fitted to administer the wisest counsel in cases of difficulty, both in home and church affairs, and was a most valued helpmate to her noble husband.

Her death was a fit ending of such a beautiful life.

Her husband sat near, her and they spoke of their re-union soon to take place on the other side—of the meeting with her mother and sister, and a very dear friend who had recently passed to the Spirit land. In concert they repeated the 4th verse of the 23d Psalm: "Though I walk through the valley," —

Then she added :

" Although unworthy He will take me home."

" Jesus is with me." She then exclaimed : " It is growing dark,"

The blinds were run up, and then looking upward, she seemed to recognize some visitants from the heavenly world. She raised both hands, waved them as if in welcome to loved ones, smiled sweetly and was gone.

" How mildly on the wandering cloud  
The sunset beam is cast ;  
'Tis like the memory left behind  
When loved ones breathe their last.  
But soon the morning's happier light,  
Its glory shall restore,  
And eyelids that are sealed in death  
Shall wake to close no more."

## Wilmington District Report.

One hundred and twenty years ago Methodism had but a name in the present bounds of Wilmington District. One hundred years ago it had but few local habitations, and occupied the eighth place among existing denominations. Now we have forty charges, sixty-eight preaching places and seventy Sunday-schools, which give Methodism the first place. Two camps have been held, Brandywine Summit, Dr. C. A. Grise in charge, and Woodlawn, Rev. E. H. Hynson in charge. Local Preachers without compensation, have greatly assisted us in carrying forward the work. Their convention held at Asbury, Nov. 16th and 17th was largely attended. Five of our Local Preachers, young men of promise, are in Dickinson College preparing for the itinerancy.

Ladies' Aid and Mite Societies contribute greatly to the comfort of the pastors and their families. Our pastor's wives, besides strengthening the hands of their husbands, have been among the most efficient in every good work. Temperance has received our earnest attention. We have pleaded for better enforcement of Local Option in Cecil Co., and have met license applicants in New Castle Co., with remonstrances, opposing them publicly in the courts, with such persistent efforts that the license sessions have created more interest and called out a larger attendance than even the sessions in which men have been on trial for their lives.

Through the pastors and local preachers the inmates of the Delaware State Hospital for the Insane have had preaching every Sunday afternoon. Those of the Alms House are visited and spoken to every Thursday.

Dr. Swindells, has secured contributions for the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia, from a number of our city churches.

November 23d, Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor Gause, sent the following to the Trustees of the Homeopathic Hospital, Wilmington, Delaware.

"Gentlemen: We take pleasure in saying to the Board that we have accomplished our desire in building the new brick pavillion, with surgical and medical wards, for both men and women, and now present the same to you fully finished and furnished, with wards occupied to-day with patients.

The Conemaugh cataclysm which brought forth the most colossal charity the world has ever seen also received our aid, besides what was given by individuals in various ways, and churches contributed as follows:

Grace . . . . .	\$228 68.
St. Pauls, . . . . .	213 00.
Asbury . . . . .	50 00.
Madeley . . . . .	7 25.
St. Georges . . . . .	4 00.
Delaware City . . . . .	16 00.
New Castle . . . . .	25 00.

\$543 93.

The land company in possession of Elsmere at the B. & O. Junction, where there are 66 trains a day, 6 minutes from Wilmington, fare five cents, have laid out a town. They prohibit through their deeds the sale of liquors. They invite us to come and offer to aid us. We ought to accept.

Through Mrs. E. B. Stevens and Mrs. Anna Phillips, District Sec'y and their co-laborers the W. F. M. S., has been a great blessing at home, developing the workers, and abroad supplying a great need. Through Mrs. N. M. Browne, Conference president, and her helpers, the W. H. M. S. is rapidly growing and has reached a high degree of usefulness. Their annual meeting in Grace Church addressed by Rev. L. E. Barrett and Dr. Broadbeck of Boston, was a great success. Through Miss Margaret Hilles, Delaware State President, and her fellow workers of the W. C. T. U., many are anxiously looking for a speedy redress of their grievances.

The Epworth League, a new movement, challenges the attention of all our young people. Two conventions have been held in Wilmington District. One October 3d, addressed by Dr. R. R. Dougherty; the other January 9th, addressed by Dr. Jesse L. Hurlbut. There are ten chapters, 630 members. Rev. Vaughan S. Collins is District President and also President of the 6th General Conference District. These four societies exist in quite a number of our churches.

Wheels in the middle of a wheel. When they go, they go upon their four sides, and their rings are full of eyes, round about. The appearance of the wheels and their work is like unto beryl—beautiful, precious. They are not only wheels, chariots, but living creatures also, fires, whirlwinds, cyclones.

Book Concern Day was observed by quite a number of churches, when the interests of our publications and periodicals received especial attention. Childrens Day was generally observed with good results, but Glad Tidings Day and Thanksgiving Day have not received the attention they deserve.

Apportionments on Benevolences were made by a District Committee, and the pastors have done what they could to meet them. Public Quarterly Conferences have met with great favor in many of the churches. It has been our aim to make them a means of grace as well as a medium of business. Notwithstanding considerable sickness and much 'La Grippe' the lives of all our pastors have been spared, also the lives of their wives and children, except one, little Alice Stengle, who died Oct. 9th, 1889. O. S. Walton through suffering, to a large degree has been incapacitated for his work. He will probably ask for a years rest.

Dr. E. L. Hubbard, who by the advice of his physician, sailed for Europe January 26th, 1889, and was absent during our last session, returned, May 4th much improved. He has since done his work, not without suffering, but with great success. The church at New Castle has been reseated, a new pipe organ and stained glass widows put in, at a cost of \$22.00. Concerning Benevolences the pastor writes, "no blanks, no deficiencies, no surplus." Through the revival more than one hundred were brought in. Since Dr. Hubbard's visit to the Pennsylvania Hospital for treatment, he believes himself on the way to permanent recovery.

Five appointments have been filled by supplies, viz.

Swedish Mission, K. R. Hartwig, John Kristenson; Mt. Pleasant and Rowlandsville, by John Douglas, T. G. Eiswald and Geo. R. Donaldson; Silverbrook, by C. K. Morris, \$700 raised on repairs, and a new site selected near the beautiful residence of Joseph Pyle. Silverbrook has raised this year

about \$1600. In this work Joseph Coley, a member of St. Paul's, is entitled to great credit. Port Penn, by Fred. E. McKinsey, the first regular supply for five or six years. He found fifteen members and reported seventy members and probations, and Sunday-school with an enrollment of seventy scholars. Brother McKinsey has done heroic work. Cookman, Rev. A. T. Scott, pastor, has met all obligations and contributed about \$50 on benevolences. At the close of last Conference it was found necessary for the accommodation of the work, to change Brothers Hammersley and Gardner; this placed Brother Gardner at Bethel and Glasgow; \$125 paid on a mortgage at Glasgow and the parsonage property greatly improved at Bethel. To the latter Sewell T. Biggs, Esq., gave substantial aid.

Besides these already mentioned, the following are closing their first year. D. F. McFaul, Elk Neck, apportionments, except Ladies' Hall, all met. \$250 in sight with which to begin repairs on Hart's Church.

W. E. Tomkinson has had a very successful year at Claymont. \$50 paid on improvement; benevolences increased. At the Fourth Quarterly Conference last year I was requested to recommend a division in Newport charge. As yet no charge under the present administration has been divided without such recommendation. This made a new appointment of Marshallton and Stanton. To this work T. C. Smoot was appointed, a parsonage rented and furnished, and salary fixed at \$500. The debt has been paid on Marshallton and the mortgage burned, February 23. Apportionments met, forty-three conversions.

Newport, J. E. Bryan, a debt of \$500 on the enlarged and improved parsonage has been paid. There are also plans being perfected to modernize, renovate and beautify the temple of the Lord in this place. Missionary collection advanced.

Kingswood, R. Irving Watkins, pastor, has been preparing the way for a new church. \$1,000 in cash and subscriptions are reported for the same. The Sunday-school under the direction of Geo. W. Todd, through whose liberality the largest list of subscribers to "Our Youth" on the district has been obtained, is the hope of the church. The growth of the city about this chapel, the building of the Pullman car works, and other improvements, make this a strategic point.

Joseph S. Moore, transferred to us last spring from the New Jersey Conference and stationed at St. Georges and Summit, has abounded in the work of the Lord. Two revivals have crowned his labors. S. N. Pilchard has had a year of great prosperity at Delaware City. The church has been frescoed, a debt paid, benevolences almost doubled.

A. P. Prettyman has had the largest revival that has visited Chester, Bethel, for ten years. There have been 120 conversions, 90 of whom have joined the church. An old debt of \$100 paid, the church painted, \$120 spent on the parsonage. Thus the revival, "passing through the valley of Baca make it a well, the rain also filleth the pool. Now they go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God."

J. D. C. Hanna, Centennial pastor of Asbury, has cremated its mortgage. The 100th anniversary was observed in a week's services, Oct. 13-20, in which a successor of Francis Asbury, Bishop Foss, preached one of the sermons. These services attracted great attention. The proceedings, historical papers and sermons, have been published in a volume of 295 pages, edited by the pastor and called "Centennial Souvenir." A new society has been organized at 11th and French Sts., denominated "The Centennial Methodist Episcopal Church." Thus the out post of the first century becomes the

starting point of the second. The pastor has made 1750 pastoral visits, met every apportionment on benevolences, and also the \$123, on Ladies' Hall. The largest collection ever given for missions by the mother church was reported in 1866, viz, \$1,206.90; this year \$1,240, an increase over last year of \$320, breaking a record which has stood for twenty-four years.

Twelve brethren are closing their second year.

E. H. Hynson at Zion, J. T. Van Burkalow at Mt. Pleasant and Julius Dodd at Hockessin and Ebnezer. These brethren have done hard and faithful work. A lot has been purchased at Hockessin for a parsonage, which we hope to build soon after Conference.

Charles Hill, W. E. Avery, J. P. Otis, Vaughan S. Collins and L. E. Barrett, have met with great prosperity in their work. \$1000 paid on parsonage at Elkton, new heaters and Sunday-school improvements at Riddles' Chapel, paid an old debt on Mt. Salem, \$250 on parsonage at St. Paul's, \$1,400 expended on the parsonage at Scott.

St. Paul's Quarterly Conference appointed a committee to find a suitable place for a Sunday-school near the Park, on West 8th street, where H. L. George has the promise of fifty scholars, ready for organization. Under the leadership of N. M. Browne, Newark church makes surprising advances. The Sunday-school improvements costing \$1,525, gave them the best Sunday-school room in this classic town, with a membership of 75. \$2,700 have been raised for church purposes. While all have done what they could Prof. H. S. Goldey, Principal of the Commercial College, Wilmington, Del., deserves especial mention. Wesley on this charge has been damaged by fire, but will soon be improved at a cost of about \$1000.

A parsonage has been rented for T. N. Given at Rockland, the old stone church remodeled and refurnished at a cost of \$1,535. Apportionments met. Mt. Lebanon and Union with less than one hundred members have raised for all purposes this year \$2,000.

Besides Dr. Hubbard, who has already been mentioned, there are eight brethren who are closing their third year. B. F. Price, Christiana, \$170 paid on parsonage debt and \$400 expended on a sexton's house.

At Chesapeake City, a beautiful church, one story, has been built of Port Deposit granite, after one of our church extension plans, at a cost of \$9000. \$6000, have been provided for by the tireless efforts of Rev. E. H. Nelson, his wife and colaborers. An attempt was made to dedicate March 23rd but arrangements could not be perfected.

At North East Rev. J. B. Quigg has carried forward the usual lines of work. Collected \$50 for the Ladies' Hall, and has made 900 pastoral visits, the largest number reported outside of Wilmington.

Rev. T. B. Hunter, rejoices in great success on Charlestown circuit. All the churches have been improved under his pastorate, the parsonage rebuilt, and he leaves a revival of great interest and power at Principio to attend conference.

Dr. C. A. Grice, at Brandywine, besides looking after a new work in East Lake Parke, putting stained glass memorial windows in the audience room, has added a chapel for Sunday-school purposes, fronting on 22nd St. at a cost of \$5200. Since February 13th when this chapel was opened there have not been less than 400 scholars, the highest number 500. While members of the church, and friends as well, have done what they could, James T. Mullin, a member of Grace church, and a teacher in Brandywine Sunday-school, deserves great credit for his generous help in this enterprise which he pushed to completion.

\$1639, have been expended on Union, \$1695 on Cherry Hill, all of which has been paid except about \$250. To perform the work and make 725 pastoral visits, Rev. T. A. H. O'Brien has ridden in his carriage 5,233 miles. No wonder he reports church improvements and sixty conversions, for faith with works will open springs in deserts, bring honey out of rocks, and make even the wilderness and the solitary place blossom as the rose.

Rev. H. W. Ewing is closing a very successful year at Madely. During the three years of his pastorate, the income has increased seven fold. The missionary collection from \$30, to \$180. The membership from 80 to 267. In a recent revival, 90 professed conversion. The Sunday-school Superintended by John S. Mullin, Jr. of Grace, is in a flourishing condition with an average attendance of 265. A parsonage has been rented and furnished. The outlook was never brighter.

W. G. Koons, reports 180 conversions at Wesley, the largest number on the District. They now have more members and probationers than sittings. Enlargement is a necessity. Less than three years ago the Board of Church Extension gave this society of thirty members worshipping in engine loft \$400. Now they have a property worth about \$6000. If the Board of Church Extension would meet the greatest need and secure the largest returns, let them look to the cities.

In Wilmington, Methodism has only one church building to every 5,324 inhabitants. We believe this peninsula can make a much better showing. There are in Wilmington 444 dwellings built annually, furnishing accommodations for 2220 persons, as an annual increase. If a town should spring up of this size in twelve months any where on this peninsula, we would leap to furnish it with the gospel and church accommodations, but as the increase is in Wilmington, little is thought of it. With the increase come Irish, Germans, Italians, Africans and Chinese, idolaters at our doors. Of the 70,000 population of Wilmington, 23,000 are said to have no church or Sunday-school affiliations whatsoever. If they desired to attend church they could not be accommodated with the present sittings. These 23,000 are available to Methodism. How shall they be reached? Delegates have been elected by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the city to consider this important question. Some of us believe a city circuit ought to be formed, and salary equal to that paid by our largest city churches guaranteed. One of the best men in the Conference appointed, to organize classes, and Sunday-schools, and appoint preaching places in store-rooms, lofts, shops and dwellings, in a word go back to old time Methodism with a new time support. For Wilmington, in common with other cities, "has many parts sooty black, some parts are washed grey, only a few places white."

Four brethren are closing their four year, viz., Isaac Jewell, Rising Sun, who has developed from one church, four years ago on a large circuit into a desirable station. He has a nice new parsonage free of debt, \$465, expended in church property and what is unusual, has had a revival each year. The Rising Sun, "shineth more and more."

Rev. Adam Stengle is closing his seventh year in ten at Union. He was never more popular among his people than at present. The Stewards for the first time report a surplus. Early in the year fifty two brethren were appointed a committee on benevolences. Every apportionment has been, met the missionary collection the largest ever reported except 1886.

Rev. D. H. Corkran, at Epworth under the inspiration of a great reviv-

val in which 400 were converted a year ago, began early this conference year to remodel, reseat and beautify their church building, which has been completed at a cost of \$3400. In June Mrs. Anna G. Perkins gave to the church a house No. 419 East 3rd, for a parsonage valued at \$2300, to pay a small rent during her life time. The church is self supporting and has property valued at \$12,000. During the last four years about 200 dwellings have been built in the locality of Epworth.

This is a revival church, composed largely of young people. They stop for nothing. When it was a necessity to shut them out to repair the church they pitched a tent and shouted the harvest home. There have been 70 conversions, some of whom a year ago confessed to Priests, but now recognize Christ as the only mediator between God and man.

Grace Church under the pastorate of Dr. Jacob W. A. has been blessed with a gracious revival also. January 26th to February 3rd her quarter-centennial services were ushered in by the payment of a debt of \$6,500 "Grace is free." Bishop Foss preached the opening sermon. The proceedings, sermons and historical papers are in the hands of the publisher and will soon be issued in a neat volume.

There are 464 Presiding Elders' Districts in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Wilmington is No. 12, in amount contributed to missions, giving last year \$1.06 per member, or \$9120. Advance this year, nearly \$500.

The Christian Advocate has greatly aided us in this work, for which we have 350 subscribers.

Salaries increased about \$1700, \$10,000 paid on debts, \$25,000 on building and improving, 18000 pastoral visits.

Carlyle once said, "The latest gospel to this world is know thy work and do it; find what thou canst work at, and work at it like a Hercules." This latest gospel the pastors of Wilmington District have obeyed, having ever before them as their chief work the salvation of souls. All we do is but secondary to this. If souls are not saved our work is a failure; but our labors have not been in vain in the Lord. Fourteen hundred have professed faith in Christ. Many have been sanctified through the truth. Now, "Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us Kings and priests unto God and his Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever." Amen.

