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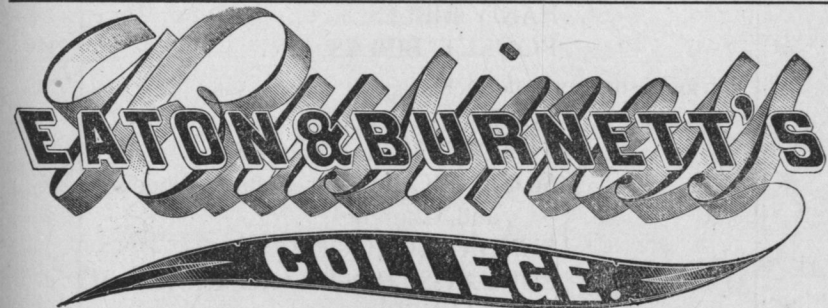
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Done in Wilmington, Del., on Sunday, March 20th, 1892.

EDWARD G. ANDREWS.

RULES OF ORDER.

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 provisions of the Discipline and the Rules of the Conference.

2. He shall preserve order in all of the proceedings, holding speakers strictly to the question, and call them to order when they wander from the point, violate the Rules of Order, or use any improper language.

3. He shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference by any two members.

4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for.

5. When two or more members claim the floor at the same time, he shall decide who is entitled thereto.

II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

1. The Secretary shall keep a fair and correct record of all the proceedings of the Conference, to be read at the opening of each session, subject to correction by the Conference.

2. He shall carefully preserve the journal and papers of the Conference placed in his custody, and shall not allow any person but a member to examine the same nor allow any one to take a transcript from either, without the permission of the Conference; he shall produce the journals and papers at each annual session, and see that the same be forwarded to 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 exercises, unless unavoidably detained; and no member may absent himself, without leave, from the seat of the Conference.

2. When a member would speak on any question, he shall arise in his place and respectfully address the President; refrain from all personalities and discourteous language; and no member shall speak more than once on the same question until every other member who so desires shall have spoken (except, simply to explain when misrepresented), nor shall any one speak longer than fifteen minutes without the consent of the Conference.

3. When a member is called to order by the President, or by any member through him, he shall take his seat until the point of order is decided by the President.

4. Any member may call for the division of the question, which shall be granted when, in the judgment of the President, the same will admit of it.

5. When a question has been decided by a vote of Conference, any member who may have voted with the majority, may move for a reconsideration of the same.

6. It shall be in order for any member, during the discussion of any proposition before the Conference (except in the examination of character) to move the "previous question," and if such motion 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 members of the same as the committee may agree upon, shall be entitled to close the debate.

IV. QUESTIONS TO BE TAKEN WITHOUT DEBATE.

1.—All motions, simply, to adjourn.

2.—All motions to lay on the table

3.—Motions on the "previous question."

4.—Demand for the "yeas and nays."

5.—All appeals from the decisions of the President.

6.—All motions for extension of time, either of a member on the floor, or the session of 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.

COMMITTEE OF EXAMINATION.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL.—Scripture History and Catechism, C. T. Wyatt; History of Methodism, V. S. Collins; Compendium of Methodism and Discipline, W. E. Avery; History of the United States, W. P. Compton.

FIRST YEAR.—Rhetoric, Adam Stengle; Christian Perfection and Sermons, J. A. Arters; Biblical Theology, R. T. Coursey; Systematic Theology, J. T. Van Burkalow; Ancient History, L. P. Corkran.

SECOND YEAR.—Mediaeval and Modern History, I. L. Wood; Biblical Theology, E. S. Mace; Systematic Theology, H. S. Thompson; Sacrament and Sermons, W. B. Gregg; Logic, E. E. White.

THIRD YEAR.—Atonement and Sermons, W. T. Valiant; Biblical Theology, J. P. Otis; Systematic Theology, Robert Watt; Intellectual Science, J. W. Easley; Church History, W. W. W. Wilson.

FOURTH YEAR.—Butler's Analogy, J. O. Sypherd; Biblical Theology, W. A. Wise; Homiletics, T. A. H. O'Brien; Watson's Institutes, E. C. Atkins; Exegesis, G. W. Burke.

LOCAL DEACONS.—T. N. Given, R. K. Stephenson, I. G. Fosnocht, J. H. Howard, J. S. Wickline.

LOCAL ELDERS.—W. G. Koons, A. Chandler, I. Jewell, E. P. Roberts, L. W. Layfield.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are received by transfer, and from what Conference?*

Daniel H. Willis, from Virginia Conference; Julius Dodd, from New York Conference.

2. *Who are admitted on trial?*

Wm. H. Benford, Van Peirce Northrup, Thos. B. Cooper, Clarence T. Wilson, Wm. H. S. Williams, Wm. O. Hurst, Clarence W. Strickland, Theodore F. Beauchamp, Fred. E. McKinsey, Wm. H. S. Loller, John D. Lecates.

3. *Who remain on trial?*

Mark E. Bowman, Henry C. Turner, Edwin Gardner, Elmer L. Cross, Francis B. Short, Joseph H. Geogheghan, George P. Jones.

4. *Who are discontinued?*

None.

5. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

Melvin D. Nutter, George W. Bounds, Julius A. Brewington, James Fogle, Aloysius Green.

6. *Who are readmitted?*

None.

7. *Who are received on credentials from other churches?*
None.
8. *What traveling preachers have been elected Deacons?*
Julius A. Brewington.
9. *What traveling preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
Julius A. Brewington.
10. *What local preaches have been elected Deacons?*
Van. P. Northrup, Wm. O. Hurst, John D. Lecates, Wm. G. Strickland, S. Edwin Grant, Henry G. Budd, Robert L. Rodgers, Edwin V. Hinchliff, Wm. P. Taylor, Wm. P. Eveland, Cyrus H. Terhune.
11. *What local preachers have been ordained Deacons?*
Van. P. Northrup, Wm. O. Hurst, John D. Lecates, Wm. G. Strickland, S. Edwin Grant, Henry G. Budd, Robert L. Rodgers, Edwin V. Hinchliff, Wm. P. Taylor, Wm. P. Eveland, Cyrus H. Terhune.
12. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the first class?*
Julius A. Brewington, Julius P. West, Samuel R. Maxwell, Melvin D. Nutter, Aloycius Green, Jas. W. Fogle, Geo. W. Bounds.
13. *Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?*
Jas. E. Graham, Truston C. Smoot, Thos. F. Tabler.
14. *What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?*
Geo. P. Smith, William Sheers, Geo. T. Alderson, John F. Anderson, Frank F. Carpenter, Warren Burr, Chas. P. Swain, Joshua W. Gray, John R. Todd, Frank Fletcher.
15. *What traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
Geo. P. Smith, Wm. Sheers, Geo. T. Alderson, Jno. F. Anderson, Frank F. Carpenter, Warren Burr, Chas. P. Swain, Joshua W. Gray, John R. Todd, Frank Fletcher.
16. *What local Deacons have been elected Elders?*
Wm. L. White, Jabez Hodson.
17. *What local Deacons have been ordained Elders?*
Wm. L. White, Jabez Hodson.
18. *Who are the supernumerary preachers?*
Alfred T. Scott, Wm. F. Talbot, Jas. B. Merritt, Thos. E. Bell, Wm. E. England, John W. Poole, Alfred T. Melvin, Wm. B. Walton, Jas. W. Hammersley, John D. Rigg, Joseph Robinson, Geo. W. Wilcox, John H. Caldwell, Charles Hill, Richard C. Jones.
19. *Who are the superannuated preachers?*
Jas. L. Houston, Alfred A. Fisher, George Barton, George A. Phoebus, Jas. Esgate, Henry Sanderson, Jas. A. Brindle, Jas. Hubbard, Charles J. Hammitt, W. W. Redman.
20. *Was the character of each preacher examined?*
This was strictly done in open Conference.
21. *Have any died?*
Thos. O. Ayres, Thos. R. Creamer, and Samuel J. Baker, a probationer.
22. *Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?*

- Geo. W. Todd and Thos. L. Price to New York East Conference, and H. O. Frazier to South East Indiana Conference, William Sheers to the Baltimore Conference.
23. *Have any withdrawn?*
Willard W. Johnson.
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 selectea to be the triers of appeals?*
Jas. E. Bryan, N. M. Browne, E. H. Miller, F. C. McSorley, D. F. Waddell, S. J. Morris, J. O. Sypherd.
29. *What is the statistical report for this Conference year?*
See tables.
30. *What is the Conference Treasurer's report for this Conference year?*
See tables.
31. *What are the claims on the Conference Fund?*
\$12,928.
32. *What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?*
\$7894.65, to Conference claimants under order of the Conference.
33. *Where are the preachers stationed?*
See list of appointments.
34. *Where shall the next Conference be held?*
Middletown, Delaware.

APPOINTMENTS.

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Delaware City,	A. P. Prettyman
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Elkton and Crouch's,	I. L. Wood
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Marshallton and Stanton,	C. H. Williams
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“ Brandywine,	J. P. Otis
“ Cookman,	Supply, Wm. L. White
“ East Lake and Edgemoor,	Supply, C. H. Kershaw
“ Epworth,	Isaac Jewel
“ Grace,	J. Y. Dobbins

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“ Madely,	D. F. Waddell
“ Mt. Salem,	W. E. Avery
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“ Scott,	John Frances
“ Silverbrook,	Mark E. Bowman
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“ Wesley,	J. B. Quigg
Zion,	L. W. Layfield

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Townsend	Frank Fletcher
Trappe.....	G. S. Conway
Wye and Starr,	J. H. Geoghegan

DOVER DISTRICT—R. H. ADAMS, P. E.

Beckwith,	W. F. Dawson
Bridgeville.....	W. P. Compton
Burrsville,.....	J. E. Graham and J. W. Poole, supply
Cambridge,	J. H. Howard
Camden,.....	P. H. Rawlins
Cannon,	T. S. Williams
Church Creek, Madison and Taylors.....	} C. W. Clapham and John Sewell
Island,	
Crapo,	J. P. Outten
Denton,	G. W. Townsend
Dorchester,	Supply L. B. Kirby
Dover, } Wesley,.....	W. L. S. Murray
} Second Church.....	G. W. Bounds
East New Market,	Asbury Burke
Ellendale,	Supply, L. T. McLain
Elliott's Island,	Supply, B. Wheatly
Farmington	W. M. Green
Federalburg,	Julius Dodd
Felton,.....	T. H. Haines
Frederica.....	S. R. Maxwell
Galestown,	J. T. Van Burkalow
Georgetown.....	C. A. Grise

Georgetown Circuit,	A. D. Davis, and one to be supplied
Greenwood.....	A. Green
Harrington	R. T. Coursey
Hooper's Island,.....	D. H. Willis
Houston,	W. B. Guthrie
Hurlock's,	M. D. Nutter
Lakesville,	Supply, N. P. Johnson
Leipsic,	F. F. Carpenter
Lewes,.....	F. C. McSorley
Lincoln,	G. W. Burke
Little Creek and St. Jones's,.....	C. W. Strickland
Magnolia,	W. R. McFarlane
Milford,.....	Robert Watt
Milton,	E. P. Roberts
Nassau,.....	J. S. Wickline
Preston,	To be supplied
Salem,.....	T. B. Cooper
Seaford and Bladesville,	C. T. Wilson
Vienna,.....	W. H. Benford
Williamsburg,.....	Supply, A. C. Jones
Williston,	T. F. Tabler
Woodside,.....	J. S. Moore
Wyoming,.....	W. B. Gregg

R. W. Todd, editor Conference Chronicle, member Wesley Church Quarterly Conference, Dover.

J. R. Todd and E. L. Cross, Professors in Wilmington Conference Academy, members of same Quarterly Conference.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.—W. F. CORKRAN, P. E.

Annamessex,	O. S. Walton
Asbury,.....	C. S. Baker
Barren Creek,	To be supplied
Berlin,.....	Wilmer Jaggard
Bethel,	Edward Davis
Bishopville,	G. T. Alderson
Cape Charles City,.....	W. O. Hurst
Chincoteague,.....	G. P. Jones
Crisfield,	H. W. Ewing

Deal's Island,.....	W. T. Valiant
Delmar,	L. P. Corkran
Fairmount,	C. W. Prettyman
Frankford,	C. P. Swain
Fruitland,	T. N. Given
Girdle Tree,	E. H. Derrickson
Gumboro,	J. A. Brewington
Holland's Island,.....	W. H. S. Williams
Laurel,.....	S. N. Pilchard
Millsboro,	James Carroll
Mt. Pleasant,.....	G. P. Smith
Mt. Vernon,	J. T. Prouse
Nanticoke,.....	F. J. Cochran
Newark,	W. L. P. Bowen
New Church and Hallwood,	supply, Luther Poole
Onancock,.....	E. C. Atkins
Parksley,.....	supply, J. H. Wilson
Parsonburg,	W. W. Chaires
Pocomoke Circuit,	supply, W. N. Conway
Pocomoke City,	W. A. Wise
Powelville,	supply, G. W. Hastings
Princess Anne,.....	C. F. Sheppard
Quantico,.....	J. M. Mitchell
Quindocqua,	V. P. Northrup
Roxanna,	C. T. Wyatt
Reed's Wharf,	supply, Eben Welsh
St. Peter's,.....	Warren Burr
Salisbury,	C. A. Hill
Selbyville,.....	T. F. Beauchamp
Sharptown,	T. C. Smoot
Smith's Island,	J. W. Gray
Snow Hill,	J. O. Sypherd
Somerset,	D. F. McFaul
Stockton,.....	N. McQuay
Tangier,.....	Z. H. Webster
Westover,	supply, C. K. Morris
Whitesville,	E. H. Miller

W. P. Taylor and J. P. West left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING—FIRST SESSION.

The twenty-fourth session of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, convened in Grace Church, Wilmington, Wednesday morning, March 16, 1892, at 9 o'clock, Bishop Edward G. Andrews, D. D. LL. D. in the chair.

The Bishop conducted devotional services by reading from the 4th and 5th chapters of II Cor., announced the 815th hymn, and led the conference in prayer. He then read the rules in the Discipline respecting department at Conference, and addressed the Conference in wise and tender words of counsel.

By request of the Secretary of last session, the Bishop asked A. S. Mowbray to call the roll, and 132 members answered to their names.

J. Y. Dobbins, J. S. Wickline and Daniel H. Willis were introduced, and the latter announced as having been transferred to this Conference from Virginia Conference.

On motion it was directed that the Secretary of the Conference be elected by ballot. W. E. Tomkinson, L. E. Barrett, C. W. Prettyman, and J. D. C. Hanna were appointed tellers, the ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

On nomination of J. France, C. A. Grise was elected Conference Treasurer, and directed to name his assistants, which he did as follows: R. I. Watkins, R. K. Stephenson, A. G. Cox, H. S. Goldy, and they were confirmed.

On motion of J. D. Rigg, W. R. Mowbray was elected Statistical Secretary, and directed to nominate his assistants, which he did, as follows: A. Burke, W. W. Sharp, F. F. Carpenter, H. C. Turner, J. A. Brewington, C. Strickland, G. P. Jones.

The hours of 9 A. M. and 12 M. were selected as the time for opening and closing the sessions of Conference.

The bar of the Conference was fixed so as to include the seventh line of pews.

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

The tellers returned and the Bishop announced the vote for Secretary, resulting in the election of A. S. Mowbray.

A. D. Davis moved to discontinue the Committee on Missionary Statistics and the publication of the same in the minutes, which was lost.

P. H. Rawlins, S. J. Morris, A. D. Davis and J. E. Bryan were elected Ministerial Stewards, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

W. G. Koons was elected Conference Post Master.

A draft on the Chartered Fund for \$25 was ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards. Also a draft on the Book Concern for \$1,391 was ordered in favor of the same.

Various communications from Sunday School Union, Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, Board of Education, etc., were referred to the appropriate committees.

A communication from the Secretary of the Freeman's Aid and Southern Education Society, giving the apportionment to this Conference for that work, was referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to the respective charges.

A communication from the Book Concern at New York, giving the apportionment of \$1,960 to this Conference for the Episcopal Fund, was referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to the various charges.

Thomas N. Given was appointed to solicit subscribers to the Gospel in All Lands, and to collect certain sums due the Missionary Society from this Conference, for this periodical.

W. O. Hurst was appointed to canvass for subscribers to the Methodist Review.

On motion of J. France the Committee on Tracts was changed to Committee on Sunday School and Tracts.

The Annual Exhibit of the Book Concerns was read in part and referred to the Committee on Periodicals.

On motion of C. A. Grise, the Conference Treasurer, the Statistical Secretary and Assistants received the various moneys and reports.

W. W. Wilson called attention to the omission of the Conference Educational Society from the Treasurer's envelops, and it was directed that persons who have money for this Society add the item on the envelope.

The Rules of Order of last year were adopted with the following change: Section III, Paragraph 12, the words in parenthesis, "except when the previous question is ordered" were stricken out.

Bishop Andrews introduced to the Conference Bishop C. D. Foss and Dr. J. W. Gray, of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.

The Bishop referred to rumors of charges against certain members of the Conference, and at his suggestion the Conference requested that any person intending to prefer charges against a member of this Conference, first submit a copy of the charges to the Bishop, that he might examine them touching law questions concerned.

At the further suggestion of the Bishop the Conference determined that when it adjourn it be to meet in private session at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Upon motion of Adam Stengle, it was directed that ministers from other Conferences acting as counsel, be admitted to the private session.

Dr. Jacob Todd, of the Philadelphia Conference was then introduced.

The Bishop called John France to the chair, and he and Bishop Foss retired.

Dr. J. W. Gray, of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, addressed the Conference concerning his work.

At the suggestion of Dr. J. Y. Dobbins it was decided that the private session be held in the lecture room.

Committees were called, announcements made. Conference adjourned with the Doxology, T. B. Hunter pronouncing the Benediction.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—SECOND SESSION.

The Conference met in private session at 3 o'clock.

A part of the first hymn was sung, and the Conference was led in prayer by Bishop Foss. Hymn 656 was sung, after which Bishop Andrews took the chair.

On motion of J. B. Quigg the Conference determined to admit to its private sessions the probationers of this Conference, and visiting ministers from other Conferences.

J. A. Arters, H. S. Dulany, T. E. Terry and R. T. Coursey were appointed doorkeepers.

The Bishop then addressed the Conference at length and with great clearness upon the laws governing the examination of character and the formulation of charges.

It was directed that when the Conference adjourn it be to meet at 8.30 tomorrow morning—in private session.

Notices were given and the Conference adjourned on motion, Bishop Andrews pronouncing the Benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING—SECOND DAY.

Third Session.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock with devotional services in charge of R. H. Adams.

Bishop Andrews took the chair at 8.50. The Journal was read, and approved.

The roll of those absent at yesterday's session was called, and its further reading dispensed with, with permission to those coming later to have their attendance entered upon the official Journal.

J. W. Easley, R. H. Adams, C. F. Sheppard and John France were appointed a Committee on Ministerial Qualification.

The Bishop then stated that the way was opened for the presentation to the Conference of any charges against any of its members. J. B. Quigg presented two papers.

At the direction of the Bishop, the Secretary read the charges presented in the case of John A. B. Wilson.

On motion it was determined that the Conference proceed with the trial of J. A. B. Wilson with closed doors.

The Conference was then called upon to name counsel for the Church, and T. E. Martindale, T. E. Terry, Dr. Jacob Todd and J. B. Quigg were nominated and accepted.

The Conference then approved W. P. Compton, J. B. Mann, J. D. C. Hanna, W. W. Wilson, Robert Watt, as counsel for the defense.

On motion of J. B. Quigg, laymen whose names may appear as signers to these charges were admitted to the private session.

Julius Dodd was announced by the Bishop as transferred from the New York Conference to this Conference.

W. J. DuHadway was appointed as Assistant Secretary to take down evidence.

The Conference further directed the employment of a stenographer, and the services of E. R. Mahan were secured.

The various charges and specifications were again read, and they were severally entertained by the Conference, except the last charge and the specifications thereunder, which were not entertained.

Defendant pleaded not guilty.

Upon motion, Clarence T. Wilson, a candidate for admission, was admitted to the private sessions.

Charge 1, specification 1, was then read.

The counsel for the Church introduced F. F. Carpenter as first witness, and he gave his testimony. (See record of evidence.)

It was agreed that each charge be taken separately, and all evidence from both sides be produced before taking up the next charge.

Counsel for defense objected to the introduction of a date.

The Bishop ruled that slight changes in the wording of specifications, for the sake of greater accuracy, were no bar to the entertainment of the specifications, provided they do not put the accused to disadvantage. Counsel for defense made exception and it was noted.

The second specification under charge 1 was read, and the prosecution presented Vaughan S. Collins as witness. (See record of testimony.)

The Conference directed that when it adjourn, it be to meet in private session at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

It was further agreed that the meeting be held in the lecture room of St. Paul's Church.

Adam Stengle was appointed to conduct the opening devotional services of the afternoon session.

Notices were given, the Doxology sung, Bishop Foss pronouncing the Benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON—SECOND DAY.

Fourth Session.

Conference met in the lecture room of St. Paul's Church at 2 o'clock, Adam Stengle in charge of the devotions.

F. B. Short was appointed door-keeper.

Vaughan S. Collins was recalled as witness and questions asked. (See record of testimony.)

Specification 3 was then read. Letters were introduced as testimony, read by the Secretary and filed as documents A, B, C. (See record of evidence.)

Specification 4 was read. The counsel for the Church then called J. D. Rigg, and E. C. Macnichol as witnesses. (See record of evidence.)

The counsel for the Church here completed testimony under charge 1, and rested their case under this charge.

Specification 1 was re-read, and counsel for defense introduced Clarence T. Wilson and John A. B. Wilson. (See record of testimony.)

John France testified (see record.)

Specification 2 was read, the witnesses called by the defense were John A. B. Wilson, J. D. C. Hanna, C. A. Grise. (See record of testimony.)

Specification 3 was read, counsel for defense introduced as witnesses S. R. Maxwell, Robert M. Hurley, John A. B. Wilson. (See record of testimony.)

Specification 4 was read, and John A. B. Wilson testified. (See record of evidence.)

The second charge was then read.

F. J. Cochran moved that the Conference request T. Snowden Thomas not to publish any information obtained at the private sessions.

The motion was laid on the table by a count vote of 65 to 39.

Specification 1 was read.

The counsel for the Church introduced Dr. E. W. Cooper as witness. (See record of testimony.)

Specification 2 was read, and Thomas J. Stevenson was called as witness by the prosecution.

J. H. Caldwell was also called as witness but his proposed testimony was ruled out. (See record of evidence.)

The prosecution here rested.

Specification 1 was again taken up, and John A. B. Wilson was introduced as witness for the defense.

Specification 2 was read.

Part of a letter from Governor Reynolds, of Delaware, was read as evidence for the defense. (See document D.)

John A. B. Wilson was introduced as a witness. (See record of testimony.)

Charge 3 was read.

Specification 1 was read.

G. T. Alderson appeared as witness for the prosecution.

The counsel for Church also called, F. F. Carpenter, but his proposed testimony was not admitted. (See record of testimony.)

The Bishop recalled G. T. Alderson, and the prosecution called on him to explain a letter which was introduced and read, (See document E.)

W. G. Koons was then called to testify. (See record of evidence.)

The prosecution then rested.

The counsel for defense introduced John A. B. Wilson as witness. (See record of testimony.)

The evidence here closed,

On motion it was determined that when the Conference adjourn it be to meet at 8.30 to-morrow morning.

The Conference further directed that it be a private session, held in the lecture room of St. Paul's Church.

Notices were then given, and the Conference adjourned, Bishop Andrews pronouncing the Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING—THIRD DAY.

Fifth Session.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, W. E. Tomkinson in charge of the devotions.

The journal was read, corrections made and it was approved.

The counsel in the case of John A. B. Wilson agreed that the case should be submitted without argument.

The Bishop addressed the Conference concerning the responsibility resting upon each member in deciding so serious a case as the one before them.

E. C. Macnichol moved to take the vote by ballot. A motion by C. S. Baker, to lay on the table, was lost by a vote of 50 to 68.

The original motion prevailed by a vote of 61 to 57.

The Bishop directed the appointment of tellers.

The prosecution named Vaughan S. Collins, the defense named R. T. Coursey and Conference R. H. Adams, and they were confirmed.

The bar of the Conference was fixed at the second line of pillars, the members requested to come within, and all others to retire without, the bar.

Charge 1, specification 1 was read.

The Bishop explained the manner of voting and the ballot was ordered, resulting in yes 64 no 67, and the specification was not sustained.

Specification 2 was then read and the ballot taken, resulting in yes 67 no 25, and the specification was sustained.

Specification 3 was read and the ballot was taken, resulting in yes 65 no 70, and the specification was not sustained.

Specification 4 was read and the ballot was taken, resulting in yes 72 no 58, and the specification was sustained.

Specifications 2 and 4, which had been sustained, were re-read, and the vote taken as to whether these specifications sustained charge 1. The ballot stood yes 58, no 76, and the charge was not sustained.

Charge 2, specification 1 was read, the vote taken resulting in yes 32, no 98, and the specification was not sustained.

Specification 2 was read, the vote taken, and the result was yes 35, no 93, and the specification was not sustained.

Neither specification under charge 2 being sustained, the Bishop declared that the charge was not sustained.

Charge 3, specification 1 were read, the ballot was yes 20, no 102, and the specification was not sustained.

Charge 3 was not sustained.

The Conference directed that the stenographic notes of evidence in this trial be kept, with the documents in the case, by the Secretary under seal.

J. B. Quigg upon a question of privilege made a statement explanatory of his relation to the foregoing case.

The Bishop presented the charges against Wilbur F. Corkran, they were read and the question recurred upon their entertainment by the Conference.

Charge 1 and the specification thereunder were re-read, and upon motion they were not entertained.

Charge 2 and the specification therewith connected were re-read, and they were entertained.

Upon motion the case was referred to a select number consisting of fifteen.

On motion of J. D. Rigg the Conference directed the appointment of a committee of three to nominate persons for the select number, and to confer with counsel on both sides before presenting their nominations to the Conference.

The committee as appointed consisted of R. W. Todd, J. D. Rigg and Geo. W. Townsend.

The following were selected and approved as counsel:

For church—J. D. Kemp, J. B. Quigg.

For defense—W. J. DuHadway, J. D. C. Hanna, Robert Watt.

Bishop Andrews requested Bishop Foss to act as chairman for the select number.

Dr. J. M. Buckley was introduced, and spoke concerning his work as editor of the Christian Advocate.

Dr. C. H. Payne, Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced and spoke concerning the work of that department.

The time was extended.

Dr. George E. Reed, President of Dickinson College, was introduced, and spoke concerning the prosperity and outlook of that institution.

The Committee of Nomination returned and submitted twenty names. The Bishop read the first fifteen upon the list, counsel for the defense made no challenge and they were approved by the Conference as follows: R. H. Adams, J. A. Arters, James Carroll, R. T. Coursey, Edward Davis, J. W. Easley, John France, T. H. Haines, T. B. Hunter, H. S. Thompson, J. M. Lindale, E. S. Mace, J. B. Merritt, E. H. Nelson, J. P. Otis.

Bishop Foss gave notice that the select number would meet in the lecture room of St. Paul's Church this afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock.

Stenographer E. R. Mahan was employed to take down testimony for the select number.

Z. H. Webster was detailed to act as secretary for the committee.

A paper from the non-partisan W. C. T. U. was presented, and referred to the Committee on Temperance.

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

SATURDAY MORNING.—FOURTH DAY.

Sixth Session.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock. The devotions in charge of John France.

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

Bishop Andrews, as President of the Conference, read a statement referring to the complete vindication of all parties against whom charges were preferred, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal, printed in the minutes, and furnished to the papers for publication. (See Reports.)

The 5th question, "Who are admitted into full connection," was taken up.

Melvin D. Nutter, George W. Bounds, Julius A. Brewington, James Fogle and Aloysius Green were called before the Conference.

The Bishop propounded the disciplinary questions, their characters passed they reported their collections, and retired.

The committee reported, the presiding elders represented, and they were admitted into full connection.

Julius A. Brewington was elected to Deacons orders, the others being already in orders.

Harry O. Frazer was announced as transferred to the South East Indiana Conference.

Samuel J. Baker was announced as having died during the year.

William P. Taylor was continued on trial, not having passed the first year's examination, and was permitted to attend one of our schools.

The Conference then determined to proceed with the election of delegates to the General Conference.

R. H. Adams, V. S. Collins, R. T. Coursey, J. P. Otis, A. Chandler, H. S. Thompson were appointed tellers. W. J. DuHadway and W. A. Wise, assistant secretaries, were appointed to assist in the count of the ballots.

The Conference directed that in the selection of delegates the vote should be by ballot, that a majority of all votes cast should elect, that in the event of more than three receiving a majority, the three highest be chosen as the delegates; that blanks be not counted, that names subject to doubt shall have the initials of the person intended, and that ballots with less than three names upon them shall be counted.

The Bishop directed that in voting all members of the Conference arise, stand until they had deposited their ballot and then be seated.

The first ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

The 14th question, "What traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?" was taken up. George P. Smith, William Sheers, George T. Alderson, John F. Anderson, Frank F. Carpenter, Wesley W. Chaires, Warren Burr, Charles P. Swain, Joshua W. Gray, John R. Todd and Frank Fletcher were called, the committee reported, the presiding elders represented, they reported their collections, and they retired, and all were elected to Elder's orders except Wesley W. Chaires, who was already in orders, and they were passed to the list of effective Elders.

Thomas L. Price and George W. Todd were announced as transferred to the New York East Conference.

Dr. A. J. Kynett, Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced and made a brief address concerning his work.

Dr. E. W. Cooper, of Camden, Del., L. A. C. Gerry, of Port Deposit, Md., and E. B. Rice, of Middletown, Del., formally presented the greetings of the Lay-Electoral Conference, to which Bishop Andrews made courteous reply on behalf of the Conference.

Dr. A. S. Hunt, of the American Bible Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning his work.

The tellers reported whole number of votes cast 144, necessary to a choice 73. No one having received that number there was no election, and a second ballot was ordered.

The Conference appointed John France, C. W. Prettyman and J. O. Sypherd, a committee to convey greetings to the Lay Electoral Conference and to ascertain their wishes.

The 10th question, "What local preachers have been elected Deacons?" was taken up. Van Pierce Northrup, Wm. P. Taylor, John D. Lecates, Wm. O. Hurst, Wm. G. Strickland, S. Edwin Grant, Robert L. Rodgers, Edwin V. Hinchliff, Henry G. Budd, were called, and being recommended in due form, the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and they were elected to Deacon's orders. Wm. P. Eveland, a probationer, in the Central Pennsylvania Conference, upon recommendation of that Conference, and representation by the Bishop, was elected to Deacon's orders. Cyrus H. Terhune, a student of Dickinson College, upon recommendation of the Carlisle Quarterly Conference and the representation of the committee of this Conference, before whom he appeared, was also elected to Deacon's orders.

The tellers made a second report. Whole number of votes cast, 142, necessary to a choice, 72. W. L. S. Murray having received 83 and Alfred Smith 74, they were declared elected as delegates to General Conference. A ballot was then ordered for one delegate. R. H. Adams was excused from further service as teller, and L. E. Barrett was appointed teller in his stead. A third ballot was then ordered.

The 16th question, "What local Deacons have been elected Elders?" was taken up, William L. White and Jabez Hodson were called, and being duly recommended, the committee reported, the Presiding Elder represented, and they were elected to Elder's orders.

Dr. Homer Eaton, agent of the New York Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning the work and prosperity of the Book Concern.

Dr. I. N. Dolby, of Washington, a member of the Genesee Conference, made a short address in the interest of the Deaconess work of which he has charge.

The tellers reported. There being no election, a fourth ballot was ordered.

The committee sent to the Lay Conference returned, reported, and upon their motion it was decided to receive the laymen at 11.45 o'clock. It was further directed that delegates-elect W. L. S. Murray and Alfred Smith address the combined body.

The time was extended.

