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5. Apologetics.—Examiner, E. P. Roberts.
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(b) History of Rationalism.
6. Methodist Polity.—Examiner, W. L. S. Murray.
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(b) Digest of Methodist Law, Governing Conference in Methodism, General Conference and the Episcopacy, The Modern Sunday School, The Epworth League Workers.
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8. Theological Encyclopedia.—Examiner, E. C. Macnichol.
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(b) From Dan to Beersheba, Protestant Foreign Missions.
9. Historical Theology.—Examiner, Vaughan S. Collins.
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(b) Christian Archeology.
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11. Exegetical Theology. Examiner, F. C. MacSorley.
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12. Systematic Theology. Examiner, D. H. Corkran.
(a) Miley's Theology, Raymond's Theology.
13. Doctrinal Theology. Examiner, W. G. Koons.
(a) The Catechism, The Sacraments, Christian Baptism.
(b) The Tongue of Fire.
(c) Hints to Self-educated Ministers, Life of Wesley, Tongue of Fire, Lectures on Preaching, How to Study the Bible, Our English, Living Thoughts of Wesley, Portrait of St. Paul, Life of Bishop Simpson, The Christian Life, Life of Durbin, Love Enthroned.
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- (b) Protestant Foreign Missions.

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- Second Year.—(a) Harman's Introduction, Outlines of Universal History, Rhetoric.
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- Fourth Year.—(a) Theological Encyclopedia and Methodology, Butler's Analogy.
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- Local Elders.—(a) Raymond's Systematic Theology, Hurst's History of the Christian Church.



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1891	Jones, G. P.	D.	Cherry Hill, Md.	1
1872	Kemp, J. D.	Sy.	Crapo, Md.	1
1886	Koons, W. G.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1871	Layfield, L. W.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1892	Lecates, John D.	D.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1879	Lindale, J. M.	E.	Sudlersville, Md.	1
1892	Loller, Wm. H. S.	D.	Crumpton, Md.	1
1885	Mace, E. S.	E.	Cordova, Md.	1
1876	Maenichol, E. C.	E.	Pocomoke City, Md.	3
1864	Martindale, T. E.	E.	Milford, Del.	2
1889	Maxwell, S. R.	E.	Nanticoke, Md.	1
1868	McFarlane, W. R.	E.	Georgetown, Del.	1
1873	McQuay, N.	E.		
1873	McSorley, F. C.	E.	Cambridge, Md.	3
1853	Merritt, J. B.	Sy.	Crumpton, Md.	
1869	Miller, E. H.	E.	Greenwood, Del.	1
1885	Mitchell, Jas. M.	E.	Parsonsburg, Md.	2
1887	Morgan, S. M.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	4
1858	Morris, S. J.	E.	Bridgeville, Del.	1
1883	Mowbray, A. S.	E.	Elkton, Md.	1
1886	Mowbray, W. R.	E.	Smyrna, Del.	3
1872	Murray, W. L. S.	E.	Dover, Del.	4
1884	McFaul, D. F.	E.	Bethel, Del.	2
1892	McKinsey, Fred. E.	P.	Exmore, Va.	1
1870	Nelson, E. H.	E.	Still Pond, Md.	1
1892	Northrup, Van P.	P.	Lewisville, Pa.	1
1890	Nutter, M. D.	E.	Gumboro, Del.	1
1879	Neese, G. R.	E.	Nassau, Del.	1
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E.	Fairmount, Md.	3
1872	Otis, J. P.	E.	St. Michaels, Md.	2
1893	Outten, J. P.	D.	East New Market, Md.	1
1853	Phoebus, G. A.	Sd.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	
1881	Pilchard, S. N.	E.	Laurel, Del.	5
1870	Poole, J. W.	Sy.	Farmington, Del.	
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	E.	Zion, Md.	2
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	E.	Seaford, Del.	3
1836	Price, B. F.	E.	Stockton, Md.	2
1886	Prouse, J. T.	E.	Kenton, Del.	1
1850	Quigg, J. B.	E.	Booth's Corner, Pa.	1

1869 Rawlins, P. H. E.	Harrington, Del. 3
1858 Redman, W. W. Sy.	Farmington, Del. 1
1885 Reese, J. D. E.	Williston, Md. 1
1867 Rigg, J. D. Sy.	Chester, Pa. 1
1884 Roberts, E. P. E.	Odessa, Del. 1
1873 Roe, Robert E.	Trappe, Md. 2
1845 Sanderson, Henry Sd.	Wilmington, Del. 1
1886 Sharp, W. W. E.	Wilmington, Del. 1
1858 Scott, A. T. Sy.	Wilmington, Del. 1
1859 Sheppard, C. F. E.	Marydel, Md. 1
1891 Short, F. B. E.	Wilmington, Del. 4
1879 Smith, Alfred E.	Smyrna, Del. 5
1889 Smoot, T. C. E.	Wyoming, Del. 2
1870 Stengle, Adam E.	Smyrna, Del. 3
1878 Stephenson, R. K. E.	Crisfield, Md. 3
1888 Swain, C. P. E.	Tangier, Va. 1
1860 Sypherd, J. O. E.	St. Georges, Del. 1
1895 Stengle, Charles I. P.	Dover, Del. 1
1892 Strickland, Clarence W. D.	Pocomoke City, Md. 1
1886 Tabler, T. F. E.	Girdletree, Md. 2
1857 Talbot, Wm. F. Sy.	Dover, Del. 1
1889 Taylor, W. P. D.	Rockland, Del. 1
1876 Terry, T. E. E.	Wilmington, Del. 4
1858 Thompson, H. S. E.	Felton, Del. 3
1888 Todd, J. R. E.	Dover, Del. 1
1853 Todd, R. W. E.	Baltimore, Md. 1
1871 Tomkinson, W. E. E.	Houston, Del. 1
1876 Townsend, G. W. E.	Delmar, Del. 2
1891 Turner, H. C. E.	Frederica, Del. 2
1877 Valiant, W. T. E.	Milton, Del. 1
1859 Van Burkalow, J. T. E.	Cornersville, Md. 1
1895 Van Dyke, Thos. R. P.	Oxford, Md. 1
1874 Waddell, D. F. E.	Lincoln, Del. 1
1879 Walton, O. S. F.	Hockessin, Del. 2
1848 Walton, W. B. Sd.	Salisbury, Md. 1
1853 Warner, W. M. Sy.	Felton, Del. 1
1886 Watkins, R. Irving. E.	Cecilton, Md. 1
1885 Watt, Robert. E.	Wilmington, Del. 2
1887 Webster, Zack H. E.	Denton, Md. 2
1866 White, E. E. E.	Church Hill, Md. 3
1868 Wickline, J. S. E.	Frankford, Del. 1
1872 Wilcox, G. W. Sy.	Carlisle, Pa. 1
1882 Williams, C. H. E.	Bellevue, Del. 2
1857 Williams, T. S. E.	Cannon, Del. 4
1892 Williams, Wm. S. H. D.	Laurel, Del. 3

1885 Willis, D. H. E.	Williamsburg, Md. 1
1884 Wise, W. A. E.	North East, Md. 1
1884 Wood, I. L. E.	Middletown, Del. 1
1886 Wood, G. E. E.	Bishopville, Md. 1
1886 Wyatt, C. T. E.	Deal's Island, Md. 3
1886 Wilson, J. H. E.	Tilghman, Md. 1
1871 Wallin, F. O. B. Sy.	Wilmington, Del. 1
1893 Westerfield, H. A. G. D.	Chesapeake City, Md. 1
1893 White, Wm. L. E.	Federalburg, Md. 1

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 de-

tained; 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 prevailing side, 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.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?

None.

2. Who have been Readmitted?

None.

3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Conferences?

None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial?

(a) *In Studies of First Year.*

Thomas R. Van Dyke, Daniel J. Givan, Edward H. Collins, Charles I. Stengle.

(b) *In Studies of Third Year.*

None.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial?

(a) *In Studies of First Year.*

None.

(b) *In Studies of Second Year.*

Henry G. Budd, John H. Beauchamp, Fred. E. McKinsey.

(c) *In Studies of Third Year.*

None.

(d) *In Studies of Fourth Year.*

None.

6. Who have been Discontinued?

William P. Townsend.

7. Who have been Admitted into full Membership?

(a) *Elected and Ordained Deacons this year.*

William H. S. Loller, Harry A. G. Westerfield, Clarence W. Strickland.

(b) *Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.*

Oliver W. DeVenish, William L. White, William H. Benford, John P. Outten.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

(a) *Admitted into Full Membership this year.*

Harry A. G. Westerfield, Clarence W. Strickland, William L. White, John P. Outten.

(b) *Admitted into Full Membership previously.*

William S. H. Williams.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

Julius A. Brewington, William H. Benford, George W. Bounds, William H. S. Loller, Theodore F. Beauchamp, William P. Taylor, George P. Jones, Oliver W. DeVenish, James

W. Fogle, Thomas B. Cooper, William O. Hurst, John D. Lecates, Van P. Northrup.

10. What Members Have Completed the Conference Course of Study?

(a) *Elected and Ordained Elders this year.*

Aloysius Green, Edwin Gardner, Francis B. Short, Joseph H. Geoghegan, Henry C.

Turner, Elmer L. Cross.

(b) *Elected and Ordained Elders previously.*

None.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

(a) *As Local Preachers.*

None.

(b) *Under Missionary Rule.*

None.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

(a) *As Local Deacons.*

None.

(b) *Under Missionary Rule.*

None.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?

This was strictly done in open Conference.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to What Conferences?

Isaac Jewell to California Conf.; Julius P. West to New England Conf.

15. Who have Died?

James A. Brindle, Nicholas M. Browne.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request?

None.

17. Who have been Located?

None.

18. Who have Withdrawn?

None.

19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?

None.

20. Who have been Expelled?

None.

21. What other personal Notation should be made?

(b.) George P. Smith withdrew from the Ministry in 1893, in order to properly adjust some business matters, surrendering his Credentials; the matter being adjusted and he being a Local Preacher, his Credentials were restored.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

A. T. Scott, W. F. Talbot, J. B. Merritt, T. E. Bell, W. E. England, J. W. Poole, J. W. Hammersley, G. W. Wilcox, J. D. Rigg, W. L. P. Bowen, T. H. Haynes, W. M. Warner, A. D. Davis, W. W. Chaires, Newton McQuay, John D. Kemp, F. O. B. Wallin.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

Geo. A. Phoebus, James Esgate, Henry Sanderson, James Hubbard, C. J. Hammitt, W. W. Redman, W. B. Walton, J. H. Caldwell.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

T. E. Terry, John France, J. T. VanBurkalow, W. L. S. Murray, I. L. Wood, Adam Stengle, J. S. Wickline.

25. What is the Statistical Report for this year?

See tables.

26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

\$44,993.00.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?

\$12,075.00.

28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?

\$7,855.00. Applied to 7 Superannuates, 15 Supernumeraries and 33 Widows, by order of Conference.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See list of appointments.

30. Where shall the next Conference be Held?

Dover, Delaware.

Appointments.

DOVER DISTRICT.

R. H. ADAMS, Presiding Elder (P. O. Dover, Del.) 4.

Beckwith (Cornersville, Md.),

J. T. Van Burkalow, 1

Bridgeville, Del., . . . S. J. Morris, 1

Burrsville, Md., Supply—A. C. Jones, 1

Cambridge, Md., . . . F. C. McSorley, 3

Camden, Del., . . . I. G. Fosnocht, 3

Cannon, Del., . . . T. S. Williams, 4

Church Creek, Md., Supplies—

C. W. West and G. P. Smith, 1

Crapo, Md., Supplies—

J. D. Kemp and R. D. Cantwell, 1

Denton, Md., . . . Z. H. Webster, 2

Dover, Del., Wesley, W. L. S. Murray, 4

Dover, Del., Armory, Charles I. Stengle, 1

East Newmarket, Md., . . . J. P. Outten, 1

Ellendale, Del., Supply—L. T. McLain, 4

Elliott's Island, Md., Sup.—Eben Welsh, 1

Farmington, Del., . . . F. J. Cochran, 2

Dover District.—Continued.

Federalsburg, Md., . . . Wm. L. White, 1	Magnolia, Del., . . . W. F. Dawson, 3
Felton, Del., . . . H. S. Thompson, 3	Milford, Del., . . . T. E. Martindale, 2
Frederica, Del., . . . Henry C. Turner, 2	Milton, Del., . . . W. T. Valiant, 1
Galestown, Md., . . . J. E. Graham, 2	Nassau, Del., . . . G. R. Neese, 1
Georgetown, Del., . . . C. A. Grise, 4	Preston, Md., . Supply—T. G. Eiswald, 2
Georgetown Ct. (Georgetown, Del.),	Salem, Md., . . Supply—J. W. Tally, 2
W. R. McFarlane, 1	Seaford and Bladesville, C.W. Prettyman, 3
Greenwood, Del., . . . E. H. Miller, 1	Vienna, Md., . . . G. W. Bowman, 2
Harrington, Del., . . . P. H. Rawlins, 3	Williamsburg, Md., . . . D. H. Willis, 1
Hooper's Island, Md., Sup.—R. S. Truitt, 1	Williston, Md.,
Houston, Del., . . . W. E. Tomkinson, 1	J. D. Reese, 1, and G. F. Hopkins, 2
Hurlock, Md., . . . Julius A. Brewington, 1	Woodside, Del., Supply—C. B. Fisher, 2
Leipsic, Del., . . Supply E. C. Wright, 2	Wyoming, Del., . . . T. C. Smoot, 2
Lewes, Del., D. H. Corkran, 1	Zoar (Georgetown, Del.),
Lincoln, Del., D. F. Waddell, 1	Supply—C. W. Clapham, 2
Little Creek, Del., Supply—J. T. Sewell, 1	

J. R. Todd and E. L. Cross, Professors in Conference Academy and members of Wesley-Dover, Quarterly Conference.

Supernumerary.—W. F. Talbot, J. W. Poole, W. M. Warner, A. D. Davis, W. W. Chaires, J. D. Kemp, W. M. Greene.

Superannuated.—J. H. Caldwell, W. W. Redman.

EASTON DISTRICT.

ALFRED SMITH, Presiding Elder (P. O. Smyrna, Del.) 5.

Bayside (Wittman, Md.),	Hillsboro, Md., . . . F. F. Carpenter, 1
Supply—C. P. Futcher, 1	Ingleside, Md., . . . J. M. Collins, 1
Cecilton, Md., . . . R. I. Watkins, 1	Kent Island, Md., . . E. H. Hynson, 1
Centreville, Md., . . . J. W. Easley, 2	Kenton, Del., J. T. Prouse, 1
Cheswold and Bethel, Del.,	Marydel, Md., C. F. Sheppard, 1
James W. Fogle, 1	Middletown, Del., . . . I. L. Wood, 1
Chestertown, Md., . . W. P. Compton, 2	Millington, Md., . . . G. W. Burke, 3
Church Hill, Md., . . . E. E. White, 3	Odessa, Del., E. P. Roberts, 1
Clayton, Del., Wm. O. Hurst, 2	Oxford, Md., Thomas R. Van Dyke, 1
Cordova, Md., E. S. Mace, 1	Pomona, Md., T. B. Cooper, 1
Crumpton, Md., William H. S. Loller, 1	Queenstown, Md., Supply—L. E. Poole, 1
Easton, Md., W. E. Avery, 4	Rock Hall and Piney Neck, Md.,
Galena, Md., Frank Fletcher, 1	Edward Davis, 2
Greensboro, Md., J. A. Arters, 4	Royal Oak, Md., . . Wm. H. Benford, 2

Easton District.—Continued.

St. Michael's, Md., J. P. Otis, 2	Talbot Ct. (Bozman, Md.),
Salem and Union (Crumpton, Md.),	J. F. Anderson, 1
Supply—J. B. Merritt, 2	Tilghman's Island (Tilghman, Md.),
Sassafras and Masseys (Golts, Md.),	J. H. Wilson, 1
Supply—W. N. Conway, 2	Townsend, Del., . . . Albert Chandler, 1
Smyrna, Del., Adam Stengle, 3	Trappe, Md., Robt. Roe, 2
Smyrna Ct., Del., . . . W. R. Mowbray, 3	Wye and Starr (Wye Mills, Md.),
Still Pond, Md., E. H. Nelson, 1	Supply—C. K. Morris, 1
Sudlersville, Md., . . . J. M. Lindale, 1	

Supernumerary.—J. B. Merritt, T. E. Bell, T. H. Haynes.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

W. F. CORKRAN, P. E. (P. O. Seaford, Del.) 5.

Asbury, (Crisfield, Md.), . C. S. Baker, 5	Newark, Md., Supply—J. R. Campbell, 2
Berlin, Md., E. C. Atkins, 1	New Church, Va., Sup.—John Boehm, 1
Bethel, Del., D. F. McFaull, 2	Onancock, Va., H. S. Dulaney, 1
Bishopville, Md. G. E. Wood, 1	Parksley, Va., Danl. J. Givan, 1
Cape Charles, Va. . . Geo. W. Bounds, 3	Parsonsburg, Md., . . J. M. Mitchell, 2
Chincoteague, Va., . J. H. Beauchamp, 1	Pocomoke City, Md., E. C. Macnichol, 3
Crisfield, Md., . . . R. K. Stephenson, 3	Pocomoke Circuit (Pocomoke City, Md.)
Deal's Island, Md., . . C. T. Wyatt, 3	Clarence W. Strickland, 1
Delmar, Del., G. W. Townsend, 2	Powellville, Md., Supply—B. Wheatley, 1
Exmore, Va., . . . Fred. E. McKinsey, 1	Princess Anne, Md., . G. T. Alderson, 1
Fairmount, Md., . . T. A. H. O'Brien, 3	Quantico, Md., James Carroll, 2
Frankford, Del., . . . J. S. Wickline, 1	Roxanna, Del., J. W. Gray, 1
Fruitland, Md., . . . James Conner, 1	St. Peters (Oriole, Md.), G. L. Hardesty, 1
Girdletree, Md., . . . T. F. Tabler, 2	Salisbury, Md., C. A. Hill, 5
Gumboro, Del., . . . M. D. Nutter, 1	Selbyville, Del., Sup.—G. W. Hastings, 1
Holland's Island, Md.,	Sharptown, Md., Supply—P. P. Carroll, 1
Supply—W. E. Matthews, 3	Smith's Island (Ewell, Md.),
Laurel, Del., S. N. Pilchard, 5	Theo. F. Beauchamp, 2
Marion, Md., L. P. Corkran, 2	Snow Hill, Md., . . . R. T. Coursey, 3
Millsboro, Del., T. N. Given, 2	Somerset (Chance, Md.), W. B. Guthrie, 1
Mt. Pleasant (Laurel, Del.),	Stockton, Md., B. F. Price, 2
Wm. S. H. Williams, 3	Tangier, Va., C. P. Swain, 1
Mt. Vernon (Widgeon, Md.),	Westover, Md., Supply—C. E. Hastings, 1
E. H. Derrickson, 3	Whitesville, Del., . . . Aloysius Green, 1
Nanticoke, Md., . . . S. R. Maxwell, 2	

R. W. Todd, Agent of the Maryland Bible Society and member of the Princess Anne Quarterly Conference.

Supernumerary.—W. L. P. Bowen, N. McQuay.

Superannuated.—C. J. Hammitt, Jas. Hubbard, Wm. B. Walton.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

L. E. BARRETT, Presiding Elder (P. O. Wilmington, Del.), 4.

Bethel and Summit (Chesapeake City, Md.) T. B. Hunter 4
 Charlestown, Md. T. H. Harding, 3
 Cherry Hill, Md., . . . George P. Jones, 1
 Chesapeake City, Md.,
 Harry A. G. Westerfield, 1
 Chester (Booth's Corner, Pa.),
 J. B. Quigg, 1
 Christiana, Del., G. S. Conaway, 2
 Claymont, Del., . . . Edward H. Collins, 1
 Delaware City, Del., . . . J. E. Amos, 2
 Elk Neck, Md., . Supply—L. B. Kirby, 2
 Elkton, Md., A. S. Mowbray, 1
 Hockessin and Ebenezer, Del.,
 O. S. Walton, 2
 Hopewell (Woodlawn, Md.),
 J. H. Geoghegan, 2
 Marshallton and Stanton, Del.,
 Edwin Gardner, 2
 Mt. Lebanon (Rockland, Del.),
 William P. Taylor, 1
 Mt. Pleasant and Union (Bellevue, Del.), C. H. Williams, 2
 Newark and Wesley, Del.,
 W. J. DuHadway, 5
 New Castle, Del., V. S. Collins, 2
 Newport, Del., Julius Dodd, 1
 North East & Boulden, Md., W. A. Wise, 1
 Perryville, Md., Henry G. Budd 2

Port Deposit, Md. H. W. Ewing 3
 Port Penn, Del., Supply
 Red Lion and Glasgow, Del.,
 Oliver W. DeVenish
 Rising Sun and Sylmar, Md., J. E. Bryan 5
 Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant (Colora, Md.), . . Supply—W. E. Greenfield, 2
 St. George's, Del., . . . J. O. Sypherd, 1
 St. John's (Lewisville, Pa.),
 Van P. Northrup, 1
 Wilmington:
 Asbury, J. H. Howard, 2
 Brandywine and Edgemoor,
 Asbury Burke, 2
 Cookman, W. G. Koons, 1
 East Lake and Elsmere, John France, 2
 Epworth, L. W. Layfield, 2
 Grace, Merritt Hulburd, 2
 Harrison Street, F. B. Short, 4
 Kingswood, Warren Burr, 1
 Madeley, John D. Lecates, 1
 Mt. Salem, S. M. Morgan, 4
 St. Paul's T. E. Terry, 4
 Scott, Robt. Watt, 2
 Silverbrook, Wilmer Jaggard, 1
 Swedish Mission, F. Soderman, 1
 Union, J. D. C. Hanna, 2
 Wesley, W. W. Sharp, 1
 Zion, A. P. Prettyman, 2

Supernumerary.—A. T. Scott, W. E. England, J. W. Hammersley, G. W. Wilcox, J. D. Rigg, F. O. B. Wallin.

Superannuated.—G. A. Phoebus, James Esgate, H. Sanderson.

JOURNAL.

Opening.—At 9 o'clock Wednesday morning, March 20th, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Smyrna, Del., the Wilmington Conference began its twenty-seventh session, Bishop John F. Hurst, D. D. LL. D., presiding. The Conference sang the 726 hymn, after which the Bishop, assisted by the Presiding Elders and the pastor of Smyrna church, administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. At the close of this service R. W. Todd and J. H. Caldwell led in prayer.

Organization.—The Bishop then addressed the Conference in delightful words of reminiscence, after which he requested the Secretary of the last session to call the roll of members and probationers, and 134 responded to their names. On motion of W. L. S. Murray, A. S. Mowbray was re-elected secretary, who named as his assistants W. A. Wise, Z. H. Webster and J. D. Rigg, journalist, and they were confirmed.

On motion of W. L. S. Murray, W. R. Mowbray was elected Statistical Secretary, and nominated as his assistants W. W. Sharp, W. O. Hurst, H. C. Turner, J. H. Geoghegan, V. P. Northrup, H. A. G. Westerfield and J. A. Brewington, and they were confirmed.

On motion of W. L. S. Murray, C. A. Grise was elected Conference Treasurer, and named as his assistants A. G. Cox, D. H. Corkran, H. S. Goldey, F. C. McSorley, J. M. Lindale, E. C. Atkins, T. F. Beauchamp, W. J. DuHadway, and they were approved.

Comparison of Reports.—Upon motion of V. S. Collins the Conference directed that the Statistical Secretary and Conference Treasurer be authorized to compare Blank No. 4 with the Treasurer's slip and make them agree.

Hours of Session.—On motion of Adam Stengle it was ordered that the devotional services in charge of Dr. S. A. Keen, begin at 8 a. m., and that the hours for the business sessions be from 9 a. m. to 12 m.

On motion of T. S. Williams the Bar of the Conference was fixed at the seventh line of pews.

Standing Committees.—On motion of W. L. S. Murray the Presiding Elders were directed to nominate the Standing Committees. Alfred Smith then read the nominations and they were approved. (See Committees.)

At his own request Merritt Hulburd was excused from work on committees and from attendance on Conference after Thursday until Monday.

J. E. Amos was put in the place of Merritt Hulburd and J. W. Fogle in the place of W. W. Sharp on the Committee on Freedman's Aid and Southern Education. Edwin Gardner was put in the place of J. H. Geoghegan on the Committee on Missionary Statistics. E. E.

White was put in the place of W. E. Avery on the Committee on Church Extension. E. H. Miller was put in the place of V. P. Northrup on the Committee on Sunday Schools.

Dr. Keen.—Dr. S. A. Keen was then introduced and addressed the Conference concerning the Pentecostal services to be held during the session.

J. D. C. Hanna introduced the following resolution which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we welcome most heartily to our Conference the Rev. S. A. Keen, D. D.; we rejoice in the great success that has attended his efforts at other Conferences; we will co-operate with him in his mission among us and we pray that Pentecostal power may indeed fall upon us as we work and worship together.

Conference Postmaster.—On motion of H. C. Turner, C. I. Stengle was appointed Conference Postmaster.

Rules of Order.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson the rules of last Conference were adopted for the government of this session.

Board of Examination.—R. I. Watkins presented a resolution concerning the work of the Conference Board of Examiners, which, after extended discussion and full explanation by the Bishop, was withdrawn.

Order of the Day.—The order of the day was then taken up, the reports and statistics were handed in, and the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer with their assistants were permitted to retire.

Stewards.—P. H. Rawlins presented certain questions concerning the disposition of Conference Claimant Funds, which at his request, were referred to the Committee on Stewards Endowment Fund. On motion of C. W. Prettyman the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for P. H. Rawlins, C. F. Sheppard, R. K. Stephenson and John France for ministerial members of the Conference Board of Stewards, and they were elected.

Communications Referred.—Various communications were presented and referred to the appropriate committees.

13th question.—The 13th question: "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. Easton District was called, the character of Alfred Smith, Presiding Elder, was passed, and he read his report as follows:

EASTON DISTRICT.

The working force in our part of the field, at the beginning of the year now closing, was as follows: Thirty-one members of the Conference in active relation, one supernumerary, one superannuate, three probationers, fourteen local preachers, five of whom were supplying pastoral charges, six thousand, seven hundred and thirty-six members in full connection, and one thousand, one hundred and thirty-four members on probation. Making a total of seven thousand, nine hundred and twenty laborers in that part of our Master's vineyard, known as the Easton District of the Wilmington Conference.

The year has sped quickly away, but with almost every passing day the reaper of death has thrust in the sickle and claimed some one of these toilers for the garner in the sky. Two of our ministerial brethren, and fully one hundred of those faithful laymen, have during the year received their discharge from life's labors and entered into heaven's rewards. Ere this

they have heard from the Saviour's own lips the "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." It would indeed be a pleasant task to stop and drop a flower upon every one of these new made graves. In many of their homes we have found shelter and food and a true Christianly greeting. On memory's page their dear, sweet faces rise up before me. But we have not time to allude to them in detail. They are gone to join that innumerable company on the other shore, and we shall meet them again by and by.

It is fitting, however, that I should make more than a passing allusion to our brothers and co-laborers in the ministry, James A. Brindle and Nicholas M. Browne. Both of these brethren went away quickly. Bro. Brindle was at church and in his usual health on Sunday. On Monday night he was stricken down, and in a few brief hours his spirit struggled into life. Bro. Browne had been for five consecutive weeks engaged in revival services, and up to half-past ten o'clock the night of his death he sat as usual with his devoted wife, talking over the doings of the day. Before midnight his soul had broken away from its earthly moorings and dropped anchor in the harbor of eternal repose. Although death came suddenly to both of these servants of God, he did not find them unprepared. Bro. Brindle had laid off the harness, and was only awaiting the summons to come up higher.

Bro. Browne had the harness on and was in the very prime of life, and yet, he too, was on the watch tower. He left unmistakable evidence of the fact that he was looking for death in some such way. Both of them were "good men, full of faith and the Holy Ghost," and it is doubtful if the Wilmington Conference's roll of "crowned ones" contains the names of two men who have contributed more to the real upbuilding of our Zion on this Peninsula than these two brethren. They were soul winners. They were character builders. They were shepherds and not hirelings. Suitable memoirs have been prepared and will be read at the Memorial Services. Since Bro. Browne's death Middletown has been supplied by different brethren from Sabbath to Sabbath, the temporal affairs of the church in the meantime being faithfully looked after by the official brethren.

Notwithstanding these breaks in our ranks we have kept our faces to the foe and never faltered. Much has been done, but the results are not what we had prayed and worked for. The year has been in some respects a memorable one.