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

#### EASTON DISTRICT.

Easton District extends from Middletown on the north to Oxford on the south and from the Delaware Bay on the east to the Chesapeake Bay on the west. On this territory we have eighty churches, six thousand one hundred and fifty-six members, and seven thousand six hundred and ten Sabbath school scholars. These eighty churches are organized into thirty-six pastoral charges, with thirty-one pastors, and five serving as supplies.

Those supplied are Crumpton, Wye and Halls, Union and Salem, and Tunis' Mills. Rev. J. B. Merritt, a supernumerary member of the Conference, has for three years supplied the work at Crumpton. He has filled the pulpit with marked ability, and in addition to attending to the ordinary work of a pastor, he has purchased a parsonage, which, through his personal efforts, has been improved and paid for. Wye and Halls has been under the care of Rev. J. D. Lecates, a local preacher, who has done a good work for that

new charge. and the people earnestly desire his return for another year. Brother Lecates comes recommended for admission into the Conference on trial.

Massey's Circuit was placed in the hands of Brother D. Gollic, a local preacher, who filled the appointment for six months and then resigned. His place was supplied by the appointment of Eben Welch, another local preacher, who has so faithfully attended to his work, that the Circuit requests his re-appointment.

Union and Salem were formed into a separate charge at the last session of the Conference, and placed under the care of H. Clay Turner, a young and promising local preacher, who has had marked success. The membership has more than doubled under his administration. We would gladly have him continue in the work, but he desires to return to college and complete his college course.

Tunis' Mills, a little outcast, because so situated as not to be convenient to any charge with which it could be connected to any advantage, has been under the pastoral oversight of Rev. A. Jones, a Local Preacher, who has taken excellent care of all the interests of the church.

During the course of the year, some changes were rendered necessary by reason of the transfer by Bishop Foster, of W. S. Robinson, D. D., from the church at Smyrna, to Watertown, South Dakota. His place was supplied by the removal of W. W. W. Wilson, from Easton to Smyrna, and the appointment of Herman Roe, a very acceptable Local Preacher, to fill the vacancy at Easton until Conference.

The preachers of the District have enjoyed fair health during the Conference year barring La Grippe, which has exacted its tribute of quite a number, including the Presiding Elder. I have said that the preachers have enjoyed fair health—but not so with all their families.

Two of our members, Bros. R. C. Jones, and R. K. Stephenson, have been called upon to mourn the loss of their beloved companions by death. It is, however, a great consolation and joy to know that both of these beloved sisters died in great peace and triumph. Suitable memoirs will be presented at a proper time.

Without seeking to establish a precedent in reporting the death of laymen, yet I cannot refrain from saying that our church at Centreville, and throughout the entire Conference, has suffered a great loss in the sudden death of Bro. Walter F. Harman. Bro. Harman, was one of our leading laymen, known specially as a champion of prohibition, and a great worker in the Sabbath-school cause. He will be greatly missed at Centreville—but our loss is his eternal gain.

The year now closing has been one of great financial depression throughout our District, and yet the record of the year will show that considerable church improvement has gone forward.

Soon after the last session of Conference the new church erected at Henderson, Ingleside Circuit, was completed and dedicated, and through the earnest efforts of Brother Albert Chandler, the cost of the building was provided for.

In the early part of the year a new church building was started at Cecilton, to replace the one destroyed by a cyclone of the year before. The building, which is brick, is nearly completed, will cost \$5,500, and will be dedicated in the near future. Brother E. C. Atkins, the pastor, and his people

deserve great praise for the success which they have achieved under the most unfavorable circumstances.

At Queenstown, there stood an old dilapidated church building which was no credit whatsoever to our Methodism. That old church stands no longer and has been replaced by a new building of modern style, and which was dedicated March 2nd, by Rev. Dr. Upham, of Drew Theological Seminary. Brother Alderson is worthy of a vote of thanks for the good work done in this Circuit during the two years of his pastorate, in repairing and enlarging the church at Winchester, and building this new one at Queenstown. In the meantime he has raised his apportionments for benevolent collections, including Ladies' Hall assessment, and passed a creditable examination each year on his Conference studies.

Brother R. W. Todd, pastor of the church at Chestertown, has during the year, organized a society and built a neat little chapel, at a place called Morgan's Creek, five miles north-east from Chestertown. The chapel is nearly completed, and will be of great advantage to the community which is quite remote from any church.

During the month of September, 1889, Walton's Chapel, on Pomona Circuit, was destroyed by fire. In the early part of the winter Brother W. R. Mowbray, pastor of the charge, proceeded, with the assistance of his people, to remove what was known as Hynson's Chapel, located near Lankford, to the site of Walton's Chapel. Hynson's Chapel had not been occupied for several years the congregation having gone elsewhere to worship. Under the personal management of Brother Mowbray the building was torn down and forty-five thousand bricks removed nine miles at an expense of less than ten dollars, and soon the burned church at Waltons will be replaced by a modern brick building.

Our church at Greensboro, S. J. Morris, pastor, has been repaired and beautified, and the cost of the same has been provided for through the energetic efforts of the ladies of the church.

Oxford church, E. P. Roberts, pastor, has been improved to the extent of \$300, all of which has been paid.

Bond Chapel, on Pomona Circuit, has been repaired at a cost of \$600, which has been met through the liberality of the members and congregation.

Extensive repairs are also going forward in our church in Smyrna. A new brick building has been added giving room for a new two thousand dollar organ, and an additional room for Sabbath school purposes. These repairs will cost about \$6,000 nearly all of which is covered by good subscriptions. In addition to this, the pastor Wells W. W. Wilson, has secured the gift of what was known as the "Jerman Mission Chapel," and had the same removed to an outlying suburb called "Spuance City," where a Sabbath school will be immediately organized.

Repairs have also been made on the following churches: Bethel, on Smyrna Circuit; Kenton, on Kenton Circuit; Wye, on Wye and Hall's Circuit; Golt's, on Massey's Circuit.

The debt standing against our church at Bay Side has been entirely paid.

The debt at Trappe has also been reduced.

The debts standing against our church at Stephenville, Kent Island, are reported as paid.

Over \$400 of the debt standing against the church and chapel at Galena, has been liquidated through the untiring energy of Rev. I. G. Frosnocht, pastor.

During the year one new parsonage has been built, and that at Kenton. The building is nearly ready for occupancy. It will cost when finished about \$1750.

The parsonages at Appoquinimink, Smyrna Station, Smyrna Circuit, Rock Hall, Marydel, Sudlersville, Odessa, Wye and Halls, Church Hill and Trappe have been improved.

REVIVALS.—The present Conference year has not been quite as fruitful of revivals as last year, and yet God's ministers have not been left without seals to their ministry. Rev. R. K. Stephenson, of Smyrna Circuit leads the District, and reports 234 probationers. He is followed by Rev. W. W. Wilson, of Smyrna Station, who reports 160 probationers. Marydel reports 106, Ingleside 75, Wye and Halls 47, Cecilton 40, Odessa 44, Union and Salem 70, Royal Oak 36, Rock Hall 32, Kenton 32, Bay Side 30, St. Michaels 30, Townsend 42, and others a smaller number, making in all 1400.

I have sought to ascertain from the preachers the number of probationers received into full membership from the revivals of last year, and their report shows a considerable falling off from the number received on probation. How to prevent this loss of probationers, is a subject well worthy of the attention of the church. The organization of Epworth Leagues, Christian Endeavor, and other societies, for the purpose of helping our Young converts, is worthy of commendation. But I would direct special attention to the plan adopted by two or three pastors, that of placing in the hands of every probationer what is known as the "Probationers Hand-book", and having them to study that work carefully, in order that they might be able to comprehend the duties of their relation, and become intelligent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In failing to indoctrinate our converts we fail to fortify them against the assaults of the wicked one, and against the proselyting going on within the bounds of our territory.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Our Sabbath-schools, numbering in officers, teachers, and scholars 8,768, are doing a great work for the present and future prosperity of the church. At some points on the District the Sabbath-school work has made great advancement during the past Conference year, but in some other places, especially in some of the country appointments, there is still a sad want of a proper appreciation of the value and importance of this excellent auxiliary to the church of Christ. When we remember that a large per cent of the money for the missionary cause comes through this channel, and that a large number of our converts are from the same source, we cannot fail to understand that a church which builds up in this direction, is building grandly for the future welfare of the church and the world.

#### COLLECTIONS.

I have left these to be last reported, not because they are least in point of importance—nor least in the thoughts and hearts of the preachers. For it is only known to God, and the minds of these loyal preachers how heavily this burden has rested upon their hearts during this year of so much financial depression.

Our District has been slowly but constantly advancing in its contributions to the church benevolences, and a noble ambition not to lower the

standard already attained, has led to great efforts and great sacrifices on the part of the brethren.

Our mark for the missionary collection of the present year has been five thousand dollars, with the other collections advanced in like proportion. We fear, however, that we have failed to reach the mark. If we have failed, then I only have to say, that the preachers of Easton District are as worthy of praise, as though the ideal had been attained, for they have done nobly, in view of the great financial depression which has been upon us.

The following brethren are worthy of special mention, because they have exceeded their apportionment; viz: R. K. Stephenson, G. W. Townsend, W. W. W. Wilson, T. H. Haynes, N. McQuay, R. W. Todd and C. A. Hill.

A number of others have reached their apportionment, or approximated so closely as to be worthy of commendation; E. C. Atkins, S. J. Morris, H. C. Turner, E. P. Roberts, W. W. Sharp, R. H. Adams, J. D. Rigg, and F. J. Cochran. But there are quite a number of preachers on my District, who, whilst they have failed to reach their apportionment, have *done the very best they could*—and have only failed because of difficulties which they could not overcome.

And now permit me to say in closing this report, that the history of another Conference year has been briefly and imperfectly told. We could have desired greater success on all lines of church work; but we magnify the name of the Lord, who has not forgotten his heritage—and rejoice in the privilege of being associated with ministers and laymen, whose hearts are the Lord's, and whose lives are consecrated to the spread of the everlasting Gospel, and the building of the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ in the earth.

JOHN FRANCE, P. E.

#### DOVER DISTRICT.

Philip Doddridge has sung into immortal lyric.

"Tis not a cause of small import,  
The pastor's care demands."

And never was the sentiment truer than now, when "the near and future blend in one," and "to be living is sublime." When the purpose of life is a consummation of the divine ideal in human character and the triumph of Jesus in the world, which is the ulterior motive in the multifarious duties of the pastorate, and implied in every result achieved.

From their fields of sowing and weeping and reaping, my brethren return after a year of toil. Who shall forbid a little space in which to tell of their efforts before the story is lost in the onward sweep of another annual tide of duty.

Let those who have earned no place in our history, or in any other, clamor for economy in recital, and quote "Why was not this (time) ointment sold for three hundred pence and given to the poor," (of other purposes.) "The poor" interests to be served, we have always with us, but these successful cultivators of "Emanuel's land" we have not always. When the plow shall stand in the furrow and the hand which held it fails of life, who can tell? Better less of obituary and more of commendatory appreciation while working at duty's "task in unison with God's great thought."

By the mercy of our Heavenly Father every brother sent forth by our last Superintendent returns to greet our present Bishop.

Yet Brother Carroll has sustained the irreparable loss of his life companion, who walked by his side through 37 years. Gentle in life, pure in spirit, chastened by years of suffering, the weary wheels of life stood still April 30, 1889. Now—

"Of all her heart's desire,  
Triumphantly possessed,  
Lodged by the ministerial choir  
In the Redeemer's breast"

A pall has also fallen upon the home of Brother and Sister Swain on Hoopers' Island, in the transfer of little Alice, aged seven. A sweet life briefly and beautifully lived. She said when yielding up her breath the sweet things about Jesus and Heaven to be treasured in the casket of memory forever. Our Master hath spoken, "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Faith cries out, 'it is the Lord,  
Let Him do as seems Him good!'"  
Be Thy holy name adored,  
Take the gift awhile bestowed;  
Take the child no longer mine.  
Thine she is, forever Thine."

Success, always costly, has been at an unusually high premium this year. The excessive rainfall of spring and summer ruined agriculture, and one-third of our farmers are now buying provender, and many more will be reduced to the same necessity before the harvesting of another crop. This, with other causes, has produced a financial stringency unparalleled on this territory. While the destruction of fruit in the bud by the cruel March storm has removed even the sweetness of hope from the cup of fiscal perplexity. But the lineaments of true manhood and sincere devotion, as in the photographer's process, are not developed in sunshine, but in darkness. With the clouds upon them, both preachers and people seem possessed of a determination to let the Master's business suffer the least possible. And to their fidelity and self denial is due the favorable exhibit of the present.

Many, along the various lines of Christian activity have paid the price of success, and victory crowns their year of labor.

In showing the results from the charges, I shall follow the divisions by counties, their relative strength, and output for the Savior. Inaccurate it must be, because of the overlaying charges and membership across these artificial boundaries. Yet Sussex only is materially disadvantaged, and that because Milford, with the church building in Kent, draws half her strength from the south side of the river. If the comparison shall sufficiently commend itself to "provoke unto love and good works," the purpose of it will be accomplished.

Another feature which once understood, will save much repetition is that the amount raised per each member and probationer per day, first for benevolence including Conference claimants, secondly for ministerial support including the fiction of rental value for parsonages, and finally for all church expenses of every kind the amount per capita per day will be shown. Then we can determine whether the work of our Master, rightly managed, would prove a burden intolerable to be borne, even in a time of impoverishment.

This diurnal per capita average, however, cannot absolutely represent what it attempts; because we have thousands of adherents not churching, who contribute to almost every purpose for which aid is invoked. But their non-membership leaves them out of the possibility of tabulation, and hence their offerings go to the credit of those within.

Every member of the church has paused upon its threshold to solemnly engage before God and the congregation, to "contribute of his earthly substance according to his ability to the support of the gospel and the various benevolent enterprises of the church." An observance of either the letter or the spirit of this engagement would bring tithes into our Father's store-house, and there would be meat in abundance for all the almoners of His bounty.

The weighing of aggregates blinds the eyes of even the wise. A consideration of units in doing, should arouse an individual sense of responsibility. In the best of times we need an awakening of personal conscience to the query of "Lord is it I," to prevent indifference to mercy's interests. How much more then when an inscrutable Providence has permitted ungenerous nature to withhold the blessings of plenty.

DORCHESTER COUNTY, MD.

Is first in the list for consideration, beginning in the order of charges having pastors for the longest period.

AT CAMBRIDGE.

Four years ago Alfred Smith found a people discouraged by a debt of more than \$5,000 on their beautiful church. This yielded to the indefatigable efforts of the pastor, and was paid a year ago. This year the benevolent collections have been advanced 121 per cent., making per capita each day, .004. Pastoral support was put forward to \$1,200, at an expense of .01, per day, while for all requirements it is .018.

Without assuming undisciplinary prerogatives, the membership has been pruned year after year to actuality; yet shows a gain of 28 per cent.; forty-one are now on probation.

Cambridge also leads the District in the number of Advocates taken which is thirty-five. Nine hundred visits have been made.

I cannot pass from this work without alluding to the groundless fears of friends, and the delusive hopes of the enemies of righteousness, who with wishes father to the thought, prophesied that this man's aggressive leadership of moral reform, would blast his own future and destroy his church. Now, after four years of great prosperity, a revival in every one of them, the financial crisis met, an unanimous request to return, with the same kind of desire for his services expressed by two other of our best charges, it looks as though the limitation of his future might be borne with equanimity. I single out this case for special reference, not because it is the only one of the kind, but because more malignity has been enlisted to work his injury. I call the attention of young ministers to this fact, that consecrated, stalwart manhood, ballasted with common sense, is at a premium in the Methodist Episcopal Church to-day.

Cambridge Methodism has sustained serious loss in the removal of Sister Matlack by the call of other responsibilities. She is missed everywhere. How wonderfully such Conference claimants as she, popularize that fund wherever they reside. Cambridge is poorer, but Smyrna richer for her transfer.

DORCHESTER CIRCUIT.

In the third year.—Has been the name of the pioneer movement in the recovery of lost ground in this county. Under this banner, as societies were organized, they have been set off into circuits, leaving Dorchester, while the mother of all, to seek strength upon the "indigenous resources" as yet undeveloped. Since the ever to be regretted George F. Hopkins

sailed for India it has been supplied by Baynard Wheatley. There are five churches worth \$2100 with not more than \$100 of debt. Being invited by the people of Gootee's Neck to supply them with service, Brother Wheatley consented, secured a lot and at once inaugurated a church enterprise. The building is nearly completed and seventy persons have been converted. There have been seventy-one accessions, ninety-one families are being reached and three hundred and sixty-four persons attending church now who seldom went before. The membership numbers ninety-eight, \$35 has been raised for the collections, making .001 each day, \$170 for self support, or .005 per day making a total of \$925 including \$700 for church property which is .026 for each twenty four hours.

The pastor has preached one hundred and twenty-one times, made four hundred and thirty-one visits, besides laboring often with his own hands upon his church enterprises.