The Lay-Electoral Conference was then introduced, "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung. Addresses were made on behalf of the Conference by W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, and on behalf of the Lay Conference, by I. T. Matthews, chairman, Joseph Pyle and Dr. A. E. Sudler, delegates. Bishop Andrews also made appropriate remarks.

The tellers returned. Whole number of votes cast 143, necessary to a choice 73. R. H. Adams received 85, and was declared elected, and he was also requested to address the Lay Conference. Robert Watt was excused from preaching the Missionary sermon.

Notices were given and the combined Conference joined in singing "God be with You," and adjourned, Bishop Andrews pronouncing the Benediction.

FIFTH DAY—SUNDAY.

Conference Lovefeast was held at 9 a. m., in charge of J. E. Bryan.

The sermon by Bishop Andrews, at 10.30 a. m., was followed by the ordination of Deacons.

Special service was held at 2 p. m., at which the ordination of Elders took place.

SIXTH DAY—MONDAY MORNING.

Eighth Session.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock. T. A. H. O'Brien conducted the half-hour prayer service.

At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair. The journal was read and approved.

Dr. A. B. Leonard, one of the secretaries of the Missionary Society, was introduced, and spoke concerning the interests of that cause.

The Bishop called John France to the chair.

Dr. S. F. Upham, one of the professors at Drew Seminary, was introduced, and spoke concerning that institution.

Bishop Andrews resumed the chair.

The third question, "Who remain on trial?" was taken up. Mark E. Bowman, Henry C. Turner, Edwin Gardner, Francis B. Short, Joseph H. Geogheghan, George P. Jones, were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, they were advanced in their studies and continued on trial. Elmer L. Cross was continued on trial, not having passed the first year's examination. The Conference further permitted him to pass two years' examination at next Conference.

The 13th question, "Who are the traveling Deacons of the second class?" was taken up. James E. Graham, Thos. F. Tabler, Truston C. Smoot were called, the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, they reported their collections and they were advanced to Deacons of the second class.

Julius P. West was continued in the first class of Deacons, not having passed the required examination, and was permitted to attend one of our schools.

Samuel R. Maxwell, not having appeared before the committee, was continued in the first class of Deacons with permission to pass two years' examination at one time.

The 18th question, "Who are the supernumerary preachers?" was taken up. A. T. Scott, A. T. Melvin, John W. Poole, Wm. B. Walton, W. F. Talbot, Thos. E. Bell, W. E. England, J. W. Hammersley, J. B. Merritt were called, their characters passed and their relation continued.

The character of T. S. Williams was passed, and his relation changed from supernumerary to effective, at his own request.

The 19th question, "Who are the superannuated preachers?" was taken up. James L. Houston, A. A. Fisher, George Barton, G. A. Phoebus, James Esgate, Henry Sanderson, J. A. Brindle, James Hubbard, C. J. Hammit, W. W. Redman were called, their characters passed and their relation was continued.

The Bishop presented to the Conference the certificate of yesterday's ordinations, which was filed.

Resolutions from the Lay Electoral Conference were presented, and at their request read to the Conference.

The minutes of the Lay Electoral Conference were ordered to be printed in minutes of this Conference.

A ballot was then ordered to be taken for the election of two reserve delegates to the General Conference.

The vote upon the proposition to change the Restrictive Rule so as to admit women as Lay Delegates to the General Conference stood, for 69, against 59.

The vote on the Philadelphia proposition, to have equal lay and ministerial representation in the General Conference, and to abolish the division of the house stood, for 30, against 73.

It was directed that members absent at the taking of the vote for the admission of women be permitted to record their vote.

Upon motion it was declared the sense of this Conference that Lay-representation in the General Conference should be equal to the ministerial representation.

Tellers returned, the ballot was announced, whole number votes 135; necessary to a choice, 68. T. E. Martindale having received 74 votes, was declared elected a reserve delegate to the General Conference. A second ballot was ordered for one reserve delegate. The ballot was taken and tellers retired. Dr. Aaron Rittenhouse, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Hospital, was introduced and addressed the Conference respecting that institution.

Tellers returned, the second ballot was announced, whole number of votes cast, 132. Necessary to a choice, 67. T. E. Terry, having received 86, was declared elected second reserve delegate to the General Conference.

Dr. Alfred A. Wright, Dean of Boston Correspondence School of Theology, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning his work.

Dr. Elon Foster, of the New York Conference, was introduced and made an announcement.

Upon motion of T. E. Martindale, the Conference directed the appointment of a special committee on the Philadelphia Hospital.

The 20th question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. Wilmington District was called. The character of W. L. S. Murray, Presiding Elder, was passed, and he read his report. The following effective Elders were then called, their characters passed and they reported their collections. Wilmer Jaggard, E. H. Hynson, T. B. Hunter, I. G. Fosnocht, A. P. Prettyman, B. F. Price, Charles Hill, D. H. Corkran, O. S. Walton, C. H. Williams, J. T. Van Burkalow, W. E. Tomkinson, W. J. DuHadway, T. E. Martindale, A. S. Mowbray, J. B. Quigg, Adam Stengle, J. E. Bryan, G. L. Hardesty, J. D. C. Hanna, C. A. Grise, I. Jewell, J. Y. Dobbins, H. S. Dulany, E. C. Atkins, W. E. Avery, L. E. Barrett, John France, E. L. Hubbard, W. G. Koons, I. L. Wood, George E. Wood.

Easton District was called, the character of Alfred Smith, Presiding Elder, was passed, and he read his report. The following effective Elders were then called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: J. D. Reese, J. M. Lindale, T. A. H. O'Brien, V. S. Collins, R. I. Watkins, J. A. Arters, R. H. Adams, E. H. Nelson, R. W. Todd, S. M. Morgan, T. H. Harding, W. W. Sharp, A. Chandler, G. S. Conway, N. M. Browne, E. E. White, H. S. Thompson, W. R. Mowbray, Robert Roe, S. J. Morris, W. W. W. Wilson, R. K. Stephenson, J. D. Kemp, E. C. Macnichol, J. M. Collins, W. R. McFarlane.

The time was extended.

The Bishop appointed as Committee on Philadelphia Hospital, T. E. Martindale, W. W. W. Wilson, Adam Stengle, J. D. C. Hanna, W. E. Avery.

J. O. Sypherd and A. D. Davis were appointed a committee to audit the Presiding Elders' Missionary accounts. To this same committee were referred the accounts of E. H. Nelson as Trustee of Funds for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham, and of J. D. Rigg as Secretary of the last Conference.

Upon motion of V. S. Collins, a collection was taken for Mrs. S. J. Baker. The Bishop appointed E. L. Hubbard, R. W. Todd, W. E. Avery, V. S. Collins, W. E. Tomkinson, G. W. Townsend, to take the collection. The collection amounted to \$100.29

It was determined that when the Conference adjourn it be to meet at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon for memorial service and other business.

Adam Wallace D. D., and Isaac R. Merrill, of the Philadelphia Conference, and T. L. Tomkinson, of the Central Pennsylvania Conference were introduced.

John France was appointed to preside at the afternoon session.

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

SIXTH DAY—MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Ninth Session.

Conference met at 2.30 o'clock, John France in the chair. The devotions were conducted by H. S. Thompson.

The memoir of S. J. Baker was read by W. J. DuHadway, that of T. O. Ayres by S. M. Morgan and that of Vaughan Smith by N. M. Browne.

Bishop Foss took the chair.

The memoir of T. R. Creamer was read by F. C. McSorley, and that of Capt. Alexander Kelley by Dr. J. Y. Dobbins.

At the close of each of the readings various brethren made appropriate remarks, and the memoirs were severally adopted and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

On motion the Conference adjourned, the Doxology was sung and Bishop Foss pronounced the Benediction.

SEVENTH DAY.—TUESDAY MORNING.

Tenth Session.

Conference met at 8.30 o'clock. The half hour devotional exercise was conducted by John France.

The 20th question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was resumed. John A. B. Wilson, Presiding Elder, was called, his character passed and he read his report. The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: W. F. Dawson, J. P. Otis, J. H. Howard, P. H. Rawlins, W. L. P. Bowen, G. W. Townsend, T. E. Terry, Asbury Burke, Joseph Robinson, J. W. Easley, T. H. Haynes, J. H. Caldwell, D. F. Waddell, J. D. Rigg, W. P. Compton, R. T. Coursey, W. B. Guthrie, W. M. Warner, F. C. McSorley, L. P. Corkran, L. W. Layfield, Robert Watt, James Carroll, J. S. Wickline, E. P. Roberts, W. M. Green, J. S. Moore.

W. W. Johnson was permitted to withdraw, his credentials having been surrendered to his Presiding Elder.

R. K. Stephenson made a statement concerning the condition of R. C. Jones, and of moneys spent in his behalf, which was referred to the Auditing Committee. The relation of Brother Jones was changed from effective to supernumerary and his case referred to the Board of Stewards.

The relation of J. D. Rigg was changed from effective to supernumerary at his own request, and his case referred to the Board of Stewards.

The following resolutions, presented by T. E. Martindale, were read and adopted by rising vote:

WHEREAS, Rev. J. D. Rigg, who has so faithfully served this Conference as its Secretary, during eleven consecutive years, was at this session obliged to decline re-election on account of ill-health, therefore:

Resolved, First, That we hereby record our appreciation of his long service in this office, his painstaking attention to its many difficult and delicate duties, and to his uniform courtesy to all the members of this Conference.

Resolved, Second, That we assure him of our sympathy in his present physical disability, and pray that the Great Healer may soon restore him to his former health.

J. H. Caldwell was granted a supernumerary relation, at his own request, and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards.

W. F. Corkran presented the case of John F. Anderson as one who stood in need of assistance from the Conference, because of sickness and consequent retirement from his charge during most of the year.

A collection was ordered in behalf of the Board of Stewards, with a view to assisting the two last-named brethren. The collection was taken and amounted to \$301.

The 20th question was resumed. Salisbury District was called, the character of W. F. Corkran, Presiding Elder, was passed and he read his report.

The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections. J. T. Prouse, C. S. Baker, T. C. Smoot, E. Davis, H. W. Ewing, W. T. Valiant, A. D. Davis, C. W. Prettyman, E. S. Mace, E. H. Derrickson, G. W. Wilcox, S. N. Pilchard, G. W. Bowman, F. J. Cochran, E. H. Miller, G. W. Burke, W. B. Gregg, D. F. McFaul, W. A. Wise, C. F. Sheppard, J. M. Mitchell, C. T. Wyatt, C. A. Hill, J. O. Sypherd, T. N. Given, Newton McQuay, James Connor, Z. H. Webster.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted.

1. *Resolved*, That in the judgment of this Conference the Conference Chronicle is published in the interest of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

2. *Resolved*, That the Presiding Bishop be requested to appoint R. W. Todd to the editorship of the Conference Chronicle.

3. *Resolved*, That this Conference will not hold itself responsible for the management of any papers published by private enterprise, and withholds its endorsement from any such papers, leaving to the individual members of the Conference, and the public generally, the judgment they may deem due them on their merits.

The 2d question, "Who are admitted on trial?" was called, Van P. Northrup, Thomas B. Cooper, Clarence T. Wilson, Wm. H. S. Williams, Wm. O. Hurst, Clarence W. Strickland, Theodore F. Beauchamp, Fred E. McKinsey, Wm. H. S. Loller, were introduced, the committees reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and they were admitted on trial.

The time was extended.

The application of John D. Lecates was again referred to the Committee on Ministerial Qualification for further examination.

The application of Luther E. Poole was withdrawn and the Presiding Elders was permitted to employ him.

It was determined that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon for the entertainment of reports or other business, such as will require no special discussion.

The Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Bishop Foss pronouncing the Benediction.

SEVENTH DAY.—TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Eleventh Session.

Conference met at 2.30 o'clock. H. S. Thompson in the chair. The devotions were conducted by P. H. Rawlins.

At the close of the devotions Bishop Foss took the chair.

J. A. Arters presented and read the report of the committee on Bible Society, which was amended and adopted.

S. N. Pilchard presented and read the report of the committee on Sunday schools. The part referring to the publication in the minutes of a list of Sunday school superintendents, and their post office addresses was stricken out and the report was then adopted.

W. J. DuHadway presented and read the report of the committee on Temperance and it was adopted.

T. A. H. O'Brien offered a supplementary resolution, which was adopted and copies of the same were ordered to be sent to the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates, signed by the President and Secretary of the Conference.

Wilmer Jaggard presented and read the report of the committee on Sabbath Observance. Dr. T. A. Fernly, Secretary of the Philadelphia Sabbath Association, was introduced and spoke upon the present standing of the Sabbath question. In harmony with a suggestion of his the report was amended and adopted.

The Stewards presented their report through the President of the Board, it was adopted and the moneys were distributed.

Upon motion of E. L. Hubbard it was directed that the pastors ask their official boards to increase the Conference claimant apportionments 25 per cent.

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

R. K. Stephenson was appointed trustee of the funds voted to R. C. Jones.

J. M. Lindale presented and read the report of the committee on periodicals, and it was adopted.

A communication from C. H. B. Day announcing the expiration of the term of four Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy, and a committee consisting of T. E. Martindale and T. E. Terry was appointed to nominate their successors.

T. E. Martindale presented and read the report of the Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy, and it was received and filed.

Prof. W. L. Gooding, President of the Wilmington Conference Academy, was introduced, and spoke concerning the work of that institution.

W. P. Compton presented and read the report of the Committee on Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and it was adopted.

G. T. Alderson presented and read the report of the Committee on Church Extension Society, and it was adopted.

George E. Wood presented and read the report of the Committee on Epworth League, and it was adopted.

W. E. Tomkinson presented and read the report of the Committee on the Freeman's Aid and Southern Education Society, and it was adopted.

T. B. Hunter, W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, and T. E. Terry, were nominated and elected Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

L. E. Barrett nominated the Conference Board of Domestic Missions, and they were confirmed. (See list.)

E. C. Mancichol presented and read resolutions of thanks to the Pennsylvania, Baltimore and Ohio, and New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk R. R's. for favors extended the members of this Conference, and they were adopted.

B. F. Price, President of the Conference Historical Society, presented a report of that society, renominated the Board of Managers, and they were confirmed.

N. M. Browne presented to the Conference the records of the Centenary Board, and they were placed in the custody of the Secretary.

T. E. Martindale presented and read the report of the Committee on Philadelphia Hospital, and it was adopted.

F. C. McSorley presented and read the report of the Committee on Conference Endowment Fund, and it was adopted.

It was determined that when we adjourn it be to meet at 7.30 o'clock this evening.

The 34th question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. Middletown, Del., was put in nomination by Rev. N. M. Browne, pastor, and was unanimously chosen by a rising vote.

T. E. Martindale presented and read the report of the Conference Board of Church Extension, and it was adopted.

W. Easley presented a written report of the Committee on Ministerial Qualification, in the case of John D. Lecates, unanimously recommending him for admission on trial in this Conference. The report was adopted and he was admitted.

The Conference Treasurer, C. A. Grise, presented and read his report; it was adopted, and he was directed to pay the moneys to the treasurers of the several societies.

The nomination of the officers and managers of the Conference Educational Society were read and confirmed.

On motion a committee of three to nominate life directors for the Maryland Bible Society were appointed, consisting of R. W. Todd, T. E. Terry, L. E. Barrett.

The Statistical Secretary presented his report, the Conference requested the reading of the Conference totals and the report was adopted.

John France, T. E. Terry, R. K. Stephenson, were appointed a committee to prepare resolutions of thanks.

Conference adjourned. Doxology was sung, Bishop Foss pronouncing the Benediction.

SEVENTH DAY—TUESDAY EVENING.

Twelfth Session.

Conference met at 7.30 P. M., Bishop Foss in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by Dr. J. Y. Dobbins.

The Journal of the morning and afternoon sessions was read and approved.

C. F. Sheppard presented and read the report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and it was adopted.

V. S. Collins presented and read the report of the Committee on Education, and it was adopted.

J. O. Sypherd presented and read the report of the statement of J. D. Rigg, as Secretary of the last Conference, which was laid upon the table for future consideration.

The report of the Auditing Committee, of the accounts of E. H. Nelson, as Trustee for Mrs. Chatham, was accepted and filed.

The Report of the Auditing Committee of the accounts of R. K. Stephenson, as Trustee for funds for R. C. Jones, was accepted and filed.

The accounts of the Missionary money expended by the several Presiding Elders was read and adopted.

J. B. Quigg made a motion to take collection to raise \$168 to pay off the various obligations of the Conference as named by him.

On motion of R. H. Adams, it was directed to request the Presiding Elders to limit reports to 2,000 words.

C. A. Hill recorded his vote "No" on the Woman's Question. Collection was taken, and amounted to \$83, which was divided as follows: \$50 to the Sexton, \$15 to the stenographer, and the balance, \$18, toward the Minute account. The Conference then proceeded to raise \$85 by subscription to complete paying debts.

R. K. Stephenson was directed to re-imburse himself from moneys in his hands as trustee for R. C. Jones.

Dr. Dobbins presented a memorial concerning the Chinese, which was adopted.

The committee appointed at the afternoon session to nominate persons for life directorship in the Maryland Bible Society, was granted leave to make their report in the next annual report of said Society.

G. W. Wilcox was granted supernumary relation at his own request.

The Secretary read the appropriations of the Committee on Missions, and they were adopted.

The nominations for Examining Committees, etc., were read and adopted.

Board of Church Extension and other committees were nominated and elected.

Committee on thanks presented resolutions which were unanimously adopted by rising vote.

Money collected was given Rev. J. D. Rigg for distribution.

It was directed that after devotional services and reading appointments the Conference stand adjourned.

It was decided that the Presiding Elder of Easton District and pastors of Middletown and Odessa be a Committee on Anniversaries of the next session.

Hymn 822 was sung.

Bishop Andrews made a fervent prayer, addressed the Conference in wise and earnest words, read the appointments and Conference adjourned, with the Benediction by Bishop Andrews.

REPORTS.

BISHOP ANDREWS' ADDRESS.

(See page 26.)

The President of the Conference congratulates the Conference and the Rev. Brothers Wilson and Corkran on the issue of the two trials now closed. He believes that the verdicts which have been found are in accordance with the evidence in each case, and that they are clear indications that the Conference, as a body, intends that no partisanship or want of candor shall mar its work. And the history of the matters which have been in controversy should, as he believes, emphasize for the ministry and laity of the Wilmington Conference the rule of discipline given in paragraph 109: "Believe evil of no one without good evidence; unless you see it done take heed how you credit it. Put the best construction on everything."

The President also deems this a fit occasion for making additional statements relating to the honor of the Conference and the reputation of some of its most valued ministers.

It is well known that in many newspapers of this Peninsula it has been published that charges would be preferred at this session of the Conference against several members additional to the two named above; that some damaging particulars of these charges have also been published and that the parties to be thus accused have been notified of the impending accusations.

The Conference, in its opening session on Wednesday morning, requested all persons having charges to be presented to place them at once in the hands of the President, that he might examine them in reference to the law questions that might arise thereon.

In accordance with this request six bills of charges and specifications were at once placed with the President, additional to those which have now been investigated, and aided by Bishop Foss he entered at once on the examination of them.

On Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of the Conference, he returned all these papers, accompanying the return with a statement concerning actionable offenses, and concerning the proper and legal form of bills of charges and specifications.

On Thursday morning a call was made and repeated in open conference for the formal presentation of charges against members of the conference. None of the six bills of charges and specifications named above, or any modification of them were or have been presented to the Conference. And thus it has come to pass that members of the Conference who have been notified that charges would be presented against them, and who have, with others, seen in the public journals statements more or less full and correct of the intended charges, have

had any opportunity to dispose of the allegations made against them, nor have the allegations been publicly withdrawn.

The President of the Conference therefore deems it just and brotherly to make the following statements concerning the charges and specifications which were placed in his hands:

1. Two of the bills of charges and specifications were without signatures. No one appeared to be responsible for the accusations which they contained. This may or may not have occurred through inadvertence. But in either case these charges and specifications had no legal standing, and were of the same value only as anonymous writings of the same import.

2. Most of the specifications alleged in various forms the use of unwarrantable words, classing them under various heads as "Mischief-making," "Defamation," etc.

Upon examination the following facts appeared.

(a) None of the specifications of defamation were signed by the persons alleged to have been defamed—but were signed by persons presumably not personally acquainted with the facts of the case.

(b) Some of the unwarrantable words alleged to have been used were such criticism of public men and public acts as members of the Wilmington Conference were at liberty to make, if they deemed them just and expedient.

(c) Many of the specifications related to conversations held many months and years ago, and often between the accused and one other party only; and for these reasons, as well as for the indefiniteness of the language said to have been used, they were not likely to be sustained against denial by the accused person, even as like forms of specification have failed to be sustained in the trial just now closed.

(d) And in no case of allegation of improper temper, word or action was there any further allegation that the accused person had been duly reprovved therefor, and had continued to indulge in the practice for which he had been reprovved.

3. There were some charges of lying and deception. In some cases these related to conversations said to have occurred years ago; and in most, if not all, the alleged specifications of falsehood there seemed to be no recognition of the fact that a misstatement may be an honest one and have in it no purposed deception, which purpose of deception is the essential quality of Falsehood. So far as the President now (Saturday morning) remembers, there was not one of the allegations of falsehood contained in the six bills of charges which did not, on the face of it, show a possibility of easy explanation compatible with the truthfulness of the accused person.

4. There were a few specifications of worse and grosser sins. But in each of these specifications there was such entire absence of all definiteness, and particularly that not only could there be no preparation for or possibility of refutation, but there was laid solid ground for the suspicion that the accusing parties knew nothing whatever about the matters of which they thus ventured to speak, and for the further suspicion of inexcusable recklessness in their assault on the reputation of Christian ministers.

For such reasons as these the six bills of charges were almost in every item

inadmissible as a basis of judicial procedure in the Conference. And the fact that they had been prepared, had been notified to the accused and to the public, and had been handed to the President of the Conferenca for examination, ought not to leave any, even the least, stain on the reputation of the brethren whom they accused.

EDWARD G. ANDREWS.

Wilmington, Del., March 26, 1892.

1.—EDUCATION.

Your committee agree with the universal judgment of the Church that there is to-day a demand that the ministry of the Church be educated such as never has been before. In this day of unrest, within and without the Church, the day of vexed questions in civil, religious, domestic and commercial relations, it is vain to imagine that piety alone is sufficient equipment for the man of God. He is to search out and apply the fundamental, eternal principles of the book divine to all these problems which vex and harass the minds of the people.

The minister must be a leader of thought, not simply an example of piety. He must by his wisdom and clear-sighted judgment command the respect of his most intelligent hearer, as well as his religious devotion be an example to the most illiterate and ignorant. To attain this high excellence of right leadership demands the highest culture of both mind and heart. There is needed the loving, trustful, tender, forgiving heart of the child; but it is also imperative that the ambassador of Christ be equipped with all knowledge and all wisdom. It is a source of regret to your committee that out of the large class admitted to the Conference this session, that so few have completed collegiate courses of classical instruction. And your committee would most respectfully recommend that any one admitted on trial, who received less than 6 on a scale of 10 in any study, be required to make up that study, and pass a satisfactory examination in such study, before the proper committee, at the next session of the Conference.

Your committee report with pleasure that the schools with which our Conference is more immediately concerned are in a most excellent condition.

Dickinson College, with her 297 students, by far the largest number ever enrolled, is increasingly prosperous under the presidency of Rev. Dr. Geo. Edward Reed. The alumni of this Conference territory organized the 18th inst. the Wilmington District Alumni Association of Dickinson College, and elected Henry P. Cannon, Esq., to represent the district in the Board of Trustees.

Boston University has enrolled 1,020 students in her seven schools, coming from 37 States and territories and 21 foreign countries. With its elaborate curricula and skilled corps of instructors the University was never so well prepared to do the work self imposed.

Drew Seminary to be honored needs but to be named. The quality of the men who are now with us is the grandest commendation that can be made for this great school of the prophets.

Morgan College, with its branch schools at Princess Anne, Md., and Lynchburg, Va., is still busy with training preachers and teachers for our "Brother in

Black." Two hundred and fifty students are now enrolled, and the highest charge for tuition is but \$1.50 per month, and board and laundrying \$5.

The Woman's College of Baltimore City is to be mentioned only in terms of congratulation. On the 3rd instant corner stones of two new buildings were laid, the Latin School and the College Home. The growth of this institution is little less than marvelous. The notices of commendation of the secular press, especially from such a conservative paper as the Baltimore Sun, which gave half a column to the services of corner-stone laying, show us clearly that this grand work commends itself to those who are not especially interested friends.

We would call especial attention to the Boston School of Correspondence, under the charge of Rev. A. A. Wright. There are coming into the ranks of our itinerant ministry about 1,000 new men each year, only about 100 of whom have had collegiate training. This means that every year there are entered 900 men who have not been trained to think. Many of these do not know how to study. Yet we place in their hands works like Butler's Analogy and Porter's Human Intellect that require a mind fully trained to intelligently comprehend them. Dr. Wright proposes to show all such the most profitable way of intelligent study of the prescribed Conference courses by a system of correspondence. It is not to supersede college or seminary, but to aid the men who have not and cannot avail themselves of these established educational facilities. We recommend that Revs. E. L. Hubbard, H. S. Thompson, R. Watt and C. A. Hill be appointed a committee to carefully examine the practicability of Dr. Wright's plan, and to report at the next session of the Conference.

Our own beloved Conference Academy is mentioned last because it is to Peninsular Methodism the most important of all these excellent institutions. The past year has been one of great prosperity. There have been 156 students enrolled, and more boarders than ever before in the history of the institution. The Ladies' Hall has been completed at a total cost, including furniture, of \$22,500. There are still five dormitories and one parlor which need furnishing. We hope our liberal laymen of means will soon see to it that this lack is supplied, that our Academy may be fully equipped for its great work.

Your committee would also urge the importance of increased collections for educational purposes. The General Board of Education last year assisted 935 students, 713 of whom are studying for the ministry, 119 for missionary and 100 for teaching. Let the Children's Day collection be made as large as possible, and religiously applied for education. Our own Conference Educational Society ought to be better known and better sustained. This society is to aid solely those who are studying to enter this Conference. Every one who pays one dollar annually becomes a member of this Society, and has all the privileges of voting for managers and directing the affairs of the Society. This Society has never been on such a good business basis as now, with Albert Cowgill, president, Joseph Smithers, treasurer, and W. W. W. Wilson, secretary.

Last year nine students were aided to the amount of \$436. This year the collections amount to \$457. Can we not double that amount, brethren, during the coming year?

A memorial from the Wilmington Conference, in session at Wilmington, Del. March, 1892, to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at Omaha, Neb., May, 1892.

Dear Fathers and Brethren :

Your memorialists respectfully represent, that they believe the absence of systematic instruction in the use of the text books provided by the Bishops for the use of the Annual Conference undergraduates, is producing disastrous consequences both to the students and to the church ; that these students are in danger of lightly estimating the value of their studies, since they are permitted to conduct them at their own discretion, both as to time and as to method ; that the connec-tional character of our church requires that there should be some connec-tional supervision of the study-habits of undergraduates, and of the examinations they must pass ; that there are more than one hundred different grades of Confer-ence examinations, and that there are different styles of examination in the same Conference.

And your memorialists further respectfully represent, that in their judgment there should be some attempt made to unify the Conference examinations, to elevate the standard of undergraduate scholarship, and do away with the evils of our present policy.

Your memorialists therefore pray, that your body will consider the expediency of providing some suitable instruction for the said Conference undergraduates, either by utilizing our great university appliances, by means of a correspondence faculty or otherwise, or by means of other institutions specially designed to accomplish this end.

In behalf of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

II.—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We look upon the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society as one of the potent factors of our Church in the dissemination of Gospel light among the benighted heathen of the earth.

We realize that in many respects its influence and power has been as great as that of the parent society, and that it, as an organization, without detracting from the influence and power of the parent society, has been an auxiliary, adding in a wonderful degree to the accomplishments of our Church in this all-important work of bringing all nations under the banner and dominion of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We observe that more work is being accomplished every year by the noble sisterhood in their untiring efforts in promoting the interests of their society.

We would, therefore, recommend additional effort to advance the collections that are set apart to this work. That we urge greater attention to the circulation of the paper known as the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and all literature calculated to produce greater zeal and earnestness in this great work.

We would recommend that all our committees be urged to see that there is a separate presentation of this important and potential society to our churches each Conference year.

III.—WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The committee on Woman's Home Missionary Society would respectfully report that the last year has been one of very great prosperity in this society. Its cash receipts have been \$19,000 more than last year, in all this year \$169,000. Our Conference has raised for the society this year \$1,100. In actual cash this is more than last year.

We would ask if this society be recognized by the General Conference, why should we not, as pastors, open the way for its regular officers to bring its claims for existence and for financial support before our people.

The society is at this very time helping members of our own Conference and is silently and without ostentation, contributing to their comfort.

There are so many needy and ignorant people in the Metropolis of our Con-ference, and in some of the larger towns, that surely there is a field for it and a most important work for it to do.

We commend the society to the greater sympathy, the more earnest prayers and the larger liberality of our people, believing it to be one of the agencies of Heaven's own countenancing eminently adapted to aid in the evangelizing of the world.

IV.—PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL.

The committee appointed to consider the relation of this Conference to the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia beg leave to report :

That we greatly rejoice in the founding of so noble an institution in a city adjacent to us, for the relief of suffering, and are pleased to learn that within a month its doors will be thrown open for the reception of patients.

Its possibilities of helpfulness to us were brought home in the statement made before this Conference by Dr. Rittenhouse, the honored superintendent of the hospital. He said that if the institution had been opened a few months ago it would have received among its first cases one of our own afflicted ministers, appli-cation having been made for him on the report that the hospital was already in operation.

It is very desirable that the Wilmington Conference should be represented in that institution by the endowment in perpetuity of a free bed. This would cost \$500, and would be a ceaseless blessing.

We appeal to our people of means to furnish at least one such bed in the name of this Conference.

It may be also stated that any smaller contributions will be gladly received, inasmuch as the sum of \$30 will keep an adult bed free for one month, and \$25 a child's bed for the same time.

We commend Rev. Dr. Rittenhouse to our people, and will give him cordial welcome to our pulpits, both for his own sake and for the sake of his cause.

V.—EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The aggressive and progressive spirit of Methodism finds vent in the move-ment known as the Epworth League. Its motto : "Look up—Lift up" harmonizes with the teachings of Him "who went about doing good." Calling into operation

the latent forces of the Church, the oft-repeated question relative to probationers and young people finds an easy solution. Its existence is justified by the rapid progress made and results achieved, and while recognized as a young people's society, it serves as a connecting bond between old and young.

The junior Epworth League opens a wide field for usefulness, supplementing as it does the work of the Sunday school, in teaching the doctrines of the Church and inculcating the principles of temperance and purity. We suggest to all pastors the formation of Junior Leagues.

We note with pleasure the very gratifying progress made by the League within our Conference territory during the year just closing, there being at present 81 Chapters, or more than double the number of last year, with an aggregate membership of about 4,000.

Nor are the results all manifest in the above figures, for the influence of this membership is permeating the hearts and lives of our young people with the divinely inspired sentiment of its motto, thus teaching them to be workers in the vineyard of the Master, and in a little while, leaders of the Lord's hosts.

When we consider that this society has been organized scarcely three years, its growth is marvellous, and while our Conference has done well, yet we think the aim ought to be at least a League in every charge. As there are only 81 Chapters in Wilmington Conference there is much land to be possessed and much work for the League.

We recommend to the favorable consideration of the League, the "Epworth Herald," the official organ of the Society, which has at present a circulation of over 52,000. While among the youngest, is one of the best of our church papers.

The Epworth News, a monthly, edited by Rev. Aloycius Green, of this Conference, is a neat, spicy paper, published in the interests of the League within our bounds. While the price of the Herald is only \$1, both papers can be secured for \$1 by applying to the editor of the Epworth News.

We call the attention of all Epworthians to the request of Bishop Hurst, Chancellor of the American University at Washington, D. C., that every member of the League contribute one dollar towards the erection of a building to be known as "Epworth Hall."

The Sixth General Conference District Convention, held at Chattanooga, Tenn., has recommended through the Corresponding Secretary of this Conference, that columns be allowed in the minutes for numbers of Chapters and members.