Financial paralysis has been upon every one of the temporal interests of the churches. No peaches, corn crop cut short by drouth, wheat sold below the actual cost of producing, oysters scarce and cheap, and for nearly one whole month during the middle of the season under ice. These facts are suggestive of the hard conditions under which our people have this year been laboring. To bring the salaries and benevolences anything like up to the high standard set by recent former years, has meant labor and sacrifice to preachers and people, which heaven alone can appreciate and reward. I believe I can truthfully say that the pastors of the Easton District have worked this past year as never before. And I am sure that I have given double the time and strength to the temporal affairs of the churches that I have ever given before. I have preached in many places on general church finances and assisted in raising the salaries. I have preached more than a score of missionary sermons during the year and assisted personally in taking the missionary collection whenever it was needed. I have sent out appeals to the preachers and exhorted the official brethren in the Quarterly Conferences. And yet, judging from the latest reports that come to me from the field there is grave reason to fear that both salaries and benevolences will be somewhat in arrears. Even some of our strongest churches have failed to reach apportionments this time—churches too that have never in the past failed to reach the mark. The shortage in salaries is in almost every

case at those points where the brethren can least afford to stand it. Apportionments meagre to begin with, and then a shortage of from five to twenty-five per cent, means much to these faithful men and their families. This shrinkage in salaries accounts for the most of our ministers' indebtedness. The preachers run bills during the year for the reason that they have but little money; then at the end of the year the people repudiate and the preacher goes away in debt. How can it be otherwise. Let the people pay the preachers all that they justly owe them and it will go a long way toward paying all the indebtedness of the preachers. And until they do that they ought to be a little more charitable than they sometimes are. In quite a number of instances apportionments for benevolences have been met in full. In a few instances even exceeded. But many of the brethren have made the common mistake of putting off the collections till the close of the year and then omnibusing them and expecting to raise them by simply sending out cards and circulars. The men who have simply sent out cards this year and then quietly sit down and waited for the money to come in have failed to meet their apportionments. The only method that will bring the answer in these times is earnest, persistent, personal appeal. Even this has failed in some instances this time. The results of the year, along these lines, has made certain to me one thing, namely, that in order to successfully meet and master the crisis through which we are now passing, courage and skillful leadership and thoroughly trained forces are necessary. In the absence of a deep-seated and intelligent love to God and his cause, and a rigid discipline in the school of self-sacrifice we are sure to suffer defeat. The people say they have no money. But we observe that they still have money for tobacco and other such useless things. We must bring the people to see how inconsistent it is to spend ten or fifteen dollars a year for some needless self indulgence and then have nothing to give to God's cause. And to this end we must look to the Sunday School. I verily believe that the same devotion and discipline in every Sunday School on the District that is found in the school at Middletown would this very year, in spite of the hard times, almost double our contributions to missions. Of the five hundred dollars given by this church the Sunday School pays four hundred of it. And they pay it without any appeal to the appetite, without banners, without prizes, without any questionable methods whatever, whether the times be good or bad. And they do it gladly. Sunday School Missionary Day is the red-letter day of the whole year at Middletown. We have other schools on the District that also do splendidly for this cause, but the majority of them are not half up to the measure of their ability. The church of to-day that has a Sunday School in which the missionary idea is largely developed will in the next generation be the church of vast missionary enterprises. And this will be true, in spite of the shortage in crops and the fluctuation in prices. The amount apportioned to the District for General Conference expenses was duly apportioned to the separate charges and has, I believe, in most cases received attention. Some of the brethren, in order to lighten the burden, have seen fit to divide the amount between this year and next. Whatever deficiencies there may be found will be re-apportioned to the charges next year, and in that way we hope and confidently expect to raise our apportionments in full. The apportionments for the Conference Academy were also made and the importance of the cause urged. I fear, however, that they have suffered like all the rest.

Only two new church enterprises of any magnitude have been projected, the one at Kenton and the other at St. Michael's. The improvement at Kenton consists of a tower and bell, and cost about \$600, the most of which was paid by the Young People's Mite Society. At St. Michael's an annex to the Sunday-school room has been built at a cost of \$2500. The building is of brick, with slate roof, copper valleys, steel ceilings, and contains an infant class room, a church parlor and two class-rooms. It is modern in style and makes a much-

needed and valuable improvement to the church property. The Sunday-school has assumed the entire cost, and already \$600 of the amount has been paid. St. Michael's has one of the largest and best conducted Sunday-schools on the District, and now undoubtedly has the best equipped and most commodious Sunday-school room in the Conference south of Wilmington. Through the agency of the Mite Society and the Cheerful Helpers the last remains of an old troublesome debt on the St. Michael's Church has this year disappeared. Much needed improvements on the churches at Rock Hall and Templeville on Marydel Charge have been made. In several of the charges something has been done in the way of paying off debts and improving parsonages. And I may say the tendency everywhere is to improve and beautify the preachers' homes.

It is a matter of rejoicing that the spirit of revival which so marvelously characterized us as a people in the beginning has not departed from us. We are still a revival church. God forbid that we should ever cease to be! At Church Hill, Kent Island, St. Michael's, Townsend, Chestertown, Royal Oak, Sudlersville and Hillsboro revivals of unusual scope and power have occurred; while at Cecilton, Centreville, Greensboro, Tilghman's Island, Millington, Crumpton, Queenstown, Oxford, Easton, Marydel, Bayside, Still Pond and Rock Hall gracious outpourings of the Holy Spirit have been witnessed, and scores of precious souls have been saved. In every church revival fires have been kindled, and even where but few conversions are reported the churches have been greatly quickened. The pastors in the glorious work have been assisted at some of the points by Evangelists Galloway, Creamer, Renshaw and Tuller. These men all give evidence of the fact that they are called of God to the work in which they are engaged. They are humble, earnest godly men. Perhaps not less than 1200 souls is the fruitage of this year's sowings. To God be all the glory!

The vote ordered to be taken in the churches this year on what is known as the Hamilton Amendment has been in most places complied with. A few of the brethren, wrongly, as I think, saw fit to ignore the General Conference order. Quite a number overlooked it till it was too late. In most of the charges the vote was taken and the result duly reported. The vote almost everywhere was light, but in the aggregate shows more than three to one in favor of the admission of the women to the General Conference. In one of the churches where the total vote was thirty-three everyone of them was cast solidly against the amendment, or in other words, for the women. The change of sentiment, on the Easton District, relative to this question, since the vote was taken before in 1890, has been indeed marvelous. And if we may judge by the result of the vote here, speedy victory awaits this cause in spite of the tremendous efforts of the editor of the "Great Official" to the contrary.

I had hoped to be able to give some definite figures relative to the circulation of our own literature. But the brethren, except in a few instances, have overlooked the matter, and hence I am for the most part without adequate data. One thing, however, is made certain, and that is that the Christian Advocate is not as generally taken and as widely read as it should be. It is unquestionably the greatest denominational weekly published in this country to-day. Our people ought to have it even if they have to deny themselves meat to that end.

The Epworth Herald is a splendid paper, and is being quite generally taken by our young people. They cannot fail to be benefited by it. There is one thing that we do think is commendable, and that is that there is now left only one Sunday School on the District that uses any other than our own denominational literature. And we entertain the hope that this school will be speedily brought into line.

The Epworth League deserves special mention. It is developing by leaps and bounds into a great power for good. Already it is extending a helping hand to every department of

the church's work and sending the throb and thrill of a new life through her whole frame. Four new chapters have been organized during the year, making now thirty-three in all, with a total membership of two thousand, one hundred and sixty-nine. These are divided into 1,384 Active, 508 Associate, and 277 Juniors. In addition to these we have two flourishing Christian Endeavor Societies, the one at Smyrna, and the other at Betterton on Still Pond charge. The Junior Leagues are especially full of hopefulness and have in them the promise of a satisfactory answer to that perplexing question, "Have the rules respecting the instruction of children been observed?" The League at St. Michael's has had a phenomenal growth. It was not organized till in the early summer of the present Conference year. It at once leaped to the front rank in members and general efficiency, and is now preparing to entertain the District League at its annual convention in May. The Convention held at Easton in May, of the Conference year now closing, was great in every particular. The attendance was large. The papers, discussions and addresses were fine. The religious enthusiasm was tremendous. The closing love feast was a season of unusual unction and power.

Rev. J. P. Otis, our District President and pastor of St. Michael's, is planning to make the Convention of '95 the best of all the splendid series. The Chestertown and Clayton Chapters have during the year given receptions to the Presiding Elder and Quarterly Conferences. These were occasions of interest and delight. The vexing question how to hold the young people for the Sunday night preaching service after attending the other services of the day and their own prayer meeting in the evening has been solved by Bro. Stengle and his Christian Endeavor Society at Smyrna. Instead of their regular prayer meeting service as heretofore, the Christian Endeavor Society now simply has the first thirty minutes of the regular preaching service, the pastor coming forward at the end of that time without any other preliminary service and preaching the sermon. As a result the congregation of the Sunday night preaching service has been almost doubled. I heartily commend the Smyrna plan to all the churches where they have had the trouble alluded to.

In the closing year of the world's most enlightened century the twin evils of bribery and the drink traffic still survive. That part of the Easton District lying within the bounds of the State of Delaware, has during the year been cursed immeasurably by that unfathomable, treasonable sin of vote buying. One of the pastors said to me, "a spiritual paralysis has been upon the church since the election." What wonder, when men, high in social and official relation to the church, stoop to the level of political boodlers and ward heelers. I know the attempt is made to justify their conduct upon the ground that "the end justifies the means." And then, again, others say, with an air of triumph, "we only paid the voters taxes and surely there could be nothing wrong in that." Brothers, I venture the declaration here to-day that the whole thing is *wrong*—eternally, outrageously wrong. It is treason to the State. It undermines the very foundations of a Republic, and makes a free government a farce. Let us heed the injunction of the discipline to "extirpate bribery" and scourge from the church everyone who dares to touch, even with the end of a finger, this accursed thing. In our part of the field we have had a few solid gains for the cause of temperance and prohibition. I leave the Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District to tell of the splendid victory in Cecil County, Md. Kent County, Md.,—a Local Option County—has for several years had practically free rum. This was due to the wicked complicity of the local authorities and the equally wicked complicity of the National Government in issuing licenses to twenty-five outlaws to go into that county and sell liquor in spite of the people's local statute to the contrary. Largely through

the influence of the preachers the people have at last become aroused. A Law and Order League has been organized with headquarters at Chestertown, and consternation has spread throughout the enemy's camp.

On the first of March, 1895, the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Transportation Company abolished all the bars from the company's steamers. This, to the local option counties where the splendid steamers of this company touch, is a great blessing. For this wise and heroic act the company is entitled to great credit. Even in Delaware—rum-cursed Delaware—we have a crumb of comfort. The temperance people have become aroused. and a local option convention has been held, and a vigorous effort is being made, with a show of success, to have the iniquitous "bottle law" repealed. They tell us, however, that the proposed local option bill is unconstitutional. Then why not go for a prohibitory statute? This is certainly within the power of the Legislature. But the objection is urged that this would commit the party in power to the measure and thereby take it into politics. Certainly. Why not? What intelligent, sincere, uncompromising enemy of the saloon wants to take it out of politics? Why, the saloon is the very heart and core of politics. And I dare, even in this presence, to express the opinion that the saloon never will be destroyed till the Christian people of the land pitch their camp on the field of politics, and solemnly and religiously purpose to give their allegiance to no political party that has not the courage and patriotism to grapple with this enemy of all good and hurl him from his throne. It is not too late. Marshal the forces and go yet to Dover. Thunder at the doors of the State House. Demand of your servants there, in the name of degraded manhood, outraged womanhood and beggared childhood that the saloons in the State of Delaware shall be *at once and forever* closed. This is no unreasonable demand. The saloon has never established any claim to life. It is a foul, loathsome parasite on the body politic, and ought to die. *And it will.* Brothers beloved, such is the situation on the Eastern District as I see it. Behold the situation! The battle is already set, and God looks to us to lead the advancing columns. Be strong. Be faithful. Be of good cheer. Keep your eyes single to the glory of God and great success shall come through us to our Master's cause.

13th Question.—The time was extended. The character of the following effective Elders was passed and those present reported their collections: E. H. Hynson, D. H. Corkran, J. W. Easley, W. P. Compton, E. E. White, J. M. Lindale, W. E. Avery, E. H. Nelson, J. A. Arters, W. W. Sharp, W. M. Warner, Frank Fletcher, J. M. Collins, Albert Chandler, G. W. Burke, R. I. Watkins, J. F. Anderson, Edward Davis, J. T. Otis, J. T. Prouse, Adam Stengle, W. R. Mowbray, C. F. Sheppard, F. F. Carpenter, Robert Roe.

Case of J. D. Kemp.—When the name of J. D. Kemp was called, Alfred Smith moved the appointment of a committee of inquiry, which was done, as follows: John France, J. B. Quigg, H. S. Thompson, E. E. White and C. F. Sheppard.

Change of Relation.—On motion of Alfred Smith, the relation of W. M. Warner was changed from effective to supernumerary at his own request, and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards.

Methodist Review.—F. E. McKinsey was appointed to solicit subscribers to the Methodist Review.

Excused.—J. E. Amos and J. P. Otis were, at their own request, excused from attending the session of Conference to-morrow.

Dr. Hulburd.—Merritt Hulburd, who was transferred to this Conference one year ago, was introduced.

Adjournment.—Announcements were made, the committees were called, and on motion of W. E. Tomkinson, Conference adjourned with the doxology, Bishop Hurst pronouncing the benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Opening.—The Conference opened at 8 o'clock with Dr. S. A. Keen in charge of the devotional services. At 9 o'clock Bishop Hurst took the chair.

The Journal was read and approved. The absentees from yesterday's session were called and 12 persons responded to their names.

Stewards Endowment.—T. E. Martindale presented and read the following report on questions referred to the Committee on Stewards Endowment Fund which was adopted.

Your committee to whom certain questions were referred from the Board of Stewards, beg leave to submit the following answers:

1st Question.—Is it the duty of the Board of Stewards to consider the claim of any superannuate minister or widow of a deceased minister and give to each of them a pro rata share of the Annuity Fund when no claim has heretofore been, and is not now, presented to the Board, but who has not notified the Board that the claim is relinquished? Answer.—It is.

2nd Question.—Do the Supernumeraries have a claim upon the Annuity Fund the same as the Superannuates whether their cases have been referred to the Board of Stewards or not so referred? Answer.—No.

3rd Question.—If anyone of our Supernumeraries having no salary fails to contribute annually to the Endowment Fund of our Conference, is he excluded from a claim on the Annuity Fund? Answer.—If he has previously contributed 1 per cent. of his salary, so long as he received one, he is not. Nevertheless, the general matter of a claim rests with the Conference.

Whereas, A number of the members of the Conference have expressed themselves as dissatisfied with the action taken last year in regard to the payment of one per cent. of salary to the Endowment Fund, and have not reported such contributions to the Treasurer; therefore,

Resolved, That each minister who has paid in his apportionment this year under the rule shall have the privilege of withdrawing the amount from the hands of the Conference Treasurer.

Bishop Wayman.—Bishop Wayman, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Funeral of Mrs. Ayres.—W. L. S. Murray, S. M. Morgan, T. E. Martindale, A. S. Mowbray, Julius Dodd and F. F. Carpenter were appointed a committee to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Rebecca T. Ayres.

Dr. S. Hunt.—The annual exhibit of the Book Concern was read in part, and Dr. Sanford Hunt addressed the Conference respecting the publishing interests of the church.

Drafts.—A draft on the Chartered Fund for \$25, and also on the Book Concern for \$1320, were presented and placed in the hands of the Conference Treasurer.

Rev. I. G. Ross.—Rev. I. G. Ross, of the Maine Conference, representing the Subscription Department of the Book Concern, was introduced and addressed the Conference respecting that work.

13th Question.—The 13th Question was resumed. Salisbury District was called, the character of W. F. Corkran, P. E., was passed, he read a report of the District.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

In beginning this, my fourth annual report of the District, I want first of all to record my gratitude to God for His great mercy for preserving my life and health, and for the most part the health of the preachers and their families during the year. Bro. Barratt of Read's Wharf lost a little boy last summer and was sick himself for a time. Bro. Wyatt had an attack of fever in the midst of the year. Bro. McQuay fell sick last fall and has not been able to do much work since, but I am happy to say he is improving, and I may add that this has been a year of general good health among our people. It has been a year of exceptionally hard toil for the pastors, but they have had the strength with which to toil. Our District has shared with all others in the great financial depression, which with us grows worse, and then the severe winter paralyzed our oyster industry and brought want to the doors of many of our people. This has been keenly felt by the toiling pastors as they have pressed the Master's claims upon the conscience of the people, and the reports that shall be made to this Conference in many cases represents the best efforts of which the pastor was capable, as well as real sacrifice upon the part of the people.

The Salisbury District embraces a part of three States, viz.: Delaware, Maryland and Virginia. We have nine charges, and according to the last report 2733 members in the lower part of Sussex county, Del.

Bethel has had the splendid services of Bro. McFauld this year, and the charge has had prosperity. A large number of probationers are reported and the benevolences are better than previous years.

Delmar is on the south line between Delaware and Maryland, and Bro. Townsend is the pastor. The year has been one of harmony and success. The report shows 10 conversions, \$38 expended in improving parsonage property and the collections \$63 beyond the splendid record of last year.

Bro. Swain is closing his third year at Frankford. The parsonage is being painted and refurbished, \$446 have been expended on church property and 17 souls have been saved.

Gumboro reports her collections up to the excellent standard of last year and twenty-three conversions.

Laurel builds an alcove to her church and puts in a handsome pipe organ at a cost of \$1,300, and Bro. Pilchard closes his fourth year in the midst of a glorious revival in which fifty persons have been converted.

Millsboro reports 103 conversions and a new barn and the parsonage repainted. Bro. Given is a successful workman.

New organs have been put into St. George's and King's Churches on Mt. Pleasant Circuit. The salary was advanced \$75, and the collections are larger than ever. Twenty-nine conversions are reported by the popular pastor. One hundred and fifty dollars expended on Church improvements.

Roxanna is in the advance guard and sends up more money for the great benevolences than ever before. Fifteen souls have been converted, and the debt of \$100 on the Sound Church is paid. Work will begin soon on the much needed new church at Bethel.

A lot, the gift of W. S. McCabe, has been secured, the plans matured and work will begin on a new parsonage at Selbyville in April. The pastor brings up the same amount for the collections as was gathered last year. Twenty-five dollars expended on church improvements and 14 conversions.

Whitesville is talking of a better salary next year. Bro. Miller reports the collections well up. Thirty conversions, the parsonage debt reduced \$100, and \$50 expended on improvements.

We have three counties of Maryland, viz: Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester. Somerset county is the stronghold of Methodism on the District. She has twelve charges and 2,700 members. Of the eight charges on the District paying a salary of \$1,000 and more, five of them are in Somerset county.

Asbury breaks her record of thirteen years standing in that she does not advance the benevolence beyond the previous year. Sixty-two conversions and \$100 expended on improvements.

The church at Crisfield has been painted at a cost of \$300. The benevolences are well sustained for these times and 25 conversions.

Deal's Island has suffered with all other charges in the oyster regions, but every interest is sustained under the vigorous administration of Bro. Wyatt.

Fairmount is talking of building a Sunday School chapel at Fishing Island, and \$200 have been raised for the purpose of refitting the Sunday School room of Upper Fairmount. The revival efforts resulted in 95 conversions and the benevolences are but little less than last year.

Marion is a combination of Annessex and Quindocqua and is found to work well. Two years ago we had no church property in Marion, but now we have a church and parsonage worth at least \$5000. Present indebtedness, \$2500. The church was built last year and the parsonage this. The revival efforts resulted in 125 conversions, and the collections are the largest ever reported, being \$42 more than both charges raised last year.

Mt. Vernon has had a good year; 54 conversions, much religious enthusiasm, collections fairly well up, and \$150 raised for building and improving church property. The Asbury people are gathering a fund for building a new church.

It is safe to say that Pocomoke Circuit has had the best year in her history under the pastoral care of Bro. J. H. Beauchamp. Though on the field but nine months he has contributed to the building of a new church at a cost of \$1100. Thirty-three souls have been converted and the collections advanced 25 per cent. above the best previous record.

Bro. R. W. Todd was elected to the agency of the Maryland Bible Society and surrendered his charge at Princess Anne October 14th, and for four months Princess Anne had no permanent pastor. During this interval Bro. Galloway held a revival, which resulted in about 70 conversions, most of whom joined our church. On February 14th, Bro. Alderson, with Bishop Hurst's consent, was transferred to this vacancy, and the work is in splendid condition. The noble women of this church have paid the last dollar of a long standing parsonage debt. Princess Anne Methodism was never so hopeful as now.

With many other charges St. Peter's has suffered severely from the oyster famine, but she reports 72 conversions, \$1788 expended on church. All of the benevolences of which the pastor had charge are in advance, but the missionary collection suffered in the hands of

the Official Board. Bro. Burr is closing his fifth year and in that time St. Peter's has undergone a remarkable transformation. Five years ago there were two miserable churches and a little Sunday School chapel. The best one of these churches was thoroughly rebuilt, and the other displaced by a handsome new structure, which was recently dedicated. In the place of the chapel there stands, and nearing completion, an imposing church, and in addition to these, a new church, which cost \$2200, was dedicated by Bishop Foss last June. The total cost of these improvements to date is \$ only \$1260 remains unpaid. The membership has grown from 200 to 400.

Smith's Island has had a year of faithful service from Bro. T. F. Beauchamp, and her affairs are in good shape, and the collections well sustained. Thirty-eight conversions, \$42 expended on improvements. Somerset advanced her salary \$200 last Spring for Bro. Gray who reports 24 conversions and \$26 expended on improvements. Collections all up. West-over is a feeble charge, which has been served for four years by Bro. Morris assisted this year by Bro. C. P. Fitcher, a young man of promise who has had charge of Kingston and Rehoboth. Old Kingston has been greatly improved at a cost of \$250, and the congregation more than doubled. The collections are better than last year and a few conversions.

There are eight charges in Wicomico County, and 1,590 members.

Barren Creek was united with Quantico one year ago, but the arrangement not being satisfactory it was later separated, and Bro. D. J. Givan was put in charge. Some progress has been made.

A new church is completed and ready for dedication at Siloam on Fruitland Charge, and the contract has been awarded for building another church on the same charge. Bro. Stengle reports 87 conversions and \$350.

Bro. Maxwell has taken Nanticoke by storm. A new church at Tyaskin stands all completed and ready for dedication. It is a gem and cost about \$2,000, all except \$500 of which is provided for. A new church would be built at Nanticoke Point this Spring were it not for the oyster failure. Seventy-five conversions are reported. The salary was advanced from \$700 to \$900, and the collections are 34 per cent. in advance of last year. Total raised for building and improving \$1,300. The parsonage is improved to the extent of \$100.

Parsonsburg has been well served by Bro. Mitchell this year. The conversions number 63. The collections are 25 per cent. in advance, and a new stable has been built and paid for, and the parsonage renovated at a cost of \$100. How to get a decent support for a pastor, or respectable collections at Powellville is a problem I haven't been able to solve. Bro. Welch reports 29 conversions, and 200 members contribute \$60 to all the great benevolences. Paid on old indebtedness \$50 and \$85 on improvements.

Bro. Carroll, true to his record, brings good collections from Quantico. A new and commodious stable was built and the revival efforts resulted in 26 conversions.

The pastor thinks that the Hebron Camp Meeting is destined to become the Camden of the Salisbury District.

Salisbury still moves upward along all lines under the able leadership of Bro. Hill. The offerings for the great benevolences are \$98 more than ever before.

Sharptown has been unfortunate in that the pastor has been disabled for the last four months, but the pulpit work has been done in part by Bro. Givan, of Barren Creek, and the collections are nearly up to last year's high standard.

In Worcester County there are nine charges and 1300 members.

The largest church improvement enterprise of the District this year is at Berlin, where the seemingly impossible has been done in modeling the church at a cost of \$3000, nearly

all of which has been paid. This enterprise has diverted the benevolence of the people from the Conference collections, yet there is but a slight falling off. Now that she has her church property in good shape, Berlin asks to become a station and fixes her salary at \$700, all of which is subscribed. This is rapidly becoming one of the most aggressive churches of the District.

Bishopville advances this year both on salary and the benevolences, and reports 21 conversions.

This has been a year of glorious triumphs on Girdle Tree charge. The new church a Klej Grange, which has been under construction some three years, was completed and dedicated in October last. On the day of dedication a revival was begun which grew into large proportions and spread over the entire Circuit, and 140 souls were converted. A new church was begun at Goodwill late in the summer, and now stands complete and ready for dedication. Both these are model country churches and cost \$1300 each. The collections are about 17 per cent. in advance of last year.

Bro. Tabler is a workman indeed, and his return is greatly desired.

Bro. Campbell has given to Newark most excellent service this year and his report shows 26 conversions and an increase in the gatherings for the great benevolences.

Pocomoke City has improved her church property to the extent of \$275 and increased her offerings to the cause of God away from home.

Bro. Coursey brings up \$458 for the benevolences from Snow Hill against the splendid sum of \$356 last year, an increase of \$102, or 22 per cent, the largest increase on the District. Conversions, 25. The salary was never so promptly paid.

Stockton is a large field, but Bro. Price has thoroughly cultivated it and brings up a good report, six conversions, \$24 raised on old debt and an advance in the benevolences. His return is greatly desired and plans have been matured for raising the parsonage debt.

We have in the two Eastern Shore counties of Virginia seven charges and 250 members.

Cape Charles is at the most southern point of the District and Bro. Bounds is closing his second year as pastor. These two years have been marked with splendid results. Two years ago there were 38 full members and 4 probationers, now there are 97 full members and 7 probationers. The revival effort last fall resulted in 100 conversions, \$230 have been paid on indebtedness, \$200 on improvements and the collections are \$17 in advance of last year.

Chincoteague has been supplied this year by J. W. Williams. He reports a slight advance on benevolences and 52 conversions. The ladies have provided a parsonage and desire a married man next year.

New church has been well served this year by Bro. Wheatley, and whilst she has done better than usual and there is a revival of interests, yet the harvest is not in keeping with the sowing.

Onancock, the true and tried, more than holds her own. Ayers Chapel has been transformed at a cost of \$400, all paid, and \$300 expended on other improvements, 62 souls have been converted and the benevolences are more than ever before in the history of the charge. Bro. Atkins has given to Onancock three years of wonderfully successful toil.

Bro. Conner, at the expense of much time and perplexity, has succeeded in disentangling the finances of Parksley and putting her on a sound basis. The debt has been reduced to \$125. The collections are ahead of last year.

The outlook for Read's Wharf grows brighter. Hard times made it impossible to complete the church at Jamesville, but regular service has been held in it for six months. A

most desirable lot has been secured at Exmore Station, and many of the people of that neighborhood are ready to help us build, and this will in a few years be the center of a good circuit. The old war prejudices are melting like snow beneath a southern sun. Bro. Barratt reports 38 conversions.

Tangier Island has an enviable reputation for good works. She advanced her salary from \$800 to \$1000 this year and in spite of hard times paid it promptly, but the benevolences are a little short, I am sorry to say. Thirty-eight conversions are reported.

It will be seen from the foregoing review that the year has been one of more than ordinary activity in building and improving church property. Four churches have been dedicated and three others are completed ready for dedication, and two more are inclosed, while a large number have been more or less improved. Two parsonages have been built and many improved.

The minutes of last year show a deficiency of \$1058 on salaries, but I am glad to report that that deficiency has been reduced \$400. Two charges reported deficit paid in full, Girdle Tree and Princess Anne. Those paying in part are Fruitland, \$70; Parsonsburg, \$25, and Sharptown, \$17.

I am very happy to say that nine charges advanced their salaries this year, as follows:—Nanticoke, \$200; Somerset, \$200; Tangier, \$200; Millsboro, \$100; Westover, \$100; Mt. Pleasant, \$75; Marion, \$50; Holland's Island, \$50; Bishopville, \$50. This makes a total of \$1025, but I am sorry to say that this increase is offset in small part by a falling off at two points, which I will not name, of \$125, thus giving us a net increase of only \$900.

I am more and more convinced that the interests of the Methodists of this peninsula require a more liberal support of our ministry. Our people are advancing in intelligence and manner of living at a rapid rate, and the demands upon the ministry are increasing at a corresponding rate, not only intellectually but financially. Not only so, but to secure and hold the talent that can compete successfully with that of other denominations our salaries must be increased.

I have for four years given my best endeavors to this end, and not in vain, for I find broad-minded, liberal laymen in every charge who respond to appeals along this line, and the salaries have gone up \$5200. So that, upon an average, the pastors of the Salisbury District received this year \$114 each more than they did four years ago, and yet there is more promised next year.

This has been the hardest year that I have known in our region for raising the benevolences, and more especially is this true in the oyster regions of the Chesapeake. The oyster business was poor at its best, and since the first of last January much more has been lost than gained, so that those who waited for better times found themselves helpless at the last of the year, and the minutes will show a falling off in seven or eight cases, but this is not due to any disloyalty or lack of effort on the part of the pastor, for some have failed to whom such a thing is an entirely new experience, and they are behind only because it was impossible to get up, yet the figures will show that the District, as a whole, is up to the standard of last year, which on missions puts us about \$1000 beyond the \$1,500,000 line, and yet we feel sadly disappointed that we have not taken a long step forward, which but for the long freeze in February and the many stormy Sabbaths we should have taken.

The reports from the pastors show about 1,600 conversions at our altars during the year and while this has not been as great a revival year as last, yet we have had some great revivals. Every charge on the District has had some success along this line.

The Epworth League is growing in numbers, popularity and usefulness. Bro. Wyatt

gave to this department of work two years of enthusiastic service as president, during which time its power was greatly multiplied. At the District Convention last December Bro. Bounds was elected president.

I am persuaded that the interest in Sunday School work is growing, and that our children and young people are being trained in the theory, experience and practice of Christianity as never before.

The vote on the Hamilton Amendment was without significance, only two charges having reported any vote to me, and in those two cases not more than one in twenty of the membership voted.

The temperance question is a constant and growing one with us. The agitation is kept up all the year through. The sentiment is growing and our people are inquiring more and more about the relation of the ballot to this enormous iniquity, and there is a growing disposition upon the part of our good people to explain why they do not vote as they pray. This is a hopeful sign, for it indicates that conscience is still on the side of God and the right.

I cannot close this report without expressing my hearty appreciation of the kindness shown me by the brethren of the laity, and the enthusiastic interest in and heroic sacrifices they have made for the success of the District.

To you my brethren of the ministry, my fellow-helpers in this great work, I am under a debt of lasting gratitude for brotherly sympathy and hearty co-operation in all my plans for the work. It is to you more than to any other factor that past achievements, present standing and future prospects are due, and to every one of you I want to say, "well done."

13th Question.—The following effective Elders were then called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: C. S. Baker, W. R. McFarlane, D. F. McFaul, R. K. Stephenson, C. T. Wyatt, T. A. H. O'Brien, C. P. Swain, T. F. Tabler, W. B. Guthrie, S. N. Pilchard, L. P. Corkran, T. N. Given, E. H. Derrickson, S. R. Maxwell, E. C. Atkins, James Conner, J. M. Mitchell, E. C. Macnichol, J. H. Beauchamp, R. W. Todd, James Carroll, G. L. Hardesty, Warren Burr, C. A. Hill, N. McQuay, R. T. Coursey, J. W. Gray, G. W. Townsend, B. F. Price, E. H. Miller.

Wilmington District.—Wilmington District was called. The character of L. E. Barrett, P. E., was passed, and he read the report of his District as follows:

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

At this annual roll-call and review, we come to lay our trophies at the Master's feet and give God the glory for battles fought, victories won and work done. If the harvest is not as bountiful as could be desired, it is no fault of sowers or reapers, as the seed were sown in faith, cultivated with care and reaped in joy.