Kindly gifts have come to some of these toilers from Rev. E. L. Hoffecker of the New York Conference. Greatly appreciated have been the offerings and spirit of the donor. This is the charge where the larger part of the missionary money has been bestowed and for the reasons given above.

#### HOOPER'S ISLAND.

A new star in the galaxy of our appointments, having no existence until three years ago. Here for two and a half years Charles P. Swain has labored to increase its magnitude, until one-hundred and five members, seventeen probationers, and two-hundred and three Sunday-school scholars are enrolled.

A parsonage worth \$700, and four new churches have been built valued at \$4,100 an increase of \$2300 this year, with but \$833 debt upon the whole; one of them about complete will be dedicated immediately after Conference, it is a beautiful structure with two rooms and a spire of 70 feet.

Besides this the island has raised for benevolent purposes \$110 which is .0025 a day. For ministerial support \$518 or .012 daily, for all but property purposes .015 and including property .052. More than one-hundred families are here being reached with the gospel as we preach it, and they have never received but \$50 missionary money, which they this year pay back to that cause, and they have been aided by Church Extension in donations \$450, and a loan of \$200.

Independent, self-respecting people that they are, they will become to Dover District what Smith's or Tangier Islands are to Salisbury, and that is commendation enough for any people. Barren Island a part of this charge, is already well up to the standard.

I call the attention of the Conference and of the church to this recovered ground, and tell me if anywhere south of Mason's and Dixon's line since the war, has the church received so adequate a return for her outlay.

Hooper's Island, I salute you; with others falling behind, who dwell in their ceiled houses, in the midst of church building, you support your own pastor, keep the revival fires blazing, and advance 36 per cent. upon its benevolences; visits 800.

#### TAYLOR'S ISLAND CIRCUIT.

The second charge of the new work to be organized in 1887. George W. Bounds was then, and is now its pastor. All the development has grown under his management. There are 4 churches worth \$3500: Raised \$1000 for building and improvement of property, and paid \$400 upon debts, leav-

ing a present indebtedness of \$900. We have 125 full members and 20 probationers from 70 conversions, 4 Sunday Schools with 185 scholars. \$80 is in hand on the collections, a daily offering of .001, \$330 for self support, which is .006 per day, and for all purposes \$1900, or .036 daily given. The pastor has traveled 5,480 miles, preached 130 times, and made on this large circuit 1037 visits, which is the highest number in the district.

This work supplies 125 families with church homes, yet has cost the Missionary Society but \$125, from its inception, and but \$300 from Church Extension.

Already the carpenters are building another church at Lakeville, whither we go by invitation of the people. Not all will welcome us, but with love for all, and controversy, and bitterness towards none, we go for His sake, and expect and pray that He will answer by the fire of revival blessing, and many learn the power of salvation.

#### VIENNA.

Second Year Pstorates.—James M. Mitchell closes his second year with 8 Advocates, 28 probationers from 40 converts, and 351 visits. Benevolences .003, support at .009, and for all outlay .012. Under present limitations, this has not been an easy field to cultivate.

#### BECKWITH.

Wm. M. Green has succeeded in securing, through the generosity of John M. Beckwith and wife, two acres of land most eligibly located, upon which it is hoped a new parsonage will soon be erected.

The other offerings from his work are .003, to the collections .001, upon salary and for all .013. The advocates number 4, and visits 488.

#### AT EAST NEW MARKET.

Levin W. Layfield reports five Advocates, thirty-three probationers, and seven hundred and fifty visits, with an expenditure on property of \$700.

The people here, with a sense of honor not always found, arranged to reimburse Salem for her interest in the parsonage without quibble or discount. After the experience of some churches, separated from the parsonage which they helped to build, it is refreshing to find East New Market, Bridgeville and Denton, more honest than the civil law compels them to be.

The offerings for benevolence are .0017, on support .01, and for all, including property .036.

Here Sister Emma A. Prettyman, widow of one of our most successful toilers, is living her gentle life in patience and hope.

#### ELLIOTT'S ISLAND.

Where John M. Collins labors, the work is improving, and the charge persists in keeping on the roll of honor. For benevolence his people have contributed .004, for ministerial support .029, and for all .033.

There is one Advocate taken, four probationers received, and four hundred visits made. This place is growing in its interest for the work of the Church. We dare to hope it will yet imitate, if it cannot emulate, that gem of the Chesapeake, Holland's Island, in heroic doing and splendid achievement.

#### HURLOCK CIRCUIT.

Supplied by Melvin D. Nutter, A. B., has gathered twenty probationers from twenty-nine conversions. A new church is enclosed at Williamsburg.



The Advocate numbers five, sermons one hundred and sixty, visits two hundred and seventy-five.

Hurlock pays for work beyond the locality .003, support .011, and for all purposes .016.

The work was retarded by a scheme to send him to India, which aborted because he was not a member of Conference. And this was not discovered until weeks had been spent in preparation and in leave taking.

It has come to me, possibly as a temptation, that when men are wanted in the midst of the year for missionary fields, a little consultation with those who are expected to make brick, or see that they are made for these enterprises, as to the condition in which the deprivation will leave the work, and whether an adequate supply is at hand, or to suggest one, possibly a return missionary as available for the vacancy would be in order.

Two experiences of removal, including this one on the District without having so much as heard a "by your leave," or "if your work will not be embarrassed." I conclude that the above surmise may be a temptation, yet I still surmise.

#### CHURCH CREEK.

To which another was appointed, by a later adjustment, came under the pastoral care of James W. Hammersly who went to the charge, which forty years before, sent him forth into the itinerancy. His return to the home of his childhood was characterized by warmest greetings. Tears were upon the wrinkled faces of old friends who called him Jimmy as of old, and welcomed him back to their hearts and homes.

A loving, loyal people have rallied about their own, and paid him a better support than they raised before, which, including all amounts to .022 per day. For the benevolence .004 and for all purposes .034.

There are two probationers, four Advocates and two hundred and seventy-five visits reported. The return of the pastor is earnestly desired.

#### SALEM CIRCUIT.

Composed of the church so named, which has an old and honorable record, McKendree also long established together with Linkwood and Ayries of the new work, were organized into a circuit last spring; and Thomas F. Tabler, transferred from the Cincinnati Conference, became the pastor. We have a full membership of 62, and 10 probationers, who have offered for benevolences .002, for ministerial support .014, and for all purposes per day .022. 1 advocate is taken. The pastor has made 306 visits.

#### GALESTOWN CIRCUIT.

Under the leadership of George L. Hardesty, takes its place an an \$800 appointment, an advance of  $33\frac{1}{3}$  per cent. The probationers number 91. The benevolences are advanced 63 per cent. and cost the people .002 per day, salaries .008 and all expense .011.

There are but two Advocates taken, 700 pastoral visits have been made.

#### CRAPO CIRCUIT.

To which Asbury Burke went weeping with precious seed last spring, he now comes singing:

"The light of smiles shall fill again  
The lids that overflow with tears;  
And weary hours of woe and pain,  
Are promises of happier years."

A welcome awaited him in the hearts of the people, who at once advanced the support to \$800, an advance of  $33\frac{1}{3}$  per cent.

The highest number of conversions on the district are found here 145, though but 104 are now on probation, 6 Sunday Schools are maintained, though with but 4 churches, 5 of these schools are organized into missionary societies and 4 use the Catechism.

The benevolences have been advanced 89 per cent. at a cost to the membership of .002, support .007, and all regular expenses .011, adding something for property, we have a total of .016 to each per day.

The Advocate list has been increased from 1 to 20, our largest increase, and 700 visits made.

The possibilities of this charge have not been realized by the conference. There is the making of a Fairmount in it. The people have the number and the means equal to any rank they choose to maintain. Appreciation and earnest service are bringing them to the front. Nobly have they done under the adequate leadership, and much more of improvement is before them. I hope to see this charge become to Dover what Fairmount is to Salisbury District. There is a deepening of spiritual life, as in a large majority of the appointments upon the district.

This completes the list for this historic county, where Freeborn Garretson, the first Methodist Preacher, was arrested and imprisoned in Cambridge Feb. 27, 1780. Now, after 110 years, with 13 charges, 39 churches worth \$59,200, 8 parsonages, valued at \$11800, making a total property value of \$71,000, 1895 members and 414 probationers, making a total membership of 2309. Raised for benevolent purposes \$2,112, per capita per day .0025. For ministerial support \$8,671 or .01. For all current church purposes \$12,571 or .015. For all, including property, \$17061 or .02 to each per day; to which must be added 87 Advocates and 7405 pastoral visits made by the 13 pastors, an average of 569.

Truly "The Lord is with us and the God of Jacob is our refuge."

#### CAROLINE COUNTY, MD.

With nine charges, is so separated that but 5 of them are on Dover District.

#### DENTON.

Where Isaac N. Foremen is closing his third year; sickness for a period of two months arrested his labors, and not until recently was he able to resume his duties. The benevolences reach .0025 per day, salary .014, and upon all expenses .027. There are reported 3 Advocates, 20 probationers and 500 visits.

#### ON BURRSVILLE CIRCUIT.

James W. Fogle is closing his second year with a collection advance of 18 per cent. making .0015; for support .005, and for all expenses .013. 4 Advocates are taken, 26 probationers received, and 380 visits made.

The old parsonage has been sold and a lot secured, and preparations begun for building immediately.

#### PRESTON CIRCUIT.

With Edward Freeman in his first year, closes with thirty one on trial from thirty-five converts, three Advocates and four hundred visits. The collections are increased forty-two per cent, and now amount to .003 per diem salary .008 and all expenses .018.

In a malignant case of diphtheria, when all the servants fled the home, the pastor's wife with the heart of Florence Nightingale, or better with the spirit of Jesus, entered the house where death seemed inevitable, and nursed

them through to health. A brother wrote me, Brother Freeman would have gone just as readily had need required."

FEDERALSBURG CIRCUIT.

James W. Easley in his first year, has a showing of seventy probationers from seventy-five conversions, twelve Advocates and four hundred and sixty-six visits. The offerings exceed last year by twelve per cent, and reach .0025, support .009, and all outlays .015.

POTTER'S LANDING CIRCUIT.

With Wm. L. P. Bowen in his first year, has completed and paid for a parsonage worth \$1500. Yet, returns upon collections show an advance of 106 per cent, which makes them to each .002, while support reaches .008 and for all current purposes .002. Adding property contributions to this and we have an average of .025 per day to each.

The figures tell their own story for the financial part of the work.

This is the fourth parsonage built by Brother Bowen in his ministry of fourteen years. Not all have such gifts, grace and usefulness. Alas that the eye should dim and the natural force abate of such untiring ministers.

There are nineteen probationers, three hundred and fifty visits, and two Advocates.

Thus much for the part of Caroline Co. lying in Dover District with five charges, seventeen churches and four parsonages, with a total value of church property at \$32,400. Raised for benevolences \$922, which is eighty-five cents per member and probationer or .0023. For ministerial support \$3,438, \$3.21 each, or .009 per day. Raised for building and debts \$1,707, \$1.59 each, or .043 per day. Total \$7,279, \$6.79 to every one, or .0018 per day.

One hundred and sixty probationers have been received, which added to nine hundred and four members, gives a church membership of one thousand and seventy-one. Twenty-four Advocates only are taken and two thousand and ninety-six visits made. An average of four hundred and nineteen to each pastor.

IN KENT CO., DELAWARE.

I begin the account with three years terms, and at the Capitol of the State.

IN DOVER.

Thomas E. Terry has the second place in the number of Advocates circulated, which is thirty-four, the highest being thirty-five. He has also received thirty-four on trial, made seven hundred and sixteen visits, advanced the benevolent offerings 5 per cent. The daily per capita is .0055, for salaries .008, in a total of .018.

Dover is growing into an especial interest for Conference claimants, and one reason I think is found in the worthy lives of two who reside here, Rev. Wm. F. Talbot and Laura Weston. Their presence, and efforts to help themselves, is no embarrassment, but an aid to the cause.

AT MILFORD.

Dr. John H. Willey has found twenty-five subscribers for the Advocate, received eighty-three probationers, and made seven hundred visits. A needed improvement upon the church building has been made at an outlay of \$2,000, \$1,000 of which is paid. The average diurnal sacrifices to each is, for collections .006, on support .01, to all .036. The actual membership has been increased 36 per cent., and the benevolent advance is 143 per cent.

Sister Mollie Johnson, the widow of an ascended Brother, resides here with her fatherless children. They are ours, a precious legacy from a faithful and useful minister.

PASTORATES OF TWO YEARS. FREDERICA.—Is filled by Dr. John H. Caldwell, one of our honored fathers. His health requiring it, his people granted him a vacation of two months, and supplied his pulpit during his absence without expense to him. Five Advocates are taken, four probationers received, 102 sermons preached, 388 visits made. The people have contributed .0037 for benevolence .013 for the ministry at home and for all purposes .0205. In the church here I seldom miss the gentle presence of sister Milby, related to this Conference by tender ties, and worthy of our kindest consideration. Let us honor the veterans and those whom they have left to follow weeping after them to the Heavenly Portals.

FELTON CIRCUIT.

Edwin C. Macnichol sends report of thirty-five conversions, twenty eight probationers, eight Advocates and 625 pastoral calls, for collections .004, support .014, and for all claims .02, with all the work well done.

FARMINGTON.

George W. Wilcox is here closing his second year. Two churches have been improved at a cost of \$385 and all paid. The contributions benevolent amount to .0014. For themselves upon pastoral service, .008 and for all .014. Four Advocates, fifty on probation and four hundred calls are reported.

Another veteran of the Holy War of this Conference against sin, has run into this haven for a harbor. John W. Poole retired through infirmity from the regular work, yet honors his ministry by sweetly growing old; and with a helping hand for everybody. A steward in the church, he is untiring in his industry to make his pastor comfortable, while laboring with his hands each day to meet his own support. I would that the Church from her abundance, would pension such veterans.

CAMDEN CIRCUIT.

With Philip H. Rawlins shows forty accessions from fifty conversions. Benevolent offerings 7 per cent in advance, which cost the membership a sacrifice of .003 each day .009 for support for everything .018. I have a further report of fourteen Advocates, one hundred and ninety sermons and four hundred and fifty visits.

Connected with this circuit is Rising Sun, where a society worships in a hall, and have at their own request been supplied by Clarence T. Wilson. It has paid a support of \$80 and contributed \$30 to the benevolences of the charge, and received one hundred and fifty pastoral calls.

HOUSTON CIRCUIT.

James Carroll comes leading the District in the number received into church, one hundred and forty conversions, and one hundred and twenty-six probationers. No wonder when two hundred and fourteen sermons have been preached and seven hundred and sixty-one visits made on this large circuit, and six Advocates circulated. It is one of the fathers who makes this record; who of the young men will equal him?

The benevolences, as always on his charges, are not controlled by the straightness of the times, but by the zeal of the pastor, and are 6 per cent. in advance of his work last year, which was 48 per cent. over the previous annual. Yet the work has been done with the anguish of a widowed heart fresh torn and bleeding.

The sacrifices of the people in their offerings have reached .0015, for support, .004 and for all purposes, 7 mills per diem.

PASTORATES OF THE FIRST YEAR, MAGNOLIA CIRCUIT.—Which includes the historic Barrett's Chapel, Wm. T. Valiant returns from a year of great success. Sixty-one conversions and fifty-two accessions. The benevolences are 48 per cent. more than last year and cost the people .002 a day. The salary was advanced to \$800 and paid at a expense of .0107 making a total of .017.

The troublesome parsonage debt, though unpaid, seems at last in shape for liquidation. I need scarcely add that in this, as in so many other cases, there is a strong pressure for the return of the pastor. His visits number three hundred and fifty. Advocates, three.

#### HARRINGTON CIRCUIT.

With Thomas L. Price at the head of the column, is in the midst of a long needed, but now ample church improvement upon which \$3000 has been raised, besides \$500 on old debts. But, as it will not be completed this year, it will keep for another occasion. The probationers number fifty-seven, while the benevolences have reached .0013, care of the ministry .008 and for all including property .039. The Advocates number seven, and the visits six hundred and seventeen.

#### WOODSIDE CIRCUIT

supplied by Simpson A. Bender, A. B., a student of Drew who will return there, reports one probationer, eight Advocates, one hundred and sixty-eight sermons and three hundred and sixty visits. .003 on collections .009 upon salary, .025 for all, including property. A new church here is soon to be dedicated.

#### LITTLE CREEK LANDING.

Forced to stand alone this year by the demand of Leipsic for more service, with which it was formerly connected, under the leadership of Julius P. West, has earnestly striven to make her way. The membership has been increased 109 per cent., the largest relative growth upon the District, which shows that with common sense in the preacher, a church is not killed by preaching holiness. And as with the membership, so with the collections. 100 hundred per cent. more has been gathered for them than formerly, making two mills per day.

Ministerial support was advanced fifty-five per cent. and paid, which is one cent a day. And for all .014.

A feature of the salary was, that, fearful of their ability to raise it, a festival was attempted for the purpose from which \$50 was realized. The pastor, however, kindly but firmly declined to take it, stating that he would go without his support, before he would receive money raised by such methods. All honor to him. The support came never easier in the history of the place, and every dollar was conscience money. In many places our people are becoming demoralized from borrowing such methods from others with lower moral standards. I am glad this young pastor has had the soul in him to say no, and so elevate his people to a higher moral plane.