VI.—CHURCH EXTENSION.

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

The regular meeting of the Board was held at Fletcher Hall, Wilmington, May 12th, 1891.

The report of the Treasurer showed that on April 28th, 1891, the sum of \$2,600 had been paid to James Long, Esq., Treasurer of the Parent Board.

The following churches were recommended for aid:

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.		Donation.
Elsmere,		\$400 00
Baldwins,		75 00
Kingswood,		200 00
Sylmar,		75 00
EASTON DISTRICT.		
Lower Tiighman's Island,		200 00
DOVER DISTRICT.		
Williamsburg,		125 00
Dailsville, Loan \$200,		150 00
Nicholls, Loan \$200,		
Hargis' Memorial,		75 00
St. John's,		75 00
SALISBURY DISTRICT.		
Powellsville, Loan \$200,		100 00
Klej Grange,		200 00

The following donations have been made by the Parent Board during the Conference year:

Cecilton,	\$300 00
Queenstown,	200 00
Elsmere,	400 00
Klej Grange,	200 00
Sylmar,	75 00
Powell's Mills,	75 00
Hargis' Memorial,	175 00
Lower Tilghman's,	200 00

The following have been granted on conditions not yet complied with;

Powellsville,	\$100 00
Kingswood,	200 00
Baldwin's,	75 00
Williamsburg,	125 00
Loans outstanding at the close of the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1891:	
Locust Grove, balance,	\$ 199 00
Hallwood, "	267 33
Pittsville, "	75 00
Chincoteague Island, balance,	50 00
Hoopsville, balance,	150 00
Little Creek,	600 00
Read's Wharf,	250 00
New Church,	200 00
Madison,	250 00
Lakesville,	300 00
Kenny,	100 00

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At the annual meeting a committee was appointed to prepare a circular letter appealing to the churches of the Conference for increased contributions to their work of Church Extension.

VII. FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

We greatly rejoice in the success of this society, within the last quadrennium, ending July, 1891. It has now under its control 41 institutions of learning, with 330 teachers and 9,310 scholars.

These schools are not only giving intellectual training, but mechanical training also, so that from these centres of knowledge are going forth the carpenter, the blacksmith, the shoemaker, the seamstress, the laundress and the cook as well as the minister, the teacher and the physician. These 41 institutions have 10 literary and 28 manual training departments.

From the streets and the fields, boys and girls are taken out of poverty, ignorance and sin, who begged their living or worked for a meager support. They are sent out intelligent Christian workmen into the various professions and trades. In these trades they make from \$1.50 to \$2 per day. All manual training so far has been among the colored people. The society is now organizing this department of its work among the whites. Of the 16,000,000 people in the 16 Southern States, upwards of one-third cannot read or write. About three millions of this number are black, and something over one and one-half millions are white.

In order to make good citizens and Christians of these people, who will be a benefit and a blessing to our country and Church, rather than a weakness and a danger, we must teach them to love and honor our industries, our laws and our God. Therefore we believe this Society is doing a great work which has been a long felt want.

We have learned with pleasure that the increase for this Society by collections only within the last quadrenium has been \$9,000, and from other sources \$250,000. The special work depending upon the contributions of the Wilmington Conference for its Freedman's Aid collections is Morgan College, of Baltimore, with its branch schools at Princess Anne, where six industries are taught the boys and four the girls; and another similar to the Princess Anne school at Lynchburg, Va., now in process of erection. By special arrangements with the Freedman's Aid Board, these schools are under control of local trustees, and are maintained by contributions within the limits of the four patronizing Conferences, namely, the Wilmington and Baltimore, white, and the Delaware and Washington, colored.

This experiment has been very successful. A debt of \$6,000 has been paid in the last year, and \$5,350 added to the endowment. The collections are increasing and the usefulness of the work greatly enlarged. Charts, leaflets and envelopes to aid in taking this collection may be obtained free by applying to the secretaries.

VIII. CHURCH EXTENSION.

Up to March 1st, 1892, the Board has collected and disbursed over \$4,380,000. Of this amount our Conference has contributed \$33,919.54.

Over 8,000 churches have been aided by this fund, which is more than one-third of the entire number owned by our church.

Up to November 1st, 1891, the close of the Church Extension year, 79 churches have received aid in our Conference; \$3,600.00 have been donated, and \$16,470.00 have been loaned. Of this sum \$1,158.67 has been returned.

It is manifest that the efficiency and value of the Loan Fund depends upon the fidelity and promptness of the churches borrowing from it, in meeting their obligations. To fail in this is a serious fault. We urge our churches to meet every obligation with the strictest fidelity.

We heartily recommend "Christianity in Earnest," as a helpful magazine, to the pastors in their work. It is fresh and full of valuable information. We also cordially recommend "Glad Tidings," with its service of song, as helpful in taking the annual collection.

We recommend for adoption the following resolution:

1. We congratulate the Church upon the great work accomplished by our Board of Church Extension, and commend it to the enlarged liberality of all our people.

2. The fact that our country is new, that our population doubles in less than thirty years, so that within another quarter of a century we shall exceed an hundred millions of people, and that the powers of evil are intensely active, demand that the work of Church Extension, shall be greatly enlarged in the quarter of a century to come.

3. We will not be content until, in the enlargement of this work under the direction of the General Committee and Board of Church Extension, we shall fully perform the part assigned us as a conference.

4. In order to do this we will, in our several appointments, avail ourselves of the helps provided by the Board, in *Christianity in Earnest* and *Glad Tidings*, and will endeavor to lead our Churches to respond in full to the call made upon them in pursuance of the plans of the discipline.

IX.—ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions have agreed on the following appropriations:

DOVER DISTRICT.

Salem,	\$100 00
Dorchester,	150 00
Lakesville,	50 00
Total,	\$300 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Cape Charles,	\$150 00
Read's Wharf,	200 00
Parksleys,	200 00
New Church,	150 00
Total,	\$700 00

I concur in the above appropriations.

E. G. ANDREWS.

Wilmington, Del., March 22, 1892.

X. SUNDAY OBSERVANCE.

We note with interest the growing sentiment upon this, one of the great issues of the present time, in the face of the fact that strenuous efforts are being made to overthrow the religious privileges and liberties of this nation by the introduction of a secular Sunday, and in further view of the fact that issues are joined on

the introduction of an European Sabbath, and confident of the purpose of the several Christian denominations of the land to maintain the attitude of our fathers on this subject, and sustain the divine law; therefore,

Resolved 1. That we sympathize in the work of the various "Sabbath Observance Associations," and assure them of our hearty co-operation to further the designs of their organization.

Resolved 2. That we condemn the practice of unnecessary Sunday travel.

Resolved 3. That we discountenance all agreements with railroad or steamboat companies, on the part of our ministers or Churches, by which passengers are conveyed to or from any place of worship on the Lord's Day.

Resolved 4. That we endorse and support any and all managers of camp and other Sabbath meetings who strive to maintain the sanctity of the Lord's Day; and we declare that when this day is disregarded in the conduct of such meetings we will not be present nor participate in such services.

Resolved 5. That at least one Sabbath in the year be devoted to specific instructions from the pulpit on this important question.

Resolved 6. That we respectfully and most earnestly request the commissioners of the "Columbian Exposition" to heed the petitions of the people, and close the doors of the "Exhibition" on the Lord's Day.

Resolved 7. That we memorialize our National Congress not to pass the bill granting the loan of six and a half millions of dollars, or any other sum of money, to the Commissioners of the Exposition, unless said loan should be conditional upon closing the gates on the Sabbath.

Resolved 8. That copies of the last two resolutions be engrossed and sent to each House of our Congress, over the signatures of the officers of the Conference.

XI.—TEMPERANCE.

1. While the attitude of the Church must be one of uncompromising hostility toward all kinds of vice and sin, intemperance, because of the extent of its ravages, the cruelty and vileness of its operations, and of its destructive consequences upon every interest of man, not only justifies, but demands, the array of all the moral forces of the Church and of the world in a special and united attack upon the strongholds of this enemy.

2. It is, therefore, our duty as Christian Ministers to preach distinctively and frequently on the subject of Temperance. This holy Gospel theme should not be relegated to the secular platform of professional temperance agitators, much less abandoned to the partisan discussion of designing politicians, but should be promoted by all the force and authority which the hallowed associations of the Sabbath and of the pulpit can impart to it.

3. We further recommend that the Committee on Temperance appointed by the Quarterly Conferences of our several churches (of which the pastor is chairman) shall organize Church temperance societies for old and young (either separately for these two classes or unitedly) the one condition of membership in these societies being a pledge of total abstinence from all that can intoxicate. We recommend that monthly meetings of such societies be held, when substantial instruction in the principles of temperance shall be imparted.

4. We are unalterably fixed in our conviction that the total prohibition of the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage should be proclaimed and enforced by the State. Especially do we declare that the protection

of the liquor traffic by the State in return for license fees, high or low, or in any other way, is a sin against God and a crime against humanity.

5. It is the duty of Christians to labor, pray and vote for the suppression of the liquor traffic; and to have no complicity with this iniquity by supporting candidates who, or political parties which, have refused to declare against it.

6. We declare our hearty appreciation and endorsement of the various lines of work pursued by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, State, National and International, and, also, of all other organizations which are helping in the great struggle against this defiant enemy of the Church and of the home.

7. We denounce the action of the World's Fair Commissioners in letting the right to sell intoxicants within the grounds of that great Exposition, and declare it to be an insult to the Christian and Temperance people of this and other lands.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, The Maryland State Temperance Alliance has prepared and submitted to the present Legislature and are urging the passage of a general local option law for the State of Maryland; and,

Whereas, We believe such a measure is wise, and under its provisions, the cause of temperance may be advanced, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in conference assembled, that we respectfully and earnestly urge upon the Grand Assembly the passage of said measure.

Resolved, That a copy of our action, signed by our President and Secretary, be forwarded to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House for presentation to each branch of the General Assembly.

XII.—CHURCH PERIODICALS.

We have heard with gratification the report of the Book Committee and exhibit of the book concerns of the M. E. Church at New York and Cincinnati for the year 1891. We recognise the fact that our Methodist religious literature is among the best, cheapest and most profitable especially for our people.

We are encouraged to patronize the same by the prospect of cheapening thereby the cost of our own publications and of increasing the amount of dividend therefrom toward the support of our superannuated ministers, widows and orphans.

We heartily recommend the increased circulation of the *Christian Advocate* and the *Methodist Review*, and as far as may be practicable of all other publications from the Methodist Book Concern.

XIII.—CONFERENCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The anniversary of our Conference Historical Society has not been held at this session, but I ask permission to make the usual report, and this you can allow. *First*, Because I am the recognised President of the Society, and *Second*, I stand before you as the oldest effective itinerant of the Wilmington Conference, and am therefore, myself, an historical character. An interesting programme of exercises was prepared and the anniversary appointed for the afternoon of the first day of Conference, but the press of business displaced it, and no opportunity has since

occurred for the meeting, and its postponement became a necessity. This is surely a matter of regret, and I do trust that those who shall arrange for the anniversary next year shall see to it that ours will not be supplanted. It ought not to be necessary to remind the members of this Conference that by the consent of universal Methodism, the territory of our Conference is regarded as classic ground, and the work we have in hand is not only to preserve the relics of the past but to enlarge and adorn the annals of history by the records of noble deeds, which shall stimulate ourselves by the heroism of our predecessors, and in turn inspire our contemporaries and those who come after us with emulation to strew the future with trophies of Evangelism; and place in the archives of our society the names of those "of whom the world is not worthy," together with the achievements of imperishable fame. I would recommend the same Board of Managers be continued. If any persons have relics or records to report they are requested to do so to Wm. H. Foulk, of Wilmington, the custodian of our society, who will see that they are properly registered and preserved.

B. F. PRICE.

XIV.—STEWARDS ENDOWMENT.

From year to year, as a Conference, we are confronted with the inadequacy of the support provided for our Conference claimants. No one who has justly considered the matter, will deny that a sufficient support for these, our brethren, and their dependent families, is one of our great needs. To meet this need it has been resolved to raise an endowment fund, the interest of which shall be used to supplement the annual collections.

This fund is to be secured by each pastor paying annually for this purpose one per cent. of his salary.

Last year out of 160 brethren who should have reported, only 66 reported, aggregating \$511. Thus 94 reported nothing the first year, while the Treasurer's report shows that 105 have failed to report this year.

The success of our plan requires the co-operation of each member of the conference.

Doubtless some of the brethren have failed to report because they thought the whole amount must come from their own slender funds. Such was not the intention. The subject should be presented to the Church, and all who wish to do so, be given an opportunity to contribute.

We believe further that the plan can be a success only with a capable and energetic man in charge of it. We, therefore, recommend the appointment of Rev. C. A. Grise as Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Endowment Fund, and that his expenses incurred thereby be paid out of the receipts.

XV.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools present the following:

All aggressive churches believe in Sunday Schools, and recognize them as invaluable in the salvation of souls and in the development of Christian character.

We are not in sympathy with the idea that Sunday Schools are places for the

youth only. Persons of older age should alike feel it a duty to be present at and participate in this means of grace.

We believe that our Sunday Schools would be greatly benefitted by *regular* visits from the Sunday School Committee, and by the discharge of other duties marked out for them in our Book of Discipline.

We suggest that all our schools put forth an extra effort this year to reach every child who does not attend them.

We further suggest the propriety of utilizing the various literary helps within the reach of every school, especially the Catechism of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

XVI.—BIBLE CAUSE.

It is with pleasure that we learn that it is the earnest purpose of the American Bible Society not only to put a single copy of the Scriptures in every home, but a Bible in the hands of every child that can read, in the United States, and to advance in the foreign work as rapidly as the Christian Church can reach the hearts and homes of heathen peoples. The Auxiliary Societies within the bounds of our Conference are rendering efficient aid in carrying forward the home work of Bible distribution, and also contributing means to assist the broader work of the Parent Society. We would urge an increase of liberality in our public collections, and more generous bequests to the Bible cause during the year.

Resolved, That we commend the work of Rev. W. W. Moffet, Superintendent of the American Bible Society for N. J. and Del., and Rev. Thomas Myers, agent Maryland Bible Society, and bespeak for the societies they represent a liberal patronage.

XVII.—THANKS.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our sincere thanks to the members of Grace, and other Methodist Churches of Wilmington, who have so generously entertained us during our Conference session.

Resolved, That our thanks be tendered to the trustees of Grace Church, for having opened this, the cathedral of Wilmington Methodism, for our use: and we assure their Pastor, J. Y. Dobbins, D. D., of our appreciation of his assiduous attention to our comfort.

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

Resolved, That we have highly appreciated the presence of our beloved Bishop Foss, and thank him for the kindly service rendered during the Conference session.

Resolved, That we hereby express our sense of obligation for the efficient work performed by the Secretaries and Treasurer of the Conference.

Resolved, That we also assure the excellent choir of the Church that we have greatly enjoyed the grand music with which they have favored us from time to time.

Resolved, That we thank the sexton of the Church for the unobtrusive but faithful service rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

J. FRANCE.
T. E. TERRY,
R. K. STEPHENSON,

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

The following sums have been received by your Board of Stewards for distribution, viz:

From interest on Riddle Legacy	\$ 95 00
" " " Bates Legacy	141 00
" " " Reynolds Legacy	20 64
" Chartered Fund	25 00
" Centenary Fund	120 00
" Conference Academy Bonds	45 00
" Book Room Dividend	1391 00
" Conference Treasurer	5751 00
" Cash from Secretary	5 00
" Public Collection	301 00
Total	\$7894 64

The Report of Districts as follows:

	<i>Apportioned.</i>	<i>Raised.</i>
Wilmington District	\$1730	\$2008
Easton "	1416	1389
Dover "	1250	1334
Salisbury "	985	1020
Increase over last year from collections		\$166
Increase from all sources		\$662
Increase in number of claimants		10
Increase in amount of Quarterly Conference estimates		\$2613

We have distributed the funds in our hands to seven superannuates, twelve supernumeraries and to twenty-eight widows of deceased preachers.

We have made but little change in the apportionments to the several charges, but would remind the pastors and people, that in order to fully meet the demands upon this fund it will require an amount equal to an increase from the churches in the aggregate of over five thousand dollars.

And now, dear brethren, we have attended to the work assigned us with care and patience and have finished it as best we could. With weariness and painfulness, as well as prayerfulness, we have pursued our task until it was finished. It has been a conflict between head and heart; between what our affections would do and our inability to perform what we would. Our hearts have been profoundly stirred with sorrow, as we have studied case after case; we have but six hundred and sixty dollars more than last year, and have eight additional applicants. With prayers and sighs we bring our report before you; we wish we could have done

better, but the days of miracles are past; we cannot, though we would multiply the loaves and fishes. The cries of these dear brethren, their wives and orphans ring in our ears, and we ask you to look upon their tearful and saddened faces and see their scanty meal, their threadbare garments, their unrequited toil, and think of their sighs, and remember it is not for charity they are calling but for their rights; and we ask you to remember the words of the Blessed Master: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me." The church owes them. Their services have not been paid. They have a claim above and beyond the Discipline. It a claim of righteousness in the name of Him whose they are and whom they have served. He has given us the means and told us that "the laborer is worthy of his hire," but we have not paid them. What will the Lord of the vinyard say when He shall call us to give account of our stewardship? How shall this be remedied? We recommend,

First, That every minister read this report to his church, and urge the members thereof to contribute more liberally so that these men may receive that which God has ordered them to receive.

Second, We recommend that a special service be devoted to this cause wherever practicable, and prayer made that God would help his people to take care of His chosen ones.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

In making this, my fifth report, I rejoice to say that we have had a year of peace and prosperity. The thirty-six itinerants and six supplies have been faithful and earnest, keeping their eyes on their work rather than on the goal. The work has been done, most of it in the midst of suffering, caused by the prevailing epidemic. Rev. Vaughan Smith, who lived to a good old age, and gave his life to the development of Methodism on this Peninsula, died November 21, 1891. Rev. N. M. Browne will present a paper at the memorial service. Rev. T. O. Ayers was taken ill September 24th, died October 14th. Rev. S. M. Morgan will present the memoir. During the illness and since the death of Brother Ayres, until December the 1st, the pulpit was supplied by brethren who gave each a Sabbath. Since December 1st Rev. Julius Dodd, of New York Conference, by the consent of his Presiding Elder, has filled the pulpit with great acceptability. The Delaware City people were very kind to Brother Ayres and his bereaved family, doing what they could during his illness, and since his death paying the salary to the widow until December 1st, and giving the family the use of the parsonage until Conference. Captain Alexander Kelly, for many years Conference Steward, died at his home November 14, 1891. I have requested Dr. Dobbins to prepare a memoir. Rev. Charles Hill, of Elkton, has not preached more than once since the first of the year, because of illness. We are glad to report improvement in his condition, and trust there may be in the near future a complete recovery. The work, notwithstanding the pastor's inability to be present, has been victoriously carried forth. The year has been crowned with about seventy conversions, and the Church greatly strengthened. Besides the evangelistic service of Rev. Mr. Ogle, Brother Hill has been assisted by different brethren giving a Sabbath, some remaining to conduct the revival service during the week. Brother Hill's afflictions have been a great trial to him, but he said to me, while for many years I heard the voice of the Lord saying unto me "go," it now speaks to me saying, "be still."

The conventions of the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies have been of special interest. Our sisters, Mrs. W. E. Tomkinson and Mrs. N. M. Browne, are doing grand work for the Master in leading these providential auxiliaries of the great missionary movement. We ask for them an open door in every church, the sympathy and co-operation of all our congregations. There have been two camps held during the year, one at Woodlawn, Rev. Adam Stengle in charge, the other at Brandywine Summit, Rev. L. E. Barrett in charge. At Bethel and Summit the work under the leadership of Rev. Wilmer Jaggard has

been faithfully performed, The improvements put upon the parsonage make it one of the most comfortable on the district.

Charlestown circuit never had a brighter outlook. The revival at Charlestown, the material developments at Perryville, and the arrangements to spend a large amount of money in developing the Iron Works at Principio, give this circuit possibilities such as but few possess. The pastor, Rev. E. H. Hynson, comes to Conference with a good report.

Cherry Hill and Union, with the chapels associated, is one of the heaviest charges on the district, but Brother T. B. Hunter has faithfully performed the work and has seen the pleasure of the Lord prosper in his hands.

Rev. I. G. Nosnocht has maintained a good degree of prosperity through the whole year at Chesapeake City. They are gradually reducing the debt on their new and beautiful church, having paid about five hundred dollars this year and about two thousand during Brother Fosnocht's pastorate.

Rev. A. P. Prettyman is closing his third year at Chester-Bethel, where the membership has been increased from one hundred to one hundred and fifty, and the benevolences almost doubled during his term. At this place an Italian has been converted, which we claim as the first fruit from sunny Italy on this district. Will his fellow-countrymen, if brought to Christ, be alike faithful? If so, why are we not making greater efforts not only to establish churches under the shadow of St. Peters and the Vatican, but to bring to Christ the Italians who come to our doors.

Rev. Geo. E. Wood at Claymont, has had a good year, advancing the church interests along all lines. Elk Neck has been very prosperous spiritually and financially under Edwin Gardner. Repairs on Hart's Church have been completed, the parsonage improved, new stables and carriage house built. There has been also a successful revival held at each church and there is a movement on foot, backed by a subscription of \$1,600, to build a new church to take the place of Wesley.

Hockessin and Ebenezer have solved a difficult problem by building and furnishing a parsonage at Hockessin at a cost of \$1,800, \$1,250 have been paid and half of the remainder subscribed. To the pastor, Rev. D. H. Corkran, who is very popular among his people, and to Edwin Golding, credit is due and is hereby given for their leadership in the completion of this beautiful and much-needed home.

At Hopewell the work has been well sustained. A parsonage was bought February 10th, for one thousand dollars, six hundred of which have been secured by cash and subscription, and the people propose by April 1st to have the house ready for their pastor.

Marshallton and Stanton, C. H. Williams, pastor, needful additions have been made to the parsonage furniture, the salary increased, and a good degree of prosperity maintained. Such vigorous protests have been made against the setting up of a saloon in Marshallton that this enemy of all righteousness has not as yet been able to enter the town.

At Mt. Lebanon and Newark Union the regular work has been earnestly

persued. The pastor, J. T. Van Burkalow, made an honest effort to cancel the debt, and doubtless would have been fully successful had not business depression and the prevailing epidemic so seriously effected the community and the church. Brother Van Burkalow has done hard and faithful work and notwithstanding many discouragements he will be able to make a good report.

Rev. W. E. Tomkinson, at Mt. Pleasant, has had a year of success, although death has taken three of their best members, among them Jacob Weldin, the leader in finances; his son, Atwood, has taken his father's place, to the great delight of the pastor and all concerned. Brother Tomkinson's pulpit efforts and pastoral work have greatly endeared him to his people, who earnestly desire his return.

At Newark and Wesley, W. J. DuHadawy has preached to increasing congregations. He has given earnest and faithful service. A new class led by Brother Hoffecker has been added through a revival held at Ott's Chapel. The reports will show good work on the part of the pastor, and liberality on the part of the people.

New Castle rejoices under the pastorate of Rev. T. E. Martindale. His reception was royal. These people leave nothing undone for the comfort of their pastor and his family. The Missionary mass meeting held February 18th, addressed by Revs. W. P. Swartz and L. E. Barrett, was a grand success, as the Missionary report will show.

Newport and Elsmere were united as one charge at our last Conference, and A. S. Mowbray was appointed pastor. On one of the finest locations in the place we have built a Church according to Church Extension Plan No. 108. The Sunday School room has been completed, and was opened June 27th. Revs. J. S. Willis and W. W. W. Wilson preached. Joseph Pyle and Prof. H. S. Goldey, principal of the Wilmington Commercial College, delivered addresses and greatly aided the cause. We have at this place an organized Church, a well-conducted Sunday School and Church property worth \$3,900, with only \$1,000 debt. Bro. Mowbray deserves great credit for taking hold of this work, and aided by such laymen as H. C. Conrad, Esq., has been able to bring it to its present state of completion.

At North East J. B. Quigg is closing his full pastoral term of five years. Although the Church was opposed to the extension of the time limit, yet they have invited Brother Quigg's return each succeeding year. These years have been full of earnest work, and careful personal oversight, as a result gracious revivals have been given, the Church has been freed from debt, a new carpet has just been placed in the audience room and the Church property otherwise improved. Brother Quigg's pastorate, which has been a benediction to this people, will be long and favorably remembered.

Rev. Adam Stengle, at Port Deposit, has had hard and difficult work, because business depression and prevailing disease, which in quite a number of cases proved fatal, yet in the midst of all a good degree of prosperity has been obtained in the Church, \$2,500 have been paid on the Church debt, and all lines of Church work faithfully attended to.

The old Church at Port Penn has been made new through the effort of Rev. Fred E. McKinsey, costing about \$1,400, one half of which has been paid. Revs. T. E. Terry and T. E. Martindale preached at the re-opening, October 11th.

Red Lion and Glasgow were again united into one charge at our last Conference, and W. H. S. Loller appointed pastor. The arrangement gave general satisfaction.

Rising Sun and Sylmar have had great prosperity under Rev. James F. Bryan.

Sylmar is a little town at a railroad station in a farming community three miles above Rising Sun. Here we have built a church costing \$2,200, which was dedicated October 11th 1891. The writer, Revs. Isaac Jewell and J. R. Milign preaching and assisting the pastor on the occasion. The whole amount has been subscribed and paid except \$100, so that our church property valued at \$2,500 has only \$100 against it. The pastor and Amos Brown, a local preacher, deserve special mention.

Rowlandsville has made little or no advancement, but Mt. Pleasant associated with it, has had marvelous prosperity under the pastorate of F. B. Short.

St. Georges was made a station last spring, and at the earnest request of the people, Rev. G. L. Hardesty was appointed pastor. The parsonage has been greatly improved and the work pushed along all lines. Missions from this one church will be in advance of what was given by both churches last year.

Zion circuit, Dr. Isaac L. Wood, pastor, has had marked success. There have been revivals at each church. The salary has been increased to \$1000; benevolences greatly advanced, and a new church built at Calvert, Md., costing \$1,800. The dedication took place October 25th. Rev. George E. Reed, D. D., L. L. D., President of Dickinson College and Rev. T. L. Tomkinson, preaching on the occasion. Mrs. Edith Brown gave the lot, a triangle, between three highways. The whole amount has been paid, and we now have a church property valued by the trustees at \$3,000.

We now turn our attention to the Methodism of Wilmington City. Without counting other Methodists than those belonging to our Conference there are about 5,000 members and probationers worshipping in 15 churches in this city of 62,000 inhabitants. There is a total enrollment in the Sunday schools of this city of about 20,000, one-third of which belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church, and yet perhaps one-fourth of the whole population is without church affiliation or membership. Bishop Foss in speaking of cities says; "We have been sporadically and blunderingly working at the edges of an immense field, the field for the church of to-morrow." Trying to discern the signs of the times and seeking to take this city for Christ, we have rented halls, opened and fitted up store-rooms, built plank tabernacles, used tents, held cottage prayer meetings, organized missions, held revival services in all the churches for the salvation of souls and the promotion of Methodism. Horace Benton, Esq., of Cleveland, Ohio, who is intimately associated with a city evangelistic movement to whom I sent the statistics of Wilmington Methodism, writes: "I doubt whether any other city in the world with no more than 62,000 inhabitants has 15 Methodist Churches and adding one a year. Every other city ought to know such a remarkable fact. It shows that Methodism is not unadapted to cities if only worked right."

Methodism is represented in this city by this grand church in which we are now assembled, and by prominent laymen in business and at the head of our largest manufacturing interests. It is also represented by the Methodist Book Store on Market Street, a plant that has cost not less than \$50,000, of which the Methodists of any city might be justly proud. In this building the owner J. Miller Thomas, the son of a Methodist preacher, T. Snowden Thomas, has fitted up and put at the disposal of the Methodist preachers of this city for the holding of their weekly meetings, Fletcher Hall, free of charge.

Asbury Church, the mother of us all, seems to possess the secret of perpetual youth. This church, more than 100 years old, is to-day as vigorous and enterprising to-day as at any period of her past history. Her popular pastor, Rev. J. D. C. Hanna, has kept the revival fires burning all the year. While all other denominations have moved from this part of the city, Asbury is doing an evangelistic work that commends itself to all denominations. About 240 have professed faith in Christ during the year. A class of Chinese has been organized in the Sunday school. Men's meetings have been held Sunday afternoons, benevolences all attended to and the record for missions will be in advance of the high standard reached during the centennial year.

At Brandywine Dr. C. A. Grise is closing the fifth year of a prosperous pastorate. Dr. Grise and his people have vigorously and successfully protested against saloons and have prosecuted church work with an earnestness that has brought prosperity to his charge.

Cookman, led by one of our most worthy local preachers, W. L. White, has advanced along all her lines. January 8th a lot was bought near the B. & O. station for \$1,641, on which one thousand has been paid, Brother Beadenkopf, the Sunday School superintendent, giving \$300.

Rev. Isaac Jewell, the pastor of Epworth, has been abundant in labors. The church prepared to receive him by renting and furnishing a parsonage. They also advanced the salary so that salary and house rent for the present year were estimated at \$1000. This earnest and enthusiastic people deserve great credit.

Grace Church, that has opened her doors to receive us, welcomed Dr. J. Y. Dobbins from New Jersey Conference last spring, and put at his disposal their new and commodious parsonage, which cost them about \$15,000, and one which we believe in all its departments will compare favorably with the best in Methodism. Dr. Dobbins at once got hold of the hearts of the people, and identified himself with the pastors in every good work. An Epworth League has been organized, which is looking up and lifting up. Revival services have been held in which a score or more of souls were brought into the church. This great church encouraged by their pastor, reaches out a helping hand to every struggling interest of Methodism in this city. The trustees, liberal in every good work, have advanced their salary to \$3,000. This church leads along all financial lines, and her power for good cannot be reckoned up.

Kingswood, which has been a struggling mission for years, resolved last spring to make a bold strike for victory. The brave little band, encouraged by G. W. Todd, the President of the Diamond State Iron Company, rented a parsonage and

asked for a married man. They had done well to raise \$400 for a single man, but they said send us a married man, we will give him \$600 and a furnished parsonage. Rev. H. S. Dulany was appointed. It is difficult to see how a better selection could have been made. He began immediately on arrival to talk new church. The first, if I remember correctly to subscribe was Geo. W. Todd, who gave \$1,000, then followed Eli Mendenhall and Joseph Pyle with \$260 each, others gave smaller sums, and St. Paul's Home Missionary Society donated the altar and furnished a room in the parsonage. Lewis R. Springer, Esq., donated a plan for a two-story brick church 45x75 feet. The corner stone was laid September 5th; the whole church has been enclosed and the lecture room finished. The cost of the work thus far completed is about \$9,000. January 10th was set apart as the day for dedication, Bishop R. S. Foster, D. D., LL. D., Rev. T. A. Fernley, D. D., preached on the occasion. During the day former subscriptions and cash were increased to about \$7,000 leaving \$2,000 unprovided for.

Vigorous temperance work has been done, and the best of all the Lord has crowned this effort with the salvation of one hundred and fifty souls.

Madely Church develops grandly under the leadership of E. C. Atkins, pastor. The new plan of finance has wrought wonders, and enabled the official board to meet every obligation promptly. The Sunday School Union of Grace Church owns the property, against which there is a mortgage of \$3,000. Brother Atkins, after consultation with his Church and with the Sunday School Union, resolved to make an effort to pay off the mortgage, the union promising to cooperate in raising \$2,000 if Madely Church would raise \$1,000. Madely has surpassed her promise by subscribing \$1,600. It is believed the whole amount will soon be raised and paid off, at which time the Sunday School Union proposes to give to the Church a deed for the entire property.

Rev. W. E. Avery's four years at Mt. Salem have been a marked success. A prominent layman said, "We have never had better preaching nor larger congregations since the origin of the Church." The pastor and his people are keenly alive to every interest. The oil chandeliers have given place to new and neat gas fixtures. The benevolences will be in advance of any report ever made by this Church, and the missionary ahead of any Church of like grade on the district. Through the recent revival sixty new-born souls rejoiced among those who have been established in their goings.