The lives of our preachers have been preserved and their health, with one or two exceptions, has been good. No one has fallen or failed to do his assigned work; but the cup of bereavement has been pressed to the lips of some. I referred, in my report of last year, to the illness of Sister Ida Koons, wife of Bro. Wm. G. Koons, pastor of our church at North East. Before the session of our Conference closed, her spirit escaped from its frail tenement, and winged its flight to the "city which hath foundations." She died at the parsonage at North East, March 22d. A fitting memoir will be read at the appropriate time. June 6th Rev. Theodore Valiant, father of Bro. Wm. T. Valiant, pastor of our church at Cherry Hill, suddenly passed to his reward in the heavens. He died on Deal's Island. He was a super-

annuated minister of the Methodist Protestant Church. In October Bro. Valiant was again bereaved in the death of an infant son. In November the devoted and saintly mother of Bro. Wm. A. Wise, pastor of our church at Silverbrook, left her earthly home at New Castle to possess the mansions prepared for her in the skies.

Bro. Robert Watt, pastor of Scott Church, Wilmington, mourns the departure of his excellent mother, who died at the parsonage the 6th of the present month after an earthly pilgrimage of over three score and ten years, and sixty years a member of the Methodist Church.

Among other prominent laymen who have exchanged labor for reward during the past year I mention Bro. L. A. C. Gerry, of Port Deposit, Md., whose familiar face will be sadly missed at our Conference session. For a number of years he was one of the managers of the Conference Missionary Society, where his invaluable services will be greatly missed.

Bro. John G. Baker, an earnest and devoted layman of Grace Church, passed to his home in heaven in January. He was largely identified with our Methodism in Wilmington. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints."

The work on the District has moved harmoniously forward during the year. The Gospel has been faithfully preached, and some come rejoicing, bringing their gathered sheaves, while others, just as faithful, although they have not had the success they prayed for and expected, are yet confident that the harvest will appear, sooner or later. Asbury, Brandywine, Marshalton and Stanton, Newark, Zion and Chesapeake City, have been visited by gracious outpourings of the Divine Spirit. Aside from these special cases nearly every charge has reaped more or less the results of revival efforts. The aggregate foots up nearly 800 souls converted during the year in the District.

Two camp meetings were held during the year. Brandywine Summit, under the leadership of Bro. J. D. C. Hanna, was a season of interest and fervor, strengthening to believers and convincing to sinners. Woodlawn, under the charge of Bro. H. W. Ewing, was one of the best ever held on this consecrated spot. Numbers were converted and added to the surrounding churches.

I referred in my report of last year to the purchase of a lot at the corner of Fourteenth and Dupont streets, Wilmington, by the members of Cookman Church, April 17th. The corner stone of a new church was laid with appropriate ceremonies, Dr. Hulburd, and Bros. Terry, Hanna and the P. E. assisting the Pastor, William L. White. The collection amounted to \$1,500. The church, which is a one-story brick building, capable of seating about 500, Gothic in style, heated with steam, and lighted with electricity, was dedicated September 30th, Drs. Stubbs, of Philadelphia; Hulburd, Hanna and the P. F., participating in the services. Total cost of building and furniture \$9,500, of which amount about \$5,000 have been provided for, leaving a mortgage debt of \$4,000. This church is eligibly located in a growing section of the city, and promises in the near future to be a strong appointment. Bro. White closes a full pastorate of five years with this charge, has worked hard and met with deserved success.

Kingswood has been in an unfinished condition for the past three years. The Lecture Room has been used for Sunday School purposes, as well as a place for general worship. The membership, though poor in this world's goods, are yet rich in faith and energy. They have finished the Auditorium themselves, some of them, after the toils of the day were over in the shop or mill, working in the evening at the church, in order that the building might be finished with as little debt as possible. They have received material assistance and wise counsel from Bro. George W. Todd, a prominent member of Grace Church, and who,

as Superintendent of their Sunday School, has done much towards the prosperity of Kingswood. They have now a substantial brick two-story edifice, with an audience room capable of seating over 500 people. It will be dedicated in the near future.

The frame chapel at East Lake has been enlarged by the addition of 16 feet, at a cost of \$327. Bro. H. F. Pickels, a generous and progressive layman of Grace Church, contributed much of the material and work for this needed addition. This Chapel is yet far too small for the needs of this charge. Situated in the Northern part of Wilmington, where homes are being rapidly built, we must have at an early day a larger and more modern building, to accommodate the growing membership. New and comfortable pews have been placed in St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, at a cost of \$800.

Minor improvements have also been made on the following churches: Chester—Bethel, Claymont, Mt. Pleasant, Scott, St. George's, Silverbrook and Newport, at a cost of about \$2,500.

Early in the Conference year Mt. Pleasant, Delaware was fortunate enough to find a liberal purchaser for the old stone Parsonage on the Philadelphia pike, which had sheltered the preacher and his family for a number of years. With the sum thus realized a handsome parsonage, with all modern improvements, has been erected on the church lot, at a cost of about \$3,000, giving the preacher one of the neatest homes on the District.

The following amounts have been paid on Grace, \$1,000; St. Paul's, \$2143; Scott, \$100; East Lake, \$100; Zion, \$160; Chesapeake City, \$75; Red Lion, \$50; Silverbrook, \$1425; Hopewell, \$30; Hockessin, \$33; Marshallton, \$125; Chester-Bethel, \$500; Port Deposit, \$300; Epworth, \$700; Union, \$750; Harrison St., \$2900; Delaware City, \$124; Brandywine, \$50; Port Penn, \$200; total, \$10,755.

I referred in my last report to the dedication of Epworth Church, Wilmington, and stated that the net indebtedness was about \$13,000. These figures were given me by the pastor, Isaac Jewell. Subsequent developments, however, have raised the total indebtedness to nearly \$20,000—\$17,500 mortgage on church and parsonage and floating indebtedness of about \$2000. I deem this statement but just, not only to myself, but also to the noble, heroic people and pastor, Bro. Layfield, who have, and are to-day, making sacrifices, struggling to meet the interest payments, and hold on to their valuable property. They deserve, and should receive, the sympathy and support of our general and generous Methodism. The situation is grave and help is needed at once.

At Perryville measures have been adopted looking toward the building of a new church. Plans have been secured and the work will probably soon begin. The new edifice will be built of Port Deposit granite, one story, costing about \$4000. Of this amount a respectable sum has already been secured in cash and subscriptions. Bro. H. G. Budd, the popular pastor, is pushing the work.

Madeley, Wilmington, upon the payment of \$1000, has received the transfer of the property from the S. S. Union of Grace Church. As soon as the Trustees can see their way clear they will either remodel the building or erect a new church.

Brandywine Church has been burdened with a debt on the Chapel for some years, but under the direction of their pushing and faithful pastor, Bro. Asbury Burke, plans are being matured to pay off the debt and build a Parsonage. They have great faith and energy, and we may expect corresponding works. With an increase this year of nearly 50 per cent, in the collections, it looks as if they will succeed.

In May last, Bro. Joseph Pyle, whose large-hearted generosity has done so much for our Methodism, presented St. Paul's Church with a large and handsome Pipe Organ, costing

\$1700. And in November he presented Silverbrook Church, erected principally through his liberality, a magnificent Pipe Organ, costing \$1600.

Scott Church has a fund of \$200 toward a Pipe Organ, which they expect to purchase in the near future.

The expectations cherished at the beginning of the Conference year that the cloud which had darkened our financial sky and lessened the collections, would be dissipated, have not been realized. The sun of returning prosperity has not beamed upon us, but instead, the cloud has extended and thickened. But notwithstanding the cloudy and dark day, preachers and people have been loyal and true to the connectional interests of the church. In some cases preachers did not receive their salaries, but they did not neglect the collections. At this writing I am safe in saying that we are within reach of last year's figures, which is a decided victory, and the Wilmington District maintains its previous record of meeting the requirements of the church for missions; its apportionment for this cause on the million and half line is met, with something to spare. It is surpassed by but few districts in the connection.

In the city of Wilmington, although the industrial depression is fearful, "Mother" Asbury meets her apportionments on nearly all the collections; Brandywine and Edgemoor, although not quite up to the apportionment for missions, yet nearly doubles the record of last year; Cookman meets all her obligations; East Lake and Elsmere are near the required mark; Epworth does well, considering the great pressure she is under; Grace, seriously affected by the final situation, yet comes up to last year's figures for missions, and lays upon God's Altar \$4100 for all the benevolences. Harrison Street, the infant among our churches, sweeps beyond her apportionment for missions; Kingswood, though struggling to complete the church edifice, goes beyond the apportionment for missions; Madeley, after a hard struggle, fails to reach the apportionment; Mt. Salem nearly equals the splendid record of last year and goes beyond the apportionment; St. Paul's, true as steel, refuses to retreat, and reaches the apportionment all along the line; Scott sweeps beyond the mark and increases all the collections over thirty-four per cent.; Silverbrook is on the line; Swedish Mission hands back to the Missionary Society its full apportionment; Union, though sorely pressed, stands up to her work on the benevolences and meets her requirements; Wesley, crippled by the financial blow, unwillingly reports a decrease.

Outside the city the following charges reach apportionments for missions: Hockessin, Hopewell, Marshallton and Stanton, Newark and Wesley, Newport, North East, Mt. Pleasant, Md., and Zion. The following exceed the apportionments: Chester-Bethel, Chery Hill and Union, Claymont, Delaware City, Elkton, Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Pleasant and Union, Perryville, Port Deposit, Rising Sun and Sylmar, St. John's. The following fail to reach apportionments: Bethel and Summit, Charlestown, Christiana, Elk Neck, New Castle, Port Penn, Red Lion and Glasgow, St. George's.

Epworth League work on the District is quite active. In nearly every charge the young people are organized and drilled in church work. The League has, in several instances, afforded substantial aid in church improvements, and in sustaining the benevolences. In accordance with the suggestions of the General Missionary Society, I sent circular letters to the League and other Young People's Societies, soliciting a Thanksgiving offering for missions. Although the response was not all that could be desired, yet quite a number rallied to the support of the Missionary Society in the hour of its need. The District Convention, which met in Harrison Street Church, Wilmington, in May, was well attended and enthusiastic. Bro. W. G. Koons is the efficient District President. The coming Convention in New Castle promises to be the best yet held.

In October Bro. J. E. Graham, by consent of Bishop Vincent, removed from Elk Neck to Galestown, on Dover District. Bro. L. B. Kirby was secured to supply Elk Neck.

Comparatively little interest was manifested in the vote ordered to be taken on amending the Second Restrictive Rule. According to returns received by me, 703 votes were cast in 32 churches—242 in favor of Amendment, 461 against the Amendment.

Loyal to God, the Church and Humanity, we have held aloft the Temperance flag during the year. Honestly differing as to methods we have yet "pushed the battle to the gates." Cecil county, Md., by vote of the people last November, was redeemed from the thralldom of the liquor power. The saloon will cease to have a legal existence in that county after the first of May. Our preachers were in the very front of the battle, and nobly did the laymen respond to the call at the polls, showing that the great Methodist heart beats right upon this important question. They vote as effectively as they pray. We are praying for, hoping and expecting advanced temperance legislation for Delaware. A Bill, endorsed by the Law and Order Society of Wilmington, is now before the Legislature, and we hope this Conference will add its voice to the recommendations that have already gone to that law-making body. Relief we should and must have, and woe be to that political party which fails to heed the moral sentiment of the State.

The "elect ladies" have not been behind in "every good word and work." The W. F. M. S. and W. H. M. S. are living organizations, "known and read of all men." Their work speaks for itself. The angel of the Gospel has received strength and comfort in his flight over distant lands, and our own loved country has been made better by the ministry of these Christly women, who are constantly "going about doing good."

I have given my whole time and attention to the work of the District, without vacation. I have endeavored to be "instant in season, out of season." My brethren of the ministry and laity have been kind, courteous and helpful, to whom I return my sincere thanks. I have shared in their sorrows, trials and burdens, and rejoiced in their successes. Praying the continued blessing of God upon the work and workmen, I respectfully submit this, my third annual report.

Effective Elders.—The following effective Elders were then called, their characters passed, and they reported their missionary collections: T. B. Hunter, T. H. Harding, W. T. Valiant, Wilmer Jaggard, E. S. Mace, G. S. Conaway, G. E. Wood, J. E. Amos, J. E. Graham, I. L. Wood, J. O. Sypherd, C. H. Williams, W. J. DuHadway, V. S. Collins, A. S. Mowbray, W. G. Koons, H. W. Ewing, J. E. Bryan, Julius Dodd, J. H. Howard, Asbury Burke, W. L. White, John France, L. W. Layfield, Merritt Hulburd, H. S. Dulaney, D. F. Waddell, S. M. Morgan, T. E. Terry, Robert Watt, W. A. Wise, F. O. B. Wallin, J. D. C. Hanna, J. B. Quigg, A. P. Prettyman.

Dover District.—Dover District was called. The character of R. H. Adams was passed and he read his report as follows:

DOVER DISTRICT.

In rendering this annual summary of the results of our labors on the Dover District, we make grateful mention of the providence which has graciously preserved the lives of the preachers and their families. One home only has been bereaved by death, a dear child being called to the fellowship of our Father's House. But death has reaped extensively from our co-laborers among the laity; a number of churches mourn the departure of some of their

most influential members, and in a few instances the loss has been so great we have been constrained to exclaim: "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth and the faithful fail from among the children of men."

Important changes have been made in the relations of several of the pastors. The Rev. B. F. Price, appointed at the last session of Conference to Leipsic, was provided with a more congenial field of labor, and the Rev. Everett C. Wright sent to supply Leipsic.

The Rev. T. E. Diverty, transferred from the Vermont Conference and announced for Frederica, after weeks of vacillation, was returned to the Vermont Conference and the Rev. H. C. Turner secured for Frederica. At the beginning of the scholastic year the Rev. J. A. Brewington, of Galestown Circuit, and Rev. G. W. Hastings, of Armory Church, Dover, entered the Conference Academy. The Rev. J. E. Graham was sent to Galestown, and Rev. T. E. Bell to Armory, Dover. Children's Day was generally observed by the Sunday Schools and our various educational interests presented. Greater simplicity in decoration, less desire to pander to the tastes of the migrating elements of the community, and a growing desire to promote the real purpose of the institution, are the noticeable changes in this observance.

The Epworth League has become a recognized force in the work of the district, and though we report a few less chapters and Junior Leagues, there has been commendable improvement in organization and efficiency. Through the literary department our young people are obtaining a better knowledge of our doctrines, discipline and history; systematized Christian work is enriching their experience and culturing the heart, while errands of mercy and help are training them in the practical duties we owe to those in distress. Camp meetings were held at Camden, Concord, Ennalls', Crapo, Sand Hill and Zoar with gratifying results in the number of conversions and the quickening of the church at Concord, Ennalls', Crapo and Zoar, but no manifestation of special religious interest at Camden or Sand Hill. The effect in depleting the congregations and discouraging the Sunday-schools during the continuance of these gatherings and for weeks thereafter is still deplored, but we have not abserved any pronounced desire to find a remedy. Special attention has been given to the Class meetings, and we take pleasure in announcing that the quarterly reports of the leaders show that this peculiar institution of our Methodism is regaining its former prestige. We have a number of churches that report an average attendance of seventy-five per cent. Careful inquiry has revealed to us that the greatest hindrance to the class meeting is the slow, drolly, mechanical and uninteresting methods of some of the leaders. In a few instances the class has been perverted and turned into a meeting to debate the tobacco question, prohibition, or some one of the theories of holiness; but forbearance, kindly suggestion and encouragement are restoring the classes to the purpose prescribed in the discipline, which is "a meeting for social and religious worship, for instruction and admonition, that shall be a profitable means of grace to our people."

The financial conditions, amid which the pastors have sought to obtain their apportionments for the benevolences, are without a parallel in the history of our Conference.

The almost total failure in fruits, the low price of the cereals and other products of the soil, the complete embargo laid upon the oyster trade by the freezing of the creeks and rivers, and the failure of many engaged in the tomato packing industry have produced general financial distress. One pastor writes, I have fifty families within the bounds of my circuit, who have been contributors to the support of the church, but who are now themselves in need of help; another said in spending an afternoon soliciting contributions for Missions from the farmers of his congregation, he received from fourteen successively the statement they were absolutely without money. It is not penuriousness, nor disloyalty, but monetary dearth. By

beginning early in the Conference year with systematic plans promptly and faithfully executed, many of the pastors despite the difficulties confronting them, have made a creditable advance in the collections, while others report a decrease. The following charges report an increase: Cannon, Galestown, Williston, Williamsburg, Zoar. Armory, Dover, Little Creek, Magnolia Lincoln, Farmington, Houston, Milford, Crapo and Ellendale.

Those reporting a less sum than last year are: Wesley Dover, Camden, Felton, Seaford, East New Market, Beckwith and Preston.

To Cannon and Galestown belongs the credit of the greatest gain, and to Preston the discredit of the greatest decrease, falling from \$50 to \$6.

Church improvements have been conducted with caution and brought to completion without embarrassing debt. The new Bethel constructed to take the place of the time-honored Bethel on Cannon Circuit is a building 34x54 feet, of the best material with memorial windows, recess pulpit, modern pews, and richly frescoed and carpeted, was dedicated in February free of debt and costing about \$2,300. Dr. Williams the pastor with his official helpers and congregation merit commendation for their success.

Trinity on Dorchester Circuit begun under the pastorate of Rev. L. B. Kirby has been finished by the Rev. James Thompson without indebtedness, it is a plain but substantial structure and a credit to the people who in their poverty have done what they could to provide themselves a house for divine worship.

At Redden on Ellendale Circuit a church 28x42 is nearing completion under the direction of the Rev. L. T. McLain, who with hatchet and saw works with his own hands to encourage the people and reduce expenses. The building is now ready to be plastered and thus far they have no unpaid bills.

The church at Church Creek mentioned in our former report has been reopened, and through the tireless perseverance of the Rev. D. H. Willis and the noble women of Church Creek this excellent property is without debt.

Two churches have been built on Zoar Circuit, one at Peppers and one at Zoar. At Peppers we have a neat property, costing about \$700, with an indebtedness of \$250, but this will not prove burdensome to this growing membership. At Zoar the building is of good material, handsomely finished, costing \$1100, with an indebtedness of \$250. The Rev. C. W. Clapham has labored regardless of ease or health on this circuit and is reaping abundantly for our Lord.

Our church at Felton has been thoroughly renovated, the brick walls given an enamel coating, which prevents interior dampness, the audience room handsomely frescoed, the windows tastefully adorned, and with new lamps, re-painted pews and cheerful carpeting, transform this once dingy room into an attractive place of worship. The Rev. H. S. Thompson personally assumed all the responsibility, purchased material, employed workmen, solicited subscriptions, paid the bills, and with his family assisted in the labor in order to save expense. The entire cost was \$750, which is provided for, Bro. James Conner contributing one-fifth of this amount.

Union, on Wyoming Circuit, with an outlay of \$350, has been greatly improved by needful repairs, which add much to the appearance of the property and the comfort of the congregation. Rev. T. C. Smoot, pastor.

Barrett's Chapel, so memorable in the history of our Methodism, has received repairs deemed necessary for its preservation and the convenience of the people who worship in this unique structure. Rev. W. F. Dawson, pastor.

Todd's, on Farmington Circuit, has been newly frescoed, painted and carpeted, much to the delight of that congregation. Rev. F. J. Cochran, pastor.

At Georgetown a study has been added to the parsonage, much to the convenience of Dr. Grise and family.

The debt on our church at Williamsburg, Williamsburg Circuit, which has for years burdened that devoted and self-sacrificing people, has been liquidated. J. P. Outten, pastor. Obligations of various amounts and for different purposes have been paid on Crapo, Farmington and Williston Circuits, and by Armory Dover and Leipsic.

The parsonages have been cared for by the aid societies of the respective charges, and the majority of them are comfortably furnished.

Revivals have not been so general throughout the district as last year, and yet a goodly number of churches have enjoyed a wonderful work of grace. Those which have been pre-eminently blessed are Milford, Leipsic and Georgetown, Greenwood, Houston, Crapo, Beckwith, Galestown, Williston and Zoar Circuits, Lebanon on Camden Circuit and Harris on Denton Circuit.

At Milford, Leipsic and Georgetown the interest has been intense; multitudes crowded the churches, and our Christian people united with the pastors in prayerful and systematic personal work to save souls. It is an impressive coincidence that in this the year in which the best brain and influence of Milford united in perfecting their financial system should also be the year of a remarkable divine visitation. To perfect a system for the monthly payment of all church expenses and gather in 175 souls is a great work for one year. The manifestations of saving grace were as remarkable at Woodland on Galestown Circuit, Milford Neck on Houston Circuit, Chaplin's on Greenwood Circuit, St. Thomas and Pepper's on Zoar Circuit. At these meetings aged men and heads of families in large numbers, without interest in the church or their souls were brought to reflection, then to repent and believe for salvation.

The apportionments of last year for ministerial support were maintained this year with an occasional exception, but the deficiency will be larger. Where we have stewards who with undeviating fidelity give attention to ministerial support there is but little shortage, but crude methods and an aversion toward anything that tends to a high standard of giving have entailed a great hardship upon some of the preachers.

We observe, however, a growing desire to follow the directions of the discipline which is proving a remedy for the losses a number of our ministers have been compelled to endure.

The attention of the pastors and quarterly conferences has been called to the duties prescribed in the discipline for the committee on temperance. The influence of the church operating through this committee could be the most potential in its effect that the world has ever seen in the work of reform, yet while holding in our hands moral machinery which, if faithfully operated, would daze us with its results, we turn toward theories which only repeat the history of failure. The greatest temperance and prohibitory organization in the world is the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the quarterly Conference committee is entrusted with the duty of preserving a crusade against the use and licensed sale of intoxicating drinks. The W. C. T. U. continues its aggressive attitude and is accomplishing much for the cause of prohibition.

The Conference Academy continues its career of prosperity and will graduate this year one of the largest classes in its history.

Effective Elders.—The names of the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and those present and serving appointments reported their collections:

M. D. Nutter, J. S. Wickline, F. C. McSorley, I. G. Fosnocht, T. S. Williams, D. H. Willis, J. D. Reese, Z. H. Webster, W. L. S. Murray, W. E. Tomkinson, F. J. Cochran, G. T. Alderson, H. S. Thompson, C. A. Grise, A. D. Davis, A. Green, P. H. Rawlins, J. H. Wilson, G. R. Neese, S. J. Morris, J. T. VanBurkalow, W. F. Dawson, T. E. Martindale, E. P. Roberts, W. M. Greene, C. W. Prettyman, G. W. Bowman, T. C. Smoot, J. R. Todd.

Change of Relation.—A. D. Davis requested a change of relation from effective to Supernumerary, which was granted, and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards.

Introductions.—Rev. S. W. Thomas, D. D., of the Philadelphia Conference, Rev. T. L. Tomkinson of the Central Pennsylvania Conference and Rev. T. Snowden Thomas, A. M., of the Philadelphia Conference, were introduced.

Dr. Kelley.—Dr. W. V. Kelley, editor of the Methodist Review, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning his work.

On motion of C. W. Prettyman the time was extended.

Dr. Moffett.—Dr. W. W. Moffett, Superintendent of the American Bible Society for the District of New Jersey and Delaware, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning that society.

Dr. Freeman.—Dr. J. M. Freeman, corresponding secretary of the Sunday School and Tract Societies, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interests of his work.

Conference Claimant Funds.—V. S. Collins presented a resolution concerning the plan adopted last year for the distribution of Conference Claimant Funds, which was amended and adopted as follows:

Resolved, That we suspend for the present our action of one year ago in regard to the distribution of our funds for Conference Claimants, and instruct our Board of Conference Stewards to distribute according to our previous plan.

J. T. Prouse was appointed to solicit subscribers to the Gospel in All Lands.

Certain communications were presented and referred to the appropriate committees.

Supernumeraries.—On motion of W. F. Corkran, the following Supernumerary members Wm. F. Talbot, Thomas E. Bell, J. W. Poole, James W. Hammersley, J. D. Rigg, William E. England, George W. Wilcox, Wm. L. P. Bowen, T. H. Haynes, were referred to the Board of Stewards for favorable consideration.

Adjournment.—Announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with the doxology, Dr. J. M. Freeman pronouncing the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Opening.—Conference opened at 8 o'clock, Dr. S. A. Keen conducting the devotional services. Bishop Hurst took the chair at 9 o'clock and opened the business session. The Journal was read and approved.

Relation Changed.—On motion of R. H. Adams, the relation of W. W. Chaires was changed from effective to supernumerary, and he was referred to the Board of Stewards.

On motion of W. F. Corkran the relation of Newton McQuay was changed from effective to supernumerary, and he was referred to the Board of Stewards.

Dr. Kynett.—Dr. A. J. Kynett, Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. J. E. Price.—Dr. J. E. Price, Dean of the Ocean Grove Summer School of Theology, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. Buckley.—Dr. J. M. Buckley, Editor of the Christian Advocate, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

5th question.—The 5th question, "Who have been continued on trial," was taken up. Henry G. Budd and John H. Beauchamp were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the examiners reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year.

Discontinued.—On motion of L. E. Barrett, William P. Townsend was discontinued at his own request.

10th Question.—The 10th question, "What members have completed the Conference course of study," was taken up. J. A. Brewington, A. Green, Edwin Gardner, F. B. Short, J. H. Geoghegan, H. C. Turner and E. L. Cross were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the Examiners reported, the Presiding Elders represented and J. A. Brewington was continued in the class of the fourth year and given credit for the studies upon which he had been examined. Aloycius Green, Edwin Gardner, Francis B. Short, Joseph H. Geoghegan, Henry C. Turner and Elmer L. Cross were elected to Elders Orders.

Credits.—The names of James W. Fogle and George W. Bounds were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the Examiners reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were advanced to the studies of the fourth year. They were also given credit for certain examinations passed in the fourth year's studies.

22d Question.—The 22d question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up. A. T. Scott, W. F. Talbot, J. B. Merritt, T. E. Bell, W. E. England, J. W. Poole, G. W. Wilcox, J. D. Rigg, W. L. P. Bowen, T. H. Haynes, J. W. Hammersley, were called, their characters passed and their relation continued.

7th Question.—The 7th question, "Who have been admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. John P. Outten, Wm. H. S. Loller, Oliver W. DeVenish, Wm. H. Benford, Wm. L. White, Harry A. G. Westerfield, Clarence W. Strickland were called before the Conference. The Bishop addressed the class and Conference upon the importance of special Bible study and their excellent opportunity for the same, and propounded the usual disciplinary questions.

J. T. VanBurkalow's Resolution.—Pending the completion of this item of business upon a question of privilege, J. T. VanBurkalow presented the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote, the Secretary putting the motion:

Resolved, That, as a Conference, we thank Bishop Hurst for giving us, instead of the conventional address to candidates for orders, a very interesting and instructive discourse

upon corroborations of the substantial correctness of our modern versions of the Holy Scriptures by the recent discovery of ancient manuscript copies in the original, and by inscriptions on tiles and monuments found by excavations lately made, in literal fulfilment of the Psalmic prophecy: "Truth shall spring out of the earth." And that we assure him that we are glad he is raising his voice so decidedly against the so-called higher criticism, which is fostering scepticism in the church itself by its own appointed teachers.

Furthermore, that we hereby earnestly request the Bishop to publish his discourse, with such elaboration as he deems best, either in the papers or in pamphlet form.

G. A. Phoebus' Resolution.—G. A. Phoebus presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

To the Wilmington Annual Conference:

The territory embraced within our bounds is the "Eden of American Methodism." It has been under cultivation one hundred and twenty-five years, including 1896. The first Circuit—Kent—formed A. D. 1771, included the whole territory of the Peninsula embraced in East Maryland, Delaware and Eastern Shore of Virginia. This garden has set forth its fruits and flowers under the cultivating care of Methodists born, trained and qualified for their work in the garden. A historic walk over its beautiful avenues and by-paths will give to the outside tourist a delightful pastime.

We, the undersigned, therefore, respectfully request that, in connection with the Conference session, 1896, a suitable portion of time be set apart for anniversary exercises in commemoration of Peninsular Methodism.

On motion of R. W. Todd the time was extended.

Dr. Rittenhouse.—Dr. Aaron Rittenhouse, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Hospital, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. A. A. Wright.—Dr. A. A. Wright, Dean of the Boston Correspondence School, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Trustees of Academy.—J. B. Quigg presented a communication from C. H. B. Day, Esq., secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Conference Academy, giving notice of the expiration of the term of four ministerial members of that board and C. W. Prettyman, W. E. Avery and W. L. S. Murray were appointed a committee to nominate their successors.

Certain communications were referred to the appropriate committees.

Adjournment.—Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the doxology, Bishop Hurst pronouncing the benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Opening.—Conference opened at 8 o'clock with Dr. S. A. Keen in charge of the devotional services. At 9 o'clock Bishop Hurst took the chair and began the business session. The journal was read and approved.

Case of J. D. Kemp.—The report of the Committee of Inquiry in the case of J. D. Kemp was presented by J. B. Quigg and adopted as follows:

Your committee has given careful attention to the matter committed to them, and they are prepared to believe there is no necessity to impute an evil or wicked purpose to Bro.

Kemp in order to account for his conduct. Still we are impressed with the conviction that his physical health is such as to make a rest from ministerial duties and responsibilities a necessity, that his nervous system may be restored to its normal condition.

23rd Question.—The 23rd Question—"Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up. Geo. A. Phoebus, James Esgate, Henry Sanderson, James Hubbard, C. J. Hammitt, W. W. Redman, W. B. Walton, J. H. Caldwell, were called, their characters passed, and after brief but cheering remarks by several of the veterans, their relation was continued.

4th Question.—The Fourth Question "Who have been Received on Trial?" was taken up. The recommendations of Thomas R. VanDyke, Daniel J. Givan, Edward H. Collins were read, and they were presented to the Conference. The Committee on Ministerial Qualification and the Examiners reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were received on trial. D. J. Givan was directed to pass examination on Scripture History. The recommendation of Charles I. Stengle was also presented, but the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications not being ready to report was permitted to retire.

7th Question.—Seventh question was resumed. Jno. P. Outten, H. A. G. Westerfield, C. W. Strickland, W. H. S. Loller, O. W. DeVenish, W. H. Benford and William L. White were called. They reported their collections, the examiners reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were admitted into full membership. H. A. G. Westerfield, Clarence W. Strickland and W. H. S. Loller were elected to Deacon's Orders, John P. Outten, O. W. DeVenish, William H. Benford and William H. White being already Deacons.

Introductions.—Dr. C. H. Payne, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education, and Dr. George E. Reed, President of Dickinson College, were then introduced and addressed the Conference.

4th Question.—The 4th question was resumed. Charles I. Stengle was called, and after the usual representation, he was admitted on trial, being required to pass examination on Scripture History.