Fifty-six probationers, one hundred and twenty-four sermons, and three hundred and thirty visits is the showing along these lines.

#### LEIPSIC.

Under the pastoral care of Samuel Robert Maxwell has had one of the greatest revivals of her history. The increase has been more than 100 per cent. in the membership.

A very considerable advance was made in salary, but owing to the failure at Raymond appointment, not more than half of the advance will be met. Strange that the eighty probationers will allow the man who led them to Jesus, to loose \$70 of his support. Yet the anxiety for his return is universal.

The offerings for benevolence are .002, to support .012, and for all .015, daily. Five hundred and thirty visits have been made, and subscribers obtained for five Advocates.

#### WYOMING CIRCUIT.

Much pastored, for two years served by brethren who each remained, but one year, has now had two pastors in one year. George A. Sheetz of the Pittsburg Conference, who exchanged with Brother Kidney by mutual transfers, concluded to return at the expiration of six months. The reasons were personal, for none desired it but himself.

The vacancy was filled by employing Aloycius Green who came to us from the the Methodist Protestant Church. In the middle of August he applied to me for a place, announcing his determination to change, and this opening at Wyoming in November, was the first opportunity to utilize his services. Seaford near his former field, which well understood the work, character and spirit of the man, through the Quarterly Conference received him, extending the recognitions of a local preacher, he being unordained and not in full connection with his own Conference. One of our own fathers, Rev. Wm. E. England, made the motion recommending him to this annual Conference, which was unanimously carried.

His former fellow laborers have shown their appreciation of his worth by complaining bitterly of his loss. Well, we don't want men who can be willingly spared. It is a pity however that these Methodisms, so identical in doctrine should be so unlike in spirit. While our Presbyterian, Reformed, and Congregational Brethren pass from one communion to the other without let or hindrance, and return at pleasure, we families of Methodism, fourteen in number, alike in essentials, differing in questions of policy, are as nervous about Shiboleths as were the men of Gilead at the ford of Jordan. I do not believe this stricture applies to our own denomination. I think I concrete the spirit of the Methodist Episcopal Church in making the passage across the narrow bridge which separates us, as easy and as honorable as possible. I am ready to give the hand of helpfulness and welcome to any worthy brother of another Methodism, who finds the limitations too narrow for his charity, and too contracted for his zeal. I am no less willing to bid God speed to any one who feels himself too narrow for our own broad-gauge aggresssive, all loving and all conquering church.

No minister however, can come to us through me without full warning that here the requirements will be found more exacting than he leaves, We are not on the defensive, but striving to make good the apostolic proclamations of our great Founder, "THE WORLD IS MY PARISH," and to obey the mandate of our King, to go GO EVERY WHERE TO EVERYBODY.

It may be but an Utopian dream, yet as a Methodist unionist, I hope to see the day when good men can cross the lines with the same facility and freedom from reproach with which transfers are made from conference to conference. Then indeed will Methodism put on her strength, and clad in beautiful garments, with the inspiration of united brotherhood, march to the conquest of the kingdoms of the earth, until each outwork shall fall and the banner of the cross wave from the citadel of every defence.

Returning to the innocent cause of this homily, Brother Green, though with but six months before him, has proven the wisdom of his employment, 105 conversions and 96 probationers have been given, and every church revived. The offerings benevolent amount to .001, support .0077, and a total of .011 per day each. 5 Advocates, 182 sermons, 268 visits completes the memoranda of his labor, and closes the detail.

## KENT COUNTY.

With its 13 charges, 33 churches of \$58,300 value, 9 parsonages worth \$23,000, making a total for church property of \$81,300, with a membership of 3590, 720 of whom were received on probation this year. They have paid for the benevolent work of the church \$4107, or .003. For building and improving property \$6226, or .0047, ministerial support \$11761 or .0089, making a total for all church purposes of \$26,004, or .02, to each member per diem. 124 Advocates and 6620 visits are reported, making an average of 487 to each pastor.

## SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE.

Of three years pastorates I began with:

## BRIDGEVILLE.

Where in 1887 John H. Howard found but eighty-two members, 95 per cent have been added, the collections advanced 102 per cent, besides increasing the value of church property from \$2800 to \$10,000. This includes the 6000 cost of the commodious church built and paid for this year, a worthy crown to a successful pastorate.

The offerings for benevolence are .003, on support .014, on all but property, .022, including that for buildings .106.

The number of Advocates eleven, visits seven hundred, twenty-two probationers, from thirty-two conversions. There has been a revival and an increase of salary every year.

At this place Father Alfred Fisher lingers in suffering, waiting the time for his change. He needs our sympathy and prayers as well as material assistance. Surely if a word of notice shall tell these aged ones that they are not forgotten, the time to utter it will not be grudged by their active brethren.

## LINCOLN CIRCUIT.

Has been greatly blessed under the administration of Isaac L. Wood A. M. with a revival every year. From a salary of \$500 paid in 1887 they have advanced until \$800 is reached and the benevolences are a little in advance of last year, and four hundred and twenty-two per cent in advance of three years ago.

There are forty-five on trial from seventy conversions and the contributions for causes benevolent .002, ministers .009, and for all .014.

The Advocates reach the number of ten, sermons two hundred and twenty-five and pastoral visits eight hundred and seventy-five. I should not pass this notice without calling attention to the fact that this is a large circuit of four churches. Yet no one I think in the Conference has surpassed this brother in literary work. More than ten thousand pages of history mastered for a Syracuse examination, with a thorough analysis, yet time for six months of protracted meetings, sermonizing, and the number of visits named above.

## HARBESON CIRCUIT.

The weakest of all our work, supplied by W. N. Conway, makes an offering on the benevolences of .001, on salary, .002, and for all .005. One

hundred and fifty pastoral visits are reported with thirty probationers, and one Advocate is taken.

## LEWES.

Where Henry S. Thompson has pulled against an ebb-tide of outflowing population for three years, has been further impoverished by death. George Chambers, Wm. West and Woolsey Hudson, two of them old seamen whose united church lives averaged more than half a century each, this year heard the pipe of the eternal Boatswain, and dropping down with the tide, ran for the harbor on the other side. As he tripped his anchor, sheeted home, and hoisted his topsails, let fall his courses, made his jib, and paid off before the gale, Father Chambers shouted back to the watchers on the shore, "I am aboard the old ship and I'll soon make the port."

The useful lives of these consecrated men have left an influence which death cannot destroy. On missionary day, when the roll of former contributors were called, the congregation responded to these worthy names with \$5 each to perpetuate their memories among the offerers to the cause.

These true and faithful people of Lewes do not haggle as to their share of the Master's work, but do and cease not until all is done. Notwithstanding the losses of this church through removals, which in spite of a revival each year and numerous accessions, the loss to the membership has been 29 per cent, yet the offerings for benevolence have increased 55 per cent, during this pastorate, and amount to .004, for the ministry .013 and a total for all of .023. When I compare their efforts with that of some of the strongest charges, "verily I say unto you this poor widow hath cast in more than they all."

The Advocates taken number 15 and visits 500. Few people determine that necessary retrenchment shall be made LAST at the house of God, but thus has Lewes done, under her present leadership. There is a fear of not doing enough, rather than of doing too much.

Pastors in the second year

## GEORGETOWN.

John D. Kemp reports substantial increase from the great revivals of last year, and 22 probationers now, 14 Advocates, 204 sermons, 600 visits, .002 for collections which is a substantial advance, nearly .008 for salary and for all purposes, .011 each twenty-four hours.

## MILTON.

Thomas R. Creamer has received 40 probationers, 6 Advocates are taken, Paid for benevolence .003, not including \$40 for temperance work, and \$43 for Johnstown sufferers; .012 on salary, and for all expenses .023. Pastoral visits, 550.

## SEAFORD.

Wm. J. DuHadway has had the remarkable experience of receiving 56 probationers from 56 conversions. The collections are increased 3 per cent, and amount to .0025 per day, support .011. All expenses including property investment .021. A desirable lot for a new church has been secured, at an expense of \$800, and Mrs. Hallowell presented another worth \$300, by the side of it for a parsonage.

The data furnished me shows also 18 Advocates and 500 visits. Here one of the substantial successes of the year has been made. We have a crowded church three times every Sabbath.

Father W. E. England, a veteran of 45 itinerant years, makes his home here until the portals of the heavenly shall open to his entrance. May the day be long deferred. What a benediction is the presence of an anchored itinerant who keeps his heart in sympathy with the times.

## MILLSBOROUGH CIRCUIT.

Wm. F. Dawson has carved good results out of hard conditions; 18 received on trial, .002 on collections, for salary .008 and total expenditure .013. One Advocate is taken, 213 sermons preached and 526 visits made.

## ELLELENDALE CIRCUIT.

Robert Roe has received forty probationers, from fifty conversions, reached within one dollar of the benevolent record of last year, and about three hundred visits, two subscribe for the Advocate. The payments amount to .0013 upon benevolence, .009 for salary and to all 7 mills per day.

## PASTORS IN THE FIRST YEAR.

CANNON CIRCUIT.—Where Ralph T. Cousey, A. M., is stationed; thirty have been received from forty converts, the collections are forwarded 8 per cent. and cost the people .002½. Support of the ministry .006, and a total of .012.

I have a further account of seven Advocates, one hundred and forty sermons and four hundred visits.

## GREENWOOD CIRCUIT.

Has been led by Louis P. Corkran, with the following return. A new parsonage built at a total cost of \$1400 and \$1200 paid, the benevolences increased 12 per cent. making on the current tabulation .002, for support .007 and .011 for all current expenses. Adding the property contributions .023. Five Advocates are taken and six hundred and twenty-five visits made.

## NASSAU CIRCUIT.

James T. Prouse comes rejoicing with a sheaf of seventy-five probationers from ninety conversions. The collections have been advanced 99 per cent. besides \$200 raised for property and debts, making the benevolence per capita .0018, for support .0054; for all church purposes .009. The visits number six hundred, and the Advocates five.

So closes the review for Sussex, with twelve charges, thirty-three churches worth \$76,300, ten parsonages estimated at \$16,400. Total value of church property \$92,700, with a membership of 3083, 429 being probationers. The contributions for benevolence reach \$2,573, a yearly average of .824 and .0023 daily. Ministerial support \$9742, average to each for the year \$3.16, daily .0087. For all church purposes \$23,555. Annual per capita \$7.64, daily, .021.

The Advocates number ninety-five and the visits six thousand three hundred and twenty-six. Average to each pastor of five hundred and twenty-seven.

The total number of Advocates circulated on the District is three hundred and thirty, a small increase over last year. Average to each pastor seven and one-half, Sussex eight, Dorchester six and three-quarters, Caroline five, and Kent nine and a half.

The total number of visits 22,447, an average of five hundred and ten. Dorset pastors lead with a per capita of five hundred and sixty-nine. Sussex five hundred and twenty-seven, Kent four hundred and eighty-seven and

Caroline four hundred and nineteen. The visits of last year numbered 18,564, increase 3883, per cent. of increase 21.

Nearly 2300 persons have been converted, 1725 of whom remain on probation, the highest number ever reached by the District.

## EVANGELISTS.

While nothing was said of their service in the roll of the charges, yet the work of Wm. K. Galloway and of Andrew Dolbow has been of two much worth not to receive a passing notice. Whatever may be said upon the general question, these men have their place and well endowed for winning souls to the Saviour. They have come and brought us a blessing. May they come again.

## CAMP MEETINGS.

Of which it is possible we have a surplus, six being held on the District this year. They seem to meet a want, if not a religious one, and that they are here to stay for some time is evident. Camden Union is possibly the best in hand, the restrictions sufficiently severe and controlled by the management in the interest of morality. It is religious, in a measure; and as at Concord and Beckwith, all held this year, if not much good was done, the harm was not apparent.

At Zoar on Harbeson charge, one was held which should never be duplicated. For three Sabbaths sacred hours were used for the unholy purpose of traffic.

But that which most out-Heroded Herod was the camp at Pierson's Corner on the Wyoming Circuit. It has degenerated into a machine for paying church expenses. And later has become an instrument of private gain. When the privileges were sold the auctioneer frequently called attention to the fact that there would be two Sabbaths, as an additional reason for bidding high. Happily, though liberty to traffic on the Lord's day, sold to the highest bidder, because of the heavy rains, brought disaster to the buyers, and a suit is now pending because of it.

At Hurlock a small camp in charge of Dr. George D. Watson of the National Camp Meeting Committee, was held with nothing unseemly appearing to mar the interest or disturb the sanctity of the Sabbath. Good was done, though not all that had been hoped from it. Yet the blessing of it is manifest in the lifted and illuminated lives of many saints in the locality.

Next summer, on the largest possible scale, the same experiment will be tried, with ample time for preparation. The trustees of Camden Union camp ground have invited the National Committee to come in force and take entire charge of the meeting. This they have consented to do, and both the committee and trustees propose to do all possible contributory to success. I hope for results, and pray that it may prove the religious event of the year upon the Peninsula, and furnish a type for our camps of the future.

We ask for the sympathy, the prayers and the co-operation of the members of this Conference. It is hoped that many churches throughout the Peninsula will be represented by company tents. Letters of inquiry addressed to Dr. E. T. Cooper, will secure desired information.

Efforts will be made to keep expenses down to the minimum.

## QUESTIONS FINANCIAL.

Are becoming more serious than I have before seen them, and though as indicated in this report, the average amount per day for all expenses of Our Father's House is so small to be trifling when daily met. Yet this neglected,

the aggregation becomes formidable. About \$1800 was added to the estimates for ministerial support at the first Quarterly Conference, yet in too many cases the salaries will be short, because not collected while yet the sum is small. He who can formulate a financial plan for weekly payments, and persuade our official members to work it, will indeed merit distinction. The situation is sufficiently grave to make the attempt important in all the charges. To find the last man, frequently is to make the difference between easy and oppressive fiscal conditions.

The benevolent offerings for the year are in advance of any former period. We have an increase of 8 per cent. for missions,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. for Conference Claimants, while the aggregate for all benevolent purposes is \$9,902, against \$9,278 last year, an increase of \$624, or  $6\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. The membership has enlarged 6 and one-fifth per cent, also. The average amount to the membership is .984, per day .0027.

For all church purposes \$75,267, increase \$5,302, or  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. Amount per member \$7.47, per day to each .0205.

Though with greatly diminished resources it is encouraging to note that the preachers and people of Dover District call no halt in holy endeavor when every cause is crying out for sinews of war with which to push its conquests. And another, for those who must by the wounds of disease and the weight of years retire from the battlefield. Some must continue who know they ought to rest. They cannot, because no appointment means no support, and the incapacity of a weak body prevents their living by other pursuits, when in retirement. Others now on the retired list, to my knowledge, are sorely perplexed in attempting to balance accounts.

In this one regard the wealthy laymen of the Methodist Protestant Church have been more foreseeing than ours; having funded large means for pensioning their invalids. Their minutes show a number receiving from \$300 to \$500.

The plea for veterans now so pathetically made is not in advance of the necessity.

#### THE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The general District organization having been effected under competent officers, its usefulness through local chapters will be tested as soon as practicable. A few have already been organized.

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have been held, two in Caroline and two in Dorchester. They are composed of the ministers of the section, and all the laymen who will attend, to discuss the local needs and best methods of church work. Less expensive to attend than District Associations, we hope for good results as the outcome of the experiment.

#### THE CONFERENCE ACADEMY.

Our only Institution of learning has the following exhibit as furnished me by Dr. Gooding. Number of teachers, including Principal, 8. Students in 1888-9, 163; in 1889-90, 130; Board of Education apportionments, \$330. Board of Education beneficiaries, 6; Conference Education Loan, \$50; Beneficiaries, 2.

Value of property, \$60,000.00. Indebtedness, \$10,000.00.

The cabinet has been greatly enlarged by valuable contributions of Mrs. Willard Saulsbury and Mrs. Geo. P. Whitaker.

Receipts for board and tuition, \$15,550.81. Expenditures, \$13,243.19, leaving a credit balance of \$2,307.62; the one-third of which is rental \$769.87.

The contemplated addition of a Ladies' Hall seems to remain in *statue quo*. At a meeting of the Local Trustees in the President's office March 24, 1890, the following statement was authorized: The situation was talked over but nothing definite was determined upon and no recommendation made, owing to the financial depression, and not from lack of interest. Yet it was the opinion that the Hall should be built as soon as the financial condition of the people will justify it.

While there is nothing definite about this, there is something definite along the educational line coming to us from Cambridge.

Standing upon the bank of the river above the bridge fronting upon a good street in a desirable part of the town, and in the midst of two acres of land, beautiful for situation, stands a Ladies' Seminary. The building is of brick, in good condition, three stories and a basement in height. The front building being 50 x 24, the back one 40 x 24, having a capacity, as I am informed, to accommodate 40 boarders, besides study hall and recitation rooms. A comparatively small expenditure would put the building and grounds in first-class condition, in keeping with its surroundings in this beautiful and healthful city.