We believe we are perfectly safe in saying that St. Paul's Church has never been in a better condition than at present. The pastor, Rev. L. E. Barrett, gives special attention to every department of Church work, his preaching is fine, his congregations are large and his people united and strong. The afternoon Sunday School, under the superintendency of Joseph Pyle, is one of the largest and best in the city.

Scott has had a good year under the pastoral oversight of Rev. John France, whose family afflictions have been great, and the death of his son William fell as a crushing blow upon them, but the Church has been led on by this faithful servant of God and is in a good condition spiritually and financially. Thirty-six have joined by certificate and fifty on probation. The Epworth League and Willing Workers provoke each other to good works, and are a great help to tee pastor.

Silverbrook, Mark E. Bowman pastor, has had the most successful year of its history. Thanksgiving night was set apart for an effort to pay off a debt against a lot they had purchased, on which they resolved to build a new Church. This plan was heartily entered into by Joseph Coley, the president of the Board of Trustees. The amount necessary was soon secured, amid rejoicings and thanksgivings. In the midst of these rejoicings Joseph Pyle walked in, and to the surprise of all laid down as a thank-offering to Almighty God a deed for a corner lot worth \$3,500.00. This society now has Church property in the Chapel and the three lots owned by them valued at \$7,000. A few weeks ago the pastor brought his bride from Chicago, and was delighted and surprised to find a parsonage all ready for their reception. Further encouragement has been given to this society by Brother Pyle, who has said if they will build during the year he will give them a thousand dollars toward the building fund.

The Swedish Mission was thrown on its own resources last Spring because the Missionary appropriation of \$300 was not renewed. The brother we had brought from Sweden had to be transferred for lack of support. The little society was discouraged and disheartened. They had among them, however, a bright young man whom we licensed as a local preacher, who was immediately put in charge. He continued his manual labors preaching on Sundays. They have paid him \$100 as salary and about \$50 to secure pulpit help.

Union, Rev. E. L. Hubbard, pastor, June 19th, 1891, paid off the parsonage debt of \$1,600. Besides this the parsonage has been improved and enlarged. The finances of the church in all the boards have been so much increased that the Third Quarterly Conference advanced the salary from \$1,200 to \$1,500, which is the second largest salary paid by any church in the Conference. The revival services were seasons of great power resulting in many conversions among whom were a number of Roman Catholics. Dr. Hubbard has been signally blessed in receiving an advance of salary in all his charges. The advance in every line of work has been most encouraging. He preaches to crowded houses, chairs are put in the aisles, galleries are full and often people sit about the altar and pulpit steps to hear the word.

At Wesley, W. G. Koons is closing his fifth year, which in some respects has been the most difficult and yet perhaps the most triumphant of the term. The debt, \$10,000, incurred because of the necessity for a larger church and parsonage became a great burden and threatened ruin. The pastor, wise in planning and earnest in execution, arranged with all the societies of young people connected with our churches in town to hold what was called a carnival which after two weeks earnest work, closed with a clear gain of something over \$3,000, this amount with what the church raised, enabled them to pay off all but \$6000. The success in this locality has been marvelous, and Brother Koons and his people deserve great credit.

East Lake and Edge Moor have been organized into a new charge since our last Conference and supplied by Charles H. Kershaw, a local preacher. The first quarterly Conference was held April 17th with ten official members present. The salary promised was \$300. There has been a revival at each church resulting in 73 conversions.

Harrison Street is another new appointment, organized May 14th, with Jebez Hodson, a local preacher in charge. This society has one of the finest sights in the whole city, which was purchased for \$4,125. The society has paid \$1,125 on the purchase, leaving a mortgage of \$3,000. A plank tabernacle has been built with a seating capacity of about 300. The tabernacle has been plastered, lighted with electricity, and seated with chairs, all of which has been paid for. We began at this point with 14 and now have 50 members, 8 probationers and 164 Sunday School scholars on the roll.

Five years ago Wilmington District had 35 charges, now 42. Then 54 churches, now 68; 5 new societies in rented places, an increase of 19 societies. Then we owned 21 parsonages, now 28; then we rented 5 parsonages, now 8, an increase of parsonages owned and rented, 10. During the five years there have been paid on building and improving church property and old indebtedness about \$125,000. The pastoral support which has been greatly increased this year, has advanced about \$38,000 during the five years. Each of the seven benevolences have been largely advanced, missions increased almost \$9,000. Our missionary report this year will go beyond any former year. We average \$1.26 per member. While we have done what we could for the material interests of the church and benevolences, we have not overlooked the importance of the salvation of souls. There has been an annual average of 1,300 probationers. The revivals in this city for the last six months have been seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. A well informed layman said this has been a wonderful year for Methodism in Wilmington. I have never seen anything like it. The pastors are praising God and having favor with all the people, and the Lord is adding to the church day by day those that are being saved. In the midst of our successes and rejoicings, we are constrained to use the language of the Psalmist who said: "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory for thy mercy and thy truths sake."

WM. L. S. MURRAY, P. E.

EASTON DISTRICT.

To the Bishop and Members of the Wilmington Annual Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN:—My appointment to the Presiding Eldership of Easton District was to me a great surprise. I entered upon its duties with great trepidation. I have tried, however, to be faithful to the trust committed to me and beg herewith to submit my first annual report.

I entered upon the work of this office the first Sunday in April, 1891, and continued without a break of a single day up till the 20th of October, when I was stricken down with what threatened to be a fatal illness. For nearly two months I was unable to do any work. But through the kind attention of a skillful physician, and the prayers of God's people, I was again restored to perfect health and strength. Since which time I have done the work of the District without missing a single appointment. I desire to say also in this connection that during my illness my brethren of the District did not allow the work to suffer. They went gladly and willingly to fill my appointments whenever called upon to do so. They have my sincerest thanks for their kindness. I also wish here publicly to express

my sincere appreciation of the many words of love and sympathy that came to me during those days when there seemed to be "nothing left but heaven and prayer." First and last, there has been a great deal of sickness amongst the preachers and their families. No preachers have died, however, and death only in one instance has entered any of the preachers' homes.

In the early autumn, that fell destroyer of children, diphtheria, entered the family of Brother W. W. Sharp, of Kent Island, and cut down two as bright little girls as every blessed any home.

The work of the district has remained as fixed by the Bishop, except in the following instances: Brother S. J. Baker was appointed to Crumpton, but on account of failing health was unable to go. Bro. Joseph B. Merritt, a supernumerary of our Conference, who had been supplying Crumpton for the four preceding years, was induced to again take up the work and has now served out the full pastoral term, and that, too, with great acceptability.

Union and Salem were left to be supplied. This we did early in the Conference year by the appointment to that work of Bro. Alvan Willey. He left, however, in September, since which time Union has been served by Bro. J. D. Kemp, of Still Pond, and Salem by Bro. Thomas S. York, a local preacher from Chestertown. In both cases the work has been well served. Bro. J. D. Lecates, a local preacher who had been serving Wye and Stow and was appointed to Williamsburg at the last session of the Conference, at the very earnest solicitation of the people, was permitted to remain at Wye and Stow for another year. The wisdom of this arrangement has been demonstrated. Bro. Lecates has done another year of splendid work on this charge.

Royal Oak has had the advantage of a most excellent supply in the person of Rev. Jeremiah Posterfield, a member of the Florida Conference.

The people have greatly enjoyed the ministrations of such a man. In the early part of the year Tunis' Mills was attached to the Easton Quarterly Conference, through the kindness of the Easton brethren and Bro. T. E. Bell another supernumerary was sent as a supply. Bro. Bell has since then remained on the field, and although working in the face of great discouragements has done, we believe, great good.

Churches and Parsonages.

We have on the district 84 churches with a probable value of about \$288,000. Also 29 parsonages with a probable value of about \$61,900.

During the year, chiefly through the efficient agency of Brother J. Morris Lindale a new church has been built on Lower Tilghman's Island, at a cost of about \$1,200. The cost being fully met by a donation of \$200 from the Church Extension Society and the liberal contributions of the people.

Plans and subscriptions are already in hand for new churches at Cheswold on Smyrna circuit, and Dulans on Massey circuit. The work will be begun as soon as spring fully opens. Substantial improvements have been made on churches at Wye and Star, Royal Oak, Pomona and Chestertown. At the last named place a handsome new pipe organ has been put in at a cost of about \$2,000. The last dollars on the troublesome old debts on the churches at Queens-

town and Trappe, have been paid, and very considerable reductions have been made on the debts at St. Michaels, Cecilton and Galena. The aggregate amount of indebtedness on all the churches of the District at the present time will not exceed \$3,000.

Two new parsonages have been built, one at Townsend and the other at Broad Creek, Talbot Circuit. The one at Townsend cost \$1,500. The furniture an additional \$200. The whole property including lot, house and furniture, is estimated at at least \$2,000. All of which is provided for except \$200 on the house.

Brother Frank Fletcher, the pastor, and his noble people are entitled to great credit for their splendid achievement at Townsend. The parsonage is indeed a beautiful one. The one at Broad Creek, Brother J. M. Collins, pastor, has been built at a cost of about \$900. The ground upon which the house is built, was generously donated by Brother William Grace. The property including ground, outbuildings and furniture is estimated to be worth at least \$1,300, nearly all of which is provided for. Talbot, as it now stands is a new circuit, and that they should have built a parsonage so soon is a most generous and praiseworthy thing. Splendid improvements have been made on the parsonages at Centerville, Middletown, Odessa and Pomona. The one at Centerville cost \$1,500 and consists of a new brick building with dining room, kitchen, two bed-rooms and a bath-room. Also front porch and side porch; and the house thoroughly renovated and furnished, making altogether one of the most convenient and comfortable houses in the Conference.

A man with less faith and persistency than Brother Collins could not have secured this splendid improvement on the parsonage at Centerville at this time. For be it remembered, they had spent about \$3000 in improving their church only last year. The improvement at Middletown consists chiefly in the putting in of a magnificent heater at a cost of \$477. The largest part of which was provided for through the liberality of Brother William Taylor. About \$600 altogether have been spent on the Middletown parsonage this year. This with the splendid improvements of last year make it now a most attractive and beautiful home. It must be said to the credit of the people of the Easton District, that the homes which they have provided for their preachers, are all comfortable and some of them are elegant. Old debts on parsonages have been reduced at Kenton, Ingle-side, Royal Oak, Hillsboro and Marydel. The aggregate indebtedness on parsonages on the District will not exceed about \$3,500.

Ministerial Support.

Except in two or three instances we are unable to report any increase in apportionment for ministerial support. I have reason to believe, however, that apportionments have been met in almost every case.

The salaries of the preachers might be larger and be paid very much more promptly than they are, if we could only induce stewards to adopt and persistently push some good financial system. There is scarcely a Church on the district that could not pay one-fourth more salary, and pay it easier than they now do, if only plan and push were put into their work. Middletown easily leads the district in the best plan, and the best executed plan, for raising ministerial sup-

port. Easton follows as a good second. Both of the charges have been able to report at each Quarterly Conference during the year all obligations met. The aggregate actual receipts for Ministerial support during the year, not including house rent, is about \$22,000.

Sunday Schools.

We are able to report 84 Sunday Schools, with about 7,700 scholars. In most of the schools faithful, telling work is being done. So far as I have been able to ascertain, our own literature and lesson helps are used in every school on the district. Missionary intelligence is being quite generally diffused, and most of the conversions are from the Sunday Schools. I am constrained to say, however, that I fear that many superintendents and teachers do not press this matter home upon the children as much as they ought. There is another thing that I would very much like to see in connection with every Sunday School, and that is an organization embracing the tripple pledge of abstinence from intoxicating drinks, tobacco and profanity. This matter is of grave importance, and ought to be constantly and persistently kept before the minds of the rising generation. As those to whom is committed in large the eternal destinies of the youth of the land, we ought both by precept and example to teach the boys to abstain from practices which, to say nothing about their filthiness, are ruining the bodies and souls of thousands of the brightest youth of our land.

Prayer and Classmeetings.

These time-honored means of grace are almost everywhere poorly attended. Even the official brethren in many places do not attend the prayer and classmeetings at all. There is but one solution to this problem, and that is more religion, more of the love of God shed abroad by the holy Ghost in the hearts of the people. I have observed, in making my rounds, that wherever I came upon a Church over which revival flame had recently swept the class and prayer meeting were booming.

Epworth League.

We have 21 Epworth League Chapters with an aggregate membership of about 1,000. New Leagues have been organized this year at Centreville, Kent Island, Oxford, Sendson's, on Smyrna Circuit, and the one at Odessa resuscitated. Great interest is being taken in these young people's societies and they promise great good to the church.

The Benevolences.

We shall not quite reach our apportionment for missions, but we shall reach the handsome sum in round numbers of \$5,000, which is an increase over last year. This is an average of about 75 cents per member to missions alone. This may seem small and yet if the whole church were doing even this well, we would be paying to-day \$1,600,000 to missions from collections alone instead of the \$1,078,541, which we are now paying from collections alone.

The other benevolences have received careful attention and will make a creditable showing. The pastors and people are loyal to these interests and although

some of the pastors will not be able to report large sums, yet I believe it may be truly said that every pastor on the District has done a faithful part by all these benevolences. And in a few instances those that bring up the smallest amounts are entitled to greatest credit.

The few dollars that some of my brethren bring up to this Conference for these various causes, represent long drives, over muddy roads, through cold and storm, pleadings and sacrifices upon their own part. God bless the faithful men who bring the gold for God's treasury out of the very Sahara's of the Easton District.

Members and Probationers,

One year ago the membership of the District was reported to be 6,441, with 1,309 probationers. About 525 of these probationers have been received into full connection during the year. Deducting our losses by death and otherwise, and then adding the 525 received into full connection, gives a membership at the present time of about 6,842, a net gain of about 400. It is a sad fact, however, that we should only save to the church 525 out 1,309 probationers.

Revivals.

We are only able to report about 900 conversions and 800 received an probation. At Odessa there as been a revival of unusual scope and power, resulting in the conversion of about 70 souls. Good revivals have been held at Tilghmans Island, Still Pond, Landing Neck on Trappe Circuit, Queenstown, Marydel, Church Hill, Greensborough, Seversons on Smyrna Circuit, Friendship on Appoquinimink Circuit, Townsend, Oxford, Rock Hall Chapel on Kings Creek charge, Wye, Hillsboro and at Wye Camp on Centreville charge. Nearly all the churches have had some revival influences. But there has been an awful dearth of wide spread revival influence and power.

This is not due, I am sure, to any lack of zeal or faithfulness upon the part of the pastors. In every case they have held special services and worked faithfully. But there has seemed to be a spiritual prostration upon the churches which they have not been able to overcome. A part of the failure of revival effort is no doubt due to sickness and bad weather. Especially is this true of the churches that held their meetings after the New Year. But this not entirely account for our partial failure. The disturbed condition of our Conference I doubt not, has played an important part in the matter. And I have devoutly wished a thousand times during the year as I have moved about amongst the people, and found them arranging themselves either on one side or the other in this fight, that so far as the Easton District is concerned, that we could nevermore hear even an echo of the disgraceful affair. There can be no disguising the fact that we are face to face with a crisis in the history of Methodism on this Peninsula. If we do not speedily mend our ways, "our Kingdom will be taken from us and given to another." We are fully able to meet the crisis if we will. We have wealth, and social position, and numbers. We have every equipment for a great conquering host except one. We do need more of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. O that it might fall on us even

to-day and utterly consume all our prejudices, heal all our wounds, knit together again the sundred bonds of our brotherhood and bring peace, happiness and prosperity to our borders.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED SMITH, P. E.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:

One year ago I took charge of the Salisbury District, with much fear and trembling from a deep sense of the responsibilities involved, but with a determination to devote to it my best energies. I come to-day to report briefly some prominent features of the progress made during the year and the present state of the work as I see it. I claim no more credit for the success achieved than is due to the best endeavors of one among forty-six consecrated preachers and thousands of devoted laymen.

The Salisbury District covers an area of about 3,500 square miles, is 15 miles long by 60 broad.

Upon this territory our Church has about 10,000 members and probationers, and as many Sunday School scholars. Every charge upon the district is an important one, because of its present status and its possibilities, and multitudes of the laborers in this vineyard, lay as well as ministerial, are deserving a place in this report, but much must of necessity be left to the records on high.

We propose, however, to go through the list of appointments alphabetically, and note a few points of progress.

Annamessex became a station last Spring, and Bro. Prouse took hold of the work with characteristic zeal, but in the late Summer he was laid aside by sickness and the work lagged. The sickness of the pastor defeated the revival effort, but in every other respect the showing is a splendid one. The advance in pastoral support was \$267, which was paid in full. The collections ordered by the General Conference advanced \$42, and \$318 were raised for improvements on Church property.

Asbury has had a year of peace and prosperity under the pastoral care of Bro. Baker. Seventy-five conversions, \$200 on improvements, \$468 on the seven collections, which is an advance of \$59 over last year. To this ought to be added \$40 given on the new Church at Barren Creek. The salary was advanced to \$1,000. No charge on the district has a more promising future than Asbury. She is rapidly developing, both in ability and willingness.

Barren Creek is a struggling little circuit, made up of poor people who are doing as much perhaps as any other people in proportion to their means.

This year it has been served by Brother Copper, a local preacher, whose toil has been blessed in the construction of a new church, worth at the lowest estimate \$800, with a debt of \$550, which must be helped by the Board of Church Extension. Nineteen conversions.

At Berlin the salary was advanced \$100. The report shows 22 probationers, 45 per cent. advance on the benevolences, \$145 on improvements and old debts. Brother Smoot is the pastor and is one of the energetic pastors of the District. Renewed vigor is manifest at all of the appointments.

Bethel gave to Seaford a strong society last Spring and took a rather weak one in its stead, but she has more than held her own. Fifty-two conversions, 81 collections and an advance of \$100 on salary. Brother E, Davis has worked hard.

Bishopville has been happy and prosperous for two years under Brother Alderson and is willing to take him for the third year with an assistant. The report shows 88 conversions, giving her the second on the District in number of conversions, \$25 advance on missions and \$50 advance on salary.

Cape Charles is at the southern extremity of the District. Our church is the church of this beautiful city and is in splendid condition. Brother E. L. Cross was appointed pastor one year ago, but before he graduated at Dickinson in the summer, he accepted a professorship in our Conference Academy, and he was released from his appointment to Cape Charles. Rev. O. W. Devenish, a student of the Conference Academy, was secured as temporary supply and did good work for three months. About July 1st W. O. Hurst, a graduate of St. John's, took charge and by the hearty co-operation of the people has made a splendid record. Twenty-one additions to the membership, 13 probationers, 100 per cent. advance on the collections and \$50 advance on self-support are points of progress.

Chincoteague Island has given us this year a striking illustration of the baneful results of zeal without knowledge, but Brother Jones, the pastor, has brought victory out of seeming defeat. Five conversions. The collections are up to last year, which is a remarkable thing, and the salary was advanced \$50, in the estimate with the disturbing element out of the church, the sailing is plain for the future.

Concord, sometimes called "Discord" and the "Blank Circuit," has made some improvement during the year under the care of Brother Wilcox, and I think we can hope for better things next year.

Crisfield has had a year of prosperity. Thirty conversions; \$431 on the 7 collections, an advance of \$82 over last year; \$500 on church improvements; \$200 on old debt with salary advanced from \$900 to \$1,000, indicate a healthy state of affairs. H. W. Ewing is the pastor.

Deals Island makes a splendid showing. Seventeen conversions; \$250 expended and in hand for church improvements, a large advance on the General Conference collections and superannuated fund, and an advance of \$200 paid on pastoral support, thus putting Deals among the \$1,000 stations, are some of the prominent features of progress. Brother Valiant is closing his first year.

Delmar is in her first year as a Station, and has demonstrated her ability to stand alone. Brother Davis' salary was fixed at \$700 an advance of \$235. The collections make a handsome showing; \$425 have been paid on old debts, clearing the church property entirely of debt. By the Blessing of God, Brother Davis has done a great work in Delmar. The membership has been more than doubled; the church property put in commodious and perfect condition at an expense of about \$2,000, all in about two years. In many ways his people have expressed their appreciation of his services; recently he was the recipient of a handsome gold watch at their hands.

Fairmount has turned about in her course and is on the upward grade again in her benevolences. She reports \$692 on the 7 collections against \$557 last year, an advance of \$135. She has also raised \$700 this year on improvements. She has a grand record and great possibilities. Brother Prettyman is invited to return for the fifth year.

Frankford, through her Stewards took a backward step, but every interest of which the pastor has had control has taken a forward step. Thirty-eight conversions; \$254 raised for improvements on the Frankford Church, adding greatly to its comfort and looks. The General Conference collections amounted to \$174, an advance of \$33, yet this but poorly represents the toil of the pastor, Brother Mace.

Fruitland is not a sick circuit but would make a better showing if all would pull. When all things are counted, however, she has made some progress. Five conversions; a slight advance on the collections, and the advance of \$40 in the estimate on pastoral support, and a small advance in actual receipts.

Girdletree is highly favored and much pleased is having Bro. Derrickson as pastor. He has in large measure the happy faculty of getting the church to work. The years work shows 40 conversions; \$190 for the 7 collections, an advance \$44; and \$100 on old debt. Brother Derrickson's return is greatly desired.

Gumborough has had a successful year under the systematic methods of Brother Brewington. Eighty persons have professed conversion; \$438 have been paid on old debts and \$132 have been expended on improvements.

Holland's Island, sometimes called the "Gem of the Chesapeake," I fear don't shine quite so bright in the constellation, because of the increased luster of others, and because she has actually failed a little. There is a slight falling off in collections, due to bad weather and absence of the people, but she is preparing for a new church, to meet the cost of which \$1,200 is now assured, and the church will, no doubt, materialize in the Spring. Holland's has been supplied this year by W. S. H. Williams, who comes up for admission. We can well afford to welcome him.

Laurel needs and deserves special introduction to this Conference, for it is not Laurel the old but Laurel the new. One year ago the improvements on church building were noted. This year we note some long-needed and radical advances. The most prominent of these is in the pastor's home. The old property has been sold and a new one bought in the most desirable part of the town, at a cost of \$2,800; \$1,800 of which has been paid. No preacher need now object to going to Laurel on the ground of location or character of the parsonage. Another advance is the salary, which went up from \$800 to \$900 in estimate and in actual payment has gone to more than a \$1,000, and there has been no complaining at the Presiding Elder's apportionment. I believe it safe to say that the estimate on salary will be \$1,000 next year. Conversions during the year 25; and \$298 on 7 collections, which is an advance of \$80. Missionary collections, \$43 in advance. Brother Pilchard and his people are happy together, and I see no reason why they should be otherwise. Laurel is now a very delightful charge, financially, socially and spiritually.

Mt. Vernon, under the pastoral care of Brother Bowman, reports 7 conversions, \$112 on 7 collections, an advance of \$5, \$280 paid on old debts and im-

provements. Brother Bowman has done a good year's work, and one of his churches expressed her appreciation a few days ago by presenting to him a gold watch.

Nanticoke has a year of peace and prosperity under Brother F. J. Cochran's ministry. Thirty conversions. The collections in advance of last year. The parsonage has been neatly improved inside and out at an expense of \$200, and an old debt of \$100 paid off.

The new church at White Haven is nearing completion. Four hundred dollars have been raised and expended on it. The brethren there are paying as they go, and they will soon have a beautiful church with no debt. Pastor and people are happy together.

Newark has been well served by Bro. E. H. Milier. A debt of \$220 has been paid, 21 persons have professed conversion. Total for the seven collections \$107, a slight advance over last year.

New Church is a new Circuit of four churches, in Accomac County, Va. J. P. Outten has served as supply. The Church at Pittsville, which had been closed for some time, was opened in the early part of the year and a revival followed, and now we have 19 members and probations where we had nothing. There has been a good revival also at Hallwood. Total for collection \$20.

Onancock has been the field of Bro. G. W. Burke's toil for the last three years and like all our work has suffered from the failure of the potato crop. The report shows 30 conversions, and on the collections \$168, a small shortage as compared with last year, but not as much decrease as was expected.

Parksley has suffered seriously this year from several causes, but chiefly, perhaps, from the sickness of the pastor. Bro. Anderson was in poor health when he took charge last Spring, and he grew worse, so that at the end of four months he was obliged to leave, and for two months they were without a supply. During this time the camp meeting came on, and was attended with much strife and confusion. About October 1st Rev. Milton N. Frantz, of the Philadelphia Conference, took charge and remained until March 7th, and did good work, but with but little apparent result. Only \$29 was raised for the seven collections, which is a large falling off. The trustees desire to sell the parsonage in order to clear the Church of debt.

Parsonsburg has had a prosperous year under Bro. Gregg, and he is deservedly popular with his people. Bro. Gregg has been much hindered in his work by protracted sickness in his family, yet the report makes a splendid showing as compared with other years; \$381 have been raised for old debts and improvements, and the collections are in advance and every department of the work is in good shape. Bro. Gregg's return is greatly desired.

Pocomoke Circuit has been served by Bro. McFaul, who reports 10 conversions and \$20 advance on the benevolences. Bro. McFaul has taken up an abandoned Church at Good Hope, and thinks it promises to be something.

Pocomoke City has had a pleasant and prosperous year under Bro. Wise. The revival effort did not succeed well, but along some financial lines there has been advance, \$22 on the seven collections, \$5 on Conference claimants and \$5 on domestic missions; \$100 has been raised for improvements.

Powellville is a point where much labor has been expended with unsatisfactory results; 30 conversions and \$15 advance on collections, \$100 on old debts and \$200 on improvements are the more prominent points of progress. The estimate for pastor's support was slightly advanced, but the receipts are about the same as last year, which means very close living for the pastor and his family.

Princess Anne has greatly improved upon the grand record of other years, 8 conversions are the fruits of revival efforts, and this means much for Princess Anne. The salary which before represented large liberality, was advanced \$200, and has been paid in full. The collections stand at the high mark reached heretofore, and \$225 have been raised on old debts and improvements. The ladies are determined that the long standing parsonage debt shall go, and have brought it down to \$211. The shepherd and his flock are happy together and desire their relations continued.

Quantico has many embarrassments to face but maintains her own, and Brother Mitchell, the pastor, thinks there is a better day for some points on the circuit. Rockawalking, one of the outposts, is a splendid country appointment, but the other churches are weak. Continued sickness in the pastor's family has made it impossible to do his best for the work and there is a slight falling off in some departments as compared with last year.

Quindocqua became a Station last Spring and John Jones was appointed as a supply, but he failed to go. Without any assurance of a pastor the first Quarterly Conference fixed the salary at \$400, \$50 more than they had ever paid. After three months Brother O. W. Devenish was sent to them and remained until the new year, when he returned to school. Rev. C. W. Strickland was then secured to finish out the year. All things considered the report of 16 conversions, \$82 for the benevolences, \$100 on improvements is a good showing.

Roxanna has been the field of Brother Wyatt's sowing and reaping for the last two years, and the Lord has given him a good harvest this year. Seventy-five persons have professed conversion. The Roxanna Church has been greatly improved at a cost of \$270, \$204 have been secured for the General Conference collections, an advance of \$61. The people greatly desire Brother Wyatt's return and offer an advance on salary as an inducement.

Read's Wharf is a new charge in Virginia, inaugurated by Brother Davis, when Presiding Elder of the Virginia District. The long deferred hopes of its friends are being realized. A gracious revival in which 19 professed conversion has favored the toils of the faithful few and inspired new hopes. Another hopeful feature is the opening of a new appointment at Birds Nest Station by invitation of the people. Here we have a good Sunday School organized and a lot for a church donated, which will in all probability be built in the Spring. The leading spirit in these new developments has been the pastor, Brother G. W. Hastings, a young man of very superior native talent, but greatly in need of the training of the schools.

St. Peters is one of the coming charges of the District. Her development has been almost phenomenal. Brother Burr is the pastor and prominent genius in the recent development, but the unusual liberality and enthusiasm of these people

makes the splendid reports possible. Forty-eight conversions, \$344 on the seven collections, and \$236 for improvements, and an advance of \$100 on salary, with promise of \$50 more next year, are the prominent features of the year's work.

Salisbury, under the eloquence and zeal of Brother C. A. Hill, has gone forward in a marked degree. The revival effort shared the common fate of all such efforts at that time, and the record shows but 5 probationers, but the spiritual state is fair, and the increase along financial lines is marked. The 7 General Conference collections are about 25 per cent. in advance of last year.

Selbyville has recently put in a new set of pews. G. P. Smith is closing his third year with these people very pleasantly. Selbyville has suffered severely by reason of a series of crop failures, and any shortage that may appear in the reports is not due to indolence on the part of the pastor or a lack of willingness on the part of the people. A splendid revival visited Selbyville last fall and resulted in 52 conversions.

Sharptown extended her borders last spring and took in the three country appointments that formerly belonged to Delmar. Rev. T. L. Price was the Conference appointee, and the salary was fixed at \$900, but in July Brother Price was transferred to the New York Conference, and Sharptown was for a time without a pastor. In the latter part of September Brother T. S. Williams, a supernumerary member of our Conference, took charge and pushed forward the work.

At St. George's a long-needed new church is being constructed and is shut in. The two able and liberal brethren who are giving financial backing are guarantee that it will be finished in good style and promptly paid for.

Smith's Island is one of the important charges of the District, and has been served this year by Brother Chairs. The pastor was disabled by sickness for five months, but Brother John Tyler, a local preacher, come into the breach and the work suffered but little. Forty-five conversion, \$268 for the 7 collections, \$177 for improvements and old debts. To the honor of Smith's Island and as an example for others be it said that during the year the deficiency of \$187 due Brother Jaggard on salary has been raised and paid. Too many charges take Conference as a receipt in full for all deficiencies on salary.

Snow Hill, under the superintendance and inspiration of Brother Sypherd, has rebuilt her parsonage at an expense of \$1,000. Now she has a delightful home for the pastor and a building which is a credit to the church and an ornament to the town, notwithstanding the heavy outlay on parsonage the benevolences have suffered no loss except the women's societies that report somewhat less.

Somerset reports 15 conversions, \$129 on collections, \$120 on improving church property, and \$125 on old debt, which removes all encumbrances from the church property. The parsonage has been greatly improved by paint, paper and new furniture.

Stockton has a faithful and diligent pastor in Brother McQuay and his wife. Conversions number 24, \$75 paid in improvements and \$50 on old debt. This charge has one appointment less than last year, but the benevolences are 5 per cent. in advance. This is remarkable when we consider the failure in the oysters upon which this charge largely depends.

Tangier Island stands in the front of the appointments of the District in every thing except its location, for which it is not responsible, and it leads the District this year in conversions, 132 professed conversion, and as many joined the church on probation. The 7 collections amount to \$389, or, \$56 in advance. \$200 have been paid on an old debt. Brother Conner closes his third year, and asks for a change of climate for his wife which is an imperative necessity.

Westover has been under the supervision of Bro. C. K. Morris, a local preacher of ability. Plans have been set on foot to cancel the parsonage debt; seven conversions, \$30 for the collections and \$350 on salary represents the work of the year, yet the brethren are asking for a division of the circuit.

Whitesville stands at the foot of the list, when taken in alphabetical order, but not in any other order, for this is a splendid circuit, in lower Sussex. Bro. Webster has been pastor for three years, and comes up with a better report every time. This year he reports 51 conversions, an advance of \$25 on the collections and \$50 on old debt. The salary was advanced \$25, making it \$700.

This has not been a year of great revivals. The reports show about 1,000 conversions. I have generally advised the pastors to see that their records of membership are correct, and their reports show that some pruning has been done.

The reports of the financial features of the district are very gratifying, and this is the more marked when we consider the extreme financial depression in the inland sections. Not more than one-half of a corn crop has been realized in seven years. How multitudes of our people find something to eat and to wear is a problem. The potato regions of Virginia are in financial distress, and there have been a succession of failures in the oyster crop on the seaside. It has been better on the bay side.