American University.—Bishop Hurst then addressed the Conference in the interest of the American University at Washington, D. C., after which, at his request, Chaplain McCabe and Dr. C. H. Payne spoke upon the same subject. On motion of V. S. Collins the Conference proceeded to take a subscription for the proposed Asbury Hall to be built by Methodist ministers.

During the taking of the collection the time was extended.

Afternoon Session.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson it was directed that when we adjourn it be to meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

To Conduct Devotions.—J. T. VanBurkalow was appointed to conduct the devotional services at the opening of this afternoon session.

Adjournment.—On motion Conference adjourned with the doxology, Chaplain McCabe pronouncing the Benediction.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Opening.—Conference opened at 2 o'clock with Bishop Hurst in the chair, J. T. Van Burkalow conducting the devotional services.

9th Question.—Ninth question, "What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?" was taken up. Thos. B. Cooper, Wm. O. Hurst, T. F. Beauchamp, John D. Lecates, Wm. P. Taylor, V. P. Northrup and Geo. P. Jones were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the Examiners and Presiding Elders represented and they were advanced to studies of the Fourth Year. W. S. H. Williams, after the usual representation was continued in studies of the Third Year and given credit for books upon which he had passed examination. W. O. Hurst was represented as having passed on all the books of the Fourth Year except two, for which examination he was given credit.

Chaplain McCabe.—Chaplain McCabe called for further subscriptions to the American University and received responses making a total subscription of \$5000 for the Conference.

V. S. Collins, Treasurer.—At the suggestion of Bishop Hurst and upon motion of J. B. Quigg, V. S. Collins was appointed Treasurer for the Conference subscriptions to the American University.

Constitutional Changes.—Bishop Hurst presented communications from the New York, the Northern New York and the Baltimore Conferences, the first two of which requesting that the Conference do not vote on the proposed constitutional change admitting women to the General Conference, the third adding to this request a proposed amendment voting upon the question as previously submitted. In all of these propositions the Conference concurred.

Plan of Examination Changed.—R. I. Watkins presented a communication recommending a change in number five of Rules for Conference Board of Examiners, substituting the figures 25 and 50 in the place of 50 and 100 respectively, so as to read "not less than 25 nor more than 50 questions," etc., which was adopted.

Examiners Voted For.—The Conference Board of Examiners announced through its secretary the expiration of the term of four members and put in nomination the following: D. H. Corkran, F. C. McSorley, W. B. Guthrie, W. G. Koons, Julius Dodd, I. L. Wood, H. W. Ewing and Robt. Watt, from whom the Conference proceeded to select by ballot four Examiners, it being directed that the four receiving the highest number of votes should be declared elected. L. E. Barrett, Alfred Smith, V. S. Collins and W. L. S. Murray were appointed tellers, the ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

30th Question.—The 30th question, "Where Shall the Next Conference be Held?" was taken up. Scott Church, Wilmington, Del.; Chestertown, Md., and Dover, Del., were put in nomination. In the absence of adequate representation the matter was deferred by common consent.

Credits.—W. H. Bentford and W. H. S. Loller were announced by the Examiners as

having passed the studies of the Third Year in addition to those already reported and they were given credit for these examinations and advanced to the studies of the Fourth Year.

Examiners Elected.—The tellers reported F. C. McSorley, D. H. Corkran, W. G. Koons and Robt. Watt elected members of the Board of Examiners.

G. T. Alderson's Resolution.—G. T. Alderson presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Conference Board of Stewards be requested to devise some means of private distribution of the amounts due the several claimants upon that fund.

Adjournment.—Conference adjourned with the doxology, Dr. C. H. Payne pronouncing the benediction.

MONDAY MORNING.

Opening.—The Conference opened at 8 o'clock. Dr. S. A. Keen conducted the devotional services. At 9 o'clock Bishop Hurst took the chair. The Journal was read and approved.

30th Question.—The 30th question was resumed. Representations of Scott Church, Chestertown and Dover, were made and it was unanimously decided to accept the invitation to hold the next session of Conference at Dover.

Dr. Keen.—Dr. S. A. Keen was introduced to the Conference and made some announcements.

The list of persons who had subscribed to the American University was called, corrections and additions made and the entire list, together with those made at a previous Conference, were directed to be published in the minutes. These were as follows:

Wilmington Conference Subscription to Asbury Hall, 1895.—L. E. Barrett and wife, \$100. Alfred Smith and wife, \$100. Adam Stengle and wife, \$100. J. T. Van Burkalow, \$100. J. H. Howard and wife, \$100. W. E. Avery, \$100. F. C. McSorley, \$100, by John H. Phillips. C. A. Hill and wife, \$100. H. S. Dulaney and wife, \$100, by Geo. W. Todd and wife. Peninsula Methodist, \$100, by T. Snowdep Thomas. Conference Herald, \$100, by J. D. C. Hanna. J. G. Robinson and wife, \$100. J. T. Prouse, \$100, by W. H. Thompson. J. M. Lindale and wife, \$100. Robert Watt and wife, \$100. C. S. Baker and wife, \$100. A. S. Mowbray and wife, \$100. H. W. Ewing and wife, \$100. R. T. Coursey and wife, \$100, by L. S. Melson. B. F. Price, \$100, by friends. W. R. Gwinn, \$100. G. L. Hardesty, \$25. W. H. Benford, \$25. W. B. Guthrie, \$25. James Carroll and wife, \$100. J. B. Quigg and wife, \$100. W. W. Sharp and wife, \$100. A. P. Prettyman and wife, \$100. P. H. Rawlins and wife, \$100. J. H. Caldwell, \$100, by G. W. Todd and wife. W. M. Warner, \$100, to be raised. R. H. Adams, \$100, by a friend. J. D. Rigg, \$100, by J. S. Clark and wife. R. H. Adams, \$100. John H. Beauchamp and wife, \$75. Bishop J. F. Hurst, \$100, by W. F. Corkran, \$25; C. T. Wyatt, \$25; J. H. Howard, \$25; F. C. McSorley, \$25. W. E. England, \$100, by I. L. Wood, \$25; D.

H. Willis, \$10; J. S. Wickline, \$25; Geo. W. Bounds, \$10; A. Burke, \$25; T. B. Cooper, \$5. T. A. H. O'Brien, \$25. B. F. Price, \$100, by H. S. Goldy. H. C. Turner, \$50. E. S. Mace, \$25. E. H. Derrickson, \$25. Geo. E. Wood, \$25. Mrs. S. N. Pilchard, \$50. Mrs. W. F. Corkran, \$100.

Previous Subscriptions.—S. R. Maxwell, \$100. John D. Kemp, \$100. V. S. Collins and wife, \$100. J. E. Bryan, \$100. G. W. Townsend, \$100. R. Irving Watkins, \$100. W. F. Corkran, \$100. Jas. Conner and wife, \$100. H. S. Thompson and wife, \$100. John D. C. Hanna, \$100. C. A. Grise and wife, \$100. W. G. Koons, \$100. F. F. Carpenter and wife, \$100.

Funds for B. F. Price's Subscription.—On motion of V. S. Collins, W. F. Corkran was made a treasurer of the subscriptions that constitute the \$100 given in the name of B. F. Price.

Report of Trustees.—T. E. Martindale presented the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of the Conference Academy. Principal W. L. Gooding and Bishop Hurst addressed the Conference upon the report, and it was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

Trustees Elected.—The committee to nominate Trustees for the Conference Academy presented the following names, and they were elected: J. B. Quigg, J. E. Bryan, W. F. Corkran and L. E. Barrett.

Order of the Day.—The order of the day—the memorial service—was called for, and on motion of T. E. Martindale it was postponed until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Relation Changed.—On motion of R. H. Adams, the relation of W. M. Greene was changed from Effective to Supernumerary and his case referred to the Board of Stewards.

Collection.—On motion of R. H. Adams, as amended by W. F. Corkran, a collection was ordered to be divided equally between the Board of Stewards for Conference claimants and the Presiding Elders for certain necessitous cases in the active ranks. In taking the collection T. E. Martindale and R. W. Todd acted as secretaries. The collection amounted to \$507.88. After the announcement of the collection the Stewards asked permission to retire, which was granted.

Conference Claimants.—T. E. Terry presented certain resolutions concerning the distribution of Conference Claimants funds which he asked to be taken up for discussion at a future session of this Conference.

Epworth Church.—At the request of L. E. Barrett, L. W. Layfield was given permission to address the Conference upon the emergency in the case of Epworth Church, after which Bro. Barrett presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved.—That having heard the statement of Bro. Layfield the pastor of Epworth Church of Wilmington, we express our sympathy with the situation, and declare our willingness to assist the pastor and church in their efforts to reduce the debt.

Certificate of Ordination.—Bishop Hurst presented the following Certificate of Ordination.

Certificate of Ordination.

Smyrna, Del., March 25th, 1895.

THIS is to certify that on Sabbath, March 24th, 1895, at Smyrna, Del., by the authority of the Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as Deacons, Wm. H. S. Loller, Harry A. G. Westerfield, Clarence W. Strickland, and that at the same time and place, assisted by several Elders, I ordained as Elders, Aloysius Green, Edwin Gardner, Francis B. Short, Joseph H. Geoghegan, Henry C. Turner, Elmer L. Cross.

*JOHN F. HURST,
Bishop.*

Parchments Restored.—W. F. Corkran requested the restoration of the parchments of George P. Smith, and after full explanation by the Presiding Elder the request was granted.

Credits.—The name of Oliver W. DeVenish was called, and after representation, showing that he had passed the examinations in the third year's studies, in addition to those previously reported, he was advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

J. D. Kemp.—The 13th Question was resumed. J. D. Kemp was called, his character passed and on motion of Alfred Smith, he was granted a supernumerary relation and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards.

Conference Historical Society.—B. F. Price presented the report of the Conference Historical Society, which was adopted. On motion of R. W. Todd, B. F. Price and G. A. Phoebus were made a committee to arrange a programme for the anniversary of the Historical Society at next session. On motion, R. W. Todd was added to the committee.

The following subjects were presented by R. W. Todd, which were adopted for the above anniversary, the third paper to be furnished by Bishop Hurst.

1. The Leaders of Peninsula Methodism and their Descendants.
2. The Territorial Occupancy of Peninsula Methodism.
3. The Transplanted Fruit of Peninsula Methodism.

Bible Society.—E. H. Derrickson presented the report of the Committee on Bible Society, and after remarks by R. W. Todd, of the Maryland Bible Society, it was adopted.

Sunday Schools and Tracts.—E. S. Mace presented the reports of the Sunday School and Tracts Societies, which were adopted.

To Preside.—T. E. Martindale was appointed to preside at the Memorial Session this afternoon.

Afternoon Session.—On motion of A. S. Mowbray it was determined that at the conclusion of the Memorial Service the Conference continue in session in the lecture room for the purpose of receiving reports.

Adjournment.—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned with the doxology, Bishop Hurst pronouncing the Benediction.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Memorial Session.—Conference opened at 2 o'clock with T. E. Martindale in the chair. The 993rd hymn was sung, and H. W. Ewing led in prayer. The choir sang the 1005th hymn, and after appropriate remarks by the chairman, Rev. J. R. Arters read the memoir of James A. Brindle. The choir sang a verse of 1037th hymn. Appropriate remarks were made by G. W. Bounds, J. B. Quigg, W. E. England, Henry Sanderson, A. D. Davis, C. W. Prettyman, and the memoir was adopted.

Adam Stengle read the memoir of Nicholas M. Browne. The choir sang a part of the 998th hymn which was followed by appropriate remarks by R. W. Todd, G. A. Phoebus, J. B. Quigg, E. H. Hynson, J. T. Prouse and E. H. Nelson. V. S. Collins moved that the letter left by Bro. Bröwne and referred to in the memoir be incorporated, which was ordered. The memoir was then adopted.

R. Irving Watkins read the memoir of Mrs. Ida Elizabeth Koons which was adopted. On motion of W. L. S. Murray, A. S. Mowbray, was appointed to prepare a memoir of Mrs. Rebecca T. Ayres for the minutes. The choir sang a verse of "The Home of the Soul," after which the Conference adjourned to the lecture room.

Business Session.—The journal of the morning session was read and approved.

Temperance Report.—C. A. Hill read the report of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition which after discussion was adopted.

Dr. Keen.—Dr. Keen addressed the Conference in kindly words of parting.

Board of Stewards.—P. H. Rawlins made the report of the Board of Stewards which was adopted. (See Report.)

P. H. Rawlins presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That Friday night at the next session of our Conference be set aside for the Veterans' Anniversary of the Conference and the Committee of Arrangements be instructed to so arrange.

Epworth League.—H. W. Ewing presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Conference request the committee on future Conference Anniversaries in their arrangements, to give the Epworth League Thursday evening for their anniversary exercises.

Made Trustee.—E. H. Nelson was re-appointed trustee for certain funds from the Stewards.

Statistical Report.—The Statistical Report was presented by W. R. Mowbray, the statistical secretary, and it was adopted.

Treasurer's Report.—The Treasurer, C. A. Grise, presented his report and it was adopted. On motion of Bro. Grise, certain unappropriated moneys in his hand, amounting to about \$10, were given to the statistical secretary to help him in covering certain expenses in doing his work.

T. E. Terry's Resolution.—T. E. Terry called up his resolution presented this morning and it was read as follows:

Resolved, That all moneys accruing to the Wilmington Conference for the benefit of Conference claimants shall be divided into two parts, and shall be known and disbursed as follows:

Part first shall be known as the General Relief Fund and shall consist of all dividends from the Book Concern and Chartered Fund, interest on investments, the income from bequests and special donations, together with all moneys raised by the charges in the Conference by collection or otherwise for the benefit of the Conference claimants, and shall be distributed by the stewards of the Conference annually, according to their best judgment, and the necessity of the cases recommended to them for relief.

Part Second shall be known as the Mutual Relief Fund and shall consist of one per cent. of all ministerial salaries in excess of \$500, and shall be administered without regard to the funds embraced in Part First—that is to say, no minister shall receive any part of this fund who shall refuse or fail to comply with this requirement from and after the adoption of this plan by the Conference, nor shall his claim on the other fund be depreciated by participating in this. All accredited claimants on the Stewards' funds shall share in this fund except those who, as before stated, refuse or fail to contribute to it.

Resolved, That in the blanks furnished the preachers for making annual reports there shall be a blank for reporting this contribution, and in the minutes said amounts shall be printed in a column parallel with that in which we report our other Conference claimants' collections, as a matter of reference for the information of the stewards.

On motion of V. S. Collins, the plan of the Conference Committee of Stewards' Endowment adopted last year was reconsidered. On motion of R. W. Todd the plan presented by Bro. Terry was substituted for the plan of last year. After considerable discussion the plan as above stated was adopted.

W. J. DuHadway's Resolution.—On motion of W. J. DuHadway the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, appeals are frequently made to this Conference for large sums of money to supplement the salaries of effective ministers, therefore,

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be and are hereby requested, as far as practicable and as rapidly as possible, to so strengthen the Circuits and Stations by a rearrangement of the work, that every charge may afford a comfortable pastoral support.

Evening Session.—On motion of C. W. Prettyman it was ordered that when we adjourn it be to meet at the close of the Epworth League Anniversary this evening.

Committee on Ministerial Qualification.—On motion of J. W. Easley, the Committee on Ministerial Qualification was made a standing committee to hold over and act from Conference to Conference as other examining committees.

J. W. Easley's Resolution.—J. W. Easley then presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That when a Quarterly Conference recommends a candidate for admission on trial, the Presiding Elder shall immediately communicate to the Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Qualification, to the end that said committee may do its work with greater efficiency.

Adjournment.—On motion of R. W. Todd Conference adjourned, the doxology was sung and the benediction was pronounced.

MONDAY EVENING.

Opening.—The Conference Session opened at 8.20, Bishop Hurst in the chair.

The Journal was read and approved.

W. F. M. Society.—E. E. White presented the report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society which was adopted.

W. H. M. Society.—Aloycius Green presented the report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which was adopted.

Freedman's Aid.—J. W. Fogle presented the report of Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, which was adopted.

Auditing Committee.—J. O. Sypherd presented the Auditing Committee's report, and it was adopted.

Sabbath Observance.—C. P. Swain read the report of Committee on Sabbath Observance, which was adopted.

Dr. S. A. Keen.—H. S. Thompson presented the following resolution and it was adopted:

Whereas, We have enjoyed the earnest, consecrated ministrations of our brother in Christ, Dr. S. A. Keen, in connection with our Conference services, bringing great spiritual quickening into the devotional services, and marking this session of our Conference as one of very special revival influence and power, therefore,

Resolved, That the Wilmington Annual Conference hereby expresses its cordial appreciation of the spirit and usefulness of Dr. Keen, praying for the Divine blessing upon his chosen work and pledging to him a warm welcome to any future sessions of our Conference.

Apportionment for Academy.—J. B. Quigg presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be and are hereby directed to apportion \$1800 to the charges of the Conference for the Conference Academy to secure the interest on its bonded debt.

Episcopal Fund.—R. W. Todd moved Presiding Elders be a committee to apportion Episcopal Fund, the amount to be apportioned to be secured by the secretary.

J. P. Otis' Resolution.—J. P. Otis presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to print with the list of appointments the

names of the supernumerary and superannuated preachers, distributing them to the Districts within or nearest to which they may reside.

Periodicals.—The Secretary read the report of the Committee on Periodicals, which was adopted.

Church Extension.—W. F. Dawson presented the report of Committee on Church Extension, and it was adopted.

Conference Board of Church Extension.—T. E. Martindale presented the report of the Conference Board of Church Extension, which was adopted.

Life Directors.—R. W. Todd moved the designation of R. K. Stephenson, W. T. Vailant, I. L. Wood, Aloycius Green as Life Directors of the Maryland Bible Society.

Education.—S. M. Morgan presented the report of Committee on Education, which was adopted.

A Collection.—On motion of V. S. Collins a collection was ordered and taken—\$15 to be appropriated to buy minutes for families who had entertained the Conference and the rest to the Sexton.

Thanks.—A Committee on Thanks was named as follows: V. S. Collins, J. W. Easley, R. W. Todd.

Church Boards, Etc.—L. E. Barrett presented nominations for Board Church Extension, Domestic Missions, Church Location, and they were elected. The triers of appeals were announced and they were approved.

Question Submitted.—R. I. Watkins presented the following paper, which was adopted:

The Board of Examiners request the Conference to ask Bishop Hurst to submit to the Board of Bishops for their decision the following question:

Supposing the Annual Conference, meeting in March, has the right to set a date in June for the examination of the undergraduate minister upon a part of the Conference course of study—has the undergraduate minister the right to demand a re-examination on a book at the session of the Conference in March, having had a fair examination in June and failed to pass with the required average?

Alfred Smith's Resolution.—Alfred Smith presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That as a Conference we express our high appreciation of the wonderful address of our brother and co-laborer, John G. Woolley, delivered before the Conference on Friday night of the present session, and urgently request the committee of arrangements for the next session to secure him, if possible, for another address.

The Presiding Elders announced the appropriation of missionary money as follows: Dover District—Salem, \$100; Church Creek, \$15. Salisbury District—Cape Charles, \$200; Parksley, \$175; New Church, \$100. Wilmington District—Swedish Mission, \$625.

Resolution on Temperance Legislation.—Alfred Smith presented resolutions respecting pending temperance legislation, which, after discussion, were substituted by the following, offered by J. D. C. Hanna. The substitute was adopted by a ye and nay vote of 71 to 65.

Resolved, That this Conference is utterly opposed to the saloon in every form, and it is our earnest conviction that it should be abolished. While we reassert our opposition to all forms of license, yet it is our sentiment that at this time the Legislature of Delaware should pass the bill now before it from the Law and Order Society of Wilmington, and we will immediately send petitions from our charges to that effect.

Thanks.—R. W. Todd presented the following resolutions of thanks:

This, the 27th annual session of our Conference, in the hospitable town of Smyrna, Del., has been one of the most earnest, progressive, fraternal, spiritual and delightful of the entire series.

The hearty welcome and kindly entertainment extended to us, and the interest of the citizens in our business and anniversary sessions, exhibited in the enthusiastic crowds in attendance thereupon, have never been excelled, if indeed equaled in all our history.

The Presidency of our beloved Bishop Hurst, has been both an inspiration and a benediction, and we shall ever welcome his return.

Our esteemed brothers and sisters of all churches of this beautiful town, together with the pastor of our church, Rev. A. Stengle, the faithful "doorkeeper of the House of the Lord," the Odd Fellows' for their Hall, the Trustees for this building, the sweet-voiced singers of Israel for their songs, and all who have so generously contributed to our comfort and happiness, are entitled to receive, and we hereby vote them the strongest expression of our appreciation and gratitude the English language can frame and emphasize.

Our thanks are also extended to the various railroad companies for the favors granted.

V. S. Collins' Resolution.—V. S. Collins offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Wilmington Conference needs, and ought to have, a religious weekly newspaper, owned and controlled by this Conference.

Resolved, That a committee of ten be appointed, consisting of one minister and one layman from each District and one of each at large, to consider this matter and report at the next session of this Conference some method to secure this desired result.

The Committee ordered by the foregoing resolutions was nominated and elected as follows: Dover District—C. A. Grise, W. F. Causey. Easton District—W. R. Mowbray, J. F. Dawson. Salisbury District—C. A. Hill, W. H. Dashiell. Wilmington District—T. E. Terry, C. M. Leitch. At Large—V. S. Collins, Joseph Pyle.

Missionary Sermon.—S. J. Morris was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at the next session, with T. A. H. O'Brien as alternate.

Collection.—A collection was taken amounting to \$40. Fifteen dollars was paid to the Secretary to furnish minutes to Smyrna and the balance was paid to the Sexton.

Ministerial Qualifications.—It was ordered that the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications be continued through the year as other Examiners.

Adjournment.—It was ordered that after the reading of the Journal the Conference adjourn. The Bishop announced the hymn, led the Conference in prayer, made an impressive address, read the appointments and pronounced the Benediction.

Reports.

I.—EDUCATION.

Education loses its conventional aspects when viewed as the leading out of a deathless spirit, made in the image of the Eternal. Its purpose is the development of a faultless humanity, according to the divine model. As our ideal of education approximates the divine ideal, so will our educational institutions aim at and in their methods seek to reach this result. In trend with this ideal and to unify our educational work, the last General Conference authorized a University Senate. Its mission is to "Determine the minimum equivalent of Academic work in our church institutions for graduation to the Baccalaureate degree." It is also mandatory that "The curricula thus determined shall provide for the historical and literary study of the Bible in the vernacular." This is a great advance over the past. The application of this plan is with the Board of Education. This Board reports through its secretary that more than forty colleges during the last year have elevated the standard of graduation according to this required plan. The Secretary of this Board of Education also reports one thousand five hundred and thirty-nine students from twenty-four nationalities aided during the last year, three-fourths of whom are preparing for the ministry or missionary work. Twenty-eight of these students are from the territory of the Wilmington Conference, and they have been aided the past year to the amount of \$1140.50, which is only \$75.96 less than this Conference contributed to the Board of Education.

Last year our Children's Day collection decreased \$243. We urge upon every pastor the observance of Children's Day this year, and the use of the program prepared by the board.

We notice, with great pleasure, the growing popularity and success of our Wilmington Conference Academy. Dr. Reed, of Dickinson College, voiced the sentiment of the Methodists of this Peninsula when he said that this institution is second to none of its kind in the country. Our people should be active in increasing its patronage and in liquidating its indebtedness.

Princess Anne Seminary affords great facilities for the preparatory education of both sexes of the colored youth of the Peninsula.

Morgan College gives large opportunity to the colored youth in this territory, as well as elsewhere, to secure advanced education.

Woman's College is six years old, has four college homes and a new Latin Hall. All departments are full and the accommodations are inadequate to meet the demands of the increasing patronage. This institution has accomplished wonderful things for her years.

Dickinson College continues to advance in educational facilities and in consequent usefulness. The reports for the present year are more favorable, in some respects, than in any preceding year of her history. The number of students—337—in all departments is in excess of any other time; and this in the face of a financial depression that has doubtless hindered many from attendance. There has been a further advance this year in the College curricula, and, therefore, in the required scholarship, both for admission and for graduation.

This, perhaps, is one reason for such large increase in the number of students. There is now in contemplation the building, in the near future, of a commodious Recitation Hall, which when completed, will perhaps equal any on the College campus. Large gifts of money, have already been received for that purpose. It is expected to have the building completed within a year from now. President Reed, you remember, reported a few days ago to this body a recent gift of \$40,000 to the Endowment Fund. With an additional college building now and then, with constantly increasing apparatus for use in educational work in the college, with as able a corps of teachers as can be found in almost any college East or West, and with a cost to the student that makes a full college course available to any one who has push and purpose, Old Dickinson, as useful as she has been in the past, is certain to surpass that record in the future.

Drew Seminary continues to grow in material and intellectual strength and usefulness. The completion of the new dormitory gives to her the most complete material equipment of any theological school in Methodism. Her equipments for intellectual work are second to none. She is fitted more than ever to prepare laborers for the Master's vineyard, and should secure more liberal patronage on the part of those seeking admission to our Annual Conferences.

Boston University gives great opportunities for advanced professional and post-graduate study. Its school of theology, the oldest in our Methodism, by its scholarships and brains, its free tuition and free rooms, affords splendid advantages to persons studying for the ministry.

A great and representative Christian University is being founded in our National Capital. A magnificent site of eighty-eight acres at the north west end of Massachusetts avenue, costing \$100,000, and now worth five times that amount, has been donated by the citizens of Washington, and a charter has been received from Congress. Additional to the site, \$500,000 in money is in the treasury. Seventy-four thousand dollars has also been contributed for Asbury Hall, of which amount the Wilmington Conference contributed \$5,145. American Protestantism designs to equip this institution so that students who are to be the leaders of thought in the western world shall be prepared for the highest grade of work, and for special and original research, without resorting to foreign universities.

The location of the University in Washington gives incomparable advantages because of its proximity to the scientific and literary institutions of the general Government, all of which, by special Act of Congress, are thrown open to all scientific students without any cost to them. The University proposes to receive as students young men and women who shall have completed their academic studies and received their first degree.

The institution is designed to represent the highest form of Christian education, to be an exponent of the best forces of Christian thought and activity, and to express, at this center of our civil and political influence, the firm faith of our people and their devotion to Christ and His kingdom.

II. CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Church Extension Society is an important factor in the work of the church in spreading the gospel through the land, being second only to the work of the Missionary Society, and should be so considered by all of our people. It is highly important that the 2500 homeless congregations in this country be provided with houses of worship, since no society can long survive and accomplish its mission without a church home, and since it is the purpose of church extension to encourage the building of churches for the homeless congregation

by gifts and loans, it is the duty and should be the privilege of Methodist people everywhere to contribute liberally for this noble purpose. It is gratifying to know that in the 28 years of the society's history it has aided more than 9600 congregations to secure houses of worship, many of whom would be homeless and scattered but for timely help from this source.

We recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

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 a hundred millions of people, and that the powers of evil are intensely active, demands that the work of church extension shall immediately be greatly enlarged and more than doubled 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 all our churches to respond in full to the call made upon them in pursuance of the plan of the Discipline.

III.—FREEMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

The Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church appeals to us as one of the great educational forces of the day, deserving the earnest prayers and best efforts of our people.

It must be borne in mind that the work of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society looks to the establishment and maintenance of institutions for Christian education in the Southern States for colored and white people.

In the sixteen Southern States which constitute the field of work, there is a population of 15,549,351 white people and 6,889,152 colored people. There are 16,166,345 over ten years of age and 4,479,729, or 27.8 per cent. of these can neither read nor write. The population is divided by races as follows: White, 11,295,435, of whom 1,545,286, or 14.1 per cent. are illiterate. Black, 4,870,910, of whom 2,935,441, or 55.2 per cent. are illiterate. We have abundant reason for encouragement from the result of the work of the society. In the last ten years the illiteracy has decreased 8.2 per cent.

In the language of the Secretaries of the Society: "The distressful embarrassment of the Society during the last year has led to such curtailing of expenses as to require painful sacrifices on the part of our teachers, who have been deprived of $\frac{1}{4}$ of their salaries for the year. This was necessary to provide against further indebtedness. Ought not each preacher to feel the same interest in the salary of a brother or sister teacher that he would feel in his own? If we could secure the apportionment asked of the annual Conference for three consecutive years, we could not only pay our teachers their salaries in full but would be able to pay the entire accumulated indebtedness of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society." The Apportionment to the Wilmington Conference for the coming year is four thousand dollars. This amount is used in our own territory, and goes to help support Morgan College of Baltimore and Princess Anne Academy, Md.; and Lynchburg, Virginia. These schools are all doing splendid work and deserve our help.

No better work is being done anywhere in the South than in the schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church. We have educated more than one hundred thousand students since the close of the war, and have now in our schools nearly ten thousand students.

A great majority of the colored physicians, a large share of the colored teachers and most of the colored preachers in all the States of the South have been educated in our Methodist schools. These facts, we think, ought to stir us as a Conference not only to take a collection in every charge, but to make honest effort to raise our full apportionment.

We earnestly commend to our pastors and people the increased circulation of the Christian Educator, published at 50 cents per annum or \$1.00 for four years. Any pastor desiring suitable literature for distribution can obtain the same on application to the Secretaries of the Freedman's Aid Society.

Your committee recommend that the amount asked of our Conference be apportioned among the Districts and Charges as required by the Discipline.

IV.—SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Believing the Sabbath to be an institution of God for the benefit of man's physical, mental and spiritual faculties, we can but tremble at and protest against the spirit of indifference and desecration which seems to prevail.

We feel that all proper means should be employed to stop the running of trains and steamboats and the operation of mills and factories, which occasions a great degree of manual labor and robs the laboring man of the rest he so much needs for his body and mind, of the opportunity which the Sabbath affords him to cultivate his spiritual nature, and of the association with his family, so necessary in maintaining filial regard between members of the home.

We feel it to be our duty to protest against the allowing of any trade or traffic at camp meeting more than is strictly necessary for the sustenance of man and beast, or that will in any way occasion Sabbath desecration. And recommend that, so far as practicable, our people discourage the holding of camp meetings on the Lord's Day.