There is a mortgage upon it of \$2,000, and the stock at par value is worth \$1,250. The stock holders sought an interview with me, and now offer this property to the Wilmington Conference upon terms which should make it a great inducement to be held, kept and maintained as a Seminary or College for young ladies.

The property cannot be worth less than \$10,000, and I am quite sure that the buildings alone would cost \$12,000 to replace. I am of the opinion that this proposition is worthy of the most careful consideration of this Conference.

At this time, and for years, the State has been educating day scholars in the institution at an expense of \$500 per year, which might be retained upon conditions fair to all.

I will hazard the conjecture that an expenditure of \$2,000 would put this property in good condition, and that an outlay of \$5,000 would make it difficult to rival for sightliness and comfort.

It may not be unwise to remember in this consideration that this is not a new enterprise to be inaugurated, but a ladies boarding school in actual existence, and that it may be maintained as such whatever our action, whether under our auspices or independent of us, and as a rival of our own for the patronage of this Peninsula.

In presence of the discouragements recognized by the local trustees at Dover against an early attempt to erect the Ladies Hall there, it becomes us to consider whether this is the way out of the dilemma or not.

At the price of leaving unmentioned many achievements, I dare not further draft upon the over-taxed patience of the Conference. I have told the story of my brethren rather than my own. Three fourths of my time has been spent away from home. I have averaged between five and six sermons and addresses per week, and traveled nine thousand miles.

More brightly than ever before have the revival fires blazed upon our altars, with a commensurate in-gathering of precious souls.

The pastoral visiting of co-laborers, will be found far in advance of last year. Always important, it has its dividend in the rich harvesting of the present and of the eternal years.

Now with our faces to the future, it beckons us on with the nervous fingers of imperative demand; showing broad fields of inviting opportunity. If, with willing hearts, dauntless spirits and ready hands, we seek to realize its possibilities, we may confidently expect the presence of Him, "Whose we are and whom we serve."

"Out in the midst of the noontide heat,  
Sowing the live germs of precious wheat;  
Weary in heart and full oft with pain,  
Sowing in tears the rich golden grain.

For a time the ground may seem hard and dry,  
But showers of blessings come from on high,  
And then, when the laborer's call is come,  
And they gladly haste to their rest at home."

"What shall the harvest be?"

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN A. B. WILSON.

### SALISBURY DISTRICT.

One year ago Salisbury and Virginia Districts were consolidated under the name of Salisbury District. The work covers the lower part of the Peninsula, and embraces Wicomico, Somerset, and Worcester counties, in Maryland, Accomac and Northampton counties in Virginia, and a large part of Sussex county in the State of Delaware. Starting at the Nanticoke where it touches its northern boundary, it extends to Cape Charles and takes in the islands of Chincoteague, Smith's, Tangier, Holland's and Deal's. It covers a territory one hundred and eight miles long, by an average width of about thirty or forty miles. It is traversed by the railroads, and contains forty-six pastoral charges, with one hundred and seven churches and thirty-two parsonages.

The year has been one of hard toil and not a little sacrifice, and a large majority of the pastors have worked under distressing circumstances. Our people have lost about two-thirds of the ordinary yield of every land crop of the year. The oyster sections of the work have done a little better, but the supply has been short of the usual standard. Our farmers have been buying corn and hay since early fall. Truly the land mourns. The pastors have stood at their posts of duty and worked hard without many of the comforts of life. I have been compelled in several instances to go abroad and beg clothing for pastors and their families. These faithful men of God must not be blamed for the shortage in their cash receipts. Neither do I think that we should say the Lord hath done it *all*; poor farming and uncleaned ditches have had much to do with the bringing about of the failure in the crops. Another cause for shortage in collections is found in the fact, that in several charges the official layman have resisted the collections, declaring the amounts assessed to be exorbitant, and have prevented the pastors from obtaining the apportionments.

The Presiding Elder of the district has spent about three hundred days in the field and about sixty-five days at home during the Conference year. He has traveled in dog-carts, carry-alls, buggies, by rail, on steamboats, bug-eyes, brogans, pungiës, bateaux, skiffs, on foot, tramping across fields, over marshes, and through the woods; over railroad bridges, watching for the coming trains while waiking spans of trestle work. Thus the year has been spent in journeyings, and in perils of the water where the fierce

north winds, with the airy forces reared up the Sound to a foaming fury, while we reached the crisis of sea sickness, and stood shivering of cold, being drenched with rain or sea water.

### OUR BENEVOLENCES

Have not been neglected, and while there will be shortage at some places there will be gain at other places. In this connection we suggest the need of a Chair on Finance in our Theological schools. The growing demand of the church for expert collectors calls for special training along financial lines. The church trains her young pastors in sermon making and pastoral work, and recognizes their need of a knowledge of architecture by sending plans for churches and parsonages. And who so blind that he cannot hear the call of the church for more money to pay the expenses of her ever advancing armies. The pastors are sent out to win souls, preach sermons, build churches and collect money, and the church provides help to all, except in the matter of collecting money. We need a Chair in the schools, and a book in the conference course, on how to raise money for the use of the church.

### CAMP MEETINGS.

During the summer months we had seven camp meetings, one at each of the following named places: Deal's Island, Barren Creek, Concord Circuit, Roxana Circuit, New Church, Parksley and Sharptown. They were all largely attended and well conducted. We attended Parksly, New Church, Sharptown and Concord, and can testify to the good order and superior meetings. The Parksly and New Church camps did much in breaking down the old animosities and bringing the people closer together around the altar of prayer, where they joined in strengthening the cords that bind their spiritual union together. The congregations were very large, the preaching of a high grade, and the order was perfect.

### PROTRACTED MEETINGS.

Revival efforts have been made at all the churches resulting in the gathering of 1,380 probationers.

The building and repairing of church property has been well attended to as the following exhibit will show:

1. Quantico:—Improvements on Parsonage, \$140; new organ at Ebenezer, \$85.
2. Deal's Island:—One *new* Church, \$803; debt on Camp-ground, 108; repairs on Church and Chapel, \$192.
3. St. Peter's:—New porch to Parsonage, \$145.
4. Tangier Island:—Enlargement and decorating the church, \$840.
5. Mt. Vernon:—New Church, \$3,000.
6. Whitesville:—New parsonage and furniture, \$1,250.
7. Gumboro:—Material ready to repair and enlarge the Church, also paid on the debt, \$37.
8. Parsonsburg:—New Church at Pittsville, \$1,490.
9. Berlin:—New bell and improvement, \$175.
10. Powellville:—Paid for improvement, \$442: with new Church under way will cost, \$1,000; to take the place of old John Wesley, also Parker's has after a long visit to the fold of our Methodist Protestant brethren, returned to the home of her childhood, and is a property gain of about \$500.
11. Selbyville:—Has put in new windows of handsome design, costing \$150.
12. Frankford:—Improvement on Churches and Parsonage, \$671.
13. New Church:—Church finished and dedicated at a cost of \$800.
14. Cape Charles: Beautiful new gothic Church, \$3,000.

15. Smith's Island:—Paid on old debts and Parsonage furniture, \$273.
16. Parksley:—Parsonage improvements, \$36; Church, \$50.
17. Bethel:—New Church at Bladesville, \$1,408; paid on Church debt \$940.
18. Somerset:—New brick building to parsonage \$490; painting and papering Rock Creek Church \$125.
19. Salisbury:—Balance on pipe organ, paid, \$300.
20. Westover:—New Bell \$77; painting and repairs \$27.
21. Pocomoke City:—Paid on old debts \$106.
22. Crisfield:—Raised and paid on improvements \$695.
23. Hallwood:—Church improvements \$20.
24. Laurel:—New iron fence around Church lot \$350; Parsonage donated \$2,000.
25. Stockton:—Minor improvements \$5.
26. Fairmount:—Expended on property \$100.
27. Roxana:—Improvement on parsonage \$38.
28. Pocomoke Circuit:—Expended for repairs \$90.
29. Onancock:—Improvement on Church property \$135.
30. Brrren Creek:—New Tabernacle and balance paid on lot \$85.
31. Delmar:—Improvements \$90.
32. Nanticoke:—Improvements \$80.

#### RECAPITULATION.

New churches have been dedicated as follows:

1. At Deal's Island, B. C. Warren, pastor.
2. " Cape Charles, W. A. Wise, "
3. " New Church, J. E. Graham, "
4. " Bladesville, W. B. Gregg, "
5. " Bcrren Creek, S. J. Baker, "
6. " Pittsville, G. W. Bowman, "
7. " Mt. Vernon, C. J. Hammitt, "

The total cost being \$10,500.

The total expenditure on the District for building, and improving church property is \$18,141. We call attention to the fact that out of forty-six pastoral charges 32 have improved their church property by either building, improving or debt paying.

#### REV. J. W. YOUNG AND HIS BLANKS.

Brother Young in tabulating Salisbury District for the last year wrote the district down as having *three blanks*. Feeling sure that there must be a mistake somewhere, we set about looking for it, and found that St. Peter's charge had put their missionary collection all down to the credit of Sunday-school, where it had been raised. Their apportionment was \$125 and they raised \$205. The next *blank* was at Annamessex. There as in the former care all the money had been raised in the Sunday-school and all credited to the same and the full apportionment raised. The *third blank* was found located on Roxana Circuit where the pastor had on account of bad health been compelled to leave his work; in that case the whole amount had been collected from the church and credited there.

Now it seems hardly fair for Dr. Young under such circumstances, to publish a district having failed to take collections in three cases, when the collections were taken, and the work well done. We are glad to learn from Dr. Young that he is trying make his system more perfect.

#### HEALTH REPORT.

Malaria is dead. Alas! poor ghost, your occupation is gone. Forty-six pastors have had, all told, about ninety days of sickness, less than two days to each pastor. About fifty days out of the ninety were given to "the Grip," and the remaining forty days were of such trivial causes, as "bad cold, sick headache and such like." Not a case of malaria has been reported. There is no longer a doubt about the superior sanitary condition of the lower peninsula. Dr. Chancellor has pronounced it one of the most healthful locations in the United States, and his conclusions are justified by all the facts in the case.

#### TRANSFER.

Our brother Rev. B. C. Warren is expected to leave us by transfer to the New York Conference. By this transfer we will lose a young man of more than ordinary talent and working power. We congratulate the New York Conference on its acquisition, and predict for brother Warren a prosperous future.

#### SUPERNUMERARY.

Brother C. J. Hammitt feels that he will be compelled, on account of failing eyesight, to ask for a Supernumary relation. This step to him is to him a great source of affliction. He is trying, however, to bow in submission to what seems to be the will of the Lord. Bro. Hammitt is a fine preacher and faithful pastor, and has been greatly beloved by his people. Let us assure him of our sympathy in this hour of his depression.

#### DEATH.

The death of Sister Martindale, wife of Rev. T. E. Martindale, occurred December the 2nd, 1889, at the parsonage in Salisbury. At that hour, when the departing night meets the coming morning, she departed from earth to meet her Lord in the skies. In her death the mother lost a daughter, the husband a wife, the children their mother, humanity a philanthropist, but God and heaven gained a redeemed and saved soul.

Rest comes at length, though life be long and dreary;  
The day must dawn, and darkness night be past;  
All journeys end in welcome to the weary,  
And heaven, the heart's true home, will come at last."

#### TEMPERANCE WORK.

—We still believe with G. O. C. grand Old Church that "license, high or low, is vicious in principle and powerless as a remedy. The tariff cannot be legalized without sin." Here we take our stand, and may God help us to cry out in behalf "Righteousness, Temperance and a Judgment to come."

Salisbury, Pocomoke City, Snow Hill, Stockton, Berlin and Laurel are still "in the toils" of the saloon power, whose open doors lead to "hell going down to the chambers of death." But thanks to the Lord, and the Maryland legislature, Pittsville district has been redeemed. Public sentiment, manufactured by the grace of God, lifted its whips of scorn and drove the saloon from its midst. The chief actors in the drama, under God, were Rev. G. W. Bowman, the pastor, and Rev. W. K. Golloway, the evangelist. God honored their labors and gave them the victory. And now where the saloon abounded the church does much more abound. And we have a handsome new church, with a good membership. Let us believe that "right makes right," and in that faith, and unto that end let us dare to do our duty as we understand it.

T. O. AYRES.



## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

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

1872	Adams, R. H.	E.	Easton, Md.	1
1888	Alderson, Geo. T.	D.	Bishopville, Md.	1
1841	Allen, John	S.	125 Berkley Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.	
1888	Anderson, John F.	D.	Parsonsburg, Md.	1
1870	Arters, J. A.	E.	Church Hill, Md.	4
1877	Atkins, E. C.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1877	Avery, Walter E.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1870	Ayers, T. O.	E.	Salisbury, Md.	4
1881	Baker, C. S.	E.	Deal's Island, Md.	1
1889	Baker, S. J.	P.	Westover, Md.	1
1876	Barrett, L. E.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1836	Barton, George	S.	Church Hill, Md.	
1859	Bell, Thos. E.	Sp.	St. Michaels, Md.	1
1876	Bowen, W. L. P.	E.	Ellendale, Del.	1
1885	Bowman, Geo. W.	E.	Mt. Vernon, Md.	1
1843	Brindle, James A.	E.	Cordova, Md.	3
1860	Browne, N. M.	E.	Newark, Del.	3
1857	Bryan, J. E.	E.	Newport, Del.	2
1886	Burke, Asbury.	E.	Crapo, Md.	2
1865	Burke, George W.	E.	Onancock, Va.	2
1888	Burr, Warren.	D.	Oriole, Md.	1
1890	Bounds, George W.	P.	Taylor's Island, Md.	3
1890	Brewington, Julius A.	P.	Read's Wharf, Va.	2
1845	Caldwell, J. H.	E.	Frederica, Del.	3
1888	Carpenter, Frank F.	D.	Cape Charles City, Va.	1
1865	Carroll, James	E.	Houston, Del.	3
1888	Chaires, Wesley W.	E.	Chance, Md.	2
1876	Chandler, Albert	E.	Kenton, Del.	1
1881	Cochran, F. J.	E.	Trappe, Md.	3
1876	Collins, J. M.	E.	Elliott, Md.	3
1883	Collins, Vaughan S.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1888	Compton, William P.	D.	Princess Anne, Md.	3
1862	Conoway, George S.	E.	Marydel, Md.	2
1868	Conner, James	E.	Tangier, Va.	5
1885	Corkran, D. H.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1881	Corkran, L. P.	E.	Greenwood, Del.	2
1876	Corkran, W. F.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	5
1887	Coursey, R. T.	D.	Cannon, Del.	2
1873	Creamer, T. R.	E.	Milton, Del.	3
1860	Davis, A. D.	E.	Delmar, Del.	1
1869	Davis, Edward.	E.	Quantico, Md.	2
1884	Dawson, W. F.	E.	Lloyd's, Md.	2

1884.	Derrickson, E. H.	E.	Girdle Tree.	1
1879.	Dodd, Julius.	E.	Hockessin, Del.	3
1871.	Duhadway, W. J.	E.	Seaford, Del.	3
1886.	Dulany, H. S.	E.	Parksley, Va.	3
1885.	Easley, J. W.	E.	Federalburg, Md.	2
1845.	England, W. E.	Sp.	Seaford, Del.	
1866.	Esgate, James.	S.	216 Oxford St., Portland, Maine.	
1887.	Ewing, H. W.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	1
1859.	Fisher, A. A.	S.	Federalburg, Md.	1
1889.	Fogle, James W.	P.	Queenstown, Md.	1
1873.	Foreman, I. N.	E.	Lincoln, Del.	1
1868.	Fosnocht, I. G.	E.	Chesapeake City, Md.	1
1856.	France, John.	E.	Smyrna, Del.	6
1887.	Freeman, Edward.	P.	Salem, Md.	1
1890.	Franklin, John E.	P.	Wilmington, Del.	1
	Fletcher, Frank.	D.	Vienna, Md.	1
1856.	Gardener, S. T.	E.	Chesapeake City, Md.	2
	Given, Thomas N.	E.	Stanton, Del.	1
1889.	Graham, Jas. E.	P.	Pocomoke City, Md.	1
1885.	Gray, J. W.	D.	Fruitland, Md.	1
1573.	Green, Wm. M.	E.	Williston, Md.	1
1857.	Gregg, Wm. B.	E.	Bethel, Del.	4
1879.	Grice, Charles A.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	4
1883.	Gnthrie, Wm. B.	E.	Deal's Island, Md.	3
1890.	Green, Aloycius.	P.	Wyoming, Del.	2
1851.	Hammersley, J. W.	E.	Church Creek, Md.	2
1882.	Hammitt, Chas. J.	Sp.		
1873.	Hanna, J. D. C.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1883.	Hardesty, G. L.	E.	Galestown, Md.	2
1871.	Harding, Thos. H.	E.	Stockton, Md.	1
1848.	Haynes, Thos. H.	E.	Sudlersville, Md.	3
1845.	Hill, Charles.	E.	Elkton, Md.	3
1878.	Hill, Charles A.	E.	Centreville, Md.	4
1883.	Houston, J. L.	S.	Wilmington, Del.	4
1882.	Howard, J. H.	E.	Cambridge, Md.	1
1878.	Hubbard, E. L.	E.	New Castle, Del.	4
1859.	Hubbard, James.	Sp.	Laurel, Del.	
1869.	Hunter, Thos. B.	E.	Cherry Hill, Md.	1
1859.	Hynson, E. H.	E.	Charlestown, Md.	1
1884.	Jaggard, Wilmer	E.	Crisfield, Md.	2
1870.	Jewell, Isaac	E.	Rising Sun, Md.	5
1886.	Johnson, W. W.	E.	Gumboro, Del.	2
1872.	Jones, R. C.	E.	Odessa, Del.	3
1872.	Keup, Jno. D.	E.	Georgetown, Del.	3
1886.	Koons, Wm. G.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	4
1871.	Layfield, L. W.	E.	East New Market, Md.	3
1879.	Lindale, J. M.	E.	Tilghman, Md.	3
1885.	Mace, E. S.	E.	Preston, Md.	1
1876.	Macnochol, E. C.	E.	Felton, Del.	3
1864.	Martindale, T. E.	E.	Salisbury, Md.	4
1889.	Maxwell, Samuel R.	P.	Leipsic, Del.	2
1868.	McFarlane, W. R.	E.	Hopewell, Md.	3
1884.	McFaul, D. F.	E.	Elk Neck, Md.	2
1873.	McQuay, N.	E.	Ingleside, Md.	1
1873.	McSorley, E. C.	E.	Lewes, Del.	1