But to keep up to the record of other years meant much. Yet I feel safe in saying that the final report will show an advance of from \$800 to \$900 on the seven General Conference collections, about \$450 of which will measure the advance on missions, and about \$100 on Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society.

Pastoral Support

likewise makes a good advance. Twenty-three charges increased their estimates in sums ranging from \$25 to \$250, aggregating \$2,100. Three charges fell below last year's estimate. The net increase in estimates is 1,950 and I am persuaded that the increase receipt will make as good a showing. There is one charge on the District that has paid \$1,100 this year and five that have paid \$1,000 each. There is but one other District in the Conference that can make an equal showing.

This is a step in the right direction but much needs doing yet along this line before our hard worked pastors are properly supported. Where the salaries are smallest there advances are the most difficult to secure, and the sentiment for a good salary the least. I see that the missionary appropriation for our Virginia work is reduced. That is a mistake and was done against the earnest prayer of those who know the need. Our presence and success in Virginia is a possibility and a necessity and only a vigorous administration will attain that degree of success that the needs of the case demand.

There are many other features of the work of the District that I might speak of, but I forbear, and add in conclusion that my own work as far as I feel disposed to tabulate it has been to hold 177 Quarterly Conferences, preach 162 sermons, conduct about 50 lovefeasts and make a few addresses. I have served every interest of the church to the best of my limited ability. I have sought success but only by the use of what were to me unquestioned methods. I have striven for peace and harmony, but not at the expense of principle. I have found the presiding eldership, like every other position in life that I have ever occupied—it has its sweets and its bitters, its lights and its shadows, its joys and its sorrows.

I thank God for the gift of perfect health throughout the year. I thank him for the gift of his sustaining grace and the consolations of his presence.

I am in debt to the preachers of the district for their sympathy and hearty co-operation, and to the laymen for their many kindnesses and expressions of appreciation. The burdens of the position have not crushed me because so many shoulders have helped me to bear them.

W. F. CORKRAN.

DOVER DISTRICT.

In presenting this fifth report of Dover District I gratefully acknowledge that "It is of the Lord's mercy that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not; they are new every morning."

During the tempests and trials of this year it hath been good "that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord." In the midst of its difficulties, when the hearts of some failed them, the brave and the true have stood responsive to duty's call and with results to make the faithful rejoice in God, their Saviour. Yet against what hinderances has it been achieved?

The destruction of fruit in Sussex and other sections, after three years of shortage in nearly every crop, the overproduction of fruit in Kent and Caroline, rendering the yield of but little value; while in Dorchester even the sea has withheld its treasures from the toiling oystermen; and they close the season in poverty instead of plenty. The unfriendliness of nature has been the lesser part of the ills which have afflicted us. About all the ills enumerated by Paul, in II. Corinthians, xi., 26, have touched this field.

Immediately upon last adjournment many brethren were stricken down with illness, from which some have not recovered until this day. Two are disabled, one is not and another has ascended to the land that hath no storm. It is safe, I think, to estimate that nearly one-fifth of the working force of the district has been disabled throughout the whole year.

Our Brother, Joseph S. Moore, is cruising dangerously near the coast of the 'undiscovered country.' Let us pray that he may fetch off the lea shore into deep water again.

With bills in the hands of our worst enemy in the Dorchester New Recovery, the Sheriff was too dangerously near to admit of delay, so that I was compelled to go from Conference at once to other Church assemblies and ask for material sympathy. The New Jersey and Wyoming Conferences responded, and later the Erie and Pittsburg were heard from with effect, while Richard Grant sent his

check for \$50. Enough was raised from beyond our border to tide over our immediate embarrassment.

While this emergency was being met four places, touched by changes in circuit lines, always a sensitive point in administration, from influences in and about them made a condition of affairs not ended yet, and which in a few places has disturbed the work of the year. From but two churches only were the preachers appointed absolutely locked out and one of these in a few weeks took the better way and opened to the preaching of the word, until it was closed to make necessary repairs. The other though in existence nearly four years never was opened to Sabbath preaching and simply remained in statue quo. In the other cases my understanding has been that the buildings were always at the service of the preacher but he would have to take his chances of a congregation against a combination to prevent an attendance. The brethren in charge thought best to pursue another course than that advised with results as known. In one case the brother grew discouraged and abandoned his work, and no supply being available there was nothing left but to restore the former relations of two churches concerned. Another too near a large town for separate existence, many of the members living in and near the town transferred their membership. The church was never closed. With this exception one only having a church organization has remained without service, and this maintained a Sunday School and had one regular service to save a legacy. The supervision here has kept to the policy of maintaining the authority without which the adjustments could not have been made, knowing that the church provides a way for the review of administration; and that surrender to such a condition of revolt is subversive of all order.

Then the publication through papers which lent themselves for such a purpose, of everything in the way of a difference, throughout the year, often with inflammatory misrepresentations, has been a yet more serious cause of disturbance. But out of it all the loyal and true have stood the closer to duty, and saved from defeat and brought to victory the work of God.

I call attention first to the status of our only institution of learning, the Wilmington Conference Academy in Dover, and have received from Dr. W. L. Gooding, the principal, the following statement:

REPORT OF CONFERENCE ACADEMY.

Number of teachers, including principal	7
Number of students 1890-91	119
Number of students 1891-92	159
Number of students at present in Academy	118
Conference Educational Society beneficiaries	2
Board of Education beneficiaries	13
Value of property	\$80,000 00
Indebtedness (approximate)	25,000 00
Receipts for Board and tuition	10,984 61
Expenditures	10,520 74
Net receipts	463 87
Rental	154 63

W. L. GOODING.

The Ladies Hall has been completed and is in every way adapted to the purpose for which it was intended.

Dover, Wesley Church, where T. E. Terry is closing his fifth year, pastoral visits number 727, the benevolences have advanced 16 per cent. during the terms, the members and probationers increased 23, yet the actual increase of full members has been 62. Six conversions and 24 probationers are reported.

The Second Church in Dover was legitimately born May 14th, under circumstances which served to make it necessary in order to prevent the alienation of many whom the Lord had given us. Its organization was made in the armory where 46 souls were converted. When crowded out of this place, they for two months worshipped in a tent, in which 25 were converted. When driven by the cold from the tent other quarters were secured, and they now worship in their own hired hall, for which the rent is paid until '93. The bishop in charge of our work at the time, gave his approval to the organization, and God has owned this child of storm in the conversion of 83 souls, 40 now in full connection and 43 probationers and a Sunday school of 91 scholars enrolled. For ministerial support they have raised \$415, \$76 have been paid on collections, property to the amount of \$175 has been accumulated, and \$150 paid on a church lot and a subscription of \$440 additional secured.

Several have rendered service as preachers. Edward Collins was employed through the Summer. In September the requirements of his school work made his resignation necessary, but 25 souls were born into the kingdom during his incumbency.

Since October Grant C. Tuller, one of the boy evangelists, has been employed. I have had official responsibility for the organization of forty Churches in the last nine years, but in my judgment not one fraught with such importance to our Methodism as this. While not able always to understand each other, there are tangible results to make the hearts of all lovers of the Church rejoice. We now have three Sunday Schools with 592 scholars, against two schools and 552 scholars last year. The high-water mark of the century was reached last year in the report of 509 members and probationers. We come into line this year with 665 Methodist Episcopalians in Dover enrolled as members and probationers, and 597 in full connection, against 562 a year ago.

At Frederica Dr. Caldwell closes his fourth year with 20 probationers, 323 visits. Some inroad has been made upon us here by the building of a Methodist Protestant Church. We will not have it all our own way in the future.

Why do we not find it out when there are elements that will not coalesce and make provisions for them ourselves. It is my belief that we had better have two of our own churches in every little town than to have one of our own and one of another denomination. I bid God speed to anybody who does what we cannot or will not do, but I am fully convinced that we ought to go for all everywhere and hold all that we can get by legitimate methods.

From Camden, where P. H. Rawlins is closing his fourth year, I have a report of 600 visits and 24 conversions. Though by a re-adjustment of the work here, which gave a weaker appointment, 1 1/2 miles away, to Camden in exchange for a

stronger, eight miles distant, the dissatisfaction engendered thereby has not prevented an advance of 22 per cent. on the benevolences above what Brother Rawlins found them four years ago, with the stronger church making a part of the charge. Seven Christian advocates are taken. Arrangements have been made to secure the permanent use of the building, our preaching place at Rising Sun, and over \$900 have been expended and raised on the church in Camden.

Felton, where T. H. Haynes is stationed, was one of the places affected last Spring by changes, but its old lines were restored when Brother Frazier abandoned the new circuit, and no one else could be found to take his place. Results have been reached, however, in the conversion of 72 souls and in the accessions of 38 probationers, more than in any year since 1887.

Woodside, where Joseph S. Moore is stationed, has had 51 conversions and not less than 600 visits made. The benevolences are well in advance, and cannot be reported more fully because the illness of the pastor has prevented a return of the proper data. His work, however, has been a great success and a blessing to the charge.

Willow Grove, 3½ miles away, was annexed to this charge last spring and for awhile refused to submit to the arrangement, but shortly broke from the thrall of bad advisers and opened up for service until closed for repairs this winter.

Little Creek, F. F. Carpenter pastor, for which an effort was made to strengthen by the restoration of a relation which obtained with a church two miles away in 1883-4, and with another. As yet it has not been productive of all the results desired. There has been an increase of 43 per cent. in ministerial support, 10 per cent. in collections 40 conversions and 200 visits made.

Wyoming, A. Green pastor, was agitated by the loss of Willow Grove, five miles away. But this gave to the town what its situation has long required, preaching twice each Sabbath, resulting in a marked improvement in the prospect at this point. The pastor reports 39 conversions, 120 sermons, 820 visits and \$117 on the collections.

Leipsic, where Bro. Warner has led, the principal work has been to build up a new Church, which is rapidly approaching completion, at an expense of \$3,800. A great work for this community. They have been encouraged to undertake it by the generous donation of a valuable lot by Hon. Wilson L. Cannon, of Dover. Leipsic is improving. Ministerial support is 100 higher than five years ago. Bro. Warner has preached 120 times and made 412 visits.

Magnolia, L. W. Layfield pastor, has led a Church improvement at an expense of \$1,200, for which nearly all is provided. Twenty souls have been converted.

Houston, with 31 conversions and 500 visits by the pastor, is on the up-grade. The collections are 150 per cent. more than five years ago. Ministerial support has been advanced 20 per cent., shows the advantage of an earnest ministry. These results have come through the faithfulness of the pastors. The present incumbent is Wm. B. Guthrie.

Farmington. Here Joseph Robinson, though seriously hindered by illness, has had 25 conversions and made 600 visits, and paid the long-standing parsonage debt. He now feels that his place is out of the line, to await in retirement the summons above.

At Milford, Robert Watt closes his second year with 20 conversions, 1050 pastoral visits. Subscribers have been found for 22 advocates. In the last five years ministerial support has increased 20 per cent., the benevolences 150 per cent., the membership 36 per cent.

Some interest is being now taken in the question of a second church service for South Milford. This is one of the coming enterprises of the near future, and should not be long delayed. Great things seem possible under the present pastorate. The church united and triumphant can well afford to lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes.

R. T. Coursey at Harrington, has witnessed a great increase of interest in enlarged congregations and Sunday school attendance. Twenty conversions, 176 per cent. advance on benevolences; 17 per cent. added to ministerial support; 150 sermons preached and 800 visits made. If the present order of things may be continued, Harrington will soon take her place in the line of one of the best appointments. Our people as a class are not afraid of doing too much. They do follow aggressive, spiritual and earnest leadership, and the charges want the men who can do it.

Sussex County, L. P. Corkran, at Lincoln, closes his first year with 54 conversions, the collections 21 per cent. in advance; visits 340.

Here a Christian Endeavor Society is maintained with a membership of 54.

L. P. West was appointed to Ellendale last Spring, but feeling it his duty to return to school a supply was found, who also resigned sometime ago, and the work was committed to the hands of J. A. Ellegood, an efficient local preacher of this place, but too late to retrieve the fortunes of the year. Twenty conversions reported and 320 visits, however, redeems it from total failure.

Georgetown, to which J. D. Rigg was appointed last year, was, after a single Sabbath, deprived of his service by the severe illness which occasioned his resignation and removal a little later on. All possible was done to find a suitable supply with the seeming on the recommendation of Dr. Butz, was employed for the summer and rendered most efficient service. He, however, declining to remain after the opening of the Seminary. after brief delay Rev. C. B. Robertson of the Troy Conference was secured. He proved to be a brother beloved, fully equal to all the demands of the work, and but two weeks ago, for reasons which he thought justifiable, gave up the work and returned to his own Conference.

Georgetown, however, has arranged to take a higher place in the work of the future. Reports of the work have not yet come into my hands, save that there have been 17 conversions and that these two young men have made not less than 906 visits.

The separation of St. John from this place, long a matter of agitation has at last been definitely settled and that by the parties concerned.

Broadkill, supplied by N. P. Johnson, has been blessed with 40 conversions and other interests of the church well and faithfully served. Visits 170.

The Sand Hill Church taken from Ellendale for awhile seemed to promise

trouble, but it was only in the seeming, they have done their full share in contributing to all the work of the year.

Millsboro, under the leadership of James Carroll, takes the third place on the District in the number of conversions, 101, and first in number of probationers, 102. The benevolences advanced above the best record ever made before, as always under this ministry, and more than 800 visits made will show some indications of one of the grandest successes of the year.

Nassau, with J. S. Wickline pastor, recently transferred from Virginia Conference, has demonstrated his right in the ranks of our most efficient workers.

The salary was advanced to \$800 at the first Quarterly meeting, which makes an increase in the last five years 23 per cent. The collections have increased 72 per cent.; 53 souls have been converted; 153 sermons preached, and 410 visits made.

Lewes, F. C. McSorley pastor. This is the place that never fails to measure up on all lines. This year the last dollar of parsonage debt is paid, every apportionment met and on the benevolences 21 more than apportionments, without complaints or appeals as to the amounts asked for by the Church for holy aggression. Thirty-six souls have been converted and 600 visits made.

Milton, where Bro. T. R. Creamer was serving his fourth year when the summons came to report above, in January last.

Heaven is the richer for this new arrival, but his place in the Church on earth is one that will be very hard to fill.

Because of long-continued illness only \$15, the children's day collection, was raised. The people, however, rallied to this work and brought up every apportionment, which is an advance of 26 per cent. on last year.

Milton has increased ministerial support 33 per cent. in the last 5 years.

When discarded by Georgetown St. John was connected with Milton. At the two churches 60 souls have been converted.

Wm. D. Wilson has supplied the work since the death of Bro. Creamer.

Greenwood, W. P. Compton reports 32 conversions, 182 sermons preached, 655 visits made, benevolences 5 per cent. in advance, and all the work which pertains to the pastor well and faithfully done.

Bridgeville, J. P. Otis, pastor, advanced to the rank of a \$900 appointment last Spring. The development here has been most encouraging in the last five years. The support increased more than 100 per cent. The collections increased in even greater proportion. A commodious Church erected and extensive revivals have prevailed. This year, including all money for all Church purposes, the amount exceeds \$1,700.

There is a further report of 15 conversions, 102 sermons preached and of 653 visits made.

From Cannon, W. L. P. Bowen reports 113 sermons, 490 visits, 22 per cent. advance on the benevolences, 12 conversions. The illness of the pastor has retarded his work, but in spite of this difficulty the work has been faithfully performed according to his strength by the pastor.

Seaford, to which R. C. Jones was appointed last Conference in three months

was deprived of his services by the breaking down of his health, which made it necessary for him to seek a retreat for rest under circumstances most favorable for recovery. H. A. Budd, a recent graduate from Dickinson College was employed, but who, after another quarter of very satisfactory service, determining to take a course at Drew, resigned the charge. Being unable to find a supply without embarrassing another charge, I yielded to the unanimous request of the Board of Stewards and put Clarence T. Wilson in the vacancy. He was about to return to college and it was a question between sacrificing the appointment or his interest, and the determination was made in favor of the appointment. The Children's Day Collections of \$11 being the only one taken, left this part of the work to be crowded into the last six months. They are, however, 11 per cent. in advance. During this half year \$385 have been paid on old debts, 156 sermons preached, 12 weeks of revival services held, 105 souls have been converted, 95 now on probation, which is the second highest number on this district. Twenty-four Christian Advocates are taken and 500 pastoral visits have been made.

At Federalsburg, James W. Easley is closing his third year. A marked work of grace has come upon the church in this place, and many have been lifted to higher experience in the things of God. Large advances in ministerial support have been made at this place in the last five years. I believe it enjoys the distinction of increasing the support for every year of the five, besides making a large increase upon the benevolences. Visits number about 570.

At Williston, Brother W. M. Green has enjoyed the blessed distinction of receiving into full membership 135, the fruit of the great revivals of last year, which were the largest on the district. He has made 459 visits.

Burrsville, where Brother Tabler is closing his second year, has had times of blessed refreshing. Sixty-nine souls were converted. The work of entire sanctification kept in the van, and many obtaining the blessing. When the experiment of Maston's Circuit had to be abandoned for lack of supply, the churches formerly with Felton were restored, but those with Harrington could not be returned, the matter of a Station at this place having become an imperative necessity, there was nothing left but to attach Maston's with Burrsville. The people of this little church, though aggrieved at the separation from Harrington, yet recognizing the necessity of the movement yielded to the situation, agreeing to pay the same as before to the support of a pastor. No bad advice or bad example could move them from their steadfast loyalty. Lately Asbury, the place so near to Harrington, was also annexed to Burrsville, making it a circuit of six churches. White's was likewise removed from Farmington to this charge at the last session, and for a while it seemed as though bad counsels might shake them from their steadfastness, but it was only in the seeming and they swung into line with many protests. But they are not protesting now. This has been to them the year of their greatest prosperity. Their offerings for the aggressive work of the church have advanced 17 per cent. This circuit also has the distinction of paying \$22 more than its apportionment for the support of the pastor. A great loss was sustained this year in the

death of Henry Thrawley, not wealthy a poor man in money, but rich in the gold of the Eternal Kingdom. One of the most self-sacrificing men I ever knew. Blessed are the children who have the memory of such a father.

Denton, Brother Townsend in his first year reports 17 probationers, 600 visits and the collections advanced. The outlook is all favorable for a successful pastorate. Here a church was placed from Burrsville without friction, and has done its full share of the work of the year.

Preston, served by E. P. Roberts has advanced ministerial support, 37 souls have been converted. The pastor has preached 200 times and made 550 visits; \$200 have been paid on indebtedness. All the work has been well and faithfully done. With the loss of a \$150 appointment, the salary continued at the old figures makes a large advance.

Dorchester County, the part of the field which has presented the greatest opportunity for aggressive advancement during the term, but the building of twenty churches has fairly well pre-empted the field. I thank God that on the western side our line has been extended 30 miles south of the barrier of 5 years ago.

The pastor longest in his place here is Brother Nutter, at Hurlock, closing his third year, with 170 sermons, 450 visits, 62 have been converted, and though a strong appointment was given for a weak one, yet it has occasioned but the loss of \$25 in salary and \$3 on the collections.

Williamsburg, supplied by A. C. Jones. The appointment lost from Hurlock a new church was made, the center of circuit, by taking two churches, Nichols, and Hinsons, from their nominal connections with Federalsburg, both new churches and old Friendship was taken from Preston and these four churches, three of them new, constitute the circuit. Friendship in the adjustments of the work which have occurred has changed her circuit positions four times in five years and yet nothing has ever moved her people from their loyalty. The change this year was a severe strain, but under the wise leadership of Perry D. Taylor they fell into line. This new circuit has paid a salary of \$500, \$102 to the benevolences and had a revival in every church, making a total of 70 conversions. The pastor has made 500 visits.

Dr. Waddell from Galestown reports 40 conversions, 150 sermons and 860 pastoral visits.

East New Market, A. Burke, pastor, leads the District in the number of conversions 140, and probationers, 95; 675 visits and the benevolences well in advance of last year.

Vienna, where Brother Maxwell has served has a showing of 12 conversions, an increase of 20 per cent. in salary, a good advance on collections and 600 visits.

Salem was supplied by T. B. Cooper, who reports 5 conversions, 84 sermons and 205 visits.

Dorchester and Bucktown began the year as separate charges, supplied by Wm. M. Conaway and W. K. Galloway, but Brother Galloway returning to his evangelistic work they were combined by the consent of Bishop Fowler, and have since been supplied by Brother Conaway alone. This work constitutes a part of

the new recovery in this county where 45 have been converted this year; \$52 raised for benevolent purposes, and 402 pasatorl visits.

From Elliott's Island, Bro. Wheatly reports 44 converts, the membership more than doubled this year, 38 per cent. advance on collections, 819 visits. A commodious new Church to take the place of the old one, which was insufficient for the purpose of the 55 families who live here. These people are rapidly advancing along all lines of Church endeavor.

Crapo, C. P. Swain pastor, has had 54 conversions, 13 per cent. advance on the benevolences, the salary kept at 800, 192 sermons and pastoral visits 550. Two Epworth Leagues have been organized with a membership of 60 persons.

Lakesville, Bro. McLain pastor, one of the new charges of the county, has had 53 conversions. Organized two years ago it has now a membership of 135 and 27 proba tioners. We have had a struggle with Church debts, but, while not relieved entirely, begin to feel that our property is not now in jeopardy. The resignation of J. H. Robinson from Taylor's Island, and the inability to secure a supply in his place made necessary the transfer of Hargis and Asbury to this charge, while Chaplain Memorial went to Church Creek.

The pastor reports 498 visits and \$52 on the collections, which is a large showing, considering that it has been a year of debt-paying on churches.

Hooper's Island, where prosperity has been uninterrupted from the beginning, was greatly retarded this year. The pastor, Bro. Johnson, in January resigned and withdrew from the Church. Bro. D. H. Willes of the Virginia Conference was transferred January 18th, and by careful and wise administration has succeeded in preventing serious loss, though the reports of the year's results must of necessity be meagre. Yet 22 souls have been converted and more than \$400 paid on debts. Pasoral visits number 620.

Church Creek and Madison, with Bro. Bounds for pastor, have added to them Chaplain Memorial on Taylor's Island. Here as usual all the work has been well and faithfully done. Though greatly hindered by illness in his work, the pastor is able to report 53 conversions, more than 1,100 visits and an increase on the benevolencies of the charge above what both raised last year. One Church has been built.

We still have an embarrassing debt at Madison, for which provision must soon be made. Bro. Bounds, like the widow who contributed to the treasury of the temple, has literally cast in these enterprises all that he had, \$500 would not cover his own outlay that the work in this county might be recovered.

Beckwith, Brother Dawson's part of the work has been well done; 660 visits made, 180 sermons preached, 54 converts made, and the benevolences advanced.

Cambridge, J. H. Howard, pastor, though out of his pulpit for nearly half the year from illness, he has redeemed the time since his recovery. Thirty conversions, 600 visits.

At the fourth quarterly Conference, among other strong papers presented and passed unanimously, was one looking to the founding of a new church enterprise. With 446 members and probationers this grand church is seeking to swarm in two directions, and they voted unanimously requesting such extension of the work as

soon as the Presiding Elder should see his way clear to advise it. When it is remembered that our people here are not wealthy, that they have but recently struggled through an embarrassing church debt, advanced the benevolences 18 5 per cent., the salary 20 per cent., the membership 55 per cent., it can be understood what loyalty to the church, what devotion to duty and what self-sacrifice this indicates.

The work of this county has been most responsive to every direction for advance. The frequent changes in the shape of the work so necessary to its rapid development, have always been loyally accepted, and with one exception without serious complaint.

At this Capital seat of the county, the post of influence and inspiration in rural sections, the enthusiastic loyalty of the pastors, Alfred Smith and John H. Howard, both to the church and the administrations, together with their own burning desire for the largest extension of our Methodism, has made them responsive helpers in every forward movement. While the faithful brethren toiling in the new work amid surroundings to try their faith, those men in the best church of the county, and at the county seat, have done all in their power to help and encourage the work.

In these five years Dorchester county, which has increased from 21 churches 41, with the membership about doubled, and for every dollar expended by the church either of missionary or church extension, I think the increase in the benevolent offering of the county will cover. But no history of the advance here can ever be complete that leaves out the earnest loyalty and inspiration given to it by Cambridge Methodism. Ministers and laymen seem to have vied with each other in encouraging and helping forward the work.

The salaries at many points have been advanced upon the estimates of a former period, yet there will be deficiencies reported from several places. The matter of deficiencies is one hard to control. If the estimates for support are pushed the pastor will receive more, even if the full allowance is not raised, but the difference goes to swell the sum total of the deficiency column. It is necessarily an inevitable result which must attend advances in estimates. It has been and is a conviction with me that our people do not at all touch the maximum of ability in the support of pastors, and by every legitimate method of which I have knowledge I have sought to advance them. I think there are but three charges on the District which have failed to go forward in this direction, and a majority have increased from two to four times. The examination of the minutes will reveal this fact that the actual receipts from 1887 to '92 will show an increase on the receipts of not much less than \$6,500, or 25 per cent. The total receipts for all ministerial support during the present quintennium will exceed that of the last by \$37,322, while the sum total of the seven great benevolences of the Church Missions, Church Extension, Freedmer's Aid, Bible, Tract, Sunday School Union, Educations have only amounted to \$39,039, or \$1,717 more than the increase for ministerial support in five years. With these facts before me it is hard to see how brothers have been impoverished by the advances upon the benevolences.

The sum total has reached the high-water mark this year, and including the

local as well as general offerings amount to \$10,606, or \$429 more than last year or ever before. Notwithstanding every adverse influence this is the record made and it is 78 per cent. in advance of five years ago. Then the missionary collection was \$3,186; now it is \$5,641. Then Church extension was \$295; now it is \$718. Then freemen's aid was \$210; it is now \$489. Bible then was \$118; it is now \$271. Tract, \$67; now, \$158. Sunday School Union, \$75; now, \$167. Educational was then \$353; now, \$628; or including offering for the Conference Academy, it is \$1,161. Conference claimants was then \$1,073; it is now \$1,373. The sum total of all benevolent offerings then, both general and local, was \$5,952; they are now \$1,606; an increase of 78 per cent. The average advance of this Conference is 18 per cent.

Our parsonages five years ago numbered 26; they now number 37. Churches then, 103; now, 130, an increase of 27. One of them was transferred from another district, however, which makes the actual increase 26. Besides these there are two congregations worshipping in halls. Then there were 106 Sunday Schools; now we have 133, an increase of 27. The value of parsonages then was \$46,500; value now, \$63,100. Value of churches then, \$242,600; now, \$286,235.

More than these material things is the membership increase. In 1887 there were reported of full members, 7,862; the next year a careful pruning of our records caused more than 1,500 names to disappear from the list. We have filled these more than 1,700 vacancies and report 9,394, an increase of 1,532 to the full membership; 19 per cent. increase.

This year our conversions number 1,846 against 1,808, with 1,552 probationers now reported. During the quintennium 7,941 probationers have been reported and 6,037 for the previous period, making an increase in these five years of 31 per cent.

These are results which, through the divine mercy, my co-laborers have been able to attain unto on Dover district. The cases have been few and far between where we have not seen eye to eye in a united endeavor to lift this part of the world to higher being and to holier doing.

I have been held to this Peninsula by ties of sentiment, the strongest that can bind a man to the land of his birth. The eighth generation in Sussex County and the seventh born there, through a period of 200 years. When in Milton I am within 12 miles of the graves of seven generations of ancestors. I love this land, it has seemed to me as no other man could love it, and I have desired no better country. It has appeared to me that if my work was of any use to the church, I owed it to the land of my birth. Larger salaried opportunities have not been withheld from me in these last six years. My unvarying reply has been, I will never leave this Conference for a place. If the church shall ever need my services in a field of greater sacrifice there, it may be, I will go to occupy, but no easy place or gilt-edge salary has ever been a serious temptation to me. When I have thought of the men born on this soil who have come to great usefulness in the church elsewhere, I could not but feel that had they remained here, this would long since have become the very 'garden of the Lord,' and an inspiration to the whole church.

I know this territory and appreciate its possibilities and forecast its future as I think no other living man either does or can, and how am I straightened until it come to pass. The boom is being lost from the great West and will more and more disappear as the desirable land is taken up. Where in all this world is there such a section as this alluvial offspring from the womb of the Ocean, caressed upon her bosom and embraced by the Chesapeake and Delaware arms of the sea. A great population will find it and the hospitable shore that asylumed Asbury in the time of danger, the church of his nurture must prepare to enfold them in the arms of her charity, that she may bring them to glory. We must get ready for the oncoming million and how can this be done so effectually as by taking and training and holding the present population and garrisoning every cross-roads with a church. Our debts unto the past are paid to the future. The men are in their graves who cleared the forests, made the roads and planted the trees, the fruit of which is ours to enjoy. We owe to posterity both principal and interest for what we have received. The priceless legacy of a great Methodism has come into our hands. We owe it to God, to ourselves and to the world to transmit it, improved and adorned as a bride for her husband. To simply hold intact the achievements of the past is to dry rot.

"New occasions teach new duties, time makes ancient good uncouth,
They must upward still and onward who would keep abreast of truth.
So before us gleams our camp-fires, we ourselves would pilgrims be,
Launch our Mayflower and steer boldly through the dreadful wintry sea,
Nor attempt the future's portals with the past's blood-rusted key.

What have we lost that our fathers left us? They met the questions of their time and delivered them into our hands as problems solved. It has been our purpose while conserving their achievements, to grapple with new futures and discover new possibilities, while holding intact every crystalized product of their toil, and to bring to complete acceptance issues of our own day which, when won will lift us unto a higher plane of life and put us more fully in touch with God in His purpose for the world.

It has seemed left us to put ajar every closed door and doors ajar to swing wide open in the pathway of progress.

But he is ambitious. I for one plead guilty to the strange indictment and the ambition has been to contribute my little measure toward making this the greatest Conference for its population and resources in all Methodism, one that for holy doing, for noble daring, for heroic self-sacrifice and for grand achievement might become an inspiration to the whole church. That should everywhere be named by the Bishops when they desire to stimulate to mighty doing and daring for God.

Grecian history would be poor without the Spartans. The hoards of Northern Europe required the example of a corps of Bersekers, the glory of Napoleon's army was the Old Guard, the German soldiers inspired by the men of the Iron Cross, and Methodism needs one heroic Wilmington Conference, when we shall learn again to love as brethern and to rejoice in the victories of the cross by whomsoever won.

I have had an ambition to see our churches so planted that every family on

this Peninsula might be Methodist Episcopalian if they can be so led. And as many are more influenced by convenience than creed it makes necessary, what may appear to short-sighted vision a needless waste of money in an unnecessary multiplication of churches. It is not money we are sent to save but souls, and to organize and put in the field a constituency of saved men and women to carry forward the salvation work.

The only classes, as such, open to proselytism are the youths and the poor, especially the latter. They go where sympathy finds and tender, fellow-feeling awaits them, and I don't blame them. The church that wins the poor of this generation will have the wealthy of the next. The church that fails to retain or win the poor is the church without a future.

Ambitious, yes. The future of this Peninsula and the relations of our church to its coming granduer, has been to me an ever present pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, while voices from them seems to sing:

"More and more, more and more,
Always more to follow."

To bring to pass these possibilities I have accounted neither home nor health, nor life nor means, dear unto myself that I might finish this course with the joy of actual realization. I have been from home three-fourths of the time, and have traveled nearly 1,400 miles this year.

To attain unto them it has seemed to me that a well-trained ministry would be more than contributory. It has, therefore, been my effort through these years to send to school those called of God, unless the finger of Providence clearly pointed in another direction, and to aid them in preparing for future leadership. While these were getting ready, and disappointing us often by seeking more inviting surroundings, I have sought in almost all the schools for others to take their places saying: The missionary field has the first claim. Your home Conference the next if it needs your service. After that we both need and desire your coming.

Another has been the impartation of knowledge upon every aggressive movement of the Church, and to discourage always the short-cut methods of financeering through camp meetings, festivals and fairs. I have always said, and now reiterate, that the money to support either the ministry or the great aims of aggression, the Benevolent Boards, such funds ought to be conscienc money pure and simple, and not secured by pandering to omniverous appetite.