We rejoice however, to know that so far as our observation goes, more restrictions are thrown around the Sabbath at camp meetings than formerly. We believe it to be a matter of great concern to the Church inasmuch as it is deleterious to her progress and to a deep spiritual experience for her members to take and read the Sunday newspapers, and we request our people to protest against them. But the most startling signs of disregard for the Sabbath are found in high places, where law-making bodies are laying precedents for future legislative action, and therefore we condemn as unwise, impious, unpatriotic and illegal the action of Congress in holding its sessions on the Sabbath, and also earnestly pray that the Mayors of our cities and their following who would subvert the Sabbath to the interests of the saloon keeper may, by Christian loyalty to God and his institutions, and by the intervention of Divine Providence, be turned from their evil purpose.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Foreign Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in Boston, 1869. The subsequent history demonstrates that it was of divine appointment and therefore has a right to be.

The faithful leaders of this great cause, by their untiring zeal and Christian heroism have given it a new impetus, as reports will show. In the first year of its existence it had 700

auxiliary societies. The society began in a feeble way and has grown to more than 150,000 members. This little acorn planted twenty-six years ago—never to diminish nor decay—will continue to grow until it fills the whole world. The contributions of the Wilmington Conference for this year are \$1,771.75, an increase over last year of \$382.81.

There are 175 pastoral charges in the Conference, with only thirty-six charges as reporting contributions. So that with increased charges, members and needs there have been an increase of societies. We earnestly recommend the pastors in every charge to consider the importance of organizing a society among the ladies of their several churches and urging the necessity of co-operation in this glorious work of saving the women of the world, and we also recommend an increased effort for the circulation of the Heathen Woman's Friend and the Heathen Children's Friend, both of which are calculated to inspire interest in the missionary work by informing us as to the special manner of the work in those fields. We also recommend that special anniversary services be held in connection with this society at each Conference session.

VI.—WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The work and Mission of The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church bears an intimate relationship to the general work of the church. By its noble work of caring for the needy, educating the ignorant, and saving the lost in our great centres of population, as well as providing for the destitute in all parts of our own land it is carrying on the work of God, and thus becomes a powerful auxiliary of the Church.

It is a gratifying to know that Deaconesses' Homes and Industrial Schools are already established in many of our principal cities, and Indian Training Schools on the Reservations; and notwithstanding the great financial stringency through which we have just past, and the fact that no State appropriation has been received for the support of Methodist schools, these noble women, true to the mission of the Society, have remained at their posts although the remuneration received was far from being commensurate with the services rendered. Many ministers and their families on the frontier, have also been kept from absolute starvation by the help of the Society during the period of destitution of the last Winter.

We, your committee, pray for a continuance of God's smile of blessing and prosperity upon this excellent organization of the church; and commend the cause of Home Missions to every member of the Conference as being worthy of his hearty co-operation and support.

VII.—TRACTS.

The importance and value of tracts cannot be overestimated and should be prayerfully and systematically distributed in all of the charges in our Conference. They are a voiceless but mighty factor in the world's evangelization. In all languages they tell the story of love and redemption, they go where a missionary has no access and where ministers cannot enter. They appeal and continue to appeal again. There ought to be a revival of tract distribution on our charges and a revival of interest in the tract collection. There are a dozen charges who pay nothing and over three dozen who pay only one dollar. It ought not so to be. Put the tract committee to work.

VIII.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We are still in but a vigorous childhood of Sunday school work. The present is one of victory and conquest and the future is one of glorious promise. Sunday school work is an

important factor in the advancement of the Church and the spread of the kingdom of our Christ.

The work is widening and developing in efficiency and power. Every year hundreds of new schools are added to the already magnificent number. We do not believe in union schools. We do believe in Methodist Episcopal schools being so from foundation to capstone.

The future intelligence and piety of our children and young people depend to a large degree on the Sunday school training. The best books should be in our libraries; the most intelligent study and teaching of God's Word should be given. The superintendent and officers and teachers should be the most spiritual members of the Church. The dancing, card-playing, theater-going superintendent, officer, teacher, organist is an injury and a curse to the cause of Christ. There should be a trained band of teachers in our schools. Every school should have its Normal Class for the training of teachers.

And we do not believe there is any need or necessity why any Methodist Sunday School on this Peninsula should be closed for three or six months during the year.

This committee would call attention to three things:

First. The importance of using the catechism in all our schools and the attendance of the children on the preaching services of the church.

And second. To the importance of using our own literature in our schools.

And third. That our churches are not raising enough money for the Sunday School cause.

Our Conference is asked to raise \$790.00 for this work and we raised only about \$473.00. There are on the Wilmington District three charges who pay nothing and fifteen who give only one dollar—a kind of apology. There are on Salisbury District three who paid nothing and sixteen who paid only one dollar; on Easton District, seven who paid nothing and fourteen who paid one dollar; on Dover District three who paid nothing and twenty who paid one dollar.

Let our churches during the coming year raise their full amount for this important cause.

IX.—BIBLE.

With profound interest and pleasure we speak of the Book of all books. We should be criminal indeed, were we to ignore the means which brings to our land righteous principles, to our homes harmony, to our hearts peace, which puts new life in society, holy zeal in business, and is the greatest educator in the land.

The Bible is such a boon, and with the one and one-half million copies issued in 1894, with the two million copies to be issued during 1895, we trust the nations must be largely made better and happier.

When other means fail to cheer humanity, the Bible prompts the heart to look up and see God's beauties everywhere visible to the eye of faith. Is the path dark? God's Word reveals unmistakable light. Is the traveler's way obscure? God says tenderly through the record of his will: "I am the way." Does the human soul shudder at the endurance of poverty? The Bible tells us of our Father's exhaustless riches.

It is evident that all classes need this Divine Book and many are dying spiritually without its boundless treasures.

Left to themselves, the numerous discordant elements must eventually result in anarchy and crime. But the Bible binds and centralizes the good among the nations. The education of the masses, temporal prosperity, higher civilization, the adjustment of labor and capital, the overthrow of the saloon—all these can be accomplished if Bible religion rules.

The more opposition the Sword of the Spirit encounters the more it spreads, and we hope the day is not far distant when it will be heartily read daily in every Christian home, by every class also, the mechanic, the farmer, the business man, the professional, the rich and poor, the young and old.

While, as Bishop Hurst said, the Bible is no more true to us than to our fathers, many of whom were ready to lay down their life rather than surrender this treasure, yet with the hundred discoveries within the past twenty-five years, increasing our opportunities for more thorough research, we realize that with the increased light increased responsibilities are upon us.

We heard with pleasure the clear, forcible, and far-reaching lecture of our Presiding Bishop Hurst, diffusing light upon the study of the Scriptures, and we hope that by historical research and scientific investigations this lecture shall prove to all who heard, and many others, a thing of lasting benefit.

Our sense of appreciation would be stupid were we to fail to endorse the splendid work done in the Bible interest by the Rev. Wm. W. Moffett, D. D. District Superintendent of Bible work for New Jersey, Delaware and Staten Island, and also by Rev. R. W. Todd, of our own Conference, and agent of the Maryland Bible Society.

We also heartily endorse the action of our last General Conference, in the measure it took in incorporating in every Methodist college curriculum the study of our English Bible.

We much regret to report a falling off of the collections for the cause during the past year, evident as it is that financial depression increases the demand for the Bible. Where business is good many can afford to purchase Bibles to whom they must be given in dull times. We earnestly urge the friends of this Holy Book to make an effort to largely increase the collections in behalf of this sacred work during the coming year.

Resolved, That all moneys collected for the Bible cause within the Maryland Territory of the Wilmington Conference, shall be devoted to the work of "The Maryland Benevolent Society," and that portion collected within the State of Delaware shall be given to the work of the cause in Delaware.

X.—PERIODICALS.

We regard the Christian Advocate, the Methodist Review, the Gospel in All Lands and the Epworth Herald as very important in the interests of our church, and that we should subscribe for and circulate them as extensively as possible.

The Review should be found upon the study table of all our pastors. The Advance, a Chicago congregational paper, says: "The Methodist Review is a thoughtfully edited, rich, live, strong Review, a credit to the denomination, a necessity to every intelligent and aspiring Methodist minister who has any sense of responsibility for intellectual as well as spiritual leadership among his people."

The Christian Intelligencer, New York (Dutch) Reformed paper, says: "No Review gives so much for the money as the Methodist. It must be a great help to the young minister of that church."

The Advocate and the Gospel in All Lands should be taken and read by all our people, and especially by all the officials of the church.

The Epworth Herald should be taken by our young people.

In view of the fact that generous dividends are received by this, as by other Conferences, annually from the profits of the Methodist Book Concern, we recommend that our preachers and people patronise the same whenever practicable.

XI.—AUDITORS' REPORT.

Your Committee appointed to audit the various accounts of the Conference funds beg leave to present the following report: Rev. L. E. Barrett, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, received of the Missionary Society, \$625.00; paid to the Swedish Mission, \$625.00. Received of Joseph Smithers, Treasurer of the Domestic Missionary Fund, for the purchase of building lot in East Lake, \$75.00; paid on cost of lot in East Lake, \$75.00. Received of Joseph Smithers, Treasurer of the Domestic Fund for Pastoral Support, \$256.00, and disbursed as follows: East Lake, \$40.00; Christiana, \$40.00; Elk Neck, \$31.00; Claymont, \$40.00; Marshallton, \$40.00; Charlestown, \$25.00; Mt. Lebanon, \$25.00; Mt. Pleasant, \$15.00; total, \$256.00.

Rev. A. Smith, Presiding Elder of Easton District, received of Joseph Smithers, Treasurer of the Domestic Fund, \$243.00, and distributed among the following Charges: Wye and Star, \$10.00; Trappe, \$40.00; Crumpton, \$25.00; Royal Oak, \$50.00; Talbot Circuit, \$50.00; Appoquinomink, \$18.00; Ingleside, \$50.00; total, \$243.00.

Rev. R. H. Adams, Presiding Elder of Dover District, received from Missionary Society, \$225.00, paid to the following charges: Dorchester Circuit, \$155.00; Madison, \$35.00; Salem, \$65.00; total, \$225.00. Received of Domestic Fund, \$254.00, disbursed as follows: Little Creek, \$45.00; Zoar, \$20.00; Madison, \$25.00; Armory, Dover, \$30.00; Georgetown Circuit, \$10.00; Dorchester Circuit, \$25.00; Hooper's Island, \$65.00; overpaid last year, \$30.00; total, \$250.00; balance in hand, \$4.00.

Rev. W. F. Corkran, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, received of Joseph Smithers, treasurer of the Domestic Mission Fund \$341.00, disbursed as follows: Barren Creek, \$25.00; New Church, \$13; Reed's Wharf, \$50; Berlin, \$25.00; Sharptown, \$25.00; Westover, \$59.00; Newark, Md., \$25.00; Chance, \$40.00; Mardela Springs, \$25.00; Princess Anne, \$50.00; Stockton, \$20.00; total, 357.00; paid out in excess of receipts, \$16.00. Received of Missionary Society, \$475.00, paid to the following charges: Cape Charles, \$200.00; New Church, \$100.00; Parksley, \$175.00; total, \$475.00. Rev. C. A. Grice, Conference treasurer, received from collections, \$39,785.00; paid out, \$39,765.00; balance in hand, \$20.00. Rev. E. H. Nelson, trustee of funds, placed in his hands, received, \$416.00; paid out April 10th, 1894, \$104.00; July 10th, 1894, \$104.00; October \$104.00; January 8th, 1895, \$104.00; total, \$416.00. We have received vouchers for all the above accounts and find them correct.

XII.—CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Conference Board of Church Extension begs leave to submit the following report of the work done during the past year within our bounds: Two meetings of the Board were held, the first at Fletcher Hall, Wilmington, May 8, 1894, and the second in the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Dover, on June 13. The report of the Treasurer showed that the sum of \$2422.00 had been paid to the Treasurer of the Parent Board during the month of April, 1894. The following recommendations were made for donations: Kingswood, \$450; Zoar, \$125; Pepper's, \$100; Trinity, \$150; Saxton's, \$50; Church Creek, \$100; Williamsburg, \$150; Redden, \$150; Sound, \$150; Airey's, \$135; Berlin, \$400; Massey's, \$100. For loans—Zoar, \$100; Pepper's, \$100. The appropriation of \$125 made to McCauley's was requested to be transferred to Zoar.

The Parent Board has granted and paid the following donations: Silverbrook, \$460; Bowers, \$50; Sound Church, \$150; Redden, \$150; Little Blackwater, \$150; Airey's,

\$125; Church Creek, \$100; Zoar, 120; Williamsburg, \$150; Berlin, \$400; Pepper's, \$100. The following are on file in the general office awaiting the fulfillment of conditions: Massey's, \$100; Epworth, \$460; Kingswood, \$450. These, if paid, would leave a balance to our credit of \$44.24.

Loans outstanding at the end of the last fiscal year, October 31, 1894: Locust Grove, Md., 1881 (bal.), \$199; Hallwood, Va., 1886 (bal.), \$267.33; Pittsville, Va., 1887 (bal.), \$75; Little Creek, Del., 1887, \$600; Read's Wharf, Va., 1888, \$250; Chincoteague Island, Va., 1888 (bal.), \$20; New Church, Va., 1888, \$200; Hoopersville, Md., 1890, \$150; Madison, Md., 1890, \$250; Lakesville, Md., 1890, \$300; Barren Creek Springs, Md., 1893, \$200; Leipsic, Del., 1893, \$600; Habnab, Md., 1894, \$400; Zoar Church, Sussex County, Del., 1894, \$100. Wesley Church, Wilmington, returned her loan of \$400.

XIII.—EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Another year's history of the Epworth League within our Conference bounds confirms our faith in the great usefulness of this organization. With gratitude to God we mention the reports of widespread interest in this Young People's Society throughout our whole church. Filled with the enthusiasm of youth, the strength of middle life and the wisdom of old age, and above all, baptized with the Holy Ghost, this organization promises much for the Methodism of the Twentieth Century. In this Conference we have about 125 chapters, with about 7,500 members. This is very far short of what ought to be. In very many cases the inspiration and energy of the League depends upon the interest and enthusiasm of the Pastor. We are persuaded that this organization, properly formed and wisely managed, is a right hand of help along every line of church work, and so a valuable auxiliary to the pastor. We encourage our pastors to see that chapters are formed in every charge and well cared for when they are formed.

We recommend the Epworth Herald to all our people young and old as a treasure of inspiration and enthusiasm.

We have been pleased to note the more general use of the reading course prescribed by the general cabinet. We seek not only to train up a band of young people who shall be devoted Christians and loyal Methodists, but shall be intelligent leaders in church and society.

The District Conventions held within our Conference have been inspiring and helpful. The Interdenominational Convention to be held at Chattanooga, Tenn., in June next, and the Second General Conference District Convention at Round Lake, promises to be of mammoth proportions, and we trust will generate much enthusiasm throughout our whole church.

Some of our Pastors stand aloof from the League, saying that we have too much organization in our churches already. There are some organizations that we do not want, while there are others which we must have. The Epworth League belongs to the latter class.

XIV.—HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

It is again my privilege to report our "Conference Historical Society," but on account of the absence of some and the engagements of others we failed to have a meeting of the managers; this, however, need not suffer by delay. The anniversary of our society was held and was an occasion of positive interest. The singing exercises were led by the Rev. Bro. Ewing, and prayer by the Rev. Dr. Caldwell. Rev. Bro. Amos read the 48th psalm. The Rev. Bros. Haynes and England were on the program as semi-centenarians. The former read a paper of stirring interest and the latter made some extemporaneous remarks, to be perfected

by a written address for the archives of our society. After this the chairman read a brief paper on "Recollections of Smyrna." The meeting adjourned with the Benediction by the Rev. Bro. Hanna. And now I am sure you will consider it in place when I mention the fact, suggested by this session of our Conference, and that is, in the roll of our territorial history—three bishops have been given to our Methodism—namely Emory, Scott and Hurst. Bishop Hurst has twice presided at our Conference and long may his life be spared. And bear with me when I mention another fact, personal to myself. It is this: At the roll call of this Conference I answered the 60th time to my name; thirty-three times in the Philadelphia Conference and twenty-seven times in the Wilmington Conference, and may there not be more to follow? Brethren and friends, see to it that the record of our Conference Historical Society be kept bright; bring the pew, the pulpit, the press and the Home into the sweetest harmony with the work, and may "God be with you till we meet again."

XV.—CONFERENCE ACADEMY.

The trustees of the Conference Academy most respectfully offer this, their report, for the year '93-94.

Prof. W. L. Gooding, who has so successfully managed the Academy for several years, has been engaged at the same salary and on the same conditions of last year, viz., \$750 and board for family. He has the purchasing of all the necessaries for the house and Academy, rendering an itemized account of all such purchases. The number of teachers for '94-95, 7. The enrollment of students is as great this year as last, but owing to the stringency of the times the boarders are fewer. Enrollment for present year, 148; female boarders this winter term, 17; male boarders this winter term, 36; female day students, 15; male day students, 40; female special students, (art and music), 127. The course of study is the same as last year, with the exception of the substitution of English Bible for formal elocution. The deportment of the students has been eminently satisfactory throughout the year, there being no complaints of any kind. Finances, gross receipts for '93-94, \$15,487.57; expenses, \$13,842.90; receipts exceed expenses, \$1,644.67. The buildings are in a fair condition, but need some repairs annually, their estimated value is \$75,000; mortgages, \$23,700; floating debt, \$1,000. It is with sorrow we report that two of our number have been called away by death, and two vacant seats made around the board which will be difficult to fill. Bro. E. M. Stevenson, trustee and honored treasurer, who passed to his reward on the 4th day of December, 1894, and Rev. N. M. Browne, who entered suddenly into the rest appointed for the children of God on the 4th day of February, 1895. These two brothers of precious memory were always at the post of duty and always willing and ready to do their share of work and assume responsibility in everything that was of interest or beneficial to the Academy. At a special meeting held Dec. 15th the trustees elected Bro. Wm. Dyer treasurer, leaving one vacancy to be filled by the Conference.

It may be of interest to the members of the Conference to have a few facts in relation to the earnings of the School for the last decade, ending with September, 1894. The gross earnings for that time have been \$141,118.49; collected, \$138,279.59. It is estimated that less than \$150 on each \$1000 will be ultimately lost. This, we think, is a good showing. A detailed statement prepared by the secretary of the Board of Trustees, C. H. B. Day, Esq., will soon be published broadcast throughout the Conference, and from this it will be seen with what faithfulness the ministers and laymen of the Wilmington Conference have cherished and sustained this noble institution after the years of its interesting history.

XVI.—TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION.

Whereas, The liquor traffic is the fruitful source of crime, pauperism, imbecility and insanity and is a great barrier to the progress of the Church of God, and

Whereas, This "sum of all villainies" continues to degrade and destroy the moral and spiritual nature of its victims and to blight and blast the peace and happiness of the people, and

Whereas, National and State legislation is largely responsible, not only for the continued existence, but for the increased growth and strength of this determined foe to all that is good,

Resolved, That we hold total abstinence to be the duty of the individual, and total prohibition to be the duty of the State. The sanctity of our homes, the perpetuity of our civilization and the stability of the government all require the eternal death of the liquor traffic according to law. We reiterate the language of the Episcopal Address of 1892: "In our judgment the saloon is an unmixed evil, full of diabolism, a disgrace to our civilization, the chief corrupter of political action and a continual menace to the order of society and the peace and purity of our homes." We are therefore opposed to all laws which license the business, they are immoral in principle and impotent for good, affording no protection against the ravages of the saloon. We denounce as immoral and unworthy of a Christian nation that policy of the Federal Government which collects a revenue tax from this infamous business which trades in the vices of the people. We denounce the Judas Iscariot-like cupidity of those people who advocate high license as an easy way for the State to raise a revenue—a revenue which is the price of the virtue and happiness of the people, which drips with the tears and blood of men and women and ought not to be put into the coffers of any State.

We denounce those planks in the platforms of political parties which speak against prohibitory laws in skilful phrases, whether they refer to "sumptuary laws" or to "personal rights and liberties." We denounce any political party which in the face of the evils of the traffic remains silent, for silence at such a time is criminal and cowardly. While we do not presume to dictate the political conduct of our people, we recommend the members of our beloved Church to do all they can by "voice, vote and influence to rescue the Republic" from the guilt and dishonor which have been brought upon it by criminal complicity with the liquor traffic.

We congratulate the temperance people of Cecil County upon the successful issue of their late Local Option election; the Law and Order League of Chestertown upon their brave fight against violators of the law in Kent County; the W. C. T. U. for progress made in their noble work; the courageous men and women among us who agitate the moral and political phases of the question; the people of Delaware particularly for their aroused sentiment in favor of prohibitory law.

We recommend that active measures be adopted in all our churches whereby our Temperance Committees may be made most efficient, and that gospel temperance instruction be given monthly in our Sabbath schools according to plans forwarded us by temperance bodies, and that our pulpits be used for temperance sermons as from time to time may be needful.

Pastoral Record.

Note.—Sy., Supernumerary. Sd., Superannuated.

- Adams, R. H.** 1872, Denton; 73-4, Church Hill; 75-7, Trappe; 78-80, St. Michael's; 81-2, Millington; 83-5, St. Paul's; 86-9, Middletown; 90-1, Easton; 92-5, P. E. Dover Dist.
- Alderson, G. T.** 1888-9, Queenstown; 90-2, Bishopville; 93-4, Federalsburg; 95, Princess Anne.
- Anderson, J. F.** 1888-9, Westover; 90, Parsonsburg; 91, Parksley; 92, Crumpton; 93-4, Pomona; 95, Talbot.
- Arters, J. A.** 1870-1, Gumboro; 72-4, Roxanna; 75-6, Berlin; 77-8, Deal's Island; 79-80, Annessex; 81-2, Stockton; 83-4, Kent Island; 85-6, Centreville; 87-91, Church Hill; 92-5, Greensboro'.
- Atkins, E. C.** 1877, E. N. Market; 78, Federalsburg; 79, Camden; 80-1, Galestown; 82-3, Leipsic; 84-5, Bethel and Glasgow; 86-9, Cecilton; 90-1, Madeley; 92-4, Onancock; 95, Berlin.
- Avery, W. E.** 1877, Snow Hill; 78-80, Rockland; 81-2, Elkton; 83-5, Crisfield; 86-7, Fairmount; 88-91, Mt. Salem; 92-5, Easton.
- Amos, J. E.** 1859-92, Balt. Conf.; 93, Union, Wil.; 94-5, Delaware City.
- Baker, C. S.** 1881-2, Pocomoke Circuit; 83-5, Tangier; 86-9, Delmar; 90, Deal's Island; 91-5, Asbury, Md.
- Barrett, L. E.** 1876-7, Epworth; 78-9, Red Lion; 80-1, Onancock; 82-4, Still Pond; 85-7, Port Deposit; 88-91, St. Paul's; 92-5, P. E. Wilmington Dist.
- Bell, J. E.** 1859, Wye; 60, Camden; 61, Talbot; 62, St. Michaels; 63, Smyrna Ct.; 64-95, Sy.
- Bounds, G. W.** 1890, Taylor's Island; 91, Church Creek; 92, Dover; 93-5, Cape Charles.
- Bowen, W. L. P.** 1876-7, Sharptown; 78-80, Fruitland; 81-3, Bethel; 84-5, Parsonsburg; 86-8, Smith's Is.; 89, Potter's Ldg; 90, Ellendale; 91, Cannon; 92, Newark, Md.; 93-5, Sy.
- Bowman, G. W.** 1885, Burrsville; 86-7, Beckwith; 88-9, Parsonsburg; 90-1, Mt. Vernon; 92, Bethel and Summit; 93, Wyoming; 94-5, Vienna.
- Brewington, J. A.** 1890, Read's Whf.; 91-2, Gumboro; 93, Vienna; 94, Conf. Acad; 95, Hurlock.
- Bryan, J. E.** 1857, Talbot; 58, Camden; 59, Easton; 60, Centreville; 61, Kent; 62, Chestertown; 63, Snow Hill; 64, Chestertown; 65, Sudlersville; 66-7, Millington; 68-70, Cecilton; 71-2, Camden; 73-5, Odessa; 76-7, Frederica; 78-80, Galena; 81-3, Newport; 84-5, Cambridge; 86-8, Asbury, Wil.; 89-90, Newport, 91-5, Rising Sun.
- Burke, Asbury.** 1886, Elk Neck; 87-8, Bethel and Summit; 89-90, Crapo; 91-3, E. N. Market; 94-5, Brandywine.
- Burke, G. W.** 1865, Georgetown; 66-7, Frankford; 68, Milton; 69-70, Lewes; 71-2, Beckwith; 73-4, Berlin; 75, Delmar; 76-7, Christiana; 78-9, Kent Is.; 80-1, Marydel; 82-3, Hillsboro'; 84-5, Harrington; 86-8, Federalsburg; 89-91, Onancock; 92, Lincoln; 93-5, Millington.
- Burr, Warren.** 1888-9, Girdle Tree; 90-4, St. Peter's; 95, Kingswood.
- Beauchamp, T. F.** 1892-3, Selbyville; 94-5, Smith's Is.
- Beauchamp, J. H.** 1894, Pocomoke Ct.; 95, Chincoteague.
- Benford, W. H.** 1892, Vienna; 93, Woodside; 94-5, Royal Oak.

- Budd, H. G.** 1894-5, Perryville.
- Caldwell, J. H.** 1845-65, M. E. Church, South; 66, Kentucky Conf. M. E. Church; 67-71, Georgia Conf.; 72-4, Still Pond; 75-7, Dover; 78-80, St. Paul's, 81-3, Dover; 84-5, P. E. Easton Dist.; 86-7; Prest. Del. College; 88-91, Frederica; 92-3, Sy.; 94-5, Sd.
- Carpenter, F. F.** 1888-9, Bishopville; 90, Cape Charles; 91, Little Creek; 92, Leipsic; 93-4, Townsend; 95, Hillsboro.
- Carroll, James.** 1865, Guthrieville; 66-7, Laurel; 68-9, Princess Anne; 70-1, Onancock; 72, Berlin; 73-5, Bridgeville; 76-7, Appoquinimink; 78-9, Galestown; 80-1, Nassau; 82-3, Beckwith; 84-5, Leipsic; 86-7, Greenwood; 88-90, Houston; 91-3, Millsboro; 94-5, Quantico.
- Chaires, W. W.** 1888, Shortley; 89-90, Somerset; 91, Smith's Is.; 92-3, Crapo; 94, Williston; 95, Sy.
- Chandler, Albert.** 1876, Hillsboro; 77, Sudlersville; 78, Woodlandtown; 79-81, Parsonsburg; 82, Annessex; 83, Sy.; 84-5, Delmar; 86-7, Sy.; 88-9, Ingleside; 90-1, Kenton; 92-4, Marydel; 95, Townsend.
- Cochran, F. J.** 1881-2, Chesapeake City; 83-4, St. George's; 85-7, Farmington; 88, Gumboro; 89-90, Trappe; 91-3, Nanticoke; 94-5, Farmington.
- Collins, J. M.** 1876, Sudlersville; 77, Denton; 78, Royal Oak; 97, Kent; 80, Appoquinimink; 81, Westover; 82-3, Worcester; 84, Ellendale; 85-6, Lincoln; 87, Church Creek; 88-90, Elliott's Is.; 91-2, Talbot; 93-4, Kenton; 95, Ingleside.
- Collins, V. S.** 1883, Dover and Cambridge; 84-5, Vienna; 86-7, Felton; 88-90, Scott; 91-3, Centreville; 94-5, New Castle.
- Compton, W. P.** 1888-90, Princess Anne; 91, Greenwood; 92-3, Bridgeville; 94-5, Chestertown.
- Conaway, G. S.** 1862, Berlin; 63, Newtown; 64, Halifax, Pa.; 65-6, Birdsboro, P.; 67, Nesquehoning; 68, Gumboro; 69, Harrington; 70, Sharptown; 71, Delmar; 72-3, Wyoming; 74-5, Gumboro; 76-7, Beckwith; 78-9, Lincoln; 80-2, Elk Neck; 83-5, Rock Hall; 86-8, Appoquinimink; 89-91, Marydel; 92-3, Trappe; 94-5, Christiana.
- Conner, James.** 1868, Denton; 69, Camden; 70, Lincoln; 71-2, Galestown; 73, Ellendale; 74, Delmar; 75-6, Roxanna; 77-9, Quantico; 80-1, Sharptown; 82-3, Parsonsburg; 84-5, Beckwith; 86, Burrsville; 87-8, Leipsic; 89-91, Tangier; 92-3, Mt. Lebanon; 94, Parksley; 95, Fruitland.
- Cooper, T. B.** 1892, Salem; 93-4, Hurlock; 95, Pomona.
- Corkran, D. H.** 1885, Townsend; 86-90, Epworth; 91-2, Hockessin; 93-4, Cecilton; 95, Lewes.
- Corkran, L. P.** 1881, Sudlerville; 82-3, King's Creek; 84, Queenstown; 85-6, Oxford; 87-8, Preston; 89-90, Greenwood; 91, Lincoln; 92-3, Delmar; 94-5, Marion.
- Corkran, W. F.** 1876, Millsboro'; 77, Harrington; 78-9, Barret's Chapel; 80, Leipsic; 81-2, Magnolia; 83-5, Gumboro'; 86-90, Asbury, Md.; 91-5, P. E. Salisbury Dist.
- Cross, E. L.** 1891-5, Prof. in W. C. Academy.
- Coursey, R. T.** 1887-8, Hurlock; 89-90, Cannon; 91-2, Harrington; 93-5, Snow Hill.
- Collins, E. H.,** 1895, Claymont.
- Dodd, Julius.** 1879, Federalsburg; 80, Harrington; 81, Vienna; 82-4, Red Lion; 85-6, Hockessin; 87, Mt. Pleasant; 88-90, Hockessin; 91, N. Y. Conf.; 92, Federalsburg; 93-94, St. George's; 95, Newport.
- Davis, A. D.** 1860-6, Erie Conf.; 67-8, Willow Grove; 69-71, Harrington; 72-4, Georgetown; 75, Madeley; 76-8, Mt. Pleasant; 79-81, Zion; 82-4, Denton; 85, Frankford; 86, Accomac, Va.; 87-8, P. E. Va. Dist.; 89, Roxanna; 90-1, Delmar; 92-4, Georgetown Ct.; 95, Sy.
- Davis, Edward.** 1869, Church Creek; 70-2, Trappe; 73-4, Sudlersville; 75-6, Smyrna Ct.; 77-8, Church Hill; 79, Christiana; 80-1, Epworth; 82-3, Newark, Md.; 84, Lincoln; 85-6, Bridgeville ct; 87-8, Nassau; 89-90, Quantico; 91-93, Bethel; 94-5, Rock Hall.
- Dawson, W. F.** 1884-5, Houston; 86-7, Vienna; 88-9, Millsboro; 90-2, Beckwith; 93-5, Magnolia.