1865	Melvin, A. T . . . . .	Sp	Chestertown, Md . . . . .	
1853	Merritt, James B. . . . .	Sp	Crumpton, Md . . . . .	
1869	Miller, E. H. . . . .	E	Newark, Md . . . . .	1
1885	Mitchell, James M . . . . .	E	Woodside, Del . . . . .	1
1886	Moore, J. S . . . . .	E	St. George's, Del . . . . .	2
1887	Morgan, S. M . . . . .	D	Hillsboro', Md . . . . .	1
1858	Morris, S. J. . . . .	E	St. Michael's, . . . . .	1
1883	Mowbray, A. S . . . . .	E	Pocomoke City, Md. . . . .	4
1886	Mowbray, Wm. R. . . . .	E	Pomona, Md . . . . .	2
1871	Murray, W. L. S . . . . .	E	Wilmington, Del . . . . .	4
1870	Nelson, E. H . . . . .	E	Galena, Md . . . . .	1
1890	Nutter, Melvin D . . . . .	P	Hurlock, Md . . . . .	2
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H. . . . .	E	Cecilton, Md . . . . .	1
1872	Otis, J. P . . . . .	E	Port Deposit, Md . . . . .	3
1853	Phoebus, G. A . . . . .	S	Third Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.. . . .	2
1881	Pilchard, S. N . . . . .	E	Delaware City . . . . .	2
1870	Poole, John W . . . . .	Sp	Farmington, Del . . . . .	2
1882	Prettyman, A. P . . . . .	E	Booth's Corner, Pa . . . . .	2
1868	Prettyman, C. W . . . . .	E	Fairmount, Md . . . . .	3
1836	Price, B. F . . . . .	E	Christiana, Del . . . . .	4
1887	Price, Thomas L . . . . .	D	Harrington, Del . . . . .	2
1886	Prouse, J. T . . . . .	E	Nassau, Del . . . . .	2
1850	Quigg, J. B . . . . .	E	North East, Md . . . . .	4
1869	Rawlins, P. H . . . . .	E	Camden, Del . . . . .	3
1858	Redman, W. W . . . . .	E	Powellville, Md. . . . .	1
1885	Reese, J. D . . . . .	E	Royal Oak, Md . . . . .	2
1867	Rigg, J. D . . . . .	E	Still Pond, Md . . . . .	3
1884	Roberts, E. P . . . . .	E	Oxford, Md . . . . .	4
1867	Robinson, Joseph . . . . .	E	Farmington, Del . . . . .	1
1873	Roe, Robert . . . . .	E	Rock Hall, Md . . . . .	1
1845	Sanderson, Henry . . . . .	S	Wilmington, Del . . . . .	
1858	Scott, A. T . . . . .	Sp	" . . . . .	
1885	Sears, W. R . . . . .	E	" . . . . .	
1886	Sharp, W. W . . . . .	E	Kent Island, Md . . . . .	1
1888	Sheers, William . . . . .	D	Sassfras, Md . . . . .	4
1859	Sheppard C. F. . . . .	E	Frankford, Del . . . . .	2
1879	Smith, Alfred . . . . .	E	Middletown, Del . . . . .	1
1888	Smith, Geo. P . . . . .	D	Selbyville, Del . . . . .	2
1889	Smoot, T. C . . . . .	P	Rockland, Del . . . . .	1
1870	Stengle, Adam . . . . .	E	Wilmington, Del . . . . .	5
1873	Stephenson, R. K . . . . .	E	Smyrna, Del . . . . .	2
1888	Swain, Chas. P . . . . .	D	Hooper's Island, Md . . . . .	4
1860	Sypherd, J. O . . . . .	E	Laurel, Del . . . . .	4
1887	Tabler, T. F. . . . .	D	Burrsville, Md . . . . .	1
1857	Talbot, Wm. F . . . . .	Sp	Dover, Del . . . . .	
1886	Taylor, W. P . . . . .	P	Carlisle, Pa . . . . .	
1876	Terry, Thos. E . . . . .	E	Dover, Del . . . . .	4
1858	Thompson, H. S . . . . .	E	Denton, Md . . . . .	1
1862	Todd, Jacob . . . . .	E	Wililmington, Del . . . . .	5
1887	Todd, John R . . . . .	D	Dover, Del . . . . .	
1853	Todd, R. W . . . . .	E	Greensboro, Md . . . . .	1
1871	Tompkinson, Wm, E. . . . .	E	No. 614 Market St. Wil. Del. . . . .	2
1076	Townsend, Geo. W . . . . .	E	Bridgeville, Del . . . . .	1
1888	Todd, George W, . . . . .	P	Dover, Del . . . . .	
1877	Valiant, W. T . . . . .	E	Magnolia, Del . . . . .	2

1859	Van Burkalow, J.T . . . . .	E	Bellevue, Del . . . . .	3
1874	Waddell, D. F. . . . .	E	Nanticoke, Md . . . . .	3
1879	Walton, O. S . . . . .	Sp	Red Lion, Del . . . . .	3
1848	Walton, Wm. B . . . . .	E	Snow Hill, Md . . . . .	1
1853	Warner, Wm. M . . . . .	E	Blackbird, Del . . . . .	2
1882	Warren, B. C . . . . .	E	" . . . . .	
1886	Watkins, R. I . . . . .	E	Townsend, Del . . . . .	1
1885	Watt, Robert . . . . .	E	Milford, Del . . . . .	1
1887	Webster, Z. H . . . . .	D	Whiteville, Md . . . . .	2
1889	West, Julius, P . . . . .	P	Little Creek, Del . . . . .	2
1866	White, E. E . . . . .	E	Millington, Md . . . . .	2
1872	Wilcox, G. W . . . . .	E	Millsboro, Del . . . . .	1
1878	Willey, J. H . . . . .	E	Chestertown, Md . . . . .	1
1882	Williams, C. H . . . . .	E	Sharptown, Md . . . . .	1
1857	Williams, T. S . . . . .	Sp	" . . . . .	
1869	Wilson, J. A. B . . . . .	E	Dover, Del . . . . .	4
1877	Wilson, W. W. W . . . . .	E	Smyrna, Del . . . . .	1
1884	Wise, Wm. A . . . . .	E	Berlin, Md . . . . .	1
1884	Wood, Isaac L . . . . .	E	Zion, Md . . . . .	1
1886	Wood, Geo. E . . . . .	E	Chincoteague, Va . . . . .	1
1886	Wyatt, C.T . . . . .	E	Roxanna, Del . . . . .	1

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### WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

1886	L	Brown, A. R.	Sylmar, Md.
1884	L	Bullock, M D.	Wilmington, Del.
1886	L	Bush, M. A.	Newport, Del.
1888	L	Budd, Henry	Carlisle, Pa.
1855	D	Cann, John	Fairhaven, Md.
1890	L	Cantwell, R. D.	Elkton, Md.
1888	L	Cathers, A. W.	Elk Mills, Pa.
	D	Dodd, David	Wilmington, Del.
		Dumbracco, J.	Wilmington, Del.
1869	L	Ford, John	North East, Md.
1864	L	Fryer, Thomas	Cherry Hill, Md.
1866	D	Green, Daniel	Newport, Del.
1882	L	Grant, S. E.	Newark, Del.
1889	L	Greaves, H. A.	Wilmington, Del.
1867	L	Hammond, Wm. T.	North East, Md.
1888	D	Harvey, Francis B.	Childs, Md.
1884	E	Harris, J. W.	Wilmington, Del.
1888	L	Hamilton, Wm.	Wilmington, Del.
1868	L	Hendrickson, Wm. H.	Centreville, Del.
1888	L	Hinchliffe, E. V.	Carlisle, Pa.
1874	D	Hodson, Jabez	Wilmington, Del.
	L	Holt, A. W.	Wilmington, Del.
	D	Kershaw, Wm.	Elkton, Md.
	E	Kirk, Elin	Sylmar, Del.
1866	D	Logan, Samuel	Charlestown, Md.
1859	D	Miller, Wm. T.	Mechanics Valley, Md.
1867	D	Morris, C. K.	Wilmington, Del.
	D	Mulford, R. W.	Summit Bridge, Md.
1862	L	Mendinhall, Eli.	Wilmington, Del.
1878	L	McCoy, J.	Wilmington, Del.
1888	L	McKinsey, F. E.	Port Penn, Del.
1888	L	McLaughlin, J. F.	Wilmington, Del.
1887	L	McCrea, A.	Wilmington, Del.
1889	L	Purks, Wm. R.	Rockland, Del.
	L	Roop, S. J.	Wilmington, Del.
	D	Roop, F. A.	Wilmington, Del.
1876	L	Rodgers, R. L.	Wilmington, Del.
1889	L	Smedley, G. Howard	Wilmington, Del.
1889	L	Simms, J. H.	Wilmington, Del.
	E	Simmons, John	Edgemoor, Del.
	D	Simmons, E. E.	Wilmington, Del.
1888	L	Talley, Welson L.	Wilmington, Del.

1889	D	Thorpe, John	Wilmington, Del.
1868	L	Todd, Lewis E.	Wilmington, Del.
1867	Thatcher, Albert	Wilmington, Del.	
1870	L	Weldin, G. W.	Wilmington, Del.
	L	White, John	Wilmington, Del.
1876	D	White, Wm. L.	Wilmington, Del.
1889	L	Wise, J. M.	New Castle, Del.

### EASTON DISTRICT.

1858	L	Benson, E. T.	Royal Oak, Md.
	L	Dill, James R.	Wilmington, Del.
	D	Edes, J. P.	Edesville, Md.
1881	L	Faries, Wm.	Smyrna, Del.
1871	L	Gudgeon, A. M.	Chestertown, Md.
1889	L	Geoghegan, J. H.	Chestertown, Md.
1889	L	Hynson, J. L.	Church Hill, Md.
	L	Jones, A.	Easton, Md.
	L	McLean, R. D.	Queenstown, Md.
	D	Numbers, Thomas	Millington, Md.
1856	L	Perkins, Dr. J. A.	Chestertown, Md.
1881	L	Roe, Hernan.	Smyrna, Del.
1889	L	Roberts, John B.	Middletown, Del.
	L	Sentman, C. H.	Odessa, Del.
		Sipple, John	Townsend, Del.
1859	D	Smith, J. V.	Smyrna, Del.
1831	L	Stubbs, James.	Smyrna, Del.
1885	L	Welch, Eben	Galena, Md.

### DOVER DISTRICT.

1865	L	Betts, W. H.	Millsborough, Del.
	D	Brace, Geo. V.	Vernon, Del.
1888	L	Bender, S. A.	Woodside, Del.
1866	L	Conway, R. H.	Harris, Md.
1865	L	Clifton, G. W.	Lincoln, Del.
	E	Creamer, Volentine.	Cambridge, Md.
	L	Deekens, C. H.	Dover, Del.
1866	E	Donoho, S. M.	Cambridge, Md.
		Given, D. J.	Dover, Del.
		Golt, Richard.	Dover, Del.
1852	D	Harris, Wm.	Bridgeville, Del.
1854	E	Hazzard, R. B.	Hurlock, Md.
		Hurst, C. Oscar.	Annapolis, Md.
	D	Kenney, J. T.	Hynson, Md.
		Millman, Jesse	Ellendale, Del.
	D	Morgan, W. W.	Concord, Del.
1887	L	Northrop, Dan. C.	Dover, Del.
1866	L	Northrop, C. I.	Hurlock, Md.
	L	Sullivan, John F.	Fowling Creek, Md.
		Thomas, J. A.	Milford, Del.
	L	Todd, Noah L.	Toddsville, Md.
1888	L	Wilson, Wm. D.	Lewes, Del.
1854	E	Willis, J. S.	Milford, Del.
1840	E	Wheatly, B.	Linkwood, Md.

- D Wright, D. R. . . . . Preston, Del.
- Wright, Evert . . . . . Hurlock, Md.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

- 1866 L Ayres, James F. . . . . Leemont, Va.
- 1872 L Beauchamp, John H. . . . . Fairmount, Md.
- Connor, Nathan T. . . . . Tull's Corner, Md.
- Connor, J. W. . . . . Crisfield, Md.
- 1864 D Devereaux, J. J. . . . . Snow Hill, Md.
- 1874 L Daniel, James T. . . . . Wenona, Md.
- L Galloway, Wm. K. . . . . Concord, Del.
- L Hill, M. M. . . . . Delmar, Del.
- D Leaterbury, Perry A. . . . . Onancock, Va.
- 1883 E Nelson, Alonzo. . . . . Crisfield, Md.
- 1858 L Robinson, John. . . . . Sharptown, Md.
- 1864 L Scott, James H. . . . . Mt. Vernon, Md.
- D Scott, George E. . . . . Williamsville, Md.
- 1884 L Simonson, J. F. . . . . Crisfield, Md.
- Strickland, W. G. . . . . Klej Grange, Md.
- 1890 D Terry, Geo. R. . . . . New Church, Va.
- 1874 D Tyler, John. . . . . Ewel, Md.
- Tyndale, Wm. J. . . . . Sycamore, Del.
- 1852 E Webb, Samuel . . . . . Fruitland, Del.
- Ward, N. N. . . . . Salisbury, Md.
- 1867 L White, H. P. . . . . Dames Quarter, Md.
- L Wilson, Isaac. . . . . Monie, Md.
- L Wilson, James M. . . . . Monie, Md.
- 1887 L Winder, Edward J. . . . . Onancock, Va.

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Cherry Hill . . . . .	T. A. H. O'Brien . . . . .	175 00
Chesapeake City and Manor . . . . .	E. H. Nelson . . . . .	52 00
Chester . . . . .	A. P. Prettyman . . . . .	115 00
Christiana . . . . .	B. F. Price . . . . .	42 00
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" Cookman	"	A. T. Scott	15 00
Zion Circuit	"	E. H. Hynson	150 00

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## EASTON DISTRICT.