From a bed-rock foundation of acquaintance with the principles and facts will bring results that can be repeated with a margin the next time.

The new appliances for teaching the Church have not been ignored, and we have seized upon them. Epworth Leagues have been organized in 22 charges. We are adding new machinery without taking out any of the old, and it may be well, for some will adhere to the old while others work the new, and so the greater number are called up from the reserve and put on the front line.

One of the great perplexities of administrations is to handle the crowd who have nothing to do. The Napoleon of church organization, is the coming man who can call out the reserves and keep them in the column of advance.

The focalization of all methods is the conversion of souls, and surely this cannot be called subordinate, when more than 1,846 have taken upon their lips the new song of salvation this year. Contributory to these result have been the work of the following evangelists, the quartette boy evangelists, Mrs. Kenney, Miss Van-name, Lizzie Smith, Wm. K. Galloway, James W. Wilson and Thomas Ogle.

Evangelists and Epworth League and every other appliance have been encouraged by me that could help to take and hold this Peninsula to the Savior and to the church of my love. Nor can I disguise it from myself that in our chief city and in our larger towns, our membership is not as large, in proportion to the population as it was twenty-three years ago. Others have entered into our labors and Methodist Episcopal trained people have gone to enrich the membership of other churches.

And now, in conclusion, I thank God for the victories of this year. I asked Him to vindicate the policy pursued by giving success to His own cause, and He has answered from Heaven by the fire of holy revival, bringing an increased number of conversions, and with substantial advances along the other lines of legitimate endeavor. The one great all-absorbing consideration, and to which all else is contributory, is the sanctification of the Church and the uplift of the world.

I have stood upon the deck of a ship, bearing away upon her ceurse with the wind aft and a following sea, when a dark portentous cloud arose from the horizon, blackening the Heavens and shading the sea. I have heard the sharp order "Call all hands," followed by others to shorten sail and make the ship snug for the storm. I have been there when every agency of nature—cold, wind, storm and sea—have grappled for the life of the vessel's crew and the destruction of her voyage. I have been there when the sun, renewing his battle, sunk into the cloud until it softened and blazed with light and glory. May the clouds and darkness round about us yield in like manner to the influence of the sun of righteousness until all hearts and voices shall sing "Unto Him that hath loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, unto Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever."

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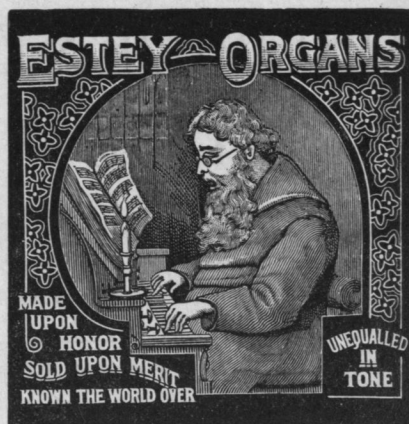
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1872 Kemp, J. D.....	E. Still Pond, Md.....	2
1886 Koons, W. G.....	E. North East, Md.....	1
1871 Layfield, L. W.....	E. Zion, Md.....	1
1879 Lindale, J. M.....	E. Cordova, Md.....	1
1892 Loller, Wm. H. S.....	P. Liberty Grove, Md.....	1
1892 Lecates, John D.....	D. Tilghman, Md.....	1
1885 Mace, E. S.....	E. Booth's Corner, Pa.....	1
1876 Macnichol, E. C.....	E. Sudlersville, Md.....	2
1864 Martindale, T. E.....	E. New Castle, Del.....	2
1889 Maxwell, S. R.....	E. Frederica, Del.....	1
1868 McFarlane, W. R.....	E. Magnolia, Del.....	1
1684 McFaul, D. H.....	E. Chance, Md.....	1
1873 McQuay, N.....	E. Stockton, Md.....	2
1873 McSorley, F. C.....	E. Lewes, Del.....	3
1865 Melvin, A. T.....	Sp. Chestertown, Md.....	
1853. Merritt, J. B.....	Sp. Crumpton, Md.....	
1869 Miller, E. H.....	E. Whitesville, Del.....	1
1885 Mitchell, James M.....	E. Quantico, Md.....	2
1886 Moore, J. S.....	E. Preston, Md.....	2
1887 Morgan, S. M.....	E. Hillsboro', Md.....	3

1858	Morris, S. J.	E. St. Michael's, Md.	3
1883	Mowbray, A. S.	E. Newport, Del.	2
1886	Mowbray, W. R.	E. Pomona, Md.	4
1871	Murray, W. L. S.	E. Dover, Del.	1
1892	McKinsey, Fred E.	P. Massey, Md.	1
1370	Nelson, E. H.	E. Galena, Md.	3
1890	Nutter, M. D.	D. Hurlock, Md.	4
1892	Northrup, Van P.	D. Tull's Corner, Md.	1
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E. Cecilton, Md.	3
1872	Otis, J. P.	E. Wilmington, Del.	1
1853	Phoebus, G. W.	S. 53 Third place, Brooklyn, N. Y.	
1881	Pilchard, S. N.	E. Laurel, Del.	2
1870	Poole, J. W.	Sp. Farmington, Del.	1
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	E. Delaware City, Del.	1
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	E. Fairmount, Md.	1
1846	Price, B. F.	E. Woodlawn, Md.	1
1886	Prouse, J. T.	E. Widgeon, Md.	1
1850	Quigg, J. B.	E. Wilmington, Del.	
1869	Rawlins, P. H.	E. Camden, Del.	5
1858	Redman, W. W.	S. Greenwood, Del.	
1885	Reese, J. D.	E. Blackbird, Del.	2
1867	Rigg, J. D.	Sp. Chester, Pa.	
1884	Roberts, E. P.	E. Milton, Del.	1
1867	Robinson, Joseph.	Sp. Perryman, Md.	
1871	Roe, Robert.	E. Rock Hall.	1
1845	Sanderson, Henry.	S. Wilmington, Del.	
1886	Sharp, W. W.	E. Kent Island.	3
1868	Scott, A. T.	Sp. Wilmington, Del.	
1859	Sheppard, C. F.	E. Princess Anne.	2
1891	Short, F. B.	P. Wilmington, Del.	1
1879	Smith, Alfred.	E. Smyrna, Del.	2
1887	Smith, Geo. P.	E.	
1889	Smoot, T. C.	E. Sharptown, Md.	1
1870	Stengle, Adam.	E. Port Deposit, Md.	2
1873	Stephenson, R. K.	E. Smyrna, Del.	4
1888	Swain, C. P.	E. Frankford, Del.	1
1860	Sypherd, J. O.	E. Snow Hill, Md.	
1892	Strickland, Clarence W.	P. Little Creek, Del.	1

1887	Tabler, T. F.	D. Willistown, Md.	1
1857	Talbot, Wm. F.	Sp. Dover, Del.	
1886	Taylor, W. P.	P. Madison, N. J.	
1876	Terry, T. E.	E. Wilmington, Del.	1
1858	Thompson, H. S.	E. Odessa, Del.	2
1887	Todd, John R.	E. Dover, Del.	
1853	Todd, R. W.	E. Dover, Del.	
1871	Tompkinson, W. E.	E. Bellevue, Del.	2
1876	Townsend, G. W.	E. Denton, Md.	2
1891	Turner, H. C.	P. Oxford, Md.	2
1877	Valiant, W. T.	E. Deal's Island, Md.	2
1859	Van Burkalow, J. T.	E. Galestown, Md.	1
1874	Waddell, D. F.	E. Wilmington, Del.	1
1879	Walton, O. S.	E. Hopewell, Md.	1
1848	Walton, W. B.	Sp. Salisbury, Md.	
1853	Warner, W. M.	E. Kenton, Del.	1
1886	Watkins, R. I.	E. Church Hill, Md.	1
1885	Watt, Robert.	E. Milford, Del.	3
1887	Webster, Zack H.	E. Tangier Island, Md.	1
1889	West, J. P.	D.	
1866	White, E. E.	E. Millington, Md.	4
1868	Wickline, J. S.	E. Nassau, Del.	2
1872	Wilcox, G. W.	Sp. Georgetown, Del.	
1882	Williams, C. H.	E. Stanton, Del.	2
1857	Williams, T. S.	E. Cannon, Del.	1
1869	Wilson, J. A. B.	E. Easton, Del.	1
1877	Wilson, W. W. W.	E. Smyrna, Del.	3
1884	Wise, Wm. A.	E. Pocomoke, City, Md.	2
1884	Wood, I. L.	E. Elkton, Md.	1
1886	Wood, G. E.	E. Claymont, Del.	2
1886	Wyatt, C. T.	E. Roxanna, Del.	3
	Willis, Daniel H.	E. Fishing Creek, Md.	2
1892	Wilson, Clarence T.	P. Seaford Del.	1
1892	Williams, Wm. H. S.	P. Holland's Island, Md.	1

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WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

	L	Boehm, John.....	Newark, Del.
1886	L	Brown, Amos R	Sylmar, Md.
1890	L	Cantwell, R. Day	Elkton, Md.
1888	L	Cathers, Abner.....	Elk Mills, Pa.
	L	Dewsnop, Louis.....	Wilmington, Del.
	E	Dill, James R	Wilmington, Del.
	D	Dodd, David.....	Wilmington, Del.
1864	L	Fryer, Thomas.....	Cherry Hill, Md.
1889	L	Gollie, Delaplaine	Wilmington, Del.
1888	D	Grant, S. Edward.....	Newark, Del.
1886	D	Green, Daniel	Newport, Del.
	L	Harvey, Frank B	Childs, Md.
1888	L	Hamilton, William	Wilmington, Del.
1867	L	Hammond, W. T.....	North East, Md.
1884	E	Harris, John W.....	Wilmington, Del.
1868	L	Hendrickson, W. H....	Centreville, New Castle Co., Del.
1888	L	Hinchliffe, E. V.....	Elkton, Md.
1874	E	Hodson, Jabez.....	Wilmington, Del.
1890	L	Kane, J. H.....	Summitt, Del.
1891	L	Kershaw, Charles H.....	Edge Moor, Del.
1866	D	Logan, Samuel	Charlestown, Md.
1888	L	McKinsey, Fred E.....	Massey,, Md
1888	L	McLaughlin, John F	Wilmington, Del.
1859	L	Miller, W. T.....	Mechanicsville, Md.
	L	Nostrom, Charles.....	Wilmington, Del
1889	L	Purks, W. T.....	Rockland, Del.
	D	Simmons, Charles E	Elsmere, Del.
1881	D	Simms, Dr. J. H.....	Wilmington, Del.

	L	Stoops, John	Carlisle, Pa.
1888	D	Talley, Nelson	Wilmington, Del.
1869	D	Thatcher, Albert	Wilmington, Del.
	L	Walker, Zachariah	New Castle, Del.
1890	L	Weldin, George W.....	Wilmington, Del.
	L	White, John	Wilmington, Del.
1876	L	White, W. L.....	Wilmington, Del.
	L	Whitely, Seth F.....	Marshallton, Del.
1889	L	Wise, James, Jr.,	New Castle, Del.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

1874	L	Ayers, J. Frank.....	Leemont, Va.
	L	Beachamp, Jno. H., Sr.....	Upper Fairmount, Md.
1892	L	Beachamp, Jno. H., Jr.....	Dover, Del.
1892	L	Beachamp, Theodore.....	Upper Fairmount, Md.
	L	Conner, J. W.....	117 Monroe St. Chicago, Ill.
	L	English, Samuel.....	Selbyville, Sussex, Co., Del.
1874	P	Daniel, Jas. T.....	Wenona, Del.
	L	Jones, Jeremiah	Gumboro, Del.
	L	Hill, M. M.....	Delmar, Del.
	L	Leatherbury, P. A.....	Onancock, Va.
	D	Melson, E. J.....	Selbyville, Sussex Co., Del.
1867	D	Morris, C. K.....	Westover, Md.
1883	L	Nelson, Alonzo.....	Crisfield, Md.
1858	L	Robinson, Jno.....	Sharptown, Md.
	L	Strickland, W. G.....	Klej Grange.
1884	L	Simmons, J. M.....	Crisfield, Md.
1874	D	Tylor, John.....	Ewell, Md.
	L	Tindal, Wm. J.....	Sycamore, Sussex Co., Md.
1887	L	Winder, Edward J.....	Onancock, Va.
	L	Wilson, James H.....	Monie, Md.
	L	White, H. P.....	Dames Quarter, Md.

DOVER DISTRICT.

1865	D	Betts, W. H.....	Millsboro, Del.
1890	L	Collison, Geo. W.....	Denton, Md.
	D	Donoho, S. M.....	Cambridge, Md.
	D	Ellegood, John A.....	Ellendale, Del.

1891	L	Ellis, Geo. R.....	Woodland, Del.
1890	L	Fisher, Geo. M.....	Denton, Md.
1852	D	Harris, Wm.....	Bridgeville, Del.
1864	L	Jones, A. C.....	Williamsburg, Md.
	D	Kenny, Jos. L.....	Hynson, Md.
1891	L	Kerly, L. B.....	Church Creek, Md.
1892	L	McLain, L. T.....	Ellendale, Del.
	D	Millman, Jesse.....	Ellendale, Del.
	L	Minner, Saml.....	Masten's Corner, Del.
	D	Rich, J. H.....	Denton, Md.
1891	L	Richardson, J. M.....	Church Creek, Md.
1891	L	Sewell, J. T.....	Taylor's Island, Md.
	L	Sipple, John.....	Harrington, Del.
1889	L	Todd, N. L.....	Toddville, Md.
1889	L	Wilson, C. T.....	Seaford, Del.
1888	L	Wilson, W. D.....	Lewes, Del.
	D	Wright, D. R.....	Choptank, Md.

EASTON DISTRICT.

1858	L	Benson, E. T.....	Royal Oak.
1891	L	Clark, D. S.....	Kenton, Del.
	D	Edes, J. P.....	Edesville, Md.
1881	L	Faries, Wm.....	Smyrna, Del.
1871	L	Guhgeon, A. M.....	Chestertown, Md.
1889	L	Hynson, J. L.....	Church Hill, Md.
	L	Janes, Adams C.....	Easton, Md.
	D	Numbers, Thos.....	Millington, Md.
1884	D	Proctor, C. W.....	Chestertown, Md.
1890	L	Purnell, James.....	Millington, Md.
1888	L	Roberts, J. B.....	Middletown, Del.
1881	L	Roe, Herman.....	Smyrna, Del.
1878	L	Sentman, C. A.....	Odessa, Del.
1831	L	Stubbs, James.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
1890	L	Wilds, John S.....	Kenton, Del.
1892	L	York, Chas. D. S.....	Chestertown, Md.

ROLL OF THE DEAD.

OF THE
WILMINGTON ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

NAME.	DATE OF DEATH.	PLACE OF DEATH.
John E. Elliott,	November 8th, 1868,	Snow Hill, Md.
Thomas J. Quigley, D. D.,	October 19th, 1870,	Laurel, Del.
Daniel Titlow,	February 7th, 1871,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Amos A. Ewing,	January 19th, 1872,	Cecil County, Md.
Alfred Cookman,1871,	Newark, N. J.
James Augustus Massey,	July 19th, 1891,	Royal Oak, Md.
James Brandreth,	October 3d, 1872,	Frankford, Del.
T. J. Thompson, D. D.,	November 29th, 1872,	Wilmington, Del.
Robert E. Kemp,	March 6th, 1875,	Greensboro, Md.
Wesley Kenney, D. D.,	June 24th, 1875,	Smyrna, Del.
Henry Sutton,	March 23d, 1876,	Philadelphia, Pa.
George A. Campbell,	September 7th, 1876,	Frankford, Del.
John W. Weston,	April 23d, 1877,	Wilmington, Del.
John D. Curtis,	July 25th, 1877,	Wilmington, Del.
David R. Thomas,	February 13th, 1878,	Wilmington, Del.
Andrew J. Crozier,	January 21st, 1879,	Wilmington, Del.
Joshua Humphriss,	January 23d, 1879,	Salisbury, Md.
Francis M. Chatham,	May 29th, 1878,	Berlin, Md.
Edward G. Irwin,	March 12th, 1879,	Wilmington, Del.
John Hough,	March 27th, 1879,	near Trenton, N. J.
Thomas J. Williams,	March 29th, 1879,	New Castle, Del.
Wm. I. Baine,	May 13th, 1889,	Pocomoke City, Md.
Wm. Erie,	November 13th, 1889,	Smyrna, Del.
Thomas F. Plummer,	February 2d, 1881,	Wilmington, Del.
Eljah Miller,	April 15th, 1881,	Sudlersville, Md.
John W. Pierson,	May 6th, 1881,	Wilmington, Del.
Francis B. Quigley,	August 19th, 1881,	Hopewell, Md.
Thomas J. Prettyman,	February 27th, 1882,	Newark, Del.
Benj. W. Chase,	December 11th, 1882,	Seaford, Del.
Luclius C. Matlack, D. D.,	June 24th, 1883,	Cambridge, Md.
I. T. Cooper, D. D.,	April 12th, 1884,	Camden, Del.
Henry Colclazer,	December 18th, 1884,	Philadelphia, Pa.
John L. Taft,	May 30th, 1884,	Norristown, Pa.
John Shilling,	July 22d, 1884,	Wilmington, Del.
A. W. Milby,	June 13th, 1886,	Harrington, Del.
Elon J. Way,	July 5th, 1886,	Baltimore, Md.
Valentine Gray,	January 21st, 1888,	Gap, Pa.
Isaiah Johnson,	March 4th, 1887,	Bridgeville, Del.
Wm. J. O'Neil,	March 9th, 1888,	Church Hill, Md.
Jos. Dare,	October 22d, 1888,	Newark, Del.
Frank M. Morgan,	February 11th, 1889,	Philadelphia, Pa.
Willi m Merrill,	October 23d, 1889,	Upper Fairmount, Md.
Isaac N. Foreman,	June 12th, 1890,	Lincoln, Del.
John Allen,	December 13th, 1890,	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Samuel T. Gardner,	January 3d, 1891,	Pivot Bridge, Md.
Samuel J. Baker,	September 22d, 1891,	Laurel, Del.
Thos. O. Ayres,	October 14th, 1891,	Delaware City, Del.
Thos. R. Creamer,	January 10th, 1892,	Milton, Del.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. THOMAS OLIVER AYRES.

Was born May 27, 1838, near Goldsboro, Caroline County, Md., and died October 14, 1891, at Delaware City, Del. He was left an orphan in childhood, and after spending a few years on a farm, removed at seventeen years of age to Smyrna, Del., carrying with him a small box which contained all his worldly goods. Here he apprenticed himself to a harness maker and, after serving his time, bought out his employer, and for some years thereafter engaged in the business on his own account. He was married to Miss Rebecca T. Disch, April 18, 1861. Of this union ten children were born, only four of whom are now living.

When the civil war broke out Brother Ayres became a pronounced Unionist and consistently therewith enlisted in one of the Delaware regiments. While in this service, by reason of recognized merit, he rose in rank by the usual steps of promotion from a private, until at the time of his discharge, and for some time previous, he was captain of his company.

Some time after Brother Ayres removed to Smyrna, without the influence of any special revival service he was converted and joined the church, becoming at once an active and useful member.

His gifts and graces being recognized by his associate worshippers, he was advanced to one official position and another in the local church, until in the spring of 1870, he bore with him the recommendation of his Quarterly Conference to the Wilmington Annual Conference for his admission into the traveling connection, and was so admitted. He was ordained Deacon in 1872 by Bishop Ames and Elder in 1874 by Bishop Wiley. His appointments were as follows: Millsboro, three years; Frankford, three years; Pocomoke City, three years; Asbury, Crisfield, two years; Leipsic, six months; East New Market, three years and six months; Denton, one year and four months; Presiding Elder of Dover District, eight months; Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, four years. Last Spring Bishop Fowler appointed him to the pastorate of our church at Delaware City, and from there the Lord took him and appointed him to his reward and home in Heaven. As has been intimated, Brother Ayres' early opportunities were few and inferior. Even the district school that in those days was in progress not more than three or four months in the year, and at best was but poorly equipped, was not regularly open to him. It was only at intervals, a few days or a few weeks at a time, that he was permitted to avail himself of its privileges. The seminary and

the college he never entered as a student. He was, therefore, in a peculiar sense a self-made man, and neither the maker had any reason to be ashamed of the man nor the man of the maker. Brother Ayres was a student. He was a student of books, but still more he was a student of nature. He found truth and studied persistently to grasp it wherever he went and in connection with whatever he did. He was unusually observant. His active mind was rarely, if ever, unprofitably employed. He grew in knowledge and power up to the day of his death. He was pre-eminently original. He was fashioned after no other man. He was original in thought and in utterance, and never spoke nor wrote that he did not command an interested and respectful hearing. He thought and spoke, too, on almost all important current questions. He was always among the foremost in every forward movement for God and humanity.

His public career began in aggressive work, speaking, writing and advising, in the interests of temperance; and from this work he never ceased while he lived. His pen—and he yielded a racy pen—his speech and his counsel, were under almost constant draft for the promotion of this great cause. He was, moreover among the members of the Conference, one of the earliest, most pronounced and most consistent adherents and advocates of the National Prohibition movement. Courage was a prominent element in his character. When fully aroused to the presence of some flagrant wrong, he was bold to denounce that wrong and the wrong-doer. Nor did thought of injurious consequences to himself deter him. Indeed, at a time like this he seemed never to think of such consequences. And yet, at other times, he had a reserve of manner, that to one who did not know him well, made him sometimes seem timid. He was a modest man. He had a keenly sensitive nature—a nature that felt deeply other's lack of appreciation of his acts and motives. But he was not timid. He possessed genuine, manly courage. He was loyal to his convictions. He did what he believed to be right, and refused to do what he believed to be wrong; and no amount of proffered favor nor threatened disfavor could swerve him a hair's breadth. He had a trusting soul. When he gave his confidence to another he was slow to believe it was unworthily bestowed, and was therefore slow to withdraw it. Of friendly attitude toward every self-respecting, worthy man, it was hard for him to believe that any such man was otherwise toward him. Brother Ayres' friendship was genuine. The writer was his intimate acquaintance for more than fifteen years, and he would write it, where it will endure as long as Brother Ayres' name and memory endure, that he was a faithful friend. No man was ever of more forgiving spirit than he. Hate and desire for revenge had no place in his bosom.

He could forgive a wrong as easily, it seemed, as most persons can return a kindness. If any man could say, without a blush on his cheek, as he looked into the face of his Lord, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us," Brother Ayres was that man. As a Methodist preacher, he was a success along almost all lines. He was an industrious, painstaking, faithful servant, of God and the church. He was a good preacher, an attentive pastor and a careful executive, and no position in the church did he fill with greater fidelity than that of Presiding Elder, both of Dover and of Salisbury districts, as the statistical

tables in the minutes of the Conference plainly show. Brother Ayres' name has been called from the Conference roll for the last time. His racy pen lies unused on the secretary, his fluent tongue is silent, his restless brain has at last found rest in the quiet of the sepulchre, while his active mind, freed from the limitations of its earthly environment, is unfolding and employing its enlarging power in the immediate presence of the God he loved and served so well.

REV. THOMAS ROBINSON CREAMER.

In Lancaster County, Pa., near Mt. Nebo Methodist Episcopal Church, half a century since, lived Valentine Creamer and his wife Margaret. To them on the first day of August, 1846, was born a son, to whom they gave the name Thomas Robinson. When this child was three years old his mother died, and he was sent to live with friends. Two years later the father remarried and the son returned to his father's house.

In 1856 the family moved to Baltimore County, Md., afterward to Harford and later to Cecil County, Md., where they lived during the early years of the civil war. The two older sons, John and George, having gone with the army, Thomas, being now 17 years old, followed their example in 1863.

Quietly leaving his father's house he made his way to Baltimore and joined Cole's Cavalry, then recruiting in that city.

One of the brothers, George, was killed in the battle of "The Wilderness." The other two served till the close of the war, and were honorably discharged.

In 1867 we find the family living in Cambridge, Md. Like many others, the subject of this sketch had often felt the power of the Holy Spirit drawing him to God, yet he delayed his return to his Heavenly Father until his 24th year, when, under the ministry of Rev. W. H. Hutchins, in Cambridge, Md., he was led to the Cross. Here we note the spiritual birth of Rev. Thomas Robinson Creamer. He joined our Church in Cambridge, becoming a member of the Sunday morning class, and his zeal for God soon made him prominent in Church work, his life showing to all that he was blessed with "gifts, grace and usefulness."

He was soon called to positions of responsibility, receiving exhorter's licence shortly after his conversion, and a few months later local preacher's license. In this last capacity his name first appears in our Conference minutes for 1872. In the Spring of 1872, when the pastor of our Church in Cambridge, Rev. J. M. Williams, left for Conference, he gave Bro. Creamer charge of the revival then in progress. His management of this meeting gave further evidence of his usefulness to the Church, and especially showed his fitness for the regular ministry.

During the Conference year which followed he was secured by the late Rev. John Hough, then presiding elder of Easton District, as assistant to Rev. C. F. Sheppard on Greensboro Circuit. From this charge he was recommended for admission to the Wilmington Conference, and was received on trial at the session held at Easton, Md., March, 1873. From that Conference he was sent to Snow Hill Circuit as assistant pastor to Rev. W. J. O'Neal. The following year he was in charge of Fruitland Circuit.

In 1875, at the session of our Conference held in Smyrna, he was ordained

Deacon, and sent to Parsonsburg Circuit; two years later, at Milford, he was ordained Elder.

From Parsonsburg, which he served one year, he went to Delmar Circuit 1876. Here he remained three years. They were years of earnest toil and marked success, and won for him a recognized place among the most useful members of the Conference. In 1879 he was appointed to Deal's Island. Very material advancement was made at this point during his pastorate. In 1883 he was appointed to Scott Church, Wilmington, Del., and in 1885 to Odessa, Del.

Each of these charges he served with marked success, not only advancing the material interests of the church and gaining the affections and respect of the people whom he served, but here as everywhere gaining stars for his crown of rejoicing. And it was well that he labored so earnestly while it was yet day, for his harvest day was to be a short one. At the session of our Conference held in Union Church, this city, in the Spring of 1888, our brother received what proved to be his last appointment on earth. In the list of appointments for that year, we read Milton, Del., T. R. Creamer.

Here he not only remained three years, thus serving this charge longer than any other pastor in recent years, but at the earnest request of his people was returned for the fourth year, and had he lived would have been just as earnestly desired for the fifth year. But this was not to be. He was to have a shorter road to Heaven than some others of us. The call came unexpectedly in the midst of his work. He had secured the assistance of Miss Lizzie Smith for special revival services beginning October 25, 1891. He stood in his place that day, though in great weakness, preaching at Milton in the morning from Acts 19-2: "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? and they said unto him, we have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." After the sermon he administered the Lord's Supper.

At night he was especially earnest in leading his people in the work of consecration.

The following morning he was compelled to keep his bed. Here the battle was long, and for some time the result was uncertain. Two or three times he improved so much that he was able to leave the house. But each relapse left him weaker. Reluctantly he came to the conclusion that his work on earth was done. The end came Sabbath evening, January 10, 1892. As a preacher Brother Creamer was much admired. His style was clear, his manner earnest and devout. Enjoying the consolations of the Gospel himself, he loved to preach it to others, offering to all a salvation immediately free and full. He did not court popularity with the world by withholding the truth, and crying "peace, peace, when there was no peace," but was ever ready to fearlessly rebuke sin, calling upon "the wicked to forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thought." He was an uncompromising foe to the liquor traffic.

During his pastorate at Milton, Del., he came to the front very prominently as a leader in the temperance work. He not only preached against the sale of intoxicating liquors, but got up remonstrances against granting licenses to the hotels of Milton, carried them to court at Georgetown, secured witnesses against

liquor sellers for violation of the law, and in every way possible prosecuted the work, until with the assistance of a band of noble workers, he was successful in preventing the hotels of Milton in their efforts to secure liquor licenses. For this noble work he received the usual reward of those who oppose popular sins.

The genial, kindly nature of our brother made his pastoral visits occasions of joy to the people. Having a kind and cheering word for each, he carried sunshine into shadowed homes, and gave inspirations to the despondent. The children loved him; the poor found in him a true friend, while by his manly, christian bearing toward all, he impressed every one as a man of pure character, and blameless life. He was thorough in his work, looking carefully after all the interests of the various churches over which he was placed. One who was his presiding elder for three years, has said: "My official duties brought me into close relations with Brother Creamer and his family, and that intimacy only confirmed the opinion I had already formed of his ability, devotion and usefulness in the sacred work to which he had consecrated his life. He was a strong preacher, a faithful pastor, and a successful worker. Under his administration churches always prospered, and it was with great regret that his people parted with him when the time came, according to Methodist economy, for him to remove to another field."

In his choice of a life companion our brother was most fortunate. He was married to Miss S. Jennie Andrews, daughter of William and Elizabeth Andrews of Cambridge, Md., Dec. 3rd, 1874, his former pastor and spiritual father, Rev. W. H. Hutchins officiating. This lady through 18 years of married life cheerfully met the difficulties peculiar to the Methodist ministry, and, by the constant devotion to her husband's welfare, her lively interest in all questions pertaining to the church, and her activity in various lines of church work, proved herself a worthy companion and true helpmeet to the itinerant. Their marriage was blessed with nine children, one of whom, a babe of 3 months, preceded its father but a short while to the land of light. May she who waits not the coming of her husband, and their children who watch not for a father's return from that

"God's ichor fills the hearts that bleed;
The best fruit loads the broken bough;
And in the wounds our sufferings place,
Immortal love sows sovereign seed."

Truly they sorrow not as those who have no hope, but knowing the direction the husband and father took, have but to follow on, until they see him again, radiant with immortal life, in the city of God.

It was my privilege to visit Bro. Creamer on Thursday preceding the Sabbath on which he died. Arriving at the parsonage at 9 o'clock in the morning, I learned that he was suffering too much just then to see me. After waiting some time I was shown to his room. As I entered he greeted me warmly; but a glance at the wasted form told me that the end was near. As I took a seat by his side he remarked: "Well, we began the work together, but it seems that I must go first." After a moment he added, "I have had a hard fight, but it is now all right." He then referred to a little incident which occurred at the Salisbury Conference, now 18 years past. Speaking to me he said, "A ballad entitled 'Toiling

up the way' had been scattered through the Church. You picked up one and sang it. I thought it the most beautiful song I had ever heard." He then requested me to "sing and pray." I at once began singing the song named, he exerting all his failing strength to join in the singing when I sang the word, "We shall enter by the Cross, Gaining gold that has no dross." He joyously exclaimed, "That's so! that's so!"

We knelt in prayer, but so far as the dying man was concerned there seemed little to pray for, as it was evident that his battle was about fought and his victory assured. Prayer was turned to praise, he joining heartily in "thanks unto Him who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." As I sat a moment longer by his bedside he said, "Tell the boys it is all right. I would like to have stayed and worked longer, but its all right."

As I was leaving his room he called to me in a loud and clear tone, and waving his hand in triumph, "Tell them its all right, its all right." Surely Paul's experience was his: "For me to live in Christ, to die is gain."

REV. SAMUEL JAMES BAKER.

Samuel James Baker was the son of Minos and Jane Baker, and was born in Sussex County, Del., near Gumborough, February 3, 1858. His death occurred at Laurel, Del., September 22, 1891. He was converted when about twenty years of age, and immediately joined the church at Cumborough where he retained his membership until, impelled by his convictions, he began, at the age of thirty, the work of the itinerant ministry.

Eight of the ten years which elapsed between his conversion and the beginning of his brief ministry were spent in teaching school. The mental culture and practical experience acquired while in this work contributed largely to the qualifications which he brought to his later and higher calling.

In 1886 he found an estimable and helpful companion in the person of Miss Sarah E. Tindal, to whom he was married in November of that year, and who, with their little son, a child of four years, survives him.

Brother Baker was licensed to preach in 1887, and in June of the following year he accepted the appointment to one of the most unpromising fields in all our territory—thus demonstrating the purity and unselfishness of his motives. This, his first appointment, was Barren Creek; and the result of his nearly two years' ministry there was in every way creditable to him and advantageous to the church, whose material interests were alike advanced.