- Derrickson, E. H.** 1884-5, Pocomoke Ct.; 86-7, Newark, Md.; 88-9, Sharptown; 90-2, Girdle Tree; 93-5, Mt. Vernon.
- DuHadway, W. J.** 1871, Sudlersville; 72-3, Lakesville; 74, Ch. Creek; 75-6, Hillsboro'; 77-9, Onancock; 80-1, Crisfield; 82-4, Frankford; 85-7, Georgetown; 88-90, Seaford; 91-5, Newark, Del.
- Dulany, H. S.** 1886-7, Holland's Is.; 88-90, Parkley; 91-4, Kingswood; 95, Onancock.
- DeVenish, O. W.** 1893, Royal Oak; 94, Burrsville; 95, Red Lion and Glasgow.
- Easley, J. W.** 1885-6, Girdle Tree; 87-8, Onancock; 89-91, Federalsburg; 92-3, Chestertown; 94-5, Centreville.
- England, W. F.** 1845, Laurel; 46, Cambridge; 47, Church Creek; 48, Snow Hill; 49, Accomac; 50, Salisbury; 51, Princess Anne; 52-3, Kelley South City Mission, Phila.; 54, Centreville; 55-6, Camden; 57-8, Greensboro; 59-60, Sudlersville; 61-2, Milford; 63-4, North East; 65-6, Odessa; 67-8, Union (Wil.); 69-70, Port Deposit; 71-3, Laurel; 74-6, Fairmount; 77-9, Lewes; 80-2, Harrington; 83-4, Pocomoke City; 85-7, Seaford; 88-95, Sy.
- Esgate, Jas.** 1866, Bridgeville; 67, Annessex; 68, Bethesda; 69, Quantico; 70, Chesapeake City; 71-85, Sy.; 86-95, Sd.
- Ewing, H. W.** 1887-9, Madeley; 90-2, Crisfield; 93-5, Port Deposit.
- Fogle, J. W.** 1889, Burrsville; 90-2, Queenstown; 93-94, Oxford; 95, Cheswold.
- Fosnocht, Isaac G.** 1868, Sudlersville; 69, Denton; 70, Kent; 71-2, Queenstown; 73, Frederica; 74, Crisfield; 75-6, Quantico; 77-8, Snow Hill; 79-80, Church Hill; 81, Hillsboro'; 82-4, Onancock; 85-6, Pocomoke City; 87-9, Galena; 90-2, Chesapeake City; 93-5, Camden.
- Fletcher, Frank.** 1887-9, West Va. Conf.; 90, Vienna; 91-2, Townsend; 93-4, Kent Island; 95, Galena.
- France, John.** 1856, St. Georges; 57, Brandywine, Pa.; 58, Oxford, Pa.; 59, Brandywine, Wil.; 60, New London; 62-3, Croziersville, Pa.; 64, Siloam, Pa.; 65-7, Brandywine; 68-70, Newark, Del.; 71-2, Millington; 73-4, Mt. Salem; 75-7, Cherry Hill; 78, St. Georges; 79-81, Newark, Del.; 82-4, Zion; 85, Smyrna Ct.; 86-90, P. E. Easton Dist.; 91-3, Scott; 94-5, Eastlake.
- Gardner, Edwin.** 1891-3, Elk Neck; 94-5, Marshallton.
- Geoghegan, J. H.** 1891, Cordova; 92, Wye; 93, Armory; 94-5, Hopewell.
- Given, Thos. N.** 1884-7, Va. Conf.; 88-9, Mt. Lebanon; 90, Stanton; 91, Somerset; 92-3, Fruitland; 94-5, Millsboro'.
- Graham, J. E.** 1889, New Church; 90, Pocomoke Ct.; 91, Powellville; 92-3, Burrsville; 94-5, Galestown.
- Gray, J. W.** 1888, Pocomoke Ct.; 89, Powellville; 90-1, Fruitland; 92-3, Smith's Is.; 94, Somerset; 95, Roxanna.
- Green, A.** 1890-1, Wyoming; 92-4, Greenwood; 95, Whitesville.
- Greene W. M.** 1873, Millsboro'; 74, Camden; 75, Bridgeville; 76, Felton; 77-8, Church Creek; 79-80, Bethel; 81-2, Kent; 83-4, Christiana; 85-6, Galestown; 87, Wyoming; 88-9, Beckwith; 90-1, Williston; 92-3, Farmington; 94, Nassau; 95, Sy.
- Grise, C. A.** 1879, Harrington; 80, Annessex; 81, Smith's Is.; 82-4, Berlin; 85-6, Onancock; 87-91, Brandywine; 92-5, Georgetown.
- Guthrie, W. B.** 1883, Pocomoke Ct.; 84-5, Westover; 86-7, Fruitland; 88-90, Holland's Is.; 90-2, Houston; 93-4, Gumboro; 95, Somerset.
- Givan, D. J.** 1895, Parksley, Va.
- Hammersley, J. W.** 1851, Laurel; 52, Princess Anne; 53, Salisbury; 54, Snow Hill; 55, Annessex; 56-7, Northampton; 58-9, Berlin; 60-1, Quantico; 62-3, Lewes; 64, Tremont, Pa.; 65-6, Camden; 67, Hillsboro; 68-70, Denton; 71-2, Cecilton; 73-4, Millington; 75-7, Kent Is.; 78-9, Georgetown; 80, Chesapeake City; 81-3, Charles-town; 84-6, Mt. Pleasant; 87-8, Chester; 89-90, Ch. Creek; 91-5, Sy.
- Hammitt, C. J.** 1882-87, Alabama Conf.; 88-9, Mt. Vernon; 90-1, Sy.; 92-5, Sd.

- Hanna, J. D. C.** 1874-80, M. E. Ch. South; 81, Pocomoke City; 82-3, Salisbury; 84-6, Deal's Is.; 87-8, Newport; 89-93, Asbury (Wil.); 95, Union.
- Hardesty, G. L.** 1883-4, Woodlandtown; 85-7, Magnolia; 88, Tangier; 89-90, Gales-town; 91-2, St. Georges; 93-4, Roxanna; 95, St. Peter's
- Harding, T. H.** 1871, Denton; 72, Hillsboro; 73-4, Queenstown; 75, Ch. Creek; 76-7, Galestown; 78-9, Sharptown; 80-2, Gumboro; 83-4, Quantico; 85-7, Mt. Vernon; 88-9, Newark; 90, Stockton; 91-2, Ingleside; 93-5, Charlestown.
- Hulburt, Merritt.** 1862-93, Philadelphia and other Conferences; 94-5, Grace.
- Hopkins, G. F.** 1885-6, Hurlock; 87, Dorchester; 88-93, Missionary to India; 94-5, Williston.
- Haynes, T. H.** 1843-71, M. E. Ch. South and Va. Conf.; 1872-4, E. N. Market; 75-7, Milford; 78-80, Smyrna; 81-2, Chestertown; 83-5, Newark, Del.; 86-7, Frederica; 88-90, Sudlersville; 91-2, Felton; 93, Lincoln; 94-5, Sy.
- Hill, C. A.** 1878, Bridgeville; 79, Princess Anne; 80-1, King's Creek; 82, Sassafras; 83, Epworth; 84-86, Cherry Hill; 87-90, Centreville; 91-5, Salisbury.
- Howard, J. H.** 1882-84, Va. Conf.; 85-6, Nanticoke; 87-89, Bridgeville; 90-92, Cambridge; 93, Lewes; 94-5, Asbury.
- Hubbard, James.** 1850, Annessex; 51, Snow Hill; 52, Quakertown, Pa.; 53, Cherry Valley, Pa., 54-95, Sy.
- Hunter, T. B.** 1869, St. Michael's; 70-1, Mt. Lebanon; 72-3, Brandywine; 74-6, St. Georges; 77, Chester; 78-80, Cherry Hill; 81, Roxana; 82-4, Del. City; 85-6, Chester; 87-9, Charlestown; 90-92, Cherry Hill; 93-5, Bethel.
- Hurst, W. O.** 1892, Cape Charles; 93, Queenstown; 94-5, Clayton.
- Hynson, E. H.** 1859, Troy Conf.; 60, Vermont Conf.; 64-70, Wyoming Conf.; 71-2, Preston; 73-4, Trappe; 75-7, Marydel; 78-9, Gumboro; 80-1, Quantico; 82-4, Roxanna; 85-7, Camden; 88-9, Zion; 90-2, Charlestown; 93-4, Appoquinimink; 95, Kent Is.
- Jaggard, Wilmer.** 1884, Shortley; 85-6, Ellendale; 87-8, Galestown; 89-90, Smith's Island; 91, Bethel; 92, Berlin; 93-4, Chesapeake City; 95, Silverbrook.
- Jones, G. P.** 1891-3, Chincoteague; 94, Selbyville; 95, Cherry Hill.
- Kemp, J. D.** 1872-3, Charlestown; 74-6, Rising Sun; 77-9, Chesapeake City; 80-2, Rising Sun; 83-4, Lewes; 85-7, Chestertown; 88-90, Georgetown; 91-4, Still Pond; 95, Sy.
- Koons, W. G.** 1886, Westover; 87-91, Wesley; 92-4, North East; 95, Cookman.
- Layfield, L. W.** 1871, Princess Anne; 72, Claymont; 73-5, Elk Neck; 76-8, Charles-town; 79-81, Bethel; 82-4, Claymont; 85-7, St. George's; 88-90, E. N. Market; 91, Magnolia; 92-3, Zion; 94-5, Epworth.
- Lecates, J. D.** 1892-94, Tilghman; 95, Madeley.
- Lindale, J. M.** 1879, Bridgeville; 80, Denton; 81-2, Woodlandtown; 83-4, Fruitland; 85-7, Pomona; 88-91, Bayside and Tilghman; 92-4, Cordova; 95, Sudlersville.
- Loller, W. H. S.** 1892, Rowlandville; 93-4, Wye; 95, Crumpton.
- Mace E. S.** 1885, Quantico; 86, Selbyville; 87-9, St. Peter's; 90, Preston; 91, Frankford; 92-4, Chester; 95, Cordova.
- Macnichol, E. C.** 1876, Camden; 77, Barrett's Chapel; 78, Epworth; 79-80, Charles-town; 81, Millsboro; 82-4, Pomona; 85-7, Still Pond; 88-90, Felton; 91-2, Sudlersville; 93-5, Pocomoke City.
- Martindale, T. E.** 1864, Easton; 65, Seaford; 66, Princess Anne; 67-8, Newtown; 69-70, Snow Hill; 71-3, Port Deposit; 74-76, Union; 77-79, Middletown; 80-83, P. E. Easton Dist.; 84-86, Dover, 87-90, Salisbury; 91-3, New Castle; 94-5, Milford.
- Maxwell, S. R.** 1889-90, Leipsic; 91, Vienna; 92-3, Frederica; 94-5, Nanticoke.
- McFarlane, W. R.** 1868, Greensboro; 69, Marydel; 70-2, Hillsboro; 73-4, Kent Island; 75-6, Church Hill; 77, Gumboro; 78-9, Marydel; 80-1, Princess Anne; 82-3, Deal's Island; 84, Stockton; 85-7, Roxanna; 88-90, Annessex; 91, Trappe; 92, Magnolia; 93-4, Berlin; 95, Georgetown Ct.
- McQuay, Newton.** 1873, Sudlersville; 74, Kent; 75-6, King's Creek; 77, Hillsboro';

- 78-9, Elk Neck; 80-1, Ellendale; 82-4, Marydel; 85, Kent Island; 86-9, Rock Hall; 90, Ingleside; 91-2, Stockton; 93-4, Sharptown; 95, Sy.
- McSorley, F. C.** 1873-4, Bridgeville; 75, Dorchester ct; 76, Royal Oak; 77, Kent; 78-80, Hillsboro'; 81-2, Trappe; 83, Harrington; 84-6, Laurel; 87-9, Crisfield; 90-2, Lewes; 93-5, Cambridge.
- Merritt, James B.** 1853, Centreville; 54, Talbot; 55-6, Frederica; 57-8, Middletown; 59-60, Dorchester; 61, Seaford; 62, Cambridge; 63-4, Easton; 65, Camden; 66-8, Centreville; 69-70, Chestertown; 71-2, Dover; 73-5, St. Paul's; 76-8, Odessa; 79-81, Still Pond; 82-3, Cecilton; 84, Smyrna Ct.; 85-95, Sy.
- Miller, E. H.** 1869, Lewisville; 70, Smyrna Ct.; 71-2, Bridgeville; 73, Harrington; 74-5, Barrett's Chapel; 76-7, Queenstown; 78-9, King's Creek; 80, Kent; 81-2, Royal Oak; 83, Chincoteague; 84-86, Sharptown; 87-88, Elk Neck; 89, Chincoteague; 90-91, Newark, Md.; 92-94, Whitesville; 95, Greenwood.
- Mitchell, J. M.** 1885, Bridgeville; 86-87, Houston; 88-9, Vienna; 90, Woodside; 91-3, Quantico; 94-5, Parsonsburg.
- Morgan, S. M.** 1887-89, Townsend; 90-1, Hillsboro; 92-5, Mt. Salem.
- Morris, S. J.** 1858-86, in other Conferences; 87, Tangier; 88, Harrington; 89 Greensboro; 90-93, St. Michael's, 94, Lewes; 95, Bridgeville.
- Mowbray, A. S.** 1883-4, Oxford; 85-6, Marydel; 87-90, Pocomoke City; 91-4, Newport; 95, Elkton.
- Mowbray, W. R.** 1886, Sassafras; 87-8, Royal Oak; 89-92, Pomona; 93-5, Smyrna Ct.
- Murray, W. L. S.** 1871, Gumboro; 72, Snow Hill; 73, Phoenix Station; 74, W. C. Academy; 76-7, Cambridge; 78-9, North East; 80-2, Middletown; 83-5, Asbury, 86, St. Paul's; 87-91, P. E. Wil. Dist.; 92-5, Dover.
- McFaul, D. F.** 1884, Millsboro'; 85, Fruitland; 86, Leipsic; 87-8, Crapo; 89-90, Elk Neck; 91, Pocomoke Ct.; 92-3, Somerset; 94-5, Bethel.
- McKinsey, F. E.** 1892, Massey; 93-4, Bayside; 95, Exmore.
- Neese, G. R.** 1879-93, in M. E. Church, South; 94, Houston; 95, Nassau.
- Nelson, E. H.** 1870, Annessex; 71, E. N. Market; 72-3, Kent; 74, Mt. Lebanon; 75-6, Chester; 77, St. Georges; 78-80, Frankford; 81-3, Federalsburg; 84-6, Newport; 87-9, Chesapeake City; 90-4, Galena; 95, Still Pond.
- Northrup, Van P.** 1892-3, Quindocqua; 94, Bishopville; 95, St. John's.
- Nutter, M. D.** 1890-92, Hurlock; 93-4, Beckwith; 95, Gumboro.
- O'Brien, T. A. H.** 1876, Snow Hill; 77, Fruitland; 78, Princess Anne; 79-80, Chincoteague; 81-3, Madeley; 84-6, Chesapeake City; 87-9, Cherry Hill; 90-2, Cecilton; 93-5, Fairmount.
- Otis, J. P.** 1872-8, in Va. and other conferences; 78-9, Cambridge, 80-1, Centreville; 82-4, Odessa; 85-7, Elkton; 88-90, Port Deposit; 91, Bridgeville; 92-3, Brandywine; 94-5, St. Michael's.
- Outen, J. P.** 1893-4, Williamsburg; 95, E. N. Market.
- Phoebus, Geo. A.** 1853, Seaford; 54, Cambridge; 55, Salisbury; 56, Princess Anne; 57-8, Quantico; 59-61, Minnesota Conf.; 62, Prin. Union Acad., Snow Hill; 63-4, Snow Hill; 65-6, Princess Anne; 67-9, Odessa; 70-2, Easton; 73-4, Smyrna; 75-6, Elkton; 77-8, Newark; 79-81, Laurel; 82, St. Georges; 83-4, Sy.; 85-95, Sd.
- Pilchard, S. N.** 1881-82, Wyoming; 83-4, Magnolia; 85, Stockton; 86-8, Frankford; 89-90, Del. City; 91-5, Laurel.
- Poole, J. W.** 1870, Bridgeville; 71-2, Harrington; 73, Federalsburg; 74, Snow Hill; 75-6, Fruitland; 77-9, Holland's Island; 80, Woodlandtown; 81-2, Church Creek; 83-4, Farmington; 85-7, Queenstown; 88-95, Sy.
- Prettyman, A. P.** 1882-3, Millsboro'; 84-5, Bayside; 86-8, Trappe; 89-91, Chester; 92-3, Del. City; 94-5, Zion.
- Prettyman, C. W.** 1868, Millington; 69-70, Dickinson College; 71-2, Leipsic; 73-4, Appoquinimink; 75-6, Sudlersville; 77-9, Centreville; 80-2, Lewes; 83-5, Union; 86-7, Newark, Del.; 88-92, Fairmount; 93-5, Seaford.

- Price, B. F.** 1836, Denton; 37, Kent; 38, Centreville; 39, Dover; 40, Asbury, Phila.; 41-2, Middletown; 43-4, Millington; 45-6, Easton; 47-8, Centreville; 49-50, Dorchester; 51-2, Princess Anne; 53-4, Talbot; 55, Newark; 56, Sy.; 57-8, Delaware City; 59, Minersville; 60, Mauch Chunk, Pa.; 61-2, Norristown, Pa.; 63-4, Central, Phila.; 65-6, Easton; 67-8, Milford; 69-70, Elkton; 71-2, North East; 73-4, Cecilton; 75-6, Greensboro; 77-9, Delaware City; 80-2, Kent Island; 83, Queenstown; 84-6, Madeley, 87-91; Christiana; 92-3, Hopewell; 94-5, Stockton.
- Prouse, J. T.** 1886, Quantico; 87, Ellendale; 88, Church Creek; 89-90, Nassau; 91, Annessex; 92, Mt. Vernon; 93-4, Talbot; 95, Kenton.
- Quigg, J. B.** 1850, Church Creek; 51-2, Berlin; 53, Princess Anne; 54, Worcester; 55-6, Quantico; 57-8, Dorchester; 59, Brandywine, Pa.; 60-1, S. Easton, Pa.; 62-3, Bethel; 64, Village Green, Pa.; 65, S. Chester; 66-7, Chestertown; 68, Kent; 69-71, P. E. Easton Dist.; 72-3, Agt. W. C. Academy; 74, Rehoboth; 75-8, P. E. Wil. Dist.; 79-81, Milford; 82-3, Laurel; 84-6, Smyrna; 87-91, North East; 92-4, Wesley; 95, Chester.
- Rawlins, P. H.** 1869-71, Berlin; 72-3, Annessex; 74-6, Snow Hill; 77-9, Smyrna Ct.; 80-1, Scott; 82-4, Georgetown; 85-7, E. N. Market; 88-92, Camden; 93-5, Harrington.
- Redman, W. W.** 1858, Smyrna Ct.; 59, Vernon, Del.; 60, Snow Hill; 61, Church Creek; 62, Worcester; 63-4, Frankford; 65-6, Quantico; 67, Milton; 68, Lincoln; 69, Bethel; 70-2, Church Hill; 73-5, Beckwith; 76-8, Millsboro; 79, Wyoming; 80-4, Sy.; 85-6, Woodlandtown; 87-8, Williston; 89, Fruitland; 90, Powellville; 91-5, Sd.
- Reese, J. D.** 1885, Chincoteague; 86-7, Bayside; 88, Pomona; 89-90, Royal Oak, 91-2, Appoquinimink; 93, Girdle Tree; 94, Crapo; 95, Williston.
- Rigg, J. D.** 1867, Cochranville; 68-70, Mt. Salem; 71-2, Zion; 73-5, Newport; 76-8, Port Deposit; 79-80, Newport; 81-3, Smyrna; 84, St. Michael's; 85-7, Sudlersville; 88-90, Still Pond; 91-5, Sy.
- Roberts, E. P.** 1884, Roxanna; 85, Bishopville; 86, Townsend; 87-90, Oxford; 91, Preston; 92-4, Milton; 95, Odessa.
- Roe, Robert.** 1873, Hillsboro'; 74, Talbot; 75, Sudersville; 76, Church Creek; 77-8, Lewisville; 79, Pocomoke City; 80-1, Berlin; 82-3, Sharptown; 84, Sy.; 85-7, Millsboro'; 88-9, Ellendale; 90-3, Rock Hall; 94-5, Trappe.
- Sanderson, Henry.** 1845, Soudersburg; 46, Radnor; 47, Kent; 48, Chatham; 49, Fulton; 50-1, Brandywine, Pa.; 52-3, Dauphin; 54-5, Zion; 56-7, Church Creek; 58-9, Lewes; 60-1, Annessex; 62-3, Harrington; 64-5, Smyrna Ct.; 66-7, Millsboro; 68, Sy.; 69-70, Christiana; 71-2, St. George's; 73-4, Chester; 75, Mt. Lebanon; 76-7, City Mission; 78, Port Penn; 79-85, Sy.; 86-95, Sd.
- Sharp, W. W.** 1886-7, Ingleside; 88-9, Kenton; 90-2, Kent Is.; 93-4, Hillsboro'; 95, Wesley.
- Scott, A. T.** 1858-9, Mt. Salem; 60-1, Crozierville; 62, North East; 63-4, Middletown; 65, Frederica; 66-71, Sy.; 72-80, Prof. W. F. College; 81-95, Sy.
- Sheppard, C. F.** 1859-60, Atlantic, Va.; 61-2, Laurel; 63-4, Georgetown; 65, Sy.; 66-9, located in Balt. Conf.; 70-2, Greensboro'; 73-4, Bethel; 75-6, Newark, Del.; 77-9, Mt. Salem; 80-2, North East; 83-4, Elkton; 85-6, Zion; 87-8, Del. City; 89-90, Frankford; 91-2, Princess Anne; 93-4, Sudlersville; 95, Marydel.
- Short, F. B.** 1891, Rowlandville; 92-5, Harrison Street.
- Smith, Alfred.** 1879-80, E. N. Market; 81-2, Oxford; 83-5, Greensboro'; 86-9, Cambridge; 90, Middletown; 91-5, P. E. Easton Dist.
- Smoot, T. C.** 1889, Stanton; 90, Mt. Lebanon; 91, Berlin; 92, Sharptown; 93, Leipsic; 94-5, Wyoming.
- Stengle, Adam.** 1870-1, Chincoteague; 72, Gumboro'; 73-4, Quantico; 75-6, E. N. Market; 77-9, Crisfield; 80-2, Union; 83-5, Middletown; 86-90, Union; 91-2, Port Deposit; 93-5, Smyrna.
- Stephenson, R. K.** 1878, Snow Hill; 79, Annessex; 80, Barrett's Chapel; 81-2, Appoquinimink; 83-5, Trappe; 86-8, Millington; 89-92, Smyrna Ct.; 93-5, Crisfield.
- Swain, C. P.** 1888-90, Hooper's Island; 91, Crapo; 92-4, Frankford; 95, Tangier.

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- Strickland, C. W.** 1892, Little Creek; 93-4, Elliott's Island; 95, Pocomoke Ct.
- Stengle, C. L.** 1895, Armory, Dover.
- Tabler, T. F.** 1886-89, Cincinnati Conf.; 90-1, Burrsville; 92-3, Williston; 94-5, Girdle Tree.
- ✓ **Talbot, W. F.** 1857, Smyrna Ct.; 58, Salisbury; 59, Snow Hill; 60, Georgetown; 61-2, Frankford; 63-4, Quantico; 65, Federalsburg; 66-7, Sy.; 68, Vienna; 69-71, Annapessex; 72-3, Accomack; 74-6, Harrington; 77-8, Camden; 79, Princess Anne, 80-81, Delaware City; 82-3, Westover; 84-95, Sy.
- Taylor, W. P.** 1886-92, at School; 93, Perryville; 94, St. John's; 95, Mt. Lebanon.
- Terry, T. E.** 1876-77, Leipsic; 78-9, Beckwith; 80-1, Seaford; 82-4, Centreville; 85-6, New Castle; 87-91, Dover; 92-5, St. Paul's.
- ✓ **Thompson, H. S.** 1858, Centreville; 59, Bridesburg; 60-1, Nineteenth St., Phila.; 62, New London; 63-4, Cambridge; 65, Dorchester; 66-7, Frederica; 68-9, Still Pond; 70; St. Georges; 71-2, Elkton; 73-75, Providence Conf.; 76-78, Newport; 79-84, N. H. Conference; 85-6, Easton; 87-9, Denton; 91-2, Odessa; 93-5, Felton.
- Todd, J. R.** 1887-9, At school; 90-5, Professor in W. C. Academy.
- ✓ **Todd, R. W.** 1853, Dover; 54, Easton; 55, Denton; 56, Kent Island; 57-8, Camden; 59, St. Georges; 60, Cambridge; 61-9, Sy.; 70, Laurel; 71-2, St. Paul's; 73, Rehoboth; 74, Felton; 75-6, Easton; 77-8, Milton; 79-82, P. E., Dover Dist.; 83-4, North East; 85-7, Snow Hill; 88-9, Chestertown; 90-1, Greensboro; 92, Ed. Conf. Chronicle; 93-4, Princess Anne; 95, Agent Md. Bible Society.
- Tomkinson, W. E.** 1871-82, N. Y. E. Conf.; 83, Chesapeake City; 84, Princess Anne; 85-6, Charlestown; 87-8, Sy.; 90, Claymont; 91-3, Mt. Pleasant; 94, E. N. Market; 95, Houston.
- Townsend, G. W.** 1876, Claymont; 77-8, Asbury, Md.; 79-81, Salisbury; 82, Pocomoke City; 83-5, Galena; 86-9, Hillsboro; 90, Bridgeville; 90-3, Denton; 94-5, Delmar.
- Turner, H. C.** 1891-2, Oxford; 93, Clayton; 94-5, Frederica.
- Valiant, W. T.** 1877-84, in M. P. Church; 85, Stockton; 86, Newark, Md.; 87-8, Cannon; 89-90, Magnolia; 91-2, Deal's Island; 93-4, Cherry Hill; 95, Milton.
- ✓ **Van Burkalow, J. T.** 1859, Smyrna Ct.; 60 Greensboro; 61, Harrington; 62, Frankford; 63-5, Chap. U. S. Army; 66, Airey's; 67, Atlantic; 68-70, Salisbury; 71-3, Federalsburg; 74-5, Kent; 76-8, Bridgeville; 79-81, Sudlersville; 82-3, Smyrna Ct.; 84-5, Cecilton; 86, Bethel and Glasgow; 87, Zion; 88-90, Mt. Pleasant; 91, Mt. Lebanon; 92-3, Galetown; 94, Lincoln; 95, Beckwith.
- Vandyke, T. R.** 1895, Parksley.
- Waddell, D. F.** 1874-9, Wyoming Conf.; 80, Red Lion; 81-2, Christiana; 83-4, Appoquinimink; 85, Berlin; 86-7, Gumboro'; 88-90, Nanticoke; 91, Galestown; 92-4, Madeley; 95, Lincoln.
- Walton, O. S.** 1879, Sudlersville; 80, Princess Anne; 81-2, Chincoteague; 83-5, Sassafras; 86, Cape Charles City; 87, Selbyville; 88-9, Red Lion; 90, Sy.; 91, Hopewell; 92-3, Annapessex; 94-5, Hockessin.
- ✓ **Walton, W. B.** 1848, Stoddartsville; 49, Schuylkill Valley; 50, Tremont Mission; 51, Bridesburg; 52-3, New Castle; 54-5, Kent Island; 56-7, Sudlersville; 58-9, Harrington; 60-1, Kent; 62, Chaplain U. S. Army; 63-4, Federalsburg; 65-6, Milton; 67-9, St. George's; 70-1, New Castle; 72-4, St. Michael's; 75-7, Georgetown; 78-80, Federalsburg; 81-3, Church Hill; 84-6, Salisbury; 87-9, St. Michael's; 90, Snow Hill; 91-2, Sy.; 92-5, Sd.
- ✓ **Warner, W. M.** 1853, Frederica; 54, Millington; 55, Hedding, Phila.; 56, Camden; 57-8, Denton; 59-60, Hillsboro; 61-2, Greensboro; 63-4, Sudlersville; 65-6, Harrington; 67-8, Sy.; 69-70, Felton; 71-3, Lewes; 74, Brandywine; 75-7, Millington; 78-80, Trappe; 81-2, Galena; 83, Stockton; 84-6, Wyoming; 87-8, Marydel; 89-90, Appoquinimink; 91, Leipsic; 92, Kenton; 93-4, Ingleside; 95, Sy.

- Watkins, R. I.** 1886, Bishopville; 87-8, Chincoteague; 89, Kingswood; 90-1, Chestertown; 92, Church Hill; 93-4, Odessa; 95, Cecilton.
- Watt, Robert.** 1885-7, Princess Anne; 88-9, Snow Hill; 90-3, Milford; 94-5, Scott.
- Webster, Z. H.** 1887, Quantico; 88, Fruitland; 89-91, Whitesville; 92-3, Tangier; 94-5, Denton.
- White, E. E.** 1866, Laurel; 67, Dorchester; 68, Snow Hill; 69, Bridgeville; 70-2, Quantico; 73-4, Milton; 75, Felton; 76-7, Red Lion; 78-80, Brandywine; 81-3, Cherry Hill; 84-5, Charlestown; 86-8, Smyrna Ct.; 89-92, Millington; 93-5, Church Hill.
- Wickline, J. S.** 1868-90, Virginia Conf.; 91-3, Nassau; 94, Bridgeville; 95, Frankford.
- Wilcox, G. W.** 1872, Newtown; 73-4, Sharptown; 75-6, Lewisville; 77-9, Berlin; 80-1, Mt. Pleasant; 82-3, Delmar; 84, Newark, Md.; 85-6, St. Peter's; 87, Berlin; 88-9, Farmington; 90, Millsboro; 91, Holland's Island; 92-5, Sy.
- Williams, C. H.** 1882, Bridgeville; 83, East New Market; 84-6, Church Creek; 87-9, Stockton; 90, Sharptown; 91-3, Marshallton; 94-5, Mt. Pleasant.
- ✓ **Williams, T. S.** 1857, Greensboro; 58, Willow Grove; 59, Talbot; 60, Sudlersville; 61, Hillsboro; 62-3, Berlin; 64, Kent Is.; 65-6, Sy.; 67-9, Trappe; 70-2, Bethel; 73-4, Greensboro; 75-6, Delaware City; 77-8, Laurel; 79-82, P. E. Salisbury Dist.; 83-4, Milton; 85-6, North East; 87-91, Sy.; 92-5, Cannon.
- Williams, W. S. H.** 1892, Holland's Is.; 93-5, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel.)
- Willis, D. H.** 1885-91, Va. Conf.; 92, Hooper's Is.; 93-4, Ch. Creek; 95, Williamsburg.
- Wise, W. A.** 1884-5, Kingswood; 86-87, Red Lion; 88-9, Cape Charles; 90, Berlin; 91-2, Pocomoke City; 93-4, Silverbrook; 95, North East.
- Wood, I. L.** 1884, King's Creek; 85-86, Royal Oak; 87-9, Lincoln; 90-1, Zion; 92-4, Elkton; 95, Middletown.
- Wood, Geo. E.** 1886, Crumpton; 87, King's Creek; 88-9, Hallwood; 90, Chincoteague; 91-4, Claymont; 95, Bishopville.
- Wyatt, C. T.** 1886, Chincoteague; 87, Westover; 88-9, Berlin; 90-2, Roxanna; 93-5, Deal's Island.
- Wilson, J. H.** 1886-91, Va. Conf.; 92, Parksley; 93, Preston; 94, Hooper's Island; 95, Tilghman.
- Wallin, F. O. B.** 1871-92, in Swedish work; 93-4, Swedish Mission, Wilmington; 95, Sy.
- Westerfield, H. A. G.]** 1893-4, at school; 95, Chesapeake City.
- White, W. L.** 1893-4, Cookman; 95, Federalsburg.