Appoquinimink	Rev.	W. M. Warner	\$ 75 00
Bayside and Tilghman's	"	J. M. Lindale	65 00
Cecilton	"	E. C. Atkins	170 00
Centreville	"	C. A. Hill	216 00
Chestertown	"	R. W. Todd	320 00
Church Hill	"	J. A. Arters	105 00
Crumpton	"	J. B. Merritt	38 00
Easton	"	Herman Roe	360 00
Galena	"	I. G. Fosnocht	100 00
Greensboro	"	S. J. Morris	125 00
Hillsboro	"	G. W. Townsend	150 00
Ingleside	"	A. Chandler	85 00
Kent Island	"	Jos. Robinson	80 00
Kenton	"	W. W. Sharp	90 00
King's Creek	"	J. A. Brindle	34 00
Marydel	"	G. S. Conoway	41 00
Massay's	"	E. Welsh	15 00
Middletown	"	R. H. Adams	400 00
Millington	"	E. E. White	114 00
Odessa	"	R. C. Jones	202 00
Oxford	"	E. P. Roberts	75 00
Pomona	"	W. R. Mowbray	80 00
Queenstown	"	G. T. Alderson	75 00
Rock Hall	"	N. McQuay	103 00
Ropal Oak and Talbot	"	J. D. Reese	108 00
St. Michael's	"	W. B. Walton	235 00
Sassafras	"	Wm. Sheers	40 00
Smyrna	"	W. W. W. Wilson	640 00
Smyrna Circuit	"	R. K. Stevenson	200 00
Still Pond	"	J. D. Rigg	200 00
Sudlersville	"	T. H. Haynes	100 00
Townsend	"	S. M. Morgan	75 00
Trappe	"	F. J. Cochran	90 00
Union and Salem	"	H. C. Turner	75 00
Wye and Hall's	"	J. D. Lecates	75 00
Tunis Mills	"	A. C. Jones	10 00

Total . . . . . \$4,966 00

## SALILBURY DISTRICT.

Accomac and Northampton	Rev.	J. F. Ayres	\$ 12 00
Annamesssex.	"	W. R. McFarlane	80 00
Asbury	"	W. F. Corkran	225 00
Barren Creek	"	S. J. Baker	5 00
Berlin	"	C. T. Wyatt	76 00
Bethel	"	W. B. Gregg	61 00
Bishopville	"	F. F. Carpenter	50 00
Cape Charles City	"	W. A. Wise	35 00
Chincoteague	"	E. H. Miller	50 00
Crisfield	"	F. C. McSorley	200 00
Deal's Island	"	B. C. Warren	200 00
Delmar	"	C. S. Baker	225 00
Fairmount	"	C. W. Prettyman	559 00
Frankford	"	C. F. Sheppard	75 00
Fruitland	"	W. W. Redman	27 00
Girdle Tree	"	Warren Burr	65 00
Gumboro	"	W. W. Johnson	50 00
Hallwood	"	Geo. E. Wood	25 00
Holland's Island	"	W. B. Guthrie	150 00
Klej Grange	"	Geo. P. Jones	25 00
Laurel	"	J. O. Sypherd	180 00
Mt. Vernon	"	C. J. Hammitt	65 00
Nanticoke	"	D. F. Waddell	82 00
Newark	"	T. H. Harding	75 00
New Church	"	J. E. Graham	10 00
Onancock	"	G. W. Burke	150 00
Parsonburg	"	G. W. Bowman	75 00
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Pocomoke City	"	A. S. Mowbray	80 00
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Somerset	"	W. W. Chaires	140 00
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Tangier	"	James Conner	206 00
Westover	"	J. F. Anderson	45 00
Whitesville	"	Z. Webster	100 00

Total . . . . . \$ 4,675 00

## DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith and Speddins.	Rev.	W. M. Green	\$ 100 00
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Burrsville	"	J. W. Fogle	55 00
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Cannon . . . . .	"	R. T. Coursey . . . . .	100 00
Church Creek . . . . .	"	J. W. Hammersley . . . . .	43 00
Crapo . . . . .	"	Asbury Burke . . . . .	202 00
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East New Market . . . . .	"	L. W. Layfield . . . . .	80 00
Ellendale . . . . .	"	Robert Roe . . . . .	50 00
Elliott's Island . . . . .	"	J. M. Collins . . . . .	30 00
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Federalburg . . . . .	"	J. W. Easley . . . . .	150 00
Felton . . . . .	"	E. C. Macnichol . . . . .	150 00
Frederica . . . . .	"	J. H. Caldwell . . . . .	150 00
Galestown . . . . .	"	G. L. Hardesty . . . . .	125 00
Georgetown . . . . .	"	J. D. Kemp . . . . .	155 00
Greenwood . . . . .	"	L. P. Corkran . . . . .	125 00
Harrington . . . . .	"	Thos. L. Price . . . . .	100 00
Harbeson . . . . .	"	W. N. Conway . . . . .	2 00
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Wyoming . . . . .	"	A. Green . . . . .	60 00
Seaford . . . . .	"	W. J. Duhadaway . . . . .	125 00
Woodside . . . . .	"	S. A. Bender . . . . .	57 00
Total . . . . .			\$ 5,281 00

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WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Raised this year . . . . .	\$	9,637 00
Raised last year . . . . .		9,120 00
Increase . . . . .	\$	517 00
Apportionment . . . . .	\$	8,862 00
Raised . . . . .		9,637 00
Excess . . . . .	\$	775 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Raised this year . . . . .	\$	4,966 00
Raised last year . . . . .		4,824 00
Increase . . . . .	\$	142 00
Apportionment . . . . .	\$	4,686 00
Raised . . . . .		4,966 00
Excess . . . . .	\$	280 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Raised this year . . . . .	\$	5,281 00
Raised last year . . . . .		4,878 00
Increase . . . . .	\$	403 00
Apportionment . . . . .	\$	4,200 00
Raised . . . . .		5,281 00
Excess . . . . .	\$	1,081 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Raised this year . . . . .	\$	4,675 00
Raised last year, Salisbury, \$4,145 and Virginia, \$812 . . . . .		4,957 00
Decrease . . . . .	\$	282 00
Apportionment . . . . .	\$	4,242 00
Raised . . . . .		4,675 00
Deficit . . . . .	\$	433 00

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Whole amount raised by Conference this year . . . . .	\$	24,559 00
Whole amount raised by Conference last year . . . . .		23,779 00
Increase . . . . .	\$	780 00
Apportionment for Conference . . . . .	\$	22,000 00
Raised by Conference . . . . .		24,559 00
Excess . . . . .	\$	2,559 00

# MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

## WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

### Bethel and Glasgow, S. T. Gardner, Pastor.

Churches..... 60 00 Sunday-school ..... 5 00  
 Total, 65 00.

### Cherry Hill, T. A. H. Brien, Pastor.

Cherry Hill Church and School..... 70 49 Big Elk Chapel..... 8 59  
 Union Church and School..... 40 00 Masley by Collector..... 11 35  
 Carter's Bank by Collector..... 40 37 Baldwin's Factory by Collector.....  
 Total, 175 00.

### Chesapeake City and Manor, Edwln H. Nelson, Pastor.

Chesapeake City Church..... 25 00 Manor Church..... 5 00  
 " " Sunday-school..... 20 00 " " School..... 2 00  
 Total, 52 00.

### Chester, A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church..... 32 00 Sunday-school..... 83 00  
 Total, 115 00.

### Christina, B. F. Price, Pastor.

Christiana Church..... 4 00 Salem Church ..... 3 00  
 Christiana Sunday-School..... 27 00 Salem Sunday-School..... 8 00  
 Total, 42 00.

### Claymont—Wm. E. Tomkinson, Pastor.

Church ..... 2 00 Sunday School..... 32 00  
 Total, 34 00.

### Delaware City—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

Sunday School..... 90 00 Church ..... 10 00  
 Total, 100 00.

### Elk Neck—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Churches..... 29 33 Sunday Schools..... 10 67  
 Total, 40 00.

### Elkton and Crouches—Chas. Hill, Pastor.

Elkton School..... 190 69 Church..... 37 00  
 West Amwell School..... 40 00 Crouches' School..... 20 00  
 Jones' School..... 13 00 Wilna School..... 12 00  
 Basket Collection..... 10 81 West Amwell Literary Society..... 26 50  
 Total, 350 00.

### Hockessin and Ebenezer—Julius Dodd, Pastor.

Sunday Schools..... 19 00 Churches ..... 56 00  
 Total, 75 00.

### Hopewell—John Jones, Pastor.

From Sabbath School..... 70 00 From Church..... 10 00  
 Total, 80 00.

### Mt. Lebanon and Union—Thos. N. Given.

Mt. Lebanon Church..... 7 00 Mt. Lebanon Sunday School..... 16 00  
 Union Church..... 5 00 Union " " ..... 32 00  
 Total, 58 00.

### Mt. Pleasant and Edgemoor—J. G. Van Burkalow, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Sunday School..... 70 00 Edgemoor Sunday School..... 15 00  
 Church ..... 10 00  
 Total, \$95 00.

### Mt. Salem—W. E. Avery, Pastor.

Church..... 65 00 Mt. Salem Sunday School..... 153 00  
 Riddle's Chapel Sunday School..... 130 00  
 Total, 348 00.

### Newport—J. E. Bryan, Pastor.

School..... 100 00 Church..... 45 00  
 Total, 145 00.

### Marshallton and Stanton, T. C. Smoot, Pastor.

Marshallton Church..... 23 00 Marshallton Sunday-school..... 10 00  
 Stanton Church..... 24 00 Stanton Sunday-school..... 19 00  
 Total, 67 00.

### New Castle, E. L. Hubbard, Pastor.

Church ..... 88 00 Sunday-school..... 137 00  
 Total, 225 00.

### Newark and Wesley, N. M. Browne, Pastor.

Church ..... 22 00 Newark Sunday-school..... 78 00  
 Wesley Sunday-School..... 30 00  
 Total, 130 00.

### North East, John B. Quigg, Pastor.

Church ..... 4 00 Sunday-school..... 136 00  
 Total, 140 00.

### Port Deposit, J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Church..... 62 00 Sunday-school..... 252 00  
 Total, 314 00.

### Red Lion, O. S. Walton, Pastor.

Red Lion Sunday-school..... 20 00 Church..... 35 00  
 Kirkwood..... 10 00  
 Total, 65 00.

### Rising Sun, Isaac Jewell, Pastor.

Sunday-school..... 60 00 Church..... 40 00  
 Total, 100 00.

### Colora and Mt. Pleasant, Jno. R. Donaldson, Pastor.

Church..... 2 00 Sunday-school..... 8 00  
 Total, 10 00.

### St. George's and Summit, J. S. Moore, Pastor.

St. George's Church..... 11 00 St. George's Sunday-school..... 84 00  
 Summit Church..... 3 00 Summit Sunday-school..... 20 00  
 Total, 118 00.

### Asbury, John D. C. Hauna, Pastor.

Church ..... 410 00 Sunday-school..... 830 00  
 Total, 1,240 00

### Silverbrook, C. K. Morris, Pastor.

Church..... 11 00 Sunday-school..... 19 00  
 Total, 30 00

### Cookman, Alfred T. Scott, Pastor.

Church..... 3 49 Sunday-school..... 11 51  
 Total, 15 00.

### Brandywine, C. A. Grice, Pastor.

A. M. Sunday-school..... 39 00 P. M. Sunday-school..... 72 00  
 Church..... 14 00  
 Total, 125 00.

### Grace, Jacob Todd, Pastor.

Church..... 850 00 Sunday-school..... 2,263 00  
 Total, 3,113 00



**Epworth, D. H. Corkran, Pastor.**

Church and Sunday-school..... 50 00  
Total, 50 00

**Madely, H. W. Ewing, Pastor.**

From Church..... 55 00 From Sunday-school..... 127 00  
Total, 182 00.

**St. Paul's, Louis F Barrett,, Pastor**

From Sunday-school..... 426 00 From Church..... 274 00  
Total, 700 00.

**Kingswood, R. Irwing Watkins, Pastor.**

Church..... 5 00 Sunday-school..... 35 00  
Total, 40 00.

**Scott, Vaughan S. Collins, Pastor.**

Church..... 48 00 Sunday-school..... 177 58  
Willing Workers..... 84 42  
Total, 310 00,

**Swedish Mission, K. R. Hartwig, Pastor.**

Church..... 10 00 Sunday-school..... 17 00  
Total, 27 00.

**Union, Adam Stengle, Pastor.**

From Church..... 171 00 From Sabbath-school..... 369 00  
Total, 540 00.

**Wesley, W. G. Koons, Pastor.**

Sunday-school..... 54 00 Church..... 41 00  
Total, 95 00.

**Zion, E. H. Hynson, Pastor.**

Zion Church..... 12 00 Zion Sunday-school..... 37 00  
Ebenezer Church..... 14 00 Ebenezer Sunday-school..... 38 00  
St. John's Church..... 14 00 St. John's Sunday-school..... 35 00  
Total, 150 00.

**Port Penn, Fred E. McKinsey, Pastor.**

Church..... 4 00 Sunday-school..... 11 00

**EASTON DISTRICT.**

**Appoquinimink, Wm. M. Warner, Pastor.**

Friendship Church..... 16 00 Friendship Sunday-school..... 20 00  
Walker's Sunday-school..... 12 00 Blackbird Sunday-school..... 10 00  
Union Sunday-school..... 5 00 A friend of Missions..... 12 00  
Total, 75 00.

**Bayside and Tilghman's, J. M. Lindale, Pastor.**

Bayside Church..... 14 51 Collected by Lillie Harrison..... 3 54  
Sherwood, by Nannie Kinnamon... 10 25 Tilghman, by Sallie May..... 10 00  
Tilghman, by Eunice Cummings... 10 00 Nannie Harrison..... 10 35  
Sunday-school..... 2 13 Cash..... 4 22  
Total, 65 00.

**Cecilton, E. C. Atkins, Pastor.**

St. Paul's Sunday-school..... 53 50 Cecilton Sunday-school..... 28 50  
Churches..... 88 00  
Total, 170 00.

**Centreville, Chas. A. Hill, Pastor.**

Ebenezer Sunday-school..... 28 00 Ebenezer Church..... 2 00  
Centreville..... 148 00 Centreville..... 30 00  
Wye camp-ground collection..... 8 00  
Total, 216 00.

**Chestertown, Robert W. Todd, Pastor.**

Sunday-school..... 151 00 Church..... 169 00  
Total, 320 00.

**Church Hill, J. A. Arters, Pastor.**

Church Hill Church..... 18 00 Sunday-school..... 36 00  
Union Church..... 25 00 Union Sunday-school..... 17 00  
Salem Church..... 4 00 Salem Sunday-school..... 3 00  
Burrsville Sunday-school..... 2 00  
Total..... 105 00.

**Crumpton, J. B. Merritt, Pastor.**

Churches..... 10 00 Sunday-schools..... 28 00  
Total..... 38 00.

**Easton, Herman Roe, Pastor.**

Church..... 235 00 Sunday-school..... 125 00  
Total..... 360 00

**Galena, I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.**

Galena Church..... 19 34 Galena Sunday-school..... 57 51  
Locust Grove Church..... 5 00 Locust Grove Sunday-school..... 18 15  
Total, 100 00.

**Greensboro, S. J. Morris, Pastor.**

Church..... 73 50 Sunday-school..... 51 50  
Total, 125 00.

**Hillsboro, Geo. W. Townsend, Pastor.**

Hillsboro Church..... 68 00 Hillsboro Sunday-school..... 28 00  
Ridgely Church..... 30 00 Ridgely Sunday-school..... 24 00  
Total, 150 00.

**Ingleside, Md., Albert Chandler, Pastor.**

Sunday-schools..... 15 00 Churches..... 70 00  
Total, 85 00.

**Kenton, W. W. Sharp, Pastor.**

Churches..... 60 00 Schools..... 30 00  
Total, 90 00.

**Kent Island, J. Robinson, Pastor.**

Church Collections, Stevensville, ... 36 30 Kingsley..... 2 05  
Coll'ed by Misses Denny and Ford 5 25 Mrs. Lynda Bryan..... 2 10  
Mrs. Gardner..... 2 65 Stevensville Sunday-school..... 20 38  
Kingsley Sunday-school..... 10 75 Trinity Church..... 52  
Total, 80 00.

**King's Creek, J. A. Brindle, Pastor.**

Cordova Church..... 10 00 Cordova..... 4 00  
King's Creek Sunday-school..... 4 00 King's Creek Church..... 11 00  
Chapel..... 5 00  
Total, 34 00.

**Masseys, Eben Welch, Pastor.**

From Congregations..... 10 00 From Sunday-schools..... 5 00  
Total, 15 00.

**Marydel, G. S. Conway, Pastor.**

Marydel Church..... 8 70 Marydel Sunday-school..... 7 65  
Templeville Church..... 12 44 Templeville Sunday-school..... 2 21  
Hartley Church..... 3 25 Hartley Sunday-school..... 2 35  
Thomas Chapel..... 3 20 Thomas Sabbath-school..... 1 20  
Total, 41 00.

**Middletown, R. H. Adams, Pastor.**

Church..... 63 00 Sunday-school-school..... 337 00  
Total, 400 00.

**Millington, E. E. White, Pastor.**

Church..... 42 00 Sunday-school..... 72 00  
Total, 114 00.

**Odessa, R. C. Jones, Pastor.**

Church..... 22 00 Sunday-school..... 180 00  
Total, 202 00.