In 1890 he was appointed to Westover, Md., where he began his labors with diligence and success; but just at the time of reaping, in revival work, the fruit of his labor, his fatal malady, pulmonary consumption, seized him with relentless grasp and retired him from the field. It was even then apparent to his friends that his work was done; but, supported by the hope of improved or restored health he appeared at the Conference of 1891, and was appointed to Crumpton, Md. He was never able, however, to enter upon his work there.

Having been received on trial in 1889, his reception into full membership at our last session was prevented only by the state of his health.

During last summer Brother Baker sought relief by visiting a northern latitude, but increasing weakness compelled him to return home where, in early autumn, he passed away. The funeral services were in charge of Rev. S. N. Pilchard, who was assisted by Revs. A. D. Davis and W. P. Davis of our own church, and Revs. Walters and Kirk of the M. P. Church. Interment was made in Odd Fellows' cemetery, Laurel, Del.

During his short ministry our brother manifested those qualities which, with the requisite physical endowment, would have made him a very acceptable and useful preacher of the gospel. He grew rapidly in preaching power, and his capacity for pastoral oversight, even under trying circumstances, was satisfactorily shown. His Christian and ministerial character remains without a blemish.

Death, at so early an age, and at the very opening of an engaging and hopeful life-work must have seemed a double trial; but Brother Baker was not destitute of the divine comfort and strength needed in such a trial; he was patient and resigned to the Master's will, and so entered, as we believe, into the joy of his Lord.

REV. VAUGHAN SMITH.

Rev. Vaughan Smith was born in the city of Philadelphia, February 12th, 1812, and passed to his heavenly home Saturday, November 21st, 1891. He was converted in Grove Church, Lancaster County, Pa. Soon after his conversion, being satisfied that God had called him to preach, and the Church recognizing in him grace, gifts and promise of usefulness, he was recommended to and received on trial by the Philadelphia Conference in 1840. He continued in the itineracy for forty-three years. In his thirtieth year he married Elizabeth Sheppard, who from that time was the companion of his life.

Brother Smith came of a strictly religious family, his father and mother, Joseph and Mary Smith, represented the sturdy Christian sentiment which prevailed in the early years of the present century, and, as taught by the standards and from the pulpits of the Presbyterian Church.

Their son soon discovered the doctrines of Methodism, together with its polity as a scheme for saving men, was quite in harmony with the divine plan. He renounced the Calvinistic faith, and during his subsequent life was an extreme Arminian. His steadfast faith gave his religious life the strength of a profound conviction. This made it a steady glow rather than an intermittant unsteady light. To maintain these convictions was the supreme thought of the years which followed.

The teachings of the word, corroborated by his own experience, constructed about him an impregnable citadel, a commanding position, where he stood in defiance of all earthly or satanic influence to dislodge him.

Bro. Smith was a diligent student, the Bible was his constant companion,

few men were more firmly grounded in the Word of God. He was thoroughly Biblical in all his public utterances. So intensely orthodox was he doctrinally that no one ever inquired about the soundness of his faith. He seldom, if ever, failed to detect the slightest departure from the faith in the writings or oral pronouncements of those who assumed to speak by authority.

He had given careful attention to know the grounds upon which the church had settled its faith, in the conviction that it was scriptural and true he anchored his soul there, and through all the succeeding years of his christian life he never drifted from his moorings. His general reading took in a wide range of literature, and he noted with great clearness the present popular drift of modern skepticism, and with his power of analysis he never failed to detect and lay bare the specious argument of the liberalist and unbeliever. He was always ready to give an answer to every man that asked a reason of his hope.

He treated with contempt a mere opinion in regard to personal religious experience.

The demand he made for some reasonable grounds for credence from a class of thinkers who would substitute for a well-defined scriptural creed that had borne the strain of the severest criticism and proffer in its stead a human *ipsi dixit*, enabled him to dispose of many questions that would have seriously disturbed other minds.

He was not always on the defensive. In the palmy days of his active work he stood in the front ranks of God's militant hosts, to lead an aggressive movement against the entrenched and defiant power of evil. From his lips no cowardly call to halt was ever heard; no proposition for compromise was ever suggested.

His position tersely stated might be thus: Sin is wrong, eternally wrong, time nor custom can make wrong right.

As a preacher he possessed some rare endowments; a man of commanding presence, a clear, logical mind with a power of analysis that readily grasped the truth, and an earnestness in the presentation of the Gospel that seldom failed in carrying conviction to the minds of his hearers. There were times when his utterances were accompanied with a pathos and tenderness that moved all hearts in sympathy with the truth which fell from his lips. His sermons were strong, clear, convincing, and multitudes heard him with great pleasure and profit.

He utterly discarded any attempt to bring the rule of life down to the low level of human opinion, but aimed in his pulpit ministrations to lift the hearts of men up to the high standard of God's Word. He appealed to men by showing what the law demanded, and that no human power could change or abrogate that law; but within sight of Sinai he presented the Cross, and with heart all on fire he plead with men to accept the victim of Calvary, as the only way of escape from the consequences of sin.

The prime of his manhood touched a crisis in the history of our country. He had heard the controversies in both Church and State, which gradually led to a culmination, where the wisest statesmen stood dumbfounded in the face of the problems in political economy, that no human brain could solve and could be settled only by an appeal to the sword. His strong convictions did not hold him

in doubt. All the ardour and enthusiasm of his soul was awakened. He prayed and worked for the triumph of the right.

He spent the evening of life in comparative quiet and retirement. Not an indifferent spectator to passing events in Church or State, but with the interest of one who loved God and his country, and who had given the best of his life to maintain the one and to advance every interest of the other.

His last illness was attended with great physical suffering. His strong, vigorous constitution contested every inch of death's onward move. At the last triumph came through the atonement of Christ, in which he had centred his hope.

MEMORABILIA.

No.	DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.	DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.
1	Mar. 17, '69	Wilmington...	M. Simpson...	S. L. Gracey.	1872—{ J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney, Chas. Hill. Reserves—J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd.
2	Mar. 16, '70	Port Deposit...	E. S. Janes.....	"	
3	Mar. 8, '71	Dover.....	L. Scott.....	"	
4	Feb. 21, '72	Laurel.....	E. R. Ames.....	T. E. Martindale.	
5	Mar. 5, '73	Easton.....	L. Scott.....	T. E. Martindale.	1876—{ L. C. Matlack, W. E. England. Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.
6	Mar. 4, '74	Salisbury.....	I. W. Wiley...	"	
7	Mar. 17, '75	Smyrna.....	E. S. Janes.....	"	
8	Mar. 15, '76	Wilmington...	L. Scott.....	"	
9	Mar. 7, '77	Milford.....	E. R. Ames.....	T. E. Martindale.	1880—{ L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby, Chas. Hill. Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R. W. Todd.
10	Mar. 13, '78	Chestertown...	E. S. Foster ...	"	
11	Mar. 19, '79	New Castle...	M. Simpson...	"	
12	Mar. 17, '80	Dover.....	E. G. Andrews	"	
13	Mar. 16, '81	Lewes.....	ThosBowman	Jno. D. Rigg.	1884—{ J. H. Caldwell, Chas. Hill, J. B. Quigg. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, J. A. B. Wilson.
14	Mar. 8, '82	Middletown...	J. F. Hurst.....	"	
15	Mar. 7, '83	Cambridge ...	M. Simpson...	"	
16	Mar. 5, '84	Wilmington...	W. L. Harris..	"	
17	Mar. 12, '85	Snow Hill.....	S. M. Merrill...	Jno. D. Rigg.	1888—{ Jacob Todd, D. D., J. A. B. Wilson, D.D., N. M. Browne. Reserves—W. S. Robinson, John France.
18	Mar. 4, '86	Elkton.....	WF Mallalieu	"	
19	Mar. 17, '87	Crisfield, Md...	H. W. Warren	"	
20	Mar. 7, '88	Wilmington...	C. D. Foss.....	"	
21	Mar. 20, '89	Easton, Md.....	R. S. Foster....	Jno. D. Rigg.	1892—{ W.L.S. Murray, D.D., Alfred Smith, R. H. Adams. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, T. E. Terry.
22	Mar. 26, '90	Milford, Del...	ThosBowman	"	
23	Mar. 19, '91	C'ntr'y'le.Md...	C. H. Fowler..	"	
24	Mar. 16, '92	Wilmington...	E. G. Andrews	A. S. Mowbray.	

PROCEEDINGS of the Lay Electoral Conference.

FRIDAY MORNING—FIRST SESSION.

Lay Electoral Conference convened in Grace M. E. Church, March 18, 1892, Walter H. Thompson was chosen temporary Chairman and J. H. Bateman, Secretary.

On motion Conference went into permanent organization by electing I. T. Mathews, of Snow Hill, President, and Joseph Smithers, of Smyrna, Secretary.

On motion the report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted.

On motion the President was authorized to appoint a Committee on Resolutions.

On motion the Lay Conference adjourned to meet at 1.30 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON—SECOND SESSION.

Conference reconvened in lecture room of Grace M. E. Church, at 1 P. M.

On motion Conference went into election of two delegates to the General Conference, to be held at Omaha, Nebraska, May, 1892.

Dr. A. E. Sudler and Joseph Pyle were elected, and on motion their election was made unanimous.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the vote of the Conference for I. T. Parker and J. W. Fletcher as alternates.

The committee on resolutions at this point made their report as follows :

WHEREAS, The present apparent lack of harmony and the disturbance now existing within the bounds of our Conference, is in our opinion very detrimental to the cause of Christ and the advancement of the church ; and

WHEREAS, We here express no judgement as to who is the real cause of the troubles, one thing we do know, and believe if they are continued, disruption of our church and a low state of religious life and declination of our membership will be the result, therefore be it

Resolved, That while we deprecate the existing strife and contention, we do cordially recommend preachers and people engaged in the work of traducing one another's character that they desist, and in old-fashioned Methodist style go to God in prayer, earnest and sincere, and seek His divine guidance.

Resolved, That the time has come for equal lay representation in our Annual and General Conferences. In order to secure the integrity and renewed progress of our beloved Methodism.

Resolved, That our delegates to the General Conference use their efforts to secure the favorable consideration of this important question by the General Conference.

Resolved, That we deplore the evil results growing out of the treating custom which leads to drunkenness, and earnestly call upon every member of our denomination to use their utmost means by voice and vote to check its progress, and pledge ourselves not to vote for any man engaged in the liquor traffic who may be a candidate for any public office. We also pledge ourselves not to vote for any man for any public office whose name appears on applications for licenses for the sale of liquors as a beverage.

The above resolutions prevailed.

A member of the Conference arose and offered the following resolution:

Be it Resolved, By the Wilmington Lay Electoral Conference that we believe that the Philadelphia Conference has over-stepped the bounds of Conference courtesy, which ought to be extended from one Conference to another, in appointing the Rev. T. Snowden Thomas, editor of the *Peninsula Methodist*, a paper claiming to be the organ of the Wilmington Conference, said paper being entirely out of the bounds of the Philadelphia Conference; protests from members of the Wilmington Conference having been filed with the presiding Bishop of that Conference against the said assignment. Be it further

Resolved, That we believe the said paper, as now edited, to be a disturbing element in our Conference, and has been the cause of a very large part of the troubles now existing in this Conference.

Resolved, That we believe the interest of the Wilmington Conference and Peninsula Methodism demand that said paper receive no official recognition from our Conference.

J. W. Fletcher moved that these resolutions be adopted. Motion seconded. The motion was put. The president declared the motion lost.

On Motion the Conference adjourned.

JOS. SMITHERS,
Secretary.

LAY DELEGATES.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Abrams, C. S.	Golding, E.	Perkins, J. T.
Badenkopf, Chas.	Gause, J. T.	Pyle, Joseph
Brooks, J. H.	Gerry, L. A. C.	Roop, H. A.
Clayton, Powell	Green, Daniel	Sholl, Charles
Carter, W. W.	Jones, Geo. W.	Smith, W. H.
Cole, Wm. H.	Kane, J. H.	Smith, Jas. A.
Craig, Geo. W.	King, W. C.	Simpler, G. W.
Davis, J. W.	Leitch, C. M.	Vinsinger, Henry
Day, J. W.	Miller, Wm. T.	Vernon, Abner
Davidson, A. E.	Miller, J. S.	WorriLOW, Thos.
Derrickson, Jos.	Mearns, C. T. F.	Weldin, W. T.
Dayett, W. T.	Nostrum, Chas.	Weldin, G. W.
Grubb, L. T.	Pierce, A. M.	White, John

EASTON DISTRICT.

Alderson, W. H.	Fortner, W. H.	Purnell, James
Atwell, L. P.	Hamilton, J. S.	Rice, E. B.
Bramble, H. B.	Hyland, W. A.	Smithers, Jos.
Bartlette, F. A.	Jarman, Thos. H.	Sisk, J. S.
Casho, W. H.	Kaiser, Wm. G.	Sudler, Dr. A. E.
Cooper, R. M.	Lord, J. C.	Smith, Chas. W.
Cahall, R. E.	Legg, B. F.	Thompson, W. H.
Davis, W. T.	Moore, A. C.	Townsend, Geo. S.
Eliason, Wilbur	Mallalieu, Thos.	Thompson, Dallas
	Moore, G. C.	

DOVER DISTRICT.

Anderson, J. W.	Houston, W. T.	Radcliff, J. A.
Anderson, S. S.	Holland, J. E.	Sharp, E. R.
Bateman, J. H.	Hurley, R. M.	Sewart, A.
Bradley, W. S.	Hoddinott W. S.	Sparklin, Silas

Cannon, R. W.	Heyd, John	Smithers, C. J.
Cooper, E. W.	Jackson, J. R.	Truxton, T. J.
Camper, F. A.	Johnson, N. P.	Taylor, J. W.
Draper, Geo. H.	Johnson, Z.	Thawley, J. W.
Daudson, J. S.	Macklin, G. N.	Thawley, J. H.
Ellegood, J. W.	McLain, L. T.	Thomas, J. E.
Franklin, Wm.	Lewis H. R.	White, J. A.
Fletcher, J. W.	Lewis, Edward	Wheatly, I. F.
Gordy, J. M.	Richards, C. F.	Wheatly, B.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Beamer, I. J.	Gordy, V. S.	Parker, B. W.
Betts, J. T.	Jackson, W. H.	Peters, R. C.
Blaine, E. I.	Kent, L. I.	Scott, J. H.
Crockett, T. A.	Mumford, L. E.	Sterling, N. C.
Cannon, Wm. J.	Melson, E. A.	Short, J. C.
Disbrow, C. O.	Moore, W. T.	Tyler, E. B.
Dennis T. E.	Matthews, I. T.	Terry, Geo. R.
Ellis, E. P.	Madden, D. J.	Wooten, J. W.
Furbush, E. S.	Mason, G. W.	Wimbrow, J. W.

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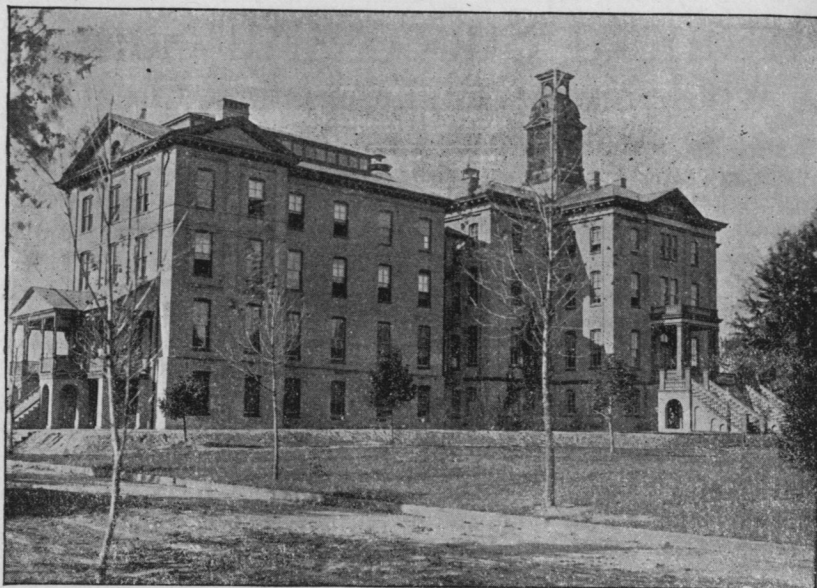
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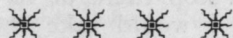
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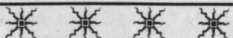


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Date of Claim.	Term of Service.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	POST OFFICE.	Estimates of Quarterly Conference.	Amount received by each Claimant.
SUPERANNUATED.					
1875	43 y'rs.	James L. Houston.....	Trappe, Talbot Co., Md.....	\$ 400 00	\$ 225 00
1878	18 "	Alfred A. Fisher.....	Bridgeville, Sussex Co., Del.....	350 00	300 00
1878	31 "	Geo. A. Phoebus.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	350 00	200 00
1871	15 "	James Esgate.....	216 Oxford St., Portland, Me.....	325 00	225 00
1875	14 "	Henry Sanderson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	100 00
		George Barton.....	Church Hill, Md.....	100 00	100 00
1891	33 y'rs.	W. W. Redman.....	Farmington, Del.....	450 00	180 00
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1885	28 y'rs.	Wm. F. Talbot.....	Dover, Del.....	250 00	100 00
1889	30 "	Thomas E. Bell.....	St. Michael's, Talbot Co., Md.....	200 00	90 00
1889	24 "	A. T. Melvin.....	Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.....	450 00	275 00
1889	19 "	J. W. Poole.....	Farmington, Kent Co., Del.....	350 00	175 00
1890	8 "	C. J. Hammitt.....	Kinsey, Ala.....	350 00	200 00
1891	40 "	James W. Hammersley.....	Denton, Md.....	400 00	215 00
1892	19 "	R. C. Jones.....		500 00	375 00
1892	24 "	J. D. Rigg.....	613 West 6th St., Chester.....	300 00	275 00
1892	24 "	Joseph Robinson.....	Perryman's, Harford Co., Md.....	350 00	115 00
1892	48 "	James A. Brindle.....	Cordova, Queen Ann Co., Md.....	300 00	207 00
1892		John H. Caldwell.....			175 00
1892		J. F. Anderson.....			126 00
WIDOWS.					
1846	6 mos.	Hester A. Anderson.....	800 W. 9th St., Wilmington, Del.....	300 00	140 00
1844	3 y'rs.	Drucilla Willets.....	Berlin, Md.....	200 00	100 00
1865	10 "	Carrie B. Dennison.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1873	14 "	Rebecca M. Brandeth.....	1011 St. Bernard Place, W. Phila.....	200 00	100 00
1878	15 "	Laura E. Weston.....		250 00	175 00
1878	21 "	Mary S. Thomas.....	1103 Tatnall St., Wilm'gton, Del.....	250 00	100 00
1879	21 "	Annie H. Irwin.....	606 W. 13th St., Wilm'gton, Del.....	325 00	200 00
1879	10 "	Annie D. Chatham.....		500 00	290 00
1879	22 "	Sallie A. Williams.....	Georgetown, Del.....	100 00	100 00
1881	11 "	Sadie B. Bain.....	Kepple, Blair Co., Penna.....	300 00	150 00
1882	49 "	E. M. Thompson.....	Smyrna, Del.....	400 00	225 00
1882	45 "	Eliza Pierson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	250 00	204 00
1882	8 "	Emma A. Prettyman.....	East Market, Dorches'r Co., Md.....	278 00	125 00
1884	33 "	Rebecca E. Hough.....	Smyrna, Del.....	150 00	80 00
1884	43 "	Roberta H. Matlack.....	Smyrna, Del.....	125 00	80 00
1884	15 "	Emma L. Shilling.....	211 W. 11th St., Wilm'gton, Del.....	300 00	200 00
1887	44 "	Rebecca E. Milby.....	Frederica, Del.....	250 00	140 00
1887	37 "	Mary F. Way.....	4220 Brown St., Phila., Pa.....	175 00	140 00
1887	6 "	Mollie P. Johnson.....	Milford, Del.....	300 00	225 00
1887	28 "	Mary A. O'Neil.....	1012 Hopkins Ave., Balto., Md.....	400 00	225 00
1887	48 "	Sarah D. Gray.....	Gap, Lancaster Co., Penna.....	200 00	125 00
1888		Emma D. Ewing.....	Chester, Penna.....	150 00	75 00
1888	34 "	Caroline A. Dare.....	1622 14th St., Washington, D. C.....	100 00	75 00
1891	35 "	Louisa A. Gardner.....	Elk Neck, Cecil Co., Md.....	200 00	100 00
1891	18 "	Mary E. Foreman.....	1011 Pine St., Wilmington, Del.....	250 00	140 00
1891	50 "	Henrietta M. Allen.....	125 Berkley Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y.....	300 00	150 00
1892	19 "	S. Jennie Creamer.....	Milton, Del.....	500 00	275 00
1892	21 "	Rebecca T. Ayers.....	Delaware City, Del.....	350 00	195 00

WILMINGTON DISTRICT, No. I. NAMES OF CHARGES. Table with columns for Probationers, Full members, Local Preachers, Deaths, Child'n baptize, Adult's Baptize, Churches, Probable Value, Parsonages, Probable Value, For building up, For improving Churches and parsonages, Paid on Church, Indebtedness, Present in debt, on Ch. property.

Table with columns for Current expenses, etc., No. of Schools, Officers and teachers, Scholars of all ages, From Churches, From Sunday-school, Total for Miss., For Bd. of Ch. F., For S. Union, For Tract Soc., For F's A. and E. Society, For Education, For Bible Soc., For W. F. M. Society, For W. H. M. S., For Pastor, P. and Bishops, For Conference, For Claims, Domestic Missions, Stewards' Endowment Fund, Gen. Conf. Exp., Ladies' Hall.

DOVER DISTRICT, No. I.

Table with columns for names of charges and corresponding numerical data for the Dover District, No. I.

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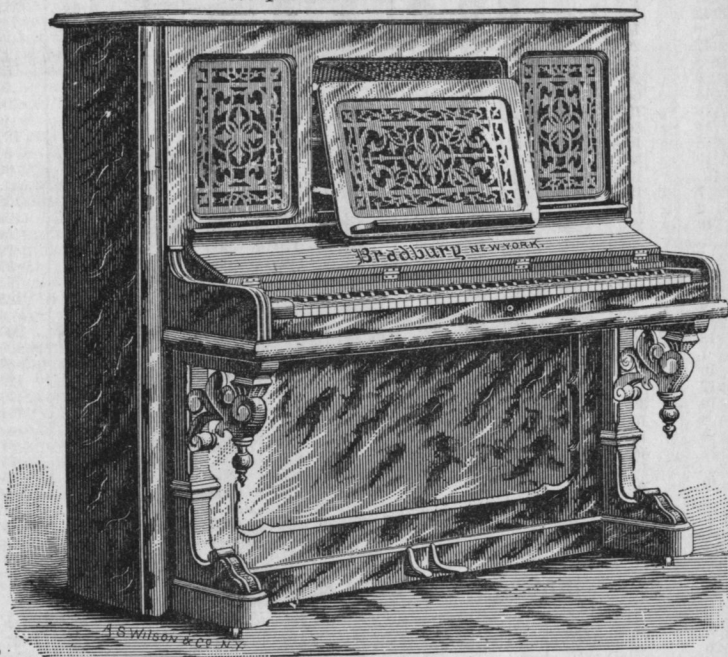
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BRADBURY UPRIGHT, GRAND AND SQUARE PIANOS.

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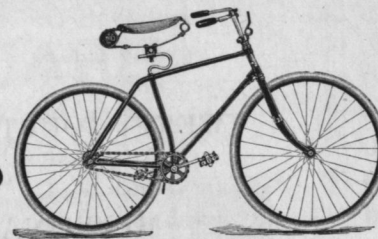
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TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY,

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church, within the bounds of the

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE,

For the Promotion of Foreign and Domestic Missions.

IN ACCOUNT WITH ALFRED G. COX, TREASURER.

WILMINGTON, DEL., March 16th, 1892.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel and Summitt	Rev. William Jaggard.....	70 00
Charlestown,	" E. H. Hynson,	94 00
Cherry Hill and Union,	" T. B. Hunter,	176 00
Chesapeake City,	" I. G. Fosnocht,.....	70 00
Chester,	" A. P. Prettyman, ...	110 00
Christiana,	" B. F. Price,.....	43 00
Claymont,	" G. E. Wood,.....	35 00
Delaware City,	" Julius Dodd,	70 00
Elk Neck,	" Edwin Gardner,	40 00
Elkton and Crouch's,	" Charles Hill,.....	291 00
Hockessin and Ebenezer,	" D. H. Corkran,.....	75 00
Hopewell,	" O. S. Walton,	75 00
Marshallton and Stanton,	" C. H. Williams,.....	65 00
Mt. Lebanon and Union,	" J. T. VanBurkalow,	78 00
Mt. Pleasant,	" W. E. Tomkinson,..	75 00
Newark and Wesley,	" W. J. DuHadaway,	140 00
New Castle,.....	" T. E. Martindale,...	240 00

Newport and Elsmere,	" A. S. Mowbray,.....	150 00
North East,.....	" J. B. Quigg,.....	132 00
Port Deposit,	" Adam Stengle,	290 00
Port Penn,	" F. E. McKinsey, ...	18 00
Red Lion and Glasgow,.....	" W. H. S. Lollor, ...	68 00
Rising Sun and Sylmar,.....	" J. E. Bryan,	158 00
Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant.....	" F. B. Short,	30 00
St. George's.....	" G. L. Hardesty,	110 00
Wilmington, Asbury,	" J. D. C. Hanna, ...	1354 00
Harrison,	" Jabez Hodson,	15 00
Brandywine,	" C. A. Grise,	200 00
Cookman,	" W. L. White,.....	37 00
East Lake and Edgemore,	" C. H. Kershaw,.....	25 00
Epworth,	" Isaac Jewell,	100 00
Grace,.....	" John Y. Dobbins ...	2696 00
Kingswood,.....	" H. S. Dulany,	48 00
Medeley,	" E. C. Atkins,.....	130 00
Mt. Salem,	" W. E. Avery,	357 00
St. Paul's,	" L. E. Barrett,	755 00
Scott,	" John France,.....	275 00
Silverbrook,	" M. E. Bowman, ...	36 00
Swedish Mission,	" Chas. Nostrom,	27 00
Union,	" E. L. Hubbard,.....	600 00
Wesley,	" W. G. Koons,	75 00
Zion Circuit,	" I. L. Wood,	270 00
Total		\$9,703 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Appoquinimink,	Rev. J. D. Reese,.....	\$ 80 00
Bayside and Tilghman's,.....	" J. M. Lindale,.....	65 00
Cecilton,	" T. A. H. O'Brien,...	185 00
Centreville,.....	" V. S. Collins,	250 00
Chestertown,	" R. I. Watkins,	325 00
Church Hill,.....	" J. A. Arters,	140 00
Crumpton,.....	" J. B. Merrit,	35 00
Easton,	" R. H. Adams;	350 00
Galena,	" E. H. Nelson,	125 00

Greensboro,.....	Rev. R. W. Todd,.....	81 00
Hillsboro,	" S. M. Morgan,.....	150 00
Ingleside,	" T. H. Harding,.....	60 00
Kent Island,.....	" W. W. Sharp,.....	150 00
Kenton,	" Albert Chandler, ...	76 00
King's Creek,.....	" J. H. Geogheghan,..	45 00
Marydel,.....	" G. S. Conoway,.....	45 00
Massey's,.....	" E. Welch,	10 00
Middletown,	" N. M. Browne,	500 00
Millington,	" E. E. White,.....	105 00
Odessa,	" H. S. Thompson,....	180 00
Oxford,	" H. C. Turner,	80 00
Pomona,	" W. R. Mowbray, ...	80 00
Queenstown,	" J. W. Fogle,	80 00
Rock Hall,	" Robert Roe,	104 00
Royal Oak,.....	" J. Pastorfield,.....	18 00
St. Michael's,	" S. J. Morris,.....	260 00
Sassafras,.....	" William Sheers,.....	25 00
Smyrna,	" W. W. W. Wilson,..	640 00
Smyrna Circuit,	" R. K. Stephenson,...	215 00
Still Pond,	" John D. Kemp,.....	200 00
Sudlersville,	" E. C. Macnichol, ...	100 00
Talbot,.....	" J. M. Collins,	40 00
Townsend,	" Frank Fletcher,.....	75 00
Trappe,	" W. R. McFarlane,...	38 00
Union and Salem,	" C. S. York,	50 00
Wye,	" J. D. Lecates,.....	82 00
Total,		\$5044 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith,	Rev. W. F. Dawson,.....	100 00
Bridgeville,	" J. P. Otis,.....	150 00
Broadkilm,	" N. P. Johnson,.....	25 00
Burrsville;	" T. F. Tabler,.....	65 00
Cambridge,	" J. H. Howard,	500 00
Camden,	" P. H. Rawlins,	70 00
Cannon,	" W. L. P. Bowen, ...	135 00
Church Creek and Madison,	" G. W. Bounds,	50 00

Crapo,.....	Rev. C. P. Swain,	225 00
Denton,	" G. W. Townsend,...	175 00
Dorchester and Bucktown,.....	" W. N. Conoway,....	25 00
Dover,.....	" T. E. Terry,	603 00
Dover, Second Church,	" Grant C. Tuller,	50 00
East New Market,	" Asbury Burke,	85 00
Ellendale,	" J. A. Ellegood,	42 00
Elliott's Island,	" B. Wheatley,.....	25 00
Farmington,	" Jos. Robinson,	40 00
Federalburg,	" J. W. Easley,	135 00
Felton,.....	" T. H. Haynes,	90 00
Frederica,	" J. H. Caldwell,.....	150 00
Galestown,	" D. F. Waddell,.....	125 00
Georgetown,	" C. S. Robertson,.....	140 00
Greenwood,.....	" W. P. Compton,....	150 00
Harrington,	" R. T. Coursey,	150 00
Hooper's Island,.....	" D. H. Willis,	25 00
Houston,.....	" W. B. Guthrie,	125 00
Hurlock's,	" M. D. Nutter,.....	111 00
Lakeville,	" L. T. McLain,	25 00
Leipsic,	" W. M. Warner,.....	35 00
Lewes,.....	" F. C. McSorley, ...	225 00
Lincoln,	" L. P. Corkran,	100 00
Little Creek and St. Jones',	" F. F. Carpenter, ...	35 00
Magnolia,	" L. W. Layfield,.....	80 00
Milford,	" Robert Watt,.....	600 00
Millsboro,	" Jas. Carroll,.....	86 00
Milton,	" T. R. Creamer, ...	150 00
Nassau,	" J. S. Wickline,	125 00
Preston,	" E. P. Roberts,	75 00
Salem,	" T. B. Cooper,.....	10 00
Seaford,	" C. T. Wilson,	201 00
Vienna,	" S. R. Maxwell,	66 00
Williamsburg,.....	" A. C. Jones,	63 00
Williston,	" W. M. Green,	90 00
Woodside,	" J. S. Moore,	71 00
Wyoming,	" A. Green,	40 00
Total,		\$5641 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Annessex,	Rev. J. T. Prouse,	\$ 66 00
Asbury,	" C. S. Baker,	350 00
Berlin,	" T. C. Smoot,	80 00
Bethel,	" Edward Davis,	51 00
Bishopville,	" G. T. Alderson,	100 00
Cape Charles City,	" W. O. Hurst,	30 00
Chincoteague,	" Geo. P. Jones,	60 00
Concord,	" G. W. Wilcox,	10 00
Crisfield,	" H. W. Ewing,	280 00
Deal's Island,	" W. T. Valliant,	275 00
Delmar,	" A. D. Davis,	125 00
Fairmount,	" C. W. Prettyman,	535 00
Frankford,	" E. S. Mace,	125 00
Fruitland,	" J. W. Gray,	40 00
Girdle Tree,	" E. H. Derrickson,	110 00
Gumboro,	" J. A. Brewington,	75 00
Holland's Island,	" W. H. S. Williams,	80 00
Laurel,	" S. N. Pilchard,	223 00
Mt. Vernon,	" G. W. Bowman,	80 00
Nanticoke,	" F. J. Cochran,	150 00
Newark,	" E. H. Miller,	70 00
New Church and Hallwood,	" J. P. Outten,	10 00
Onancock,	" G. W. Burke,	140 00
Parksley,	" M. N. Frantz,	23 00
Parsonburg,	" W. B. Gregg,	75 00
Pocomoke Circuit,	" D. F. McFaul,	35 00
Pocomoke City,	" W. A. Wise,	85 00
Powellville,	" J. E. Graham,	35 00
Princess Anne,	" C. F. Sheppard,	75 00
Quantico,	" J. M. Mitchell,	60 00
Roxanna,	" C. T. Wyatt,	130 00
Reed's Wharf,	" G. W. Hastings,	25 00
St. Peter's,	" Warren Burr,	261 00
Salisbury,	" C. A. Hill,	243 00
Selbyville,	" G. P. Smith,	50 00
Sharptown,	" T. S. Williams,	50 00
Smith's Island,	" W. W. Chaires,	225 00

Snow Hill,	" J. O. Sypherd,	143 00
Somerset,	" T. N. Given,	100 00
Stockton,	" Newton McQuay,	75 00
Tangier,	" James Connor,	304 00
Westover,	" C. K. Morris,	10 00
Whitesville,	" Z. H. Webster,	140 00
Quindocqua,	" C. W. Strickland,	40 00
Total,		\$5249 00

RECAPITULATION.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Raised this year	\$ 9,703
Raised last year	9,147
Gain	\$ 556

EASTON DISTRICT.