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 Hazzard, R. B. Hurlock, Md.
 Hodson, Jabez Wilmington, Del.
 Rich, James, Denton, Md.
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 Hammond, W. T. North East, Md.
 Harper, J. W. Still Pond, Md.
 Hancock, I. B. Franklin City, Va.
 Hendrickson, W. H. Centreville, Del.
 Hill, M. M. Delmar, Del.
 Gudgeon, A. M. Chestertown, Md.
 Gibbons, B. J. Pocomoke City, Md.
 Golt, Richard Dover, Del.
 Holland, M. F. Madison, Md.
 Jones, C. N. Dover, Del.
 Jones, J. W. Dover, Del.
 Jones, Elmer Carlisle, Pa.
 Jones, Jeremiah Gumboro, Del.
 Jones, A. C. Burrsville, Md.
 Johnson, W. W. Winchester, Md.
 Johnson, J. L. Rodney, Del.
 Kane, J. F. Summitt Bridge, Del.
 Leatherbury, P. A. Onancock, Va.
 Lednum, O. M. Bozman, Md.
 Lewis, Edward Dover, Del.
 McCoy, James Wilmington, Del.
 McLaughlin, J. F. Wilmington, Del.
 McNatt, W. J. Georgetown, Del.
 Mendenhall, Eli Wilmington, Del.
 Miller, W. T. Mechanics' Valley, Md.
 Milman, Jesse Ellendale, Del.
 Minner, Samuel Masten's Corner, Del.
 Nelson, Alonzo Lawsonia, Md.
 Nicholson, E. J. Selbyville, Del.
 Nicholson, Garrison Powellville, Md.
 Perkins, J. A. Chestertown, Md.
 Poole, L. E. Queenstown, Md.
 Prettyman, John Dover, Del.
 Pusey, Samuel Seaford, Del.
 Purks, W. T. Rockland, Del.
 Richardson, J. M. Church Creek, Md.
 Robinson, Eugene Madison, N. J.
 Roe, Herman Townsend, Del.
 Scott, J. H. Victor, Md.
 Sholl, Chas. Wilmington, Del.
 Shipley, W. S. Wilmington, Del.
 Simonson, J. N. Crisfield, Md.
 Spicer, W. H. Laurel, Del.
 Stimmel, W. Wilmington, Del.
 Stoops, J. D. Carlisle, Pa.
 Talley, J. W. Salem, Md.
 Talley, Nelson Wilmington, Del.
 Terry, G. R. New Church, Va.
 Tomer, Hugh Wilmington, Del.
 Todd, N. L. Toddville, Md.
 Todd, L. E. Wilmington, Del.
 Truitt, H. E. Spence, Md.
 Weldin, G. W. Wilmington, Del.
 White, H. P. Dame's Quarter, Md.
 White, John Wilmington, Del.
 Whiteley, Seth F. Marshallton, Del.
 Wiley, J. W. Madison, N. J.
 Wilkinson, J. W. Kimbleville, Pa.
 Williams, J. W. Chincoteague Isl., Va.
 Winder, E. J. Onancock, Va.
 Wilson, W. D. Lewes, Del.
 Wilson, J. M. Monie, Md.
 Wise, J. M. New Castle, Del.
 Wright, E. C. Leipsic, Del.
 York, C. S. Chestertown, Md.

In Memoriam.

"OUR CROWNED ONES."

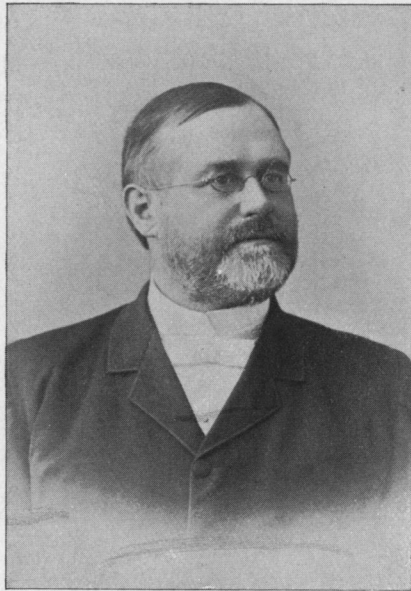
"They shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy."

Names.	Entd. Min.	Time of Death.	Place of Death.	Age.	Years Effective.
John E. Elliott,	1859	Nov. 8th, 1868,	Snow Hill, Md.	30	10
Thos. J. Quigley, D. D.,	1836	Oct. 19th, 1870,	Laurel, Del.	65	44
Daniel Titlow,	1850	Feb. 7th, 1871,	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	4
Amos A. Ewing,	1867	Jan. 19th, 1872,	Cecil County, Md.	30	4
Alfred Cookman,	1848	Nov. 13th, 1872,	Newark, N. J.	43	23
Jas. Augustus Massey,	1827	July 9th, 1891,	Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
James Brandreth,	1859	Oct. 3d, 1872,	Frankford, Del.	34	13
T. J. Thompson, D. D.,	1825	Nov. 29th 1874,	Wilmington, Del.	71	49
Robert E. Kemp,	1828	March 6th, 1875,	Greensboro, Md.	73	32
Wesley Kenney, D. D.,	1832	June 24th, 1875,	Smyrna, Del.	67	43
Henry Sutton,	1835	March 23d, 1876,	Philadelphia, Pa.	68	23
George A. Campbell,	1871	Sept. 7th, 1876,	Frankford, Del.	30	4
John W. Weston,	1862	April 23d, 1877,	Wilmington, Del.	38	15
John D. Curtis,	1837	July 25th 1877,	Wilmington, Del.	61	40
David R. Thomas,	1845	Feb. 13th 1878,	Wilmington, Del.	58	30
Andrew J. Crozier,	1870	Jan. 21st, 1879,	Wilmington, Del.	41	7
Joshua Humphriss,	1829	Jan. 23d, 1879,	Salisbury, Md.	78	41
Francis M. Chatham,	1868	May 29th, 1878,	Berlin, Md.	41	8
Edward G. Irwin,	1857	March 12th, 1879,	Wilmington, Del.	50	21
John Hough,	1848	March 27th, 1879,	near Trenton, N. J.	58	31
Thomas J. Williams,	1857	March 29th 1879,	New Castle, Del.	53	22
Wm. I. Bain,	1870	May 13th, 1880,	Pocomoke City, Md.	36	10
Wm. Urie,	1832	Nov. 13th, 1880,	Smyrna, Del.	70	42
Thomas F. Plummer,	1860	Feb. 2d, 1881,	Wilmington, Del.	44	8
Elijah Miller,	1833	April 15th, 1881,	Sudlersville, Md.	71	49
John W. Pierson,	1836	May 6th, 1881,	Wilmington, Del.	67	44
Francis B. Quigley,	1880	August 19th, 1881,	Hopewell, Md.	27	2
Thomas J. Prettyman,	1873	Feb. 27th, 1882,	Newark, Md.	36	9
Benj. W. Chase,	1865	Dec. 11th, 1882,	Seaford, Del.	48	17
Lucius C. Matlack, D. D.,	1837	June 24th, 1883,	Cambridge, Md.	67	46
I. T. Cooper, D. D.,	1834	April 12th, 1884,	Camden, Del.	78	26
Henry Colclazer,	1829	Dec. 18th, 1884,	Philadelphia, Pa.	75	55
John L. Taft,	1833	May 30th 1884,	Norristown, Pa.	72	41
John Shilling,	1869	July 22d, 1884,	Wilmington, Del.	52	15
Arthur W. Milby,	1842	June 13th, 1886,	Harrington, Del.	71	44
Elon J. Way, M. D.,	1840	July 5th, 1886,	Baltimore, Md.	75	26
Valentine Gray,	1839	Jan. 21st, 1887,	Gap, Pa.	72	42
Isaiah D. Johnson,	1881	March 4th, 1887,	Bridgeville, Del.	33	6
Wm. J. O'Neil,	1859	March 9th, 1887,	Church Hill, Md.	55	28
Jos. Dare,	1854	Oct. 22d 1887,	Newark Del.	56	32
Frank M. Morgan,	1886	Feb. 11th 1889,	Philadelphia, Pa.	34	3
William Merrill,	1849	Oct. 23d, 1889,	Upper Fairm't, Md.	75	28
Isaac N. Foreman,	1873	June 12th, 1890,	Lincoln, Del.	47	17
John Allen,	1841	Dec. 13th, 1890,	Brooklyn, N. Y.	72	33
Samuel T. Gardner,	1855	Jan. 3d, 1891,	Pivot Bridge, Md.	60	33
Samuel J. Baker,	1889	Sep. 22d, 1891,	Laurel, Del.	33	2
Thos. O. Ayres,	1870	Oct. 14th, 1891,	Delaware City, Del.	53	21
Thos. R. Creamer,	1873	Jan. 10th, 1892,	Milton, Del.	45	19
Vaughan Smith,	1840	Nov. 21st, 1891,	Wilmington, Del.	79	43
Charles Hill,	1845	June 22d, 1892,	Salisbury, Md.	70	47
James L. Houston,	1833	Sep. 18th, 1892,	Trappe, Md.	82	32
Alfred T. Melvin,	1865	Oct. 17th, 1892,	Bel Air Md.	52	24
Alfred A. Fisher,	1859	Dec. 12th, 1893,	Bridgeville Del.	62	17
Wm. B. Gregg,	1857	Jan. 24th, 1893,	Wyoming Del.	68	36
Joseph Robinson,	1847	Feb. 18th, 1893,	Perryman's, Md.	68	45
George Barton,	1835	March 19th 1893,	Church Hill, Md.	84	11
James A. Brindle,	1843	April 6, 1894,	Greensboro, Md.	73	48
Nicholas M. Browne,	1860	Feb. 4, 1895.	Middletown, Del.	58	35



THE LATE REV. JAMES A. BRINDLE.

DIED APRIL 6, 1894.



THE LATE REV. NICHOLAS M. BROWNE.
DIED FEBRUARY 4, 1895.

Memoir.

REV. JAMES ABBOT BRINDLE.

Rev. James Abbot Brindle was born in Philadelphia, Pa., June 27th, 1821, and fell asleep in Jesus at his home in Greensboro. Caroline county, Md., April 6th, 1894. He was a Methodist Episcopalian of the third generation by lineal descent. In his diary he says: "Both of my grandfathers were Methodist preachers, and my great-grandfather was a local preacher in England. He endured great trials and persecutions for the cause of Christ. My grandmother was awakened under the preaching of John Wesley, was converted at the age of 16 years and joined the Methodists. She was frequently stoned and maltreated by the mob, going to and from the chapel, but held on her way rejoicing. She died triumphantly in the 77th year of her age." Bro. Brindle's parents, John Ford and Mary Abbott Brindle, were also faithful members of the M. E. Church, and were honored, not only in the love and confidence of their brethren, as fellow laborers in the Lord's vineyard, but also in the great distinction awarded them in calling three of their children, two sons and one daughter, to labor in the itinerant field. January 15th, 1852, their revered and beloved mother passed away to her heavenly rest, at the age of 52 years, her son James making this entry in his diary: "I have lost the best human friend I ever had; but her sufferings were so great that my sorrow for her departure is mingled with joy and gratitude to God. From this hour I intend, God helping me, to become more devoted to my Divine Master, so that after my work is done I may join my dear mother in heaven." Seventeen years later, March 11, 1869, at the ripe age of 79 years, the father followed to the land of eternal rest, having served the church as a class leader, exhorter and Sunday School superintendent during a period of fifty years. It will be seen that our brother, whose earthly pilgrimage has come to a close, was well born. With such a heritage of godly ancestry and the benign influences that determine early training, it is not surprising that in his early manhood he yielded to the overtures of the Gospel and consecrated his life to the service of God. He was happily converted to God at the age of 17 in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, and joined the church immediately thereafter. Being impressed that God had a special work for him to do, he soon began to hold prayer meetings in private houses and his labors were blessed in the conversion of souls. A call to go out and preach the Gospel was upon him, but he hesitated and delayed until the year 1843, when at the Conference held at Trinity Church, Philadelphia, April 4th to 13th of that year, presided over by Bishop Hedding, with a class of fifteen young men, twelve of whom have preceded him to the Spirit World, he was admitted on trial in the Philadelphia Conference. Bro. Brindle's first appointment was to Salisbury Circuit as junior with Thomas J. Quigley, and for thirteen consecutive years the fields of labor assigned him were within the bounds of the Snow Hill District, as follows: 1844-5, Snow Hill Circuit, with Jonas

Bissey as preacher in charge; 45-6, Berlin, with William Quinn; 46-7, Northampton, with Valentine Gray; 47-8, he was in charge of Northampton Circuit; 48-9, Newtown; 49-51, junior on Cambridge Circuit, with Henry Colclazer; 51-3, Accomac; 53-55, Anamessex; 55-6, Church Creek, 56-8, Bethel, Md.; 58-60, Newark, Del.; 60-1, North East; 61-3, Ebenezer, Manayunk, Pa.; 63-5, Union, Wilmington; 65-8, Port Deposit; 68-70, Talbot; 70-2, Still Pond; 72-5, Newark, Del. (second term); 75-7, Crisfield and Asbury; 77-80, Greensboro; 80-2, Smyrna Circuit; 82-5, Camden; 85-7, Lewis; 87-8, Anamessex (second term); 88-91, King's Creek. At the session of 1891 he retired from the effective ranks, after a continuous and successful ministry of forty-eight years, all of which, except one term of two years in Manayunk, Pa., were spent in the service of churches on this Peninsula. In every charge he served, without exception, his wisdom in winning souls was manifest to a remarkable degree.

He had an abiding faith in God's word, and in preaching a crucified Christ, who ever liveth to make intercession for those who come to God by him, he had the joy of witnessing the conversion of multitudes of penitent souls who proved the Saviour's power to save to the "uttermost." Bro. Brindle was not what might be termed a brilliant preacher, but with careful study of the word, and a clear insight into its significance, he faithfully delivered his message to those who were attracted by his earnest loving spirit, and were stimulated to faith by his godly character and life. He was a diligent student of the word of God. During his last year in the active work he recorded the fact that he had finished reading the Bible through the fifty-eighth time. His reading, however, was not alone confined to the Bible, having been favored with the advantages of training and instruction in one of the best private schools in Philadelphia until he was fifteen years of age, he evidently acquired a taste for reading and formed habits of study that were developed through life. He carefully studied religious biography, church history, works on doctrine and experience, heartily appreciated and diligently read the publications of his own church, and thus qualified himself to be an intelligent Methodist Episcopalian, and to advocate and defend the truths he taught. Bro. Brindle was twice married. June 30, 1847, he was married to Miss Anna C. Parker, daughter of Charles and Amelia Parker, who resided near Snow Hill, Md. While in charge of Anamessex Circuit he was called to endure the severest bereavement possible to human relationship in the death of this lady after less than seven years of wedded joys, her beautiful Christian life closing in triumph April 11, 1854. February 7, 1855, he was married a second time to Miss Sarah Margaret Hall, daughter of Tubman L. and Sarah M. Hall, of Fairmont, Md. After a happy married life of more than thirty years with a Christian lady whom he accepted as a special gift from the Lord, he was again brought into sympathetic experience with the Patriarch Job and found to exclaim with him, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away." The bereaved husband, though bearing the weight of sixty five years, endured the trial without a murmur. He said it was a sad event in his home, but her end was glorious. In his second term as pastor of Anamessex he was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Bernard, daughter of Joseph M. and Mary C. Bernard, of Greensboro, Md., who still survives him. In the spring of 1881 Bro. Brindle asked for and received a Supernumerary relation. During the three years of his retirement from the effective ranks, he continued to labor for the salvation of souls as his health permitted and opportunity afforded. His last sermon was preached for the colored brethren in Greensboro, March 8, 1894. Text, Romans 5th ch., 1st verse. The next Sunday he spent at the Conference at Salisbury and the third, his last on earth, he attended divine service in the morning and the Sunday School in the afternoon. Monday he was stricken with paralysis, and the following Friday entered into rest. Funeral

service were held at his home on Monday, April 11, participated in by Rews. Albert Chandler, J. M. Lindale and the writer. Tuesday morning his remains were taken to Philadelphia and interred in Mt. Moriah Cemetery to await the resurrection of the just: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

REV. N. M. BROWNE.

The Rev. Nicholas Manly Browne, the third son of Hugh and Eliza Browne, was born on the 16th day of September, 1837, in North East, Cecil County, Md. His father was of Scotch-Irish ancestry, and was born in County Down, Ireland, in 1784, and with his parents came to this country when he was only seven years old. His mother's maiden name was Manly, and she was related to the clergyman of that name, who was prominent in the early Methodism of Ohio.

In the sixteenth year of his age Nicholas M. Browne was converted during a revival in his native town, and at once connected himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church. It was the purpose of his father to educate him for the medical profession; but the divine call to the Christian ministry, which came so clearly and forcibly to the young man, determined for him a different destiny. Accordingly, in 1856, in order to prepare himself to respond to this higher call, he entered the Biblical Institute at Concord, N. H. (subsequently removed to Boston and known as Boston University), from which, after a full course of three years, he graduated in 1859.

He at once entered upon his life's work, proceeding to Holmesburg, Pa., where, under the Presiding Eldership of the late Rev. Pennell Coombe, he served as a supply until the ensuing session of the Philadelphia Conference. At that session, which was held in March, 1860, he was admitted on trial with eighteen others, only six of whom survive him. His first appointment was Morrisville, Bucks County, Pa., which he served two years, that then being the time limit. All of his subsequent appointments were within the bounds of what is now the territory of the Wilmington Conference, and were as follows: As junior preacher he was sent to Millington Circuit in 1862, Easton Circuit in 1863, Centreville Circuit in 1864, and Kent Circuit in 1865. With this last-named appointment closed what may be called his apprenticeship in the itinerancy, which the young preachers of those days were expected to serve with a senior preacher on the large Circuits. After this he was appointed to Kent Island in 66-8, Dorchester Circuit in 69-71, Salisbury in 72-4, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District in 75-8, Port Deposit in 79-81, New Castle in 82-4, Scott in Wilmington in 85-7, Newark, Del., in 88-90, and Middletown in 91-4. In the fourth year at this last appointment, and with the desire of the people for his return for another year, he suddenly closed his life's work.

Among other honors conferred upon him from time to time by his brethren, this Conference, at its session in Wilmington in 1888, elected him a delegate, with two others, to represent the Wilmington Conference in the General Conference which was held in New York City the following May, and by which some very important legislation was effected.

While stationed on Centreville Circuit in 1864 he made the acquaintance of the lady who became his wife, and who for twenty-nine years proved herself in every respect a helpmeet to him—Miss Clintonia Cook, the youngest daughter of the late Hon. Clinton Cook. She and their only son, Hugh C. Browne, Esq., survive to mourn their loss and to cherish the memory of a devoted husband and a most affectionate father.

Death came to him in his 58th year suddenly about 11 o'clock on Monday night, Febru-

ary 4th. On Sabbath, the day preceding his death, he attended every service in his church, as was his custom, and in his usual manner. In the morning service he made an earnest plea for Christian missions, which was followed by the annual missionary collection, in the result of which his expectations were fully realized. In the evening he preached with his usual force from the words, "Thrice was I shipwrecked," suggested by the recent appalling disaster of the steamer *Elbe*, by which over 300 lives were lost. With this service he closed his protracted meeting, which had been in progress five weeks and during which time he labored with untiring zeal for the conversion of souls. Naturally this continuous strain must have wearied him, yet there was no indication by word or manner of anything more than natural fatigue. The following day found him engaged as usual, among other things in pastoral visiting, and those on whom he called that last day report that he was unusually cheerful and vivacious. In the afternoon, while riding in a sleigh with one of his parishoners, he became quite chilled, yet upon his return home he soon recovered his normal temperature. In the evening he made another brief call, but returned to his home at an early hour and about the usual time retired in the best of spirits and apparently in perfect health and full of promise of many years of life and usefulness. But soon after retiring he experienced some difficulty in breathing, and though his faithful wife was promptly at his side, and with all possible haste summoned help, yet before medical aid arrived, which was within a very few minutes, he had passed away. Physicians pronounced the immediate cause of death congestion of the lungs and heart failure.

But while his departure was so utterly unexpected to his family and friends, yet from a note in his own handwriting found in his desk by his family, we learn that he had a premonition of an early and sudden death, and that he had accordingly arranged both his temporal and spiritual affairs.

The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 7th, in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Middletown, from whose pulpit he had only on the previous Sabbath proclaimed the Gospel of Life and Salvation. As a tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased and as an evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by the people, nearly every business house in town was closed during the hours of the solemn obsequies. And although in the midst of a blizzard of almost unprecedented severity in this section, yet long before the hour for the public service the church was crowded with sympathizing friends, many of whom had come from remote parts of the Peninsula, and among whom were representatives of nearly every pastoral charge he had served. The ministry too was largely represented, about fifty members of this Conference were present, besides several from the Philadelphia Conference and likewise several from other denominations. The services were conducted by the Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D., the Presiding Elder of Easton District, who was assisted by fourteen of the ministers present. After the impressive services in the church and amidst a fierce howling storm, his remains were laid to rest in the Forest Cemetery near town to await that trumpet call which shall awaken the dead.

The limited space allowed a Conference Memoir will not permit such an analysis of the character and works of our departed brother as would do full justice to his memory. We can only epitomize some of the qualities and characteristics which gave to him the prominence he held in the esteem and affection of the people and which made him a benediction wherever his lot was cast.

As a man, Nicholas M. Browne was naturally a gentleman—of a kind and social disposition, always cordial and courtly in manner, never coarse nor ungentle, but ever considerate of his feelings and wishes of others. A distinguished divine, who on the occasion of the fun-

eral service, paid a glowing tribute to the memory of the deceased, summed up the qualities which gave him such a hold upon the people as "unselfish magnanimity."

As a Christian, Bro. Browne was uncompromising in his loyalty to Christ. In the days of his youth he not only "professed religion," but he also "experienced religion," and this experience was the great factor in determining the character of his life. In the note written by him and previously referred to among other things he said: "I have had some premonition of sudden death. I wish to say if I should be thus called away, I am trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ as my only hope of eternal life. I have a calm, implicit confidence in God, the only hope and refuge of sinners." His faith was too well grounded to be shaken by skepticism. His love was too ardent to permit in him an intentional word or deed that would damage a brother. His standard of morality was too high to admit of time-serving and temporizing. And his soul was too pure to allow him to pollute his lips with vile or vulgar conversation; he was one of the most chaste men in our ranks.

As a preacher of the Gospel he was earnest and clear, logical and forcible, plain and dignified, fearless and evangelical. He never resorted to clap-trap nor to sensational methods, or means to fill his church. He esteemed the pulpit too sacred a place and the Christian ministry too high a calling to be prostituted to clownish performances. His sermons never breathed doubt, but always had in them an inspiration to faith and hope and life.

As the Presiding Elder for four years on Salisbury District, his record demonstrated the wisdom of Bishop E. S. Janes in making the appointment. For notwithstanding the utmost unprecedented financial depression prevailing during the greater part of that period, besides other embarrassing conditions, yet the net result of his term was a clear gain along all lines and creditable to himself.

As a pastor he excelled, and in the pastoral work more particularly he left his impress upon every charge that he served. He had a happy faculty for enlisting workers, and consequently temporal and spiritual prosperity crowned his labors more or less in every field. He was a safe counsellor, and many a troubled soul was guided by his wisdom out of the dense fogs of worldliness and skepticism to the light, and from the treacherous quicksands of vice and immorality to solid ground. But in an eminent degree did he possess the talent of ministering comfort to the sorrowing, hope to the depressed and consolation to the afflicted. Especially could he adapt himself to the aged and infirm, and among the many pleasant memories cherished of him in his late charge are the "New Year's calls" he made on nearly all of the aged among his people on the first day of January of this year. He carried sunshine into many a sick chamber, where his genial presence was always welcome, and his timely words and fervent prayers always proved a blessing. He was a man of the people, the pastor of the whole flock committed to his care; equally at home in the mansions of the rich and in the abode of poverty and squalor, commanding alike the esteem and affection of the high and of the low. His nature was so sympathetic that the condition of the people instantly struck a corresponding chord in his own soul, causing it to vibrate in unison with theirs, weeping with them that wept and rejoicing with those that rejoiced.

In the death of this man of God his faithful wife has lost a most affectionate and devoted husband, and his son is bereft of a fond and considerate father, while the church in whose ministry he labored so zealously for thirty-five years has lost one of her most loyal ministers.

IDA ELIZABETH KOONS.

"Death rides on every passing breeze,
He lurks in every flower."

To-day we pause amid the busy sessions of an Annual Conference to offer a tribute of respect to our departed loved ones.

Gladly would we plant a sprig of remembrance upon the grave of God's faithful servants. Not far from the little village of Fair Hill, Cecil County, Maryland, Ida Elizabeth, the second daughter of Robert and Martha Gibson, was born October 31st, 1860. It was during her infancy that her parents moved from there to Wilmington, Delaware, and in that city she spent her childhood days, growing to womanhood, respected, admired and loved by all who knew her. On June 6th, 1889, she was united in holy wedlock to Rev. W. G. Koons by W. L. S. Murray, D. D., assisted by her cousin, Rev. Harvey W. Ewing. The marriage took place in Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, Wilmington, Delaware, of which church Bro. Koons was then the pastor. Her's was a short married life, for on March 22d, 1894, during the last session of our Conference, in the parsonage at North East, Maryland, she passed away.

"God's finger touched her and she slept."

Funeral services were held at North East, Monday, March 26th, and were in charge of Rev. Dr. Murray, assisted by Revs. T. H. Harding and W. W. Sharp, the latter being present as the representative of Bro. Koons' Conference classmates. The funeral cortege proceeded to Wilmington, Delaware, where it was joined by a host of friends, who went with it to Mt. Salem Cemetery, where she was interred beside her only child, Irene.

Revs. T. H. Harding and H. W. Ewing officiated at the grave. Thus death a second time entered the home of Bro. Koons within the Conference year, making it desolate and sad, Irene, the only child, a lovely little girl three years of age, having preceded her mother to the better land by only a few months.

"Death never takes one alone, but two,
Whenever he enters in at the door;
Under roof of gold or roof of thatch,
He always leaves it upon the latch,
And comes again ere the year is o'er,
Never one of a household only."

Her religious life dated from her childhood days. Converted in her sixteenth year, she united with the Presbyterian Church, that being the church in which she had been reared. She remained an active member of the same until her marriage, when she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, continuing therein till permitted to join the church triumphant. As a Methodist she entered most heartily into all the work in which her husband was engaged, and in her quiet, unassuming way delighted to help him. Her home was her paradise, and for nearly five years she, with becoming dignity and queenly grace, made all who came under the parsonage roof feel welcome.

Those who knew her best knew her in her home. No outside interests were allowed to mar or destroy the cheer and good will of the family circle. Her character will bear the closest inspection. From childhood she gave evidence of these noble traits which constitute the true woman. Conscientious in all things, modest and retiring in disposition, true in her friendships, shrinking from no known duty, ever ready for a good word or work.

"Her airs, her manners, all who saw admired;
Courteous, though coy, and gentle, though retired;
The joy of youth and health her eyes displayed,
And ease of heart her every look conveyed."

Her charity was of that sort which "thinketh no evil," Friends suffered not at her hands, and enemies, if any, only learned to admire her Christian spirit. Her Christian testimony was clear and unshakeable. She knew in whom she believed, and before leaving this world she expressed great confidence as to the future. She realized the constant presence of the Divine Comforter, so that it was true that

"All things that are on earth shall wholly pass away
Except the love of God, which shall live and last for aye."

Beneath the sod she sleeps to-day, and the March winds howl their dreary way, but she is sweetly sleeping in Jesus.

"Death lies on her, like an untimely frost,
Upon the sweetest flower of all the field."

REBECCA T. AYRES.

Mrs. Rebecca T. Ayres, wife of the Rev. T. O. Ayres, died at her home in Delaware City, Monday afternoon, March 18, 1895, at the age of 57.

Rebecca Taylor Disch, daughter of Joseph and Phebe Disch, was born in Smyrna, Del., July 27, 1838. It was here that she married Thomas O. Ayres, a young merchant, April 18, 1861. To them were born ten children, four of whom still live. Annie Q., who remained with her mother in devoted attention to the last; William B., a druggist in Philadelphia; Harwood, a jeweler in Easton, Md., and Ray, not yet grown up.

A few years after their marriage Bro. Ayres felt called to the ministry and was received in the Wilmington Conference in March, 1870. They continued their itinerant life until the father and husband was called from labor to reward while pastor of the church in Delaware City, October 14, 1891. In the last hours Sister Ayres was given to realize most clearly her acceptance with God, and the saving and supporting power of the gospel in the valley and shadow of death. She spoke often of the glorious peace within her soul and dwelt on the glad surprises that she would so soon behold. She found great comfort in the faithful ministries of her pastor, Rev. J. E. Amos.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Amos and Rev. A. P. Prettyman, March 20th, at the same hour and place as that of her late husband, beside whom she was laid to rest in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna, March 21st, 1895, while the Wilmington Conference was in session in that town. Revs. T. E. Martindale, W. L. S. Murray, S. M. Morgan, A. S. Mowbray, Julius Dodd and F. F. Carpenter were appointed a committee from Conference to attend the funeral.