<b>Oxford, E. P. Roberts, Pastor.</b>			
Sunday-school.....	40 00	Church.....	35 00
	Total, 75 00.		
<b>Pomona, W. R. Mobray, Pastor.</b>			
Churches.....	10 00	Bond Sunday-school.....	68 50
Walton Sunday-school.....	1 50		
	Total, 80 00.		
<b>Queenstown, G. T. Alderson, Pastor.</b>			
Schools.....	50 00	Church.....	25 00
	Total, 75 00.		
<b>Rock Hall, N. McQuay, Pastor.</b>			
Rock Hall Church.....	8 00	Rock Hall Sunday-school.....	68 00
Piney Neck Church.....	10 00	Piney Neck Sunday-school.....	17 00
	Total, 103 00.		
<b>Royal Oak and Talbot, J. D. Reese, Pastor.</b>			
Sunday-school.....	100 00	Church.....	8 00
	Total, 108 00.		
<b>Sassafras and Massey, Wm. Sheers, Pastor.</b>			
Sassafras Church.....	32 25	Sunday school.....	6 50
Massey's Church.....	1 25		
	Total, 40 00.		
<b>Smyrna, W. W. Wilson, Pastor.</b>			
Asbury Church.....	302 00	Sunday-school.....	323 00
Landing Sunday-school.....	15 00		
	Total, 640 00.		
<b>Smyrna Circuit, R. K. Stephenson, Pastor.</b>			
Bethel Church.....	75 00	Bethel Sunday-school.....	25 00
Severson's Church.....	27 00	Severson's Sunday-school.....	6 00
Clayton Church.....	47 00	Clayton Sunday-school.....	20 00
	Total, 200 00.		
<b>Still Pond, Jno. D. Rigg, Pastor.</b>			
Church.....	68 00	Sunday-school.....	132 00
	Total, 200 00.		
<b>St. Michaels, W. B. Walton, Pastor.</b>			
Sunday-school.....	214 00	Church.....	21 00
	Total, 235 00.		
<b>Sudlerville, T. H. Haynes, Pastor.</b>			
Church.....	34 00.	Sunday-school.....	66 00
	Total, 100 00.		
<b>Townsend, S. M. Morgan, Jr.</b>			
Sunday-school.....	40 00	Church.....	35 00
	Total, 75 00.		
<b>Trappe, F. J. Cochran, Pastor.</b>			
Trappe Church.....	35 00	Trappe Sunday-school.....	22 00
Emory Church.....	5 00	Emory Sunday-school.....	5 00
Union Church.....	8 00	Other Sources.....	15 00
	Total, 90 00.		
<b>Tunis Mills, A. Jones, Pastor.</b>			
Church.....	5 00	Sabbath-school.....	5 00
	Total, 10 00.		
<b>Union and Salem, H. C. Turner, Pastor.</b>			
From Union Charge.....	37 50	From Salem Charge.....	37 50
	Total, 75 00.		
<b>Wye and Hall's, John D. Lecates, Pastor.</b>			
Hall's Sunday-school.....	12 58	Wye Sunday-school.....	13 21
Hall's Church.....	18 36	Wye Church.....	34 85
Expenses.....			4 00
	Total, 75 00.		

DOVER DISTRICT.

<b>BECKWITH AND SPEDDENS, W. M. GREEN, PASTOR.</b>			
The Churches.....	86 00	Beckwith Sunday-school.....	9 00
Speddens.....			5 00
	Total, 100 00.		
<b>BRIDGEVILLE, J. H. HOWARD, PASTOR.</b>			
Church.....	100 00	Sunday-school.....	25 00
	Total, 125 00.		
<b>BURRSVILLE, J. W. FOGLE, PASTOR.</b>			
Central Sunday-school.....	13 09	Central Congregation.....	6 00
Sheppard Sunday-school.....	9 66	Sheppard Congregation.....	6 82
Wesley Sunday-school.....	4 75	Wesley Congregation.....	9 60
Thawley Sunday-school.....	2 00	Thawley Congregation.....	3 08
	Total, 55 00.		
<b>CRAPO, A. BURKE, PASTOR.</b>			
St. Thomas Church.....	41 00	St. Thomas Sunday-school.....	10 00
Wingates school.....	19 00	Willing's Neck School.....	12 00
Allie D. Bramble.....	7 75	Ebenezer Church.....	32 45
Ebenezer Sunday-school.....	29 55	Zion Church.....	14 25
Zion Sunday-school.....	20 00	Wesley Church and Sunday-school.....	16 00
	Total, 202 00.		
<b>CAMBRIDGE, ALFRED SMITH, PASTOR.</b>			
From Church.....	190 00	From Sunday-school.....	210 00
	Total, 400 00.		
<b>CANNON, R. T. COURSEY, PASTOR.</b>			
Sunday-school.....	75 00	Churches.....	25 00
	Total, 100 00.		
<b>CAMDEN, P. H. RAWLINS, PASTOR.</b>			
Camden Congregation.....	40 00	Camden Sunday-school.....	27 00
Lebanon Congregation.....	30 00	St. Jones Sunday-scho.....	30 000
Rising Sun Sunday-school.....			23 00
	Total, 150 00.		
<b>CHURCH CREEK, J. W. HAMMERSLEY, PASTOR.</b>			
Church.....	37 00	Sunday-school.....	6 00
	Total, 43 00.		
<b>DENTON, I. N. FOREMAN, PASTOR.</b>			
Church.....	40 00	Sunday-school.....	12 00
From Collector.....	23 00		
	Total, 75 00.		
<b>DORCHESTER, BAYNARD WAEATLEY, PASTOR.</b>			
Churches.....	12 00		
	Total, 12 00.		
<b>DOVER, THOS. E. TERRY, PASTOR.</b>			
Church.....	214 00	Main School.....	340 00
Avenue School.....	56 00		
	Total, 610 00.		
<b>EAST NEW MARKET, L. W. LAYFIELD, PASTOR.</b>			
East New Market Church.....	33 00	East New Market School.....	42 00
Cabin Creek.....	5 00		
	Total, 80 00.		
<b>ELLENDALE, ROBERT ROE, PASTOR.</b>			
Sunday-school.....	10 00	Church.....	40 00
	Total, 50 00.		
<b>ELLIOTT'S ISLAND, J. W. COLLINS, PASTOR.</b>			
Church.....	15 00	Davis Sunday-school.....	15 00
	Total, 30 00.		

FARMINGTON, GEO. W. WILCOX, PASTOR.			
Farmington Church.....	18 00	Sunday-school.....	3 00
Todd's Church.....	7 60	Prospect Church.....	7 40
Geo. W. Wilcox and wife.....	14 00		
Total, 50 00.			
FEDERALSBURG, J. W. EASLEY, PASTOR.			
Federalsburg Church.....	68 00	Sunday-school.....	41 14
Chestnut Grove Church.....	30 00	" ".....	2 61
Friendship Church.....	8 25		
Total, 150 00.			
FELTON, E. C. MACNICHOL, PASTOR.			
Churches.....	50 00	Sunday-schools.....	100 00
Total, 150 00.			
FREDERICA, J. H. CALDWELL, PASTOR.			
Church.....	63 00	Sunday-school.....	87 00
Total, 150 00.			
GALESTOWN, G. L. HRDESTY, PASTOR.			
Churches.....	90 00	Schools.....	35 00
Total, 125 00.			
GEORGETOWN, JNO. D. KEMP, PASTOR.			
Georgetown Sunday-school.....	114 00	St. John's Sunday-school.....	5 00
Churches.....			36 00
Total, 155 00.			
GREENWOOD, L. P. CORKRAN, PASTOR.			
Churches.....	90 00	Sunday-schools.....	35 00
Total, 125 00.			
HARRINGTON, T. L. PRICE, PASTOR.			
Church and School.....	100 00		
Total, 100 00.			
HOOPER'S ISLAND, CHAS. P. SWAIN, PASTOR.			
Hopkin's Chapel.....	3 92	Hopkin's Chapel Sunday-school...	1 10
Children Col. for Hopkins Church	10 00	Hoopes' Memorial Church.....	3 75
Hoopes' Memorial Young Ladies	10 00	Hoopes' Memorial School.....	1 07
Mt. Zion A. W. Swain Collection	5 00	Mt. Zion Sunday-school.....	16
Marvil's Chapel Young Ladies.....	9 00	Marvil's Chapel Sunday-school.....	6 00
Total, 50 00.			
HOUSTON, JAMES CARROLL, PASTOR.			
Houston Church.....	61 75	Houston Sunday-school.....	3 12
Laws' Church.....	24 07	Lewes, Sunday-school.....	6 00
Milford Neck Church.....	15 25	Milford Neck Sunday-school.....	1 26
Milford Church.....	5 00	Milford Sunday-school.....	5 00
Total, 121 46.			
HURLOCK, M. D. NUTTER, PASTOR.			
Washington Church.....	60 00	Sunday-school.....	5 00
St. Paul's.....	15 00	Williamsburg Church.....	5 00
Williamsburg Sunday-school.....	10 00	Otherwise.....	5 00
Total, 100 00.			
LEWES, H. S. THOMPSON, PASTOR.			
Church.....	100 00	unday-school.....	125 00
Total, 225 00.			
LINCOLN CITY, ISAAC L. WOOD, PASTOR.			
Schools.....	75 00	Churches.....	75 00
Total, 150 00.			
LEIPSIK, S. R. MAXWELL, PASTOR.			
Churches.....	49 00	Schools.....	1 00
Total, 50 00.			
LITTLE CREEK, J. P. WEST, PASTOR.			
Sunday-schools.....	10 00	Church.....	20 00
Total, 30 00.			

MAGNOLIA, W. T. VALIANT, PASTOR.			
Church.....	54 00	Schools.....	48 09
Total, 102 00.			
MILFORD, J. H. WILLEY, PASTOR.			
Church.....	295 00	Avenue Sunday-school.....	275 00
Chapel.....	30 00		
Total, 600 00.			
MILLSBORO, W. F. DAWSON, PASTOR.			
Millsboro Church and school.....	15 00	Dagsboro Church and school.....	12 00
Bethesda " " ".....	10 00	Unity.....	18 00
Central.....	20 00		
Total, 75 00.			
MILTON, T. R. CREAMER, PASTOR.			
Church.....	47 00	Sunday-school.....	78 00
Total, 125 00.			
NASSAU, JAMES T. PROUSE, PASTOR.			
Conley's Church.....	22 00	Sunday-school.....	7 00
Ebenezer ".....	15 00	" ".....	10 00
White ".....	23 00	" ".....	4 05
Zion ".....	19 00	" ".....	5 00
Private subscription.....	5 00		
Total, 110 00.			
POTTER'S LANDING, WM. L. P. BOWEN, PASTOR.			
Potter's Landing Congregation.....	22 95	Potter's Landing Sunday-school.....	4 70
Concord Congregation and S. School	16 35	Bloomery Congregation.....	6 00
Bloomery Sunday-school.....	9 00	Harmony Congregation.....	15 68
Harmony Sunday-school.....			32
Total, 75 00.			
PRESTON, EDWARD FREEMAN, PASTOR.			
Sunday-school.....	11 00	Churches.....	59 00
Total, 70 00.			
SALEM CIRCUIT, T. F. TABLER, PASTOR.			
Salem Congregation.....	5 90	Salem Sabbath School.....	2 10
McKendree Congregation.....	4 00	Linkwood Congregation.....	1 83
Linkwood Sabbath-school.....			2 17
Total, 16 00.			
SEAFORD, W. J. DUHADWAY, PASTOR.			
Church.....	15 00	Sunday-school.....	110 00
Total, 125 00.			
TAYLOR'S ISLAND, G. W. BOUNDS, PASTOR.			
Asbury Church.....	3 95	Sunday-school.....	4 30
Chaplain Memorial Church.....	4 30	Sunday-school.....	5 00
St. John's Church.....	5 35	Sunday-school.....	4 65
Hargis Memorial Church.....	15 00	Sunday-school.....	5 00
Mamie Tyler.....			1 75
Total, 50 00.			
VIENNA, J. M. MITCHELL, PASTOR.			
Churches.....	43 00	Sunday-schools.....	7 00
WOODSIDE, S. A. BENDER, PASTOR.			
Canterbury Sunday-school.....	16 00	Viola Sunday-school.....	2 00
Canterbury Church.....	18 00	Woodside Church.....	13 00
Viola Church.....			10 00
WYOMING, ALOYSIUS GREEN, PASTOR.			
Wyoming Church.....	16 00	Wyoming Sunday-school.....	3 00
Willow Grove Church.....	3 00	Willow Grove Sunday-school.....	22 50
Union Church.....	6 46	Union Sunday-school.....	4 04
Asbury Church.....			5 75

SALISBURY DISSRICT.

ACCOMAC AND NORTHAMPTON, JULIUS A. BREWINGTON, PASTOR.

Melson Sunday-school.....	12 00	Total, 12 00.	
AMMAMESSEY, WM. R. MCFARLANE.			
St. Peters Church .....	20 00	St. Peters Sunday-school.....	20 00
Quindocque Church .....	20 00	Quindocque Sunday-school.....	20 00
	Total, 80 00.		
ASBURY, W. F. COR KRAN, PASTOR.			
Sunday-school .....	100 00	Church.....	125 00
	Total, 225 00.		
POCOMOKE CIRCUIT, L. T. McLAIN, PASTOR.			
Sunday-school.....	15 00	Church.....	15 00
	Total, 30 00.		
BARREN CREEK, S. J. BAKER, PASTOR.			
Church and School.....			5 00
	Total, 5 00.		
BBRLIN, C, T. WYATT, PASTOR.			
Berlin Church.....	65 00	Friendship.....	5 00
Syrepuxent.....			6 00
	Total, 76 00.		
BETHEL, W. B. CREGG, PASTOR.			
Bethel.....	13 00	Gregg Sunday-school.....	17 00
Churches.....			31 00
	Total, 61 00.		
BISHOPVILLE, F. F. CARPENTER, PASTOR.			
Churches.....	10 00	Schools.....	40 00
CAPE CHARLES, WM. A. WISE, PASTOR.			
Church .....	5 00	Sunday-school .....	30 00
	Total, 35 00.		
CHINCOTEAGUE ISLAND, E. H. MILLER, PASTOR			
Churches .....	12 00	Sunday-schools.....	38 00
	Total, 50 00.		
CRISFIELD, F. C. MCSORLEY, PASTOR.			
Church .....	87 00	Sunday-school.....	113 00
	Total, 200 00.		
DEAL'S ISLAND, BENJ. C. WARREN, PASTOR.			
Churches .....	66 00	Deal's Island Sunday-school.....	95 00
Wenona Sunday-school.....	19 00	Jacob Parks.....	20 00
	Total, 200 00.		
DELMAR, C. S. BAKER, PASTOR.			
Churches .....	125 00	Sunday-school.....	100 00
	Total, 225 00.		
FAIRMOUNT, C. W. PRETTYMAN, PASTOR.			
Christ Church.....	13 00	Sunday-school Chri Church.....	422 00
Union Church .....	20 00	Sunday-school, Union.....	82 00
Fishing Sunday-school.....	22 00		
	Total, 559 00.		
FRANKFORD, CHAS. F. SHEPPARD, PASTOR.			
Frankford Church.....	11 10	Frankford Sunday-school.....	19 48
St. Georges' Church.....	16 00	St. Georges Sunday-school.....	26 00
Houstor's Church.....	1 25	Houston's Sunday-school.....	1 16
	Total, 75 00.		

FRUITLAND, W. W. REDMAN, PASTOR.

Fruitland Church.....	9 45	Sunday-school .....	3 00
Siloam Church.....	4 51	Sunday-school.....	3 00
Zion Church.....	4 04	Sunday-school.....	3 00
	Total, 27 00.		
GIRDLETREE, WARREN BURR, PASTOR.			
Churches and Schools.....			65 00
GUMBORO, W. W. JOHNSON, PASTOR.			
Churches.....			50 00
TANGIER ISLAND, JAMES CONNER.			
Churches.....	46 00	Sabbath school.....	160 00
	Total, 206 00.		
HALLWOOD, GEO. E. WOOD, PASTOR.			
Hallwood Church.....	10 00	Sunday school.....	10 00
Ebenezer Church.....			25 00
	Total, 25 00		
HOLLAND'S ISLAND, W. B. GUTHRIE, PASTOR.			
Church.....	125 00	Sunday-school.....	25 00
	Total, 150 00.		
KLEJ GRANGE, GEO. P. JONES, PASTOR.			
Churches and Schools.....			25 00
	Total, 25 00.		
LAUREL, J. OWEN SYPHERD, PASTOR.			
Church Collection.....	32 00	Sunday-school.....	148 00
	Total, 180 00.		
MOUNT VERNON, C. J. HAMMITT, PASTOR.			
Churches.....	30 50	Sunday-school.....	34 50
	Total, 65 00.		
NANTICOKE, D. F. WADDELL, PASTOR.			
Churches.....	78 00	Sunday-schools.....	4 00
	Total, 82 00.		
NEWARK, T. H. HARDING, PASTOR,			
Churches.....	50 00	Sunday-schools.....	25 00
	Total, 75 00.		
NEW CHURCH, JAMES A. GRAHAM, PASTOR.			
Church.....	5 00	School.....	5 00
	Total, 10 00.		
ONANCOCK, GEO. W. BURKE, PASTOR.			
Church.....	100 00	Tunday-schools.....	50 00
	Total, 150 00.		
PARSONSBURG, G. W. BOWMAN, PASTOR.			
Churches .....	45 00	Schools .....	30 00
	Total, 75 00.		
PRINCESS ANNE, W. P. COMPTON, PASTOR.			
School.....	55 00	Church.....	10 00
	Total, 65 00.		
POCOMOKE CITY, A. S. MOWBRAY, PASTOR.			
Church .....	5 00	School.....	75 00
	Total, 80 00.		
POWELLVILLE, J. W. GRAY, PASTOR.			
Churches .....	35 00	Schools.....	5 00
	Total, 40 00.		
QUANTICO, E. DAVIS, PASTOR.			
Quantico Church.....	8 95	School.....	1 54
Ebenezer Church.....	10 00	School .....	10 58
Mills' Church.....	4 00	School .....	4 26
Messick's Church.....	3 67		
	Total, 43 00.		



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