Raised this year	\$ 5,044
Raised last year	4,891
Gain	\$ 155

DOVER DISTRICT.

Raised this year	\$ 5,641
Raised last year	5,405
Gain	\$ 236

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Raised this year	\$ 5,249
Raised last year	4,799
Gain	\$ 450

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Whole amount raised by Conference this year	\$25,637
Whole amount raised by Conference last year	24,242
Gain over last year	\$ 1,395

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MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

BETHEL & SUMMITT—W. JAGGARD, PASTOR.

Bethel Church,	\$ 35 00
Bethel School,	5 00
Summit Church,	10 00
Summit School,	20 00
Total,	\$ 70 00

CHARLESTOWN—E. H. HYNSON, PASTOR.

Charlestown Church,	\$ 13 00
“ Sunday School,	19 00
Principio Church,	13 00
“ Sunday School,	13 00
Asbury Church,	5 00
“ Sunday School,	5 00
Perryville Sunday School,	26 00
Total,	\$ 94 00

CHERRY HILL & UNION—T. B. HUNTER, PASTOR.

Churches and Chapels,	\$ 76 00
Sunday Schools,	100 00
Total,	\$ 176 00

CHESAPEAKE CITY—I. G. FOSNOCHT, PASTOR.

Chesapeake City Sunday School,	\$ 35 08
“ “ Church,	34 92
Total,	\$ 70 00

CHESTER—A. P. PRETTYMAN, PASTOR.

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

CHRISTIANA—B. F. PRICE, PASTOR.

Christiana Church,	\$ 8 00
“ Sunday School,	23 00
Salem Church,	4 00
“ Sunday School,	8 00
Total,	\$ 43 00

CLAYMONT—GEO. E. WOOD, PASTOR.

Church,	\$ 5 00
Sunday School,	30 00
Total,	\$ 35 00

DELAWARE CITY—JULIUS DODD, PASTOR.

Sunday School,	\$ 60 00
Church,	10 00
Total,	\$ 70 00

EAST LAKE & EDGE MOOR—CHAS. H. KERSHAW, PASTOR.

East Lake,	\$ 12 00
Edge Moor,	13 00
Total,	\$ 25 00

ELK NECK—EDWIN GARDNER, PASTOR.

Wesley Church,	\$ 18 50
“ Sunday School,	1 00
Hart's Church,	18 50
“ Sunday School,	2 99
Total,	\$ 40 00

ELKTON & CROUCHES—CHAS. HILL, PASTOR.

Elkton School,	\$ 169 48
Infant Class,	10 01
West Amwell,	30 00
Crouches Chapel,	12 50
Basket Collection,	5 81
Collection from the Church,	67 20
	\$ 295 00
Less Expenses,	4 00
Total,	\$ 291 00

HARRISON STREET—JABEZ HODSON, PASTOR.

From Church,	\$ 6 00
From Sunday School,	9 00
Total,	\$ 15 00

HOCKESSEN & EBENEZER—D. H. CORKRAN, PASTOR.

Hockessen,	\$ 40 00
Ebenezer,	35 00
Total,	\$ 75 00

HOPEWELL—O. S. WALTON, PASTOR.

Church,	\$ 5 00
Sunday School,	70 00
Total,	\$ 75 00

MARSHALLTON & STANTON—C. H. WILLIAMS, PASTOR.

Marshallton Church,	\$ 23 00
Stanton "	16 00
Marshallton Sunday School,	16 00
Stanton " "	10 00
Total,	\$ 65 00

MT. LEBANON & UNION—J. T. VAN BURKALOW, PASTOR.

Mt. Lebanon Sunday School,	\$ 46 00
" Church,	1 00
Union Sunday School,	30 00
" Church,	1 00
Total,	\$ 78 00

MT. PLEASANT—WM. E. TOMKINSON, PASTOR.

Sunday School,	\$ 65 88
Church,	9 12
Total,	\$ 75 00

MT. PLEASANT & ROWLANDVILLE, F. B. SHORT, PASTOR.

From Church,	\$ 20 00
" Sunday School,	10 00
Total,	\$ 30 00

ST. GEORGES—G. L. HARDESTY, PASTOR.

St. Georges Church,	\$ 57 00
St. Georges School,	43 00
Kirkwood School,	10 00
Total,	\$110 00

NEWARK & WESLEY—W. J. DU HADWAY, PASTOR.

Churches,	\$ 46 00
Sunday Schools,	94 00
Total,	\$140 00

NEWPORT—A. S. MOWBRAY, PASTOR.

Churches,	\$ 40 00
Newport Sunday School,	100 00
Elsmere " "	10 00
Total,	\$150 00

NEW CASTLE—T. E. MARTINDALE, PASTOR.

Church,	\$ 30 00
Sunday School,	210 00
Total,	\$240 00

NORTH EAST—JOHN B. QUIGG, PASTOR.

Church,	\$ 22 00
Sunday School,	110 00
Total,	\$132 00

PORT DEPOSIT—ADAM STENGLE, PASTOR.

Church,	\$ 52 00
Sunday School,	238 00
Total,	\$290 00

PORT PENN—FRED E. MCKINSEY, PASTOR.

School,	\$ 8 00
Church,	10 00
Total,	\$ 18 00

RED LION—W. H. S. LOLLER, PASTOR.

From Church,	\$55 00
Sunday School,	13 00
Total,	\$68 00

RISING SUN—J. E. BRYAN, PASTOR.

Rising Sun Church,	\$93 00
“ School,	61 00
Sylmar School,	4 00
Total,	\$158 00

ASBURY—JOHN D. C. HANNA, PASTOR.

Church,	\$414 00
Sunday School,	940 00
Total,	\$1354 00

BRANDYWINE—C. A. GRISE, PASTOR.

Church,	\$100 00
Sunday school,	100 00
Total,	\$200 00

COOKMAN—W. L. WHITE, PASTOR.

Church,	\$21 00
Sunday School,	16 00
Total,	\$37 00

EPWORTH—ISAAC JEWELL, PASTOR.

From Sunday School,	\$100 00
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GRACE—JOHN Y. DOBBINS, PASTOR.

Sunday School,	\$1883 00
Church,	748 00
Total,	\$2631 00

KINGSWOOD—HENRY S. DULANY, PASTOR.

.	\$ 48 00
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MADELY—E. C. ATKINS, PASTOR.

Church,	\$ 69 00
Sunday School,	61 00
Total,	\$130 00

MT. SALEM—W. E. AVERY, PASTOR.

Mt. Salem Church,	\$101 64
“ “ Sunday School,	143 00
Riddle's Chapel Sunday School,	112 36
Total,	\$357 00

ST. PAUL'S—LOUIS E. BARRETT, PASTOR.

Church,	\$296 00
Sunday School,	459 00
Total,	\$755 00

SCOTT—JOHN FRANCE, PASTOR.

Church,	\$ 80 00
Sunday Schools,	195 00
Total,	\$175 00

SILVERBROOK—M. E. BOWMAN, PASTOR.

Church,	\$ 6 00
Sunday School,	30 00
Total,	\$ 36 00

SWEDISH MISSION—CHAS. NORSTROM, PASTOR.

Church,	\$ 10 00
Sunday School,	17 00
Total,	\$ 27 00

UNION—E. L. HUBBARD, PASTOR.

Church and School,	\$600 00
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WESLEY—W. G. KOONS, PASTOR.

Church,	\$ 5 00
Sunday School,	70 00
Total,	\$ 75 00

ZION CIRCUIT—ISAAC L. WOOD, PASTOR.

Four Churches,	\$200 00
Sunday Schools,	75 00
Total,	\$275 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

APPOQUINIMINK—J. D. REESE, PASTOR.

Churches,	\$ 60 00
Sunday Schools,	20 00
Total,	\$ 80 00

BAYSIDE & TILGHMANS, J. M. LINDALE, PASTOR.

Bayside Sunday School,	\$ 22 00
Sherwood "	10 00
Upper Tilghman Sunday School,	20 00
Lower Tilghman "	3 00
Total,	\$ 65 00

CECILTON & ST. PAUL'S—T. A. H. O'BRIEN, PASTOR.

Cecilton Congregation,	\$ 36 23
" Sunday School,	86 77
St. Paul's Congregation,	62 00
Total,	\$185 00

CENTREVILLE—VAUGHAN S. COLLINS, PASTOR.

Ebenezer Sunday School,	\$ 40 25
Centreville Church,	32 75
" Sunday School,	167 00
Annual Conference,	10 00
Total,	\$250 00

CHESTERTOWN—R. IRVING WATKINS, PASTOR.

Church,	\$192 00
Sunday School,	133 00
Total,	\$325 00

CHURCH HILL—J. A. ARTERS, PASTOR.

Church Hill Church,	\$ 18 00
" Sunday School,	74 00
Union Church,	27 00
" Sunday School,	13 00
Salem Sunday School,	8 00
Burrsville Church,	4 00
" Sunday School,	2 00
Total,	\$146 00
Expenses,	6 00
Net,	\$140 00

CRUMPTON—J. B. MERRITT, PASTOR.

Sunday Schools,	\$ 20 00
Churches,	15 00
Total,	\$ 35 00

EASTON—R. H. ADAMS, PASTOR.

Sunday School,	\$248 53
Congregation,	101 47
Total,	\$350 00

GALENA AND LOCUST GROVE—EDWIN H. NELSON, PASTOR.

Galena Church,	\$37 00
" Sunday School,	49 00
Locust Grove Church,	10 00
" Sunday School,	15 00
Self Denial Fund,	14 00
Total,	\$125 00

GREENSBOROUGH—R. W. TODD, PASTOR.

Church,	\$12 00
Sunday School,	69 00
Total,	\$81 00

HILLSBOROUGH—S. M. MORGAN, PASTOR.

Hillsborough Sunday School,	\$26 00
Ridgely "	10 00
Churches,	114 00
Total,	\$150 00

INGLESIDE—T. H. HARDING PASTOR.

Churches,	\$50 00
Schools,	10 00
Total,	\$60 00

KENTON—ALBERT CHANDLER, PASTOR.

Churches,	\$56 00
Sunday Schools,	20 00
Total,	\$76 00

KENT ISLAND—W. W. SHARP, PASTOR.

Stevensville Church,	\$54 18
" Sunday School,	56 34
Kingsley Church,	7 25
" Sunday School,	26 23
Trinity Sunday School,	6 00
Total,	\$150 00

KING'S CREEK—JOSEPH H. GEOGHEGAN PASTOR.

King's Creek Church,	\$15 00
" Sunday School,	14 50
Cordova Church,	2 50
" Sunday School,	8 50
Chapel Church,	4 00
Total,	\$45 00

MARYDEL—G. S. CONOWAY, PASTOR.

Marydel Church,	\$5 00
Marydel Sunday School,	5 00
Templeville Church,	20 00
" Sunday School,	5 00
Hartly Church,	5 00
" Sunday School,	1 00
Thomas' Chapel Church,	3 00
" Sunday School,	1 00
Total,	\$45 00

MASSEY'S—E. WELCH, PASTOR.

Total,	\$10 00
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MIDDLETOWN—N. M. BROWNE, PASTOR.

Church,	\$119 00
Sunday School,	381 00
Total,	\$500 00

MILLINGTON—E. E. WHITE, PASTOR.

Church,	\$28 00
Sunday School,	70 00
Holdens,	7 00
Total,	\$105 00

ODESSA—H. S. THOMPSON, PASTOR.

Church,	\$45 00
Sunday School,	135 00
Total,	\$180 00

OXFORD—H. CLAY TURNER, PASTOR.

Sunday School,	\$45 00
Church,	35 00
Total,	\$80 00

POMONA—W. R. MOWBRAY, PASTOR.

Bond Sunday School,	\$68 00
Mowbray Sunday School,	3 00
Churches,	9 00
Total,	\$80 00

QUEENSTOWN—J. W. FOGLE, PASTOR.

Queenstown Church and Sunday School	\$ 36 00
Simpers' " " " "	24 50
Perry's Corner, " " " "	19 50
Total,	\$80 00

ROCK HALL—ROBERT ROE, PASTOR.

Churches,	\$ 7 00
Sunday School,	97 00
Total,	\$104 00

ROYAL OAK—J. PASTORFIELD, PASTOR.

Sunday School,	\$ 18 00
Total,	\$ 18 00

ST. MICHAEL'S—S. J. MORRIS, PASTOR.

Sunday School,	\$243 00
Church,	17 00
Total,	\$260 00

SASSAFRAS—WM. SHEERS, PASTOR.

Sassafras Charge,	\$ 25 00
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SMYRNA—W. W. W. WILSON, PASTOR.

Asbury Church,	\$334 00
Asbury Sunday School,	276 00
German Chapel Sunday School,	13 00
Smyrna Landing " "	17 00
Total,	\$640 00

STILL POND—J. D. KEMP, PASTOR.

Church,	\$ 32 00
Sunday School,	168 00
Total,	\$200 00

SALEM AND UNION—CHAS. S. YORK, PASTOR.

Salem Sunday School,	\$30 00
" Church,	10 00
Union Church and School,	10 00
Total,	\$50 00

SMYRNA CIRCUIT—R. K. STEPHENSON, PASTOR.

Bethel Church,	\$70 00
" Sunday School,	30 00
Clayton Church,	50 00
" Sunday School,	20 00
Severson's Church,	30 00
" Sunday School,	10 00
Bayview,	5 00
Total,	\$215 00

SUDLERSVILLE—E. C. MACNICHOL, PASTOR.

Churches and Sunday Schools,	\$100 00
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TOWNSEND—FRANK FLETCHER, PASTOR.

Church,	\$34 00
Sunday School,	41 00
Total,	\$75 00

TRAPPE—WM. R. McFARLANE, PASTOR.

Total,	\$38 00
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TALBOT—J. M. COLLINS, PASTOR.

Churches,	\$20 00
Sunday School,	20 00
Total,	\$40 00

WYE AND STARR—J. D. LECATES, PASTOR.

Wye Sunday School,	\$20 00
" Church,	27 00
Starr Sunday School,	16 62
" Church,	18 38
Total,	\$82 00

DOVER DISTRICT.

BECKWITH & SPEDDENS, W. F. DAWSON, PASTOR.

Sunday Schools,	\$30 00
Churches,	70 00
Total,	\$100 00

BROADKILN—N. P. JOHNSON, PASTOR.

.	\$25 00
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BRIDGEVILLE—J. P. OTIS, PASTOR.

Congregation,	\$106 00
Sunday School,	44 00
Total,	\$150 00

BURRSVILLE—T. F. TABLER, PASTOR.

Wesley,	\$34 00
Sheppards,	15 00
Whites,	10 00
Thawley's,	3 00
Mastens,	3 00
Total,	\$65 00

CANNON CIRCUIT—WM. S. P. BOWEN, PASTOR.

Congregation,	\$110 00
Sunday Schools,	25 00
Total,	\$135 00

CHURCH CREEK & MADISON—GEO. W. BOUNDS, PASTOR.

Church Creek Church,	\$15 00
" Sunday School,	15 00
Hammersley Sunday School,	2 00
Pattison Memorial Church,	8 00
Chaplain Memorial Church,	10 00
Total,	\$50 00

CAMBRIDGE—J. H. HOWARD, PASTOR.

Church,	\$298 00
Sunday School,	202 00
Total,	\$500 00

CRAPO—CHAS. P. SWAIN, PASTOR.

St. Thomas' Church,	\$ 37 00
St. Thomas' Sunday School,	53 00
Wingate's Sunday School,	15 00
Ebenezer Sunday School and Church,	30 00
Zion Sunday School,	35 00
" Church,	5 00
Wesley Sunday School and Church,	25 00
Bethany Church and Sunday School,	25 00
Total,	\$225 00

CAMDEN—P. H. RAWLINS, PASTOR.

Camden Church,	\$20 00
" Sunday School,	20 00
Rising Sun Sunday School,	10 00
Lebanon Sunday School,	20 00
Total,	\$70 00

DOVER—THOS. E. TERRY, PASTOR.

Congregation,	\$174 00
Main School,	369 00
Avenue Chapel School,	60 00
Total,	\$603 00

DONER, SECOND CHURCH—GRANT C. TULLER, PASTOR.

Sunday School,	\$18 00
Congregation,	32 00
Total,	\$50 00

DORCHESTER AND BUCKTOWN—W. N. CONAWAY, PASTOR.

Foreign Mission,	\$25 00
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DENTON—GEO. W. TOWNSEND, PASTOR.

Denton M. E. Church,	\$103 00
" " Sunday School,	15 00
Central Sunday School,	26 00
Harris M. E. Church,	22 00
" " Sunday School,	6 00
Central M. E. Church,	3 00
Total,	\$175 00

EAST NEW MARKET—A. BURKE, PASTOR.

Churches	\$40 00
Sunday School,	43 00
Total,	\$83 00

ELLIOTT'S ISLAND—B. WHEATLEY, PASTOR.

Churches,	\$15 00
Sunday School,	10 00
Total,	\$25 00

ELLENDALE—J. A. ELLEGOOD, PASTOR.

Ellendale,	\$ 15 00
New Market,	12 00
Union,	10 00
McColley,	5 00
Total,	\$ 42 00

FREDERICA—J. H. CALDWELL, PASTOR.

Sunday School,	\$ 90 00
Church,	60 00
Total,	\$ 150 00

FELTON—T. H. HAYNES, PASTOR.

Sunday School,	\$ 75 00
Church,	15 00
Total,	\$90 00

FARMINGTON—JOSEPH ROBINSON, PASTOR.

Churches,	\$ 23 00
Schools,	17 00
Total,	\$ 40 00

GREENWOOD CIRCUIT—W. P. COMPTON, PASTOR.

Churches,	\$110 00
Sunday Schools,	40 00
Total,	\$150 00

GALESTOWN—D. F. WADDELL, PASTOR.

Galestown School,	\$ 25 00
" Church,	20 00
Wesley Sunday School,	12 00
" Church,	20 00

Woodland Sunday School,	\$ 5 00
" Church,	13 00
Cohesburg Sunday School,	10 00
" Church,	20 00
Total,	\$125 00

HARRINGTON—R. T. COURSEY, PASTOR.

Sunday School,	\$125 00
Church,	25 00
Total,	\$150 00

HOOPERS ISLAND—D. S. WILLIS, PASTOR.

Hoopers Island Sunday School,	\$ 25 00
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HURLOCK—M. D. NUTTER, PASTOR,

Washington Church,	\$ 66 00
Washington Sunday School,	27 00
St. Paul's Church,	15 00
" Sunday School,	3 00
Total,	\$111 00

HOUSTON—W. B. GUTHRIE, PASTOR.

Houston Church,	\$ 53 00
" Sunday School,	8 00
Millwood Church,	7 00
" Sunday School,	5 00
Law's Church,	25 00
" Sunday School,	5 00
Millford Neck Church,	20 00
" Sunday School,	2 00
Total,	\$125 00

LITTLE CREEK & ST. JONES—F. F. CARPENTER, PASTOR.

Churches,	\$ 10 00
Schools,	
Cowgill's Bower,	5 00
Little Creek,	20 00
Total,	\$ 35 00

LEWES—F. C. M'SORLEY, PASTOR.

Church,	\$ 95 00
Sunday School,	130 00
Total,	\$225 00

LEIPSIC—W. M. WARNER, PASTOR.

Churches,	\$ 30 00
Sunday Schools,	5 00
Total,	\$ 35 00

LAKESVILLE—L. T. McLAIN, PASTOR.

Streets Chapel,	\$ 10 00
Bounds' "	7 00
Hargis' Memorial,	3 00
Asbury,	2 00
St. Johns,	3 00
Total,	\$ 25 00

LINCOLN—L. P. CORKRAN, PASTOR.

Four Churches,	\$ 60 00
Sunday Schools,	40 00
Total,	\$100 00

MAGNOLIA—L. W. LAYFIELD PASTOR.

Churches,	\$ 40 00
School,	40 00
Total,	\$ 80 00

MILFORD—R. WATT, PASTOR.

Avenue Church,	\$125 00
" School,	420 00
Chapel,	50 00
Summer School,	5 00
Total,	\$600 00

MILTON—WM. D. WILSON, PASTOR.

Sunday School,	\$140 00
Congregation,	10 00
Total,	\$150 00

MILLSBORO—JAMES CARROLL, PASTOR.

Millsboro,	\$ 28 00
" Sunday School,	6 00
Central Church,	12 00
Bethesda "	7 25
Dagsboro "	10 00
" Sunday School,	3 00

Unity Church,	13 63
“ Sunday School,	5 80
Total,	\$ 86 48

NASSAU—J. S. WICKLINE, PASTOR.

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Connelly's Church,	16 55
Connelly's Sunday School,	13 29
White's Chapel,	17 32
White's Sunday School,	17 68
Ebenezer,	14 18
Ebenezer Sunday School,	18 43
Zion,	7 20
Zion Sunday School,	60
Total,	\$125 00

PRESTON—E. P. ROBERTS, PASTOR.

Sunday Schools,	\$25 00
Churches,	50 00
Total,	\$75 00

SEAFORD & BLADESVILLE—C. T. WILSON, PASTOR.

Seaford Church,	\$80 00
“ Sunday School,	78 00
Bladesville Church,	20 00
“ Sunday School,	23 00
Total,	\$201 00

VIENNA—S. R. MAXWELL, PASTOR.

Sunday Schools,	\$6 00
Churches,	60 00
Total,	\$66 00

WYOMING—ALOYCIUS GREEN, PASTOR.

Wyoming Sunday School,	\$24 00
Wyoming Church,	3 00
Union Sunday School,	3 00
Union Church,	8 00
Asbury Church,	2 00
Total,	\$40 00

WILLIAMSBURG—A. C. JONES, PASTOR.

Williamsburg Sunday School,	\$ 19 00
Kenney's Church,	20 00
Friendship Church,	16 00
Nichols' Sunday School,	2 00
“ Church,	6 00
Total,	\$ 63 00

WOODSIDE—JOS. S. MOORE, PASTOR.

Woodside Church and School,	\$ 18 00
Canterbury Church and School,	42 00
Viola Church and School,	8 00
Willow Grove,	8 00
Total,	\$ 71 00

WILLISTON—W. M. GREENE, PASTOR.

Churches,	\$ 50 00
Sunday Schools,	30 00
Total,	\$ 90 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

ANNAMESSEX—JAMES T. PROUSE, PASTOR.

Sunday School,	\$ 20 00
Churches,	46 00
Total,	\$ 66 00

ASBURY—C. S. BAKER, PASTOR.

Sunday School,	\$188 00
Church,	162 00
Total,	\$350 00

BETHEL—E. DAVIS, PASTOR.

Bethel Sunday School,	\$ 6 00
“ Church,	31 00
Mt. Zion Sunday School,	2 00
“ Church,	6 00
Epworth Church,	6 00
Total,	\$ 51 00

BERLIN—F. C. SMOOT, PASTOR.

Berlin Sunday School,	\$ 27 91
“ Church,	36 94
Sineypuxent Church and School,	10 15
Friendship Church and School,	5 00
Total,	\$ 80 00

BISHOPVILLE—GEO. T. ALDERSON, PASTOR.

Churches,	\$ 50 00
Sunday Schools,	50 00
Total,	\$100 00

CRISFIELD—H. W. EWING, PASTOR.

Church,	\$ 129 00
Sundy School,	151 00
Total,	\$280 00

Chincoteague, Va—G. P. Jones, Pastor.

Christ's Church and School,	\$ 40 00
Good Will “ “ “	20 00
Total,	\$ 60 00

Concord—George W. Wilcox, Pastor.

Cokesbury,	\$ 8 00
St. Thomas,	2 00
Total,	\$ 10 00

Cape Charles—W. O. Hurst, Pastor.

Cape Charles Church,	\$ 5 00
Sunday School,	25 00
Total,	\$ 30 00

Delmar—A. D. Davis, Pastor.

Delmar Sunday School,	\$125 00
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Deal's Island—W. T. Valiant, Pastor.

Church,	\$20 00
Sunday Schools,	255 00
Total,	\$275 00

Fairmount—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Christ Church,	\$26 00
Christ Church Sunday School,	410 00
Union Church,	13 00
Union Church Sunday School,	66 00
Fishing Island Sunday School,	20 00
Total,	\$535 00

Fruitland—J. W. Gray, Pastor.

Churches,	\$35 00
Sunday Schools,	5 00
Total,	\$40 00

Girdletree—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.

Sunday Schools,	\$70 00
Church,	40 00
Total,	\$110 00

Gumboro—Julius A. Brewington, Pastor.

Gumboro Church,	\$14 25
Gumboro Sunday School,	12 00
Bethel Church,	15 50
Bethel Sunday School,	4 00
Carey's Church,	13 10
Carey's Sunday School,	1 15
West's Woods Church,	15 00
Total,	\$75 00

Holland's Island—W. S. H. Williams, Pastor.

Church,	\$60 00
Sunday School,	20 00
Total,	\$80 00

Laurel—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

Church,	\$20 00
Sunday School,	203 00
Total,	\$223 00

Mt. Vernon—George W. Bowman, Pastor.

John Wesley Church,	\$10 00
“ Sunday School,	40 00
Asbury Church,	10 00
“ Sunday School,	20 00
Total,	\$80 00

Nanticoke—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Trinity Church,	\$ 50 00
“ Sunday School,	30 00
Jones' Church	50 00
“ Sunday School,	20 00
Total,	\$150 00

Newark—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 20 00
Sunday School	50 00
Total,	\$ 70 00

Onancock—Geo. W. Burke, Pastor.

Church,	\$126 00
Sunday School,	14 00
Total,	\$140 00

Parksley—Milton N. Frantz, Pastor.

.	\$ 23 00
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Parsonsborg—Wm. B. Gregg, Pastor.

Parsonsborg Sunday School,	\$ 16 00
Pittsville “ “	10 00
Zion “ “	5 00
Church Collection,	44 00
Total,	\$ 75 00

Pocomoke Circuit—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 15 00
Schools,	20 00
Total,	\$ 35 00

Pocomoke—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 5 00
Sunday School,	80 00
Total,	\$ 85 00

Powellville—J. E. Graham, Pastor.

St. John's Church and School,	\$ 6 24
Friendship Church,	5 48
“ School,	4 10
Wango Church,	3 75
“ School,	2 00

Mt. Pleasant Church,	\$ 5 28
“ School,	8 15
Total,	\$ 35 00

Princess Anne—Chas. F. Sheppard, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 7 00
Sunday School,	68 00
Total,	\$ 75 00

Quindocqua—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 11 00
Sunday School,	29 00
Total,	\$ 40 00

Quantico—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

Ebenezer Church,	\$ 6 00
“ Sunday School,	34 00
Quantico,	9 00
Mills,	2 00
Messick's,	9 00
Total,	\$ 60 00

Pead's Wharf—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 5 00
Sunday School,	20 00
Total,	\$ 25 00

Poxana—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.

Roxana,	\$ 60 00
Bethel,	44 00
Sound,	26 00
Total,	\$130 00

St. Peter's—Warren Burr, Pastor.

St. Peter's Church and School,	\$176 00
Bethel Church and School,	30 00
Chapel School,	55 00
Total,	\$261 00

Somerset—Thos. N. Given, Pastor.

Rock Creek Church,	\$ 43 00
“ Sunday School,	7 00
Dames Quarter Sunday School,	50 00
Total,	\$100 00

Selbyville—G. P. Smith, Pastor.

Sunday School,	\$ 30 00
Church,	20 00
Total,	\$850 00

Sharptown—T. S. Williams, Pastor.

Sharptown Circuit,	\$50 00
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Salisbury—Charles A. Hill, Pastor.

Church,	\$57 97
Sunday School,	185 00
Total,	\$243 00

Smith's Island—W. W. Chaires, Pastor.

Drum Point Sunday School,	\$50 00
Other Schools,	63 00
Church,	115 00
Expenses,	3 00
Total,	\$231 00

Snow Hill—J. Owen Pypherd, Pastor.

Church,	\$23 00
Sunday School,	120 00
Total,	\$143 00

Stockton—N. McQuay, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 17 03
Stockton Sunday School,	25 65
Franklin " "	17 50
Remson " "	14 82
Total,	\$ 75 00

Tangier Island—James Connor, Pastor.

Churches,	\$104 00
Sunday School,	200 00
Total,	\$304 00

Westover—C. R. Morris, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 8 00
Sunday Schools,	2 00
Total,	\$ 10 00

Whitesville—Zack H. Webster, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 90 00
Sunday School,	50 00
Total,	\$140 00

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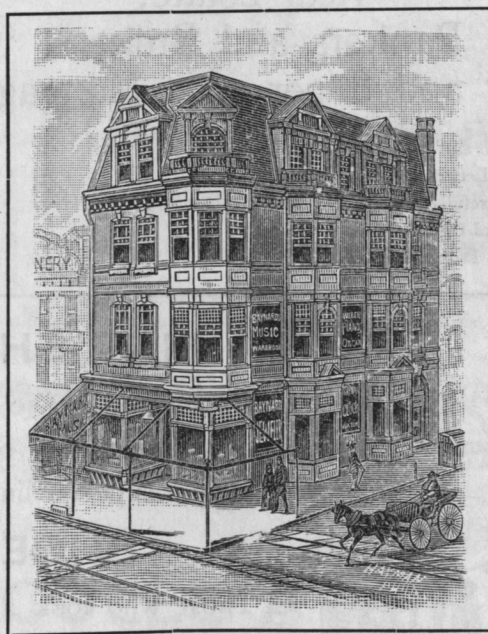
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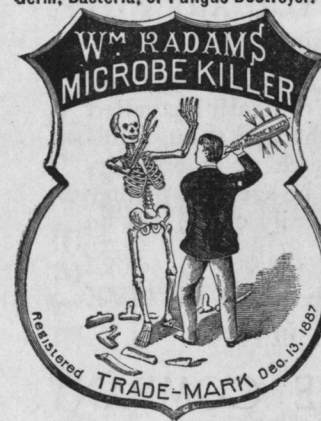
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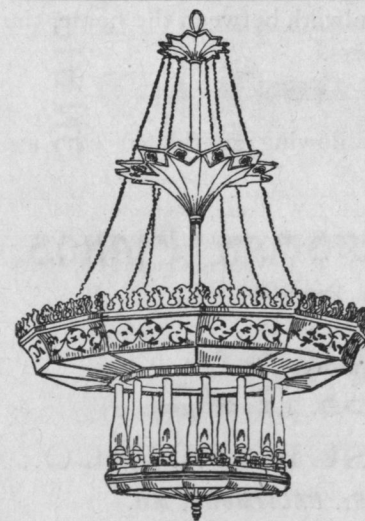
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