Report of the Board of Stewards.

Your Board of Stewards, having completed their work for another year, present their report. We herewith give a statement of our Treasurer: Mortgage of Emma Pennington and husband on property in Wilmington (Centenary Fund), interests, \$120; mortgage of J. P. Allmond and wife on property in the city of Wilmington (Riddle Fund), interests, \$95; in Wilmington Savings Fund, Philema Reynolds Legacy, \$200, interests, \$8; three Conference Academy bonds, \$500 each, interests, \$90; one Sewer Bond, town of Smyrna, \$1000, six months' interests, \$25; mortgage, Kelley & Co., on property in the city of Wilmington (Bates Legacy), interests, \$141; total, \$479. The amount of moneys placed in our hands for distribution is \$7855, an increase over last year from all sources of \$360. The various sums received are as follows: Interest from investments, \$479; collections from districts, paid over by Conference Treasurer, \$5727; Book Room Dividend, \$1320; Chartered Fund, \$25; collection at anniversary, \$26; collection in Conference, \$253; endowment paid in by brethren for distribution, \$25; total, \$7855, the largest sum ever placed in the hands of this Board. The increase in the number of claimants, however, is also much larger than heretofore.

This sum we have distributed to seven superannuate and fifteen supernumerary preachers and thirty-three widows of deceased preachers, a total number of fifty-five claimants. The urgency of many of the claims presented to this Board as well as the number of claimants, demands that our pastors should make every effort to secure at least the amount apportioned to their several charges. In the performance of our delicate and difficult task we have used our very best judgment and have endeavored, in the face of God, to equitably distribute these funds.

DISTRIBUTION OF CONFERENCE FUNDS.

Date of Claim.	Term of Service.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	POST OFFICE.	Estimates of Quarterly Conference.	Amount received by each Claimant.
SUPERANNUATED.					
1878	31 y'rs.	Geo. A. Phoebus.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	\$ 350 00	\$190 00
1871	15 "	James Esgate.....	216 Oxford St., Portland, Me.....	325 00	200 00
1875	34 "	Henry Sanderson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	375 00	200 00
1891	33 "	W. W. Redman.....	Farmington, Del.....	350 00	175 00
1890	8 "	C. J. Hammit.....	Kinsey, Ala.....	500 00	300 00
1892	47 "	John H. Caldwell.....	Dover, Del.....		50 00
		Wm. B. Walton.....	Salisbury, Md.....		
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1885	28 y'rs.	Wm. F. Talbot.....	Dover, Del.....	300 00	115 00
1889	40 "	Thomas E. Bell.....	St. Michael's, Talbot Co., Md.....	300 00	125 00
1889	19 "	J. W. Poole.....	Farmington, Kent Co., Del.....	500 00	250 00
1891	40 "	James W. Hammersley.....	Baltimore, Md.....	400 00	250 00
1892	24 "	J. D. Rigg.....	618 West 6th St., Chester.....	500 00	250 00
1893	48 "	William E. England.....	1904 Girard Ave., Phila.....	400 00	180 00
1893	21 "	George W. Wilcox.....	Carlisle, Pa.....	250 00	100 00
1893	17 "	Wm. L. P. Bowen.....	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.....	350 00	200 00
1894	50 "	T. H. Haynes.....	Smyrna, Del.....		120 00
1895	35 "	A. D. Davis.....	Georgetown, Del.....		145 00
1895	42 "	W. M. Warner.....	Felton, Del.....		100 00
1895	7 "	W. W. Chairs.....	Sharptown, Md.....		120 00
1895	22 "	N. McQuay.....			120 00
1895	22 "	W. M. Green.....			120 00
1895	23 "	John D. Kemp.....			
WIDOWS.					
1846	4 y'rs.	Hester A. Henderson.....	800 W. 9th St., Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	1 0 00
1844	3 "	Drucilla Willets.....	Berlin, Md.....	150 00	100 00
1865	10 "	Carrie B. Dennison.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1873	14 "	Rebecca M. Brandreth.....	1011 St. Bernard Place, W.Phila.....	100 00	100 00
1878	15 "	Laura E. Weston.....	1318 Washington St., Wilm'g'n.....	200 00	75 00
1879	21 "	Mary S. Thomas.....	406 W. 13th St., Wilm'gton, Del.....	300 00	175 00
1879	21 "	Annie H. Irwin.....		500 00	250 00
1879	10 "	Annie D. Chatham.....	Smyrna, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1879	22 "	Sadie A. Williams.....	Kepple, Blair Co., Penna.....	250 00	125 00
1881	11 "	Sadie B. Bain.....	Wilmington, Del.....	225 00	200 00
1882	45 "	Eliza Pierson.....	East Market, Dorchest'rCo., Md.....	250 00	125 00
1882	8 "	Emma A. Prettyman.....	Smyrna, Del.....	150 00	100 00
1884	33 "	Rebecca E. Hough.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150 00	100 00
1884	43 "	Roberta H. Matlack.....	1110 West St., Wilmington, Del.....	250 00	90 00
1884	15 "	Emma L. Shilling.....	Frederica, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1887	44 "	Rebecca E. Milby.....	4220 Broom St., Phila., Pa.....		100 00
1887	37 "	Mary F. Way.....	Milford, Del.....	200 00	175 00
1887	6 "	Mollie P. Johnson.....	1012 Hopkins Ave., Balto., Md.....	400 00	175 00
1887	28 "	Mary A. O'Neil.....	Gap, Lancaster Co., Penna.....	200 00	125 00
1887	48 "	Sarah D. Gray.....	Chester, Penna.....	75 00	75 00
1888		Emma D. Ewing.....	1622 14th St., Washington, D. C.....	100 00	75 00
1888	34 "	Caroline A. Dare.....	Marshallton, Del.....	150 00	100 00
1891	35 "	Louisa A. Gardner.....	1011 Pine St., Wilmington, Del.....	300 00	125 00
1891	18 "	Mary A. Foreman.....	125 Berkley Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y.....	250 00	225 00
1891	50 "	Henrietta M. Allen.....	Wilmington, Del.....	300 00	75 00
1892	19 "	S. Jennie Creamer.....	Delaware City, Del.....	200 00	175 00
1892	21 "	Rebecca T. Ayers.....	Wyoming, Del.....	250 00	200 00
1893	35 "	G. Annie Gregg.....	Wilmington Del.....	200 00	125 00
1893	47 "	Susan S. Hill.....	Perryman's, Harford Co., Md.....	250 00	180 00
1893	26 "	M. R. Robinson.....	Baltimore, Md.....	250 00	175 00
1893	27 "	Marian F. Melvin.....	Bridgeville, Sussex Co., Del.....	200 00	100 00
1893	23 "	Ruth B. Fisher.....			
1895	48 "	Ellen Brindle.....	Greensboro Caroline, Md.....		

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.
COLLECTIONS AND APPORTIONMENTS.

DOVER DISTRICT.				SALISBURY DISTRICT.			
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	App't last yr.	Am't C'll'e'd this yr	App't n'xt yr	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	App't last yr.	Am't C'll'e'd this yr	App't n'xt yr
Beckwith	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	Asbury	\$ 75 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 75 00
Bridgeville	25 00	25 00	25 00	Berlin	20 00	15 00	20 00
Burrsville	25 00	6 00	25 00	Bethel	21 00	21 00	21 00
Cambridge	80 00	70 00	80 00	Bishopville	20 00	15 00	20 00
Camden	40 00	40 00	40 00	Cape Charles City..	10 00	10 00	10 00
Cannon's	30 00	30 00	30 00	Chincoteague	10 00	10 00	10 00
Church Creek	15 00	3 00	15 00	Crisfield	75 00	85 00	75 00
Crapo	30 00	30 00	30 00	Deal's Island	55 00	60 00	70 00
Denton	35 00	35 00	35 00	Delmar	25 00	35 00	35 00
Dorchester	10 00	2 00	10 00	Fairmount	75 00	75 00	75 00
Dover, Wesley	150 00	180 00	150 00	Frankford	35 00	35 00	35 00
" Armory	20 00	15 00	20 00	Fruitland	10 00	10 00	10 00
East New Market	25 00	25 00	25 00	Girdle Tree	20 00	20 00	20 00
Ellendale	20 00	6 00	20 00	Gumboro	20 00	20 00	20 00
Elliott's Island	5 00	5 00	5 00	Holland's Island	20 00	7 00	20 00
Farmington	20 00	20 00	20 00	Laurel	65 00	70 00	70 00
Federalburg	30 00	30 00	30 00	Marion	25 00	25 00	50 00
Felton	40 00	40 00	40 00	Millsboro	20 00	20 00	20 00
Frederica	55 00	55 00	55 00	Mt. Pleasant	5 00	10 00	10 00
Galestown	20 00	20 00	20 00	Mt. Vernon	20 00	22 00	20 00
Georgetown	40 00	30 00	40 00	Nanticoke	30 00	30 00	30 00
Georgetown Circuit	10 00	10 00	10 00	Newark	10 00	6 00	10 00
Greewood	30 00	30 00	30 00	New Church	5 00	2 00	5 00
Harrington	40 00	40 00	35 00	Onancock	30 00	30 00	40 00
Hooper's Island	10 00	7 00	10 00	Parkesley	10 00	5 00	10 00
Houston	30 00	30 00	30 00	Parsonsbury	15 00	15 00	15 00
Hurlock	25 00	25 00	25 00	Pocomoke City	25 00	25 00	30 00
Leipsic	10 00	20 00	15 00	Pocomoke Circuit	10 00	12 00	12 00
Lewis	60 00	60 00	60 00	Powellsville	5 00	5 00	5 00
Lincoln	30 00	20 00	30 00	Princess Ann	15 00	15 00	20 00
Little Creek	10 00	5 00	10 00	Quantico	15 00	20 00	20 00
Magnolia	30 00	30 00	30 00	Roxanna	25 00	25 00	30 00
Milford	85 00	80 00	85 00	Reed's Wharf	5 00	1 00	5 00
Milton	40 00	30 00	40 00	St. Peter's	40 00	42 00	45 00
Nassau	25 00	20 00	25 00	Salisbury	60 00	60 00	75 00
Preston	20 00	20 00	20 00	Selbyville	10 00	10 00	10 00
Seaford & Bladesville	35 00	31 00	35 00	Sharptown	20 00	15 00	20 00
Salem Circuit	8 00	8 00	5 00	Smith's Island	35 00	35 00	35 00
Vienna	20 00	16 00	20 00	Snow Hill	40 00	40 00	40 00
Williamsburg	10 00	10 00	10 00	Somerset	15 00	15 00	15 00
Williston	25 00	25 00	25 00	Stockton	15 00	16 00	15 00
Woodside	10 00	10 00	10 00	Tangier	45 00	50 00	45 00
Wyoming	20 00	20 00	20 00	Westover	10 00	10 00	10 00
Zoar	10 00	5 00	10 00	Whitesville	25 00	20 00	25 00

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.
COLLECTIONS AND APPORTIONMENTS.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.				EASTON DISTRICT.			
CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	App't last yr.	Am't C'll'e'd this yr	App't n'xt yr	CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	App't last yr.	Am't C'll'e'd this yr	App't n'xt yr
Bethel and Summit	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	Appoquinimink	\$ 30 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 30 00
Charlestown	18 00	15 00	18 00	Bayside	20 00	10 00	20 00
Cherry Hill & Union	55 00	55 00	55 00	Cecilton	50 00	50 00	50 00
Chesapeake City	30 00	30 00	30 00	Centreville	60 00	60 00	60 00
Chester	30 00	32 00	30 00	Chestertown	20 00	10 00	20 00
Christiana	25 00	22 00	25 00	Cheswold	85 00	85 00	85 00
Claymont	15 00	15 00	15 00	Church Hill	30 00	30 00	40 00
Delaware City	30 00	30 00	30 00	Clayton	25 00	15 00	25 00
Elk Neck	10 00	5 00	10 00	Cordova	25 00	20 00	25 00
Elkton	80 00	65 00	75 00	Crumpton	10 00	3 00	10 00
Hockessin & Ebenezer	30 00	20 00	30 00	Easton	80 00	80 00	80 00
Hopewell	20 00	20 00	20 00	Galena	40 00	40 00	40 00
Marshallton & Stanton	15 00	15 00	15 00	Greensboro	35 00	35 00	35 00
Mt. Lebanon	25 00	16 00	20 00	Hillsboro	30 00	30 00	30 00
Mt. Pleasant & Union	30 00	40 00	35 00	Ingleside	12 00	12 00	12 00
Newark and Wesley	40 00	40 00	40 00	Kent Island	45 00	24 00	45 00
New Castle	60 00	60 00	60 00	Kenton	25 00	20 00	25 00
Newport	30 00	30 00	30 00	Marydel	22 00	22 00	22 00
North East	45 00	45 00	45 00	Middletown	100 00	100 00	100 00
Perryville	10 00	6 00	10 00	Millington	40 00	40 00	40 00
Port Deposit	85 00	65 00	75 00	Morgan's Creek	2 00	2 00	5 00
Port Penn	5 00	5 00	5 00	Odessa	45 00	45 00	45 00
Red Lion & Glasgow	25 00	10 00	20 00	Oxford	20 00	20 00	20 00
Rising Sun & Sylmar	30 00	35 00	30 00	Piney Neck	10 00	5 00	10 00
Rowlandville & Mt. P	5 00	5 00	5 00	Pomona	30 00	20 00	30 00
St. Georges	35 00	30 00	35 00	Queenstown	25 00	1 00	25 00
St. Johns	10 00	10 00	10 00	Rock Hall	35 00	27 00	25 00
Wilmington, Asbury	150 00	200 00	150 00	Royal Oak	20 00	20 00	20 00
Brandyye & EdgeMo	45 00	45 00	45 00	St. Michael's	60 00	60 00	60 00
Cookman	5 00	8 00	10 00	St. Michael's	20 00	16 00	20 00
East Lake & Elsemere	5 00	5 00	5 00	Salem & Union	15 00	2 00	15 00
Epworth	15 00	15 00	15 00	Sassafras & Masseys	150 00	150 00	150 00
Grace	250 00	500 00	250 00	Smyrna	35 00	30 00	35 00
Harrison Street	10 00	10 00	10 00	Smyrna Circuit	80 00	65 00	70 00
Kingswood	10 00	5 00	10 00	Still Pond	50 00	50 00	50 00
Madetey	15 00	15 00	15 00	Sudlersville	15 00	15 00	15 00
Madey	50 00	50 00	50 00	Talbot Ct	20 00	20 00	20 00
Mt. Salem	150 00	200 00	150 00	Tilghman	25 00	25 00	35 00
St. Paul's	50 00	50 00	50 00	Townsend	25 00	19 00	25 00
Scott	10 00	13 00	12 00	Trappe	15 00	3 00	15 00
Silverbrook	5 00	4 00	5 00	Wye and Starr	15 00	3 00	15 00
Swedish Mission	140 00	140 00	140 00				
Union	15 00	15 00	15 00				
Wesley	45 00	27 00	40 00				
Zion	45 00	27 00	40 00				

STATISTICAL
DOVER DISTRICT,
No. 1.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (Probationers, Full Members, Local Preachers, Deaths, Childr'n baptized, Adults Baptized), BAPTISMS, SUNDAY SCHOOLS (Schools, Officers and Teachers, Scholars), CHURCH PROPERTY (Probable Value, Parsonages, Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages).

TABLES.
DOVER DISTRICT,
No. 2.

Table with columns: CHURCH PROPERTY (Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property, Present Indebtedness on Church Property, No. of Schools, No. of Officers, No. of Teachers, Total Officers and Teachers), SUNDAY SCHOOLS (No. of Scholars: Primary Grade, All Others, Total Scholar; Average Attendance; No. of Library Books; No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers; No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers; No. of Conversions in Sunday Schools this Year; Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc).

STATISTICAL DOVER DISTRICT, No. 3.

Table with columns: NAME OF CHARGE, NAME OF PASTOR, PASTOR'S SUPPORT (CLAIMS, RECEIPTS), Supp't of Pr's'd'g Elders, Supp't of B'hops. Rows include churches like Beckwith, Burrsville, Cambridge, etc., and a Total row at the bottom.

TABLES. DOVER DISTRICT, No. 4.

Table titled BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. Columns include CONFER. CLAIMANTS, REC'D FROM, C'R'N'T EXP'N'S, MISSIONS (Church Sexton, Light, Fuel, etc.; Sunday School; (a) Church; (b) Sunday School; Board of Church Extension; Sunday School Union; Tract Society; Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society; Education (Children's Fund, Conference Academy, American Bible Society, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Woman's Home Missionary Society, General Conference Exp., Conference Education Soc'y, Domestic Missions, Steward's Endowm't Fund). Rows list various collection items and their amounts, ending with a Total row.

STATISTICAL
EASTON DISTRICT,
No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership			Baptisms		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Childr'n baptized.	No. of Adults baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.
1 Appoquinimink.....	25	150	1	4	4	8	2	25	150	\$ 5000	1	\$ 1000	\$.....
2 Bayside.....	18	89	4	3	3	3	2	15	80	2900	2	2900	.....
3 Cecilton.....	33	234	1	2	12	3	2	42	225	17000	1	3000	150
4 Centreville.....	48	257	1	1	39	2	2	43	294	11000	1	4000	.....
5 Cheswold.....	18	91	1	1	8	2	1	19	130	3500	1	3500	.....
6 Chestertown.....	102	249	2	21	1	1	1	40	240	15000	1	7000	25
7 Church Hill.....	100	215	3	18	4	4	1	25	211	8000	1	1500	.....
8 Clayton.....	2	156	1	1	1	2	3	25	173	2800	3	.....	.....
9 Cordova.....	14	101	1	1	11	2	2	29	121	5500	1	1100	.....
10 Crumpton.....	27	87	1	1	8	3	2	29	121	5500	1	1100	.....
11 Easton.....	14	310	5	18	1	1	1	34	260	15000	1	4500	127
12 Galena.....	20	120	2	19	2	2	2	22	105	8000	2	2000	.....
13 Greensboro.....	25	140	4	8	1	1	1	34	242	2500	1	1500	50
14 Hillsboro.....	45	216	3	13	2	2	2	30	174	3500	1	1200	48
15 Ingleside.....	10	190	5	25	6	4	4	45	200	4000	1	800	.....
16 Kent Island.....	108	188	3	32	1	1	3	59	200	5000	3	2500	200
17 Kenton.....	.....	149	1	3	3	3	3	35	120	3500	1	1000	600
18 Marydel.....	55	283	1	23	15	4	7	367	4	7200	1	1800	320
19 Middletown.....	2	265	1	3	13	1	1	37	300	10000	1	3000	.....
20 Millington.....	28	171	1	6	2	2	2	28	160	12500	1	2000	.....
21 Morgan's Creek.....	2	26	1	1	1	1	1	35	5	500	1	500	.....
22 Odessa.....	12	155	3	6	1	1	1	25	180	7000	1	3000	86
23 Oxford.....	32	160	2	18	1	1	1	26	225	3000	1	400	.....
24 Piney Neck.....	12	40	1	1	1	1	1	17	108	1000	1	400	.....
25 Pomona.....	5	85	1	6	2	2	2	45	125	5000	1	2000	11
26 Queenstown.....	73	225	1	6	4	3	3	35	225	9000	1	2500	.....
27 Rock Hall.....	24	79	2	12	1	1	1	34	177	1200	1	1200	186
28 Royal Oak.....	32	125	2	4	3	3	3	32	180	4500	1	2800	.....
29 St. Michael's.....	69	371	4	14	3	1	1	35	463	12500	1	2000	675
30 Salem and Union.....	15	110	1	6	2	2	2	29	120	3000	2	3000	.....
31 Sassafras and Massey's.....	17	89	2	5	20	2	2	24	88	4400	1	.....	.....
32 Smyrna.....	15	500	1	7	7	1	1	39	310	25000	1	3500	350
33 Smyrna Circuit.....	14	132	2	12	4	7	3	365	280	6500	1	2500	25
34 Still Pond.....	73	169	1	15	2	3	3	33	232	10000	1	1500	170
35 Suddlersville.....	48	179	2	15	1	3	3	37	201	11000	1	4000	.....
36 Talbot Ct.....	20	118	1	1	22	2	2	40	190	2500	1	1300	65
37 Tilghman.....	30	129	1	1	22	2	2	30	190	3000	1	1800	80
38 Townsend.....	83	231	1	6	20	1	20	185	4400	1	2000	185	
39 Trappe.....	15	125	1	14	3	3	3	31	140	6000	1	1200	75
40 Wye and Starr.....	6	95	1	2	3	3	3	30	125	4000	3	4000	.....
Total.....	1286	4794	18	96	513	47	82	1325	7966	\$265100	29	\$61900	\$ 3428

TABLES.
EASTON DISTRICT,
No. 2.

CHURCH PROPERTY	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.														
	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers.	No. of Teachers.	Total Officers and Teachers.	Primary Grade.	All Others.	Total Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. of Library Books.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in Sunday School this Year.	Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
1.....	.....	.....	2	10	15	25	50	100	150	100	250	22	100	2	60
2.....	.....	.....	2	4	11	15	25	55	80	50	.....	15	30	6	25
3.....	.....	80	2	12	30	42	65	160	225	150	400	43	50	9	40
4.....	.....	.....	2	13	30	43	74	220	294	167	.....	42	103	29	215
5.....	.....	.....	1	7	12	19	35	95	130	85	100	18	60	8	60
6.....	.....	.....	1	10	30	40	75	165	240	179	480	38	90	48	113
7.....	.....	.....	1	16	30	46	95	175	270	150	350	45	90	25	95
8.....	.....	.....	1	8	16	25	45	166	211	93	140	25	90	1	58
9.....	.....	.....	1	11	17	25	62	111	173	77	.....	29	44	.....	26
10.....	156	.....	2	11	18	29	121	121	79	206	.....	29	21	10	82
11.....	.....	.....	1	14	20	34	51	209	260	155	400	33	180	7	277
12.....	.....	.....	1	10	22	34	54	51	105	63	225	22	40	15	35
13.....	42	842	2	12	22	34	69	173	242	100	250	30	70	22	68
14.....	.....	.....	1	10	30	50	50	124	174	110	350	40	50	5	30
15.....	.....	.....	2	11	19	30	40	160	200	140	100	40	50	5	30
16.....	50	400	4	15	30	45	78	202	280	139	50	38	124	76	50
17.....	50	700	3	17	22	39	60	60	100	100	85	31	1	.....	30
18.....	100	900	3	12	23	35	60	60	100	100	85	31	1	.....	30
19.....	33	350	4	30	40	70	91	276	367	188	459	67	97	16	148
20.....	.....	140	1	10	27	37	55	245	300	200	300	28	67	16	40
21.....	.....	.....	2	8	28	38	50	110	160	90	250	8	15	3	9
22.....	.....	.....	1	3	5	8	35	.....	35	22	.....	24	48	.....	61
23.....	.....	.....	1	6	19	25	40	140	180	115	250	26	92	20	76
24.....	.....	.....	1	8	18	26	95	130	225	125	300	17	25	7	14
25.....	.....	.....	1	5	12	17	30	78	108	70	75	40	34	1	23
26.....	.....	.....	2	20	25	45	20	105	125	80	300	34	60	35	40
27.....	.....	.....	1	20	25	45	100	125	225	150	450	21	14	14	194
28.....	.....	.....	3	13	22	35	72	105	177	140	.....	34	60	35	40
29.....	.....	.....	1	7	15	32	65	115	180	115	300	21	14	25	40
30.....	.....	.....	3	17	30	45	120	343	463	272	690	54	25	45	75
31.....	.....	.....	1	5	10	15	40	80	120	60	89	30	84	45	75
32.....	.....	.....	2	11	13	24	33	55	88	55	.....	15	15	.....	22
33.....	59	100	1	15	24	39	74	236	310	188	382	19	25	.....	14
34.....	750	300	4	35	37	72	106	259	365	243	470	39	150	.....	84
35.....	600	4	18	19	37	73	155	77	232	142	1175	62	143	11	133
36.....	.....	.....	2	13	20	33	73	128	201	91	455	33	93	36	75
37.....	.....	.....	3	18	19	37	50	140	190	100	44	36	101	28	52
38.....	375	995	2	5	35	40	75	115	190	125	60	30	20	5	12
39.....	100	200	2	6	24	30	50	140	185	100	165	30	60	10	50
40.....	.....	.....	1	4	16	20	45	90	140	45	300	20	125	43	60
Total.....	\$ 1661	\$ 8020	82	476	849	1325	2444	5522	7966	4743	10000	1202	2566	597	2796

STATISTICAL
SALISBURY DISTRICT,

No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.				Bap- tisms	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.	CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Childr'n baptized.	No. of Adults baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.			
1 Asbury.....	55	360	1	5	48	1	35	400	1	\$ 10000	\$ 100			
2 Barren Creek.....	7	61	1	1	1	1	16	75	1	1400	23			
3 Berlin.....	15	158	1	1	1	1	40	240	1	5700	2700			
4 Bethel.....	63	253	1	1	1	1	38	274	1	4300	1000			
5 Bishopville.....	15	147	1	1	1	1	17	181	1	3000	200			
6 Cape Charles City.....	7	97	1	1	1	1	10	150	1	3500	300			
7 Chincoteague.....	34	100	1	1	1	1	20	100	1	3500	2000			
8 Crisfield.....	93	411	1	1	1	1	42	325	1	10000	1500			
9 Deal's Island.....	13	220	1	1	1	1	38	305	1	6000	75			
10 Delmar.....	15	211	1	1	1	1	31	377	1	5000	38			
11 Fairmount.....	109	430	1	1	1	1	41	385	1	10000	250			
12 Frankford.....	38	452	1	1	1	1	30	500	1	6100	371			
13 Fruitland.....	42	247	1	1	1	1	30	200	1	5100	225			
14 Girdle Tree.....	120	312	1	1	1	1	52	349	1	5600	1100			
15 Gumboro.....	17	190	1	1	1	1	13	290	1	2000	800			
16 Holland's Island.....	10	110	1	1	1	1	13	90	1	2100	83			
17 Laurel.....	50	286	1	1	1	1	27	325	1	10000	3000			
18 Marion.....	90	172	1	1	1	1	45	275	1	7000	556			
19 Millsboro.....	71	287	1	1	1	1	32	457	1	7000	300			
20 Mt. Pleasant.....	33	280	1	1	1	1	46	463	1	1200	183			
21 Mt. Vernon.....	51	195	1	1	1	1	28	285	1	3000	150			
22 Nanticoke.....	75	230	1	1	1	1	35	380	1	3600	50			
23 Newark.....	38	146	1	1	1	1	25	150	1	9000	1200			
24 New Church.....	4	31	1	1	1	1	8	31	1	3000	50			
25 Onancock.....	38	260	1	1	1	1	30	300	1	1000	700			
26 Parksley.....	10	105	1	1	1	1	20	150	1	8400	700			
27 Parsonsburg.....	56	330	1	1	1	1	42	376	1	1500	700			
28 Pocomoke City.....	12	181	1	1	1	1	25	225	1	3000	600			
29 Pocomoke Circuit.....	19	150	1	1	1	1	37	225	1	2500	275			
30 Powellville.....	29	190	1	1	1	1	31	230	1	4000	600			
31 Princess Anne.....	40	91	1	1	1	1	11	130	1	3000	1200			
32 Quantico.....	26	180	1	1	1	1	40	250	1	5000	1000			
33 Roxanna.....	17	507	1	1	1	1	65	561	1	5300	800			
34 Reed's Wharf.....	16	36	1	1	1	1	22	74	1	2000	200			
35 St. Peter's.....	24	372	1	1	1	1	4	600	1	8000	1788			
36 Salisbury.....	30	301	1	1	1	1	27	274	1	28000	6000			
37 Selbyville.....	10	280	1	1	1	1	21	180	1	3000	25			
38 Sharptown.....	9	198	1	1	1	1	26	170	1	2000	632			
39 Smith's Island.....	33	209	1	1	1	1	21	200	1	1800	42			
40 Snow Hill.....	8	260	1	1	1	1	24	180	1	6500	2500			
41 Somerset.....	17	146	1	1	1	1	2	246	1	3000	1500			
42 Stockton.....	5	115	1	1	1	1	30	260	1	2000	1100			
43 Tangier.....	20	267	1	1	1	1	47	309	1	2000	1200			
44 Westover.....	7	105	1	1	1	1	34	140	1	4500	800			
45 Whitesville.....	12	339	1	1	1	1	35	450	1	3500	1200			
Total.....	1503	10038	32	148	763	98	109	1532	12117	109	\$ 234400	37	\$ 53950	\$12926

TABLES.
SALISBURY DISTRICT,

No. 2.

	CHURCH PROPERTY				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.										
	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers.	No. of Teachers.		Total Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.		Average Attendance.	No. of Library Books	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in Sunday School this Year.	Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
1	1	1	1	12	23	35	75	325	400	250	75	34	150	60	150
2	61	290	2	6	10	16	75	75	75	60	15	15	60	4	17
3	150	3	3	18	22	40	50	190	240	200	200	27	50	9	55
4	150	850	2	12	24	38	90	184	274	185	38	40	40	9	70
5	150	850	2	12	15	27	77	104	181	98	149	27	50	9	45
6	150	850	2	7	10	17	60	90	150	80	50	17	75	15	70
7	250	1	1	10	10	20	40	60	100	60	80	18	34	26	45
8	100	350	2	18	24	42	60	265	325	260	42	206	3	50	50
9	350	1	1	14	29	43	77	228	305	195	250	39	48	3	70
10	175	3	3	9	22	31	72	305	377	157	28	78	3	71	71
11	75	350	3	11	30	41	101	264	365	177	41	276	39	5	76
12	75	550	3	20	50	30	215	285	500	310	225	67	148	5	76
13	75	550	3	10	20	30	150	50	200	150	29	29	75	5	24
14	750	4	4	23	29	52	87	262	349	220	52	60	12	25	30
15	800	1	1	18	27	45	120	170	290	125	45	60	30	30	113
16	1000	83	3	5	8	13	30	60	90	60	50	13	60	30	75
17	160	1429	1	15	22	27	75	250	325	186	100	27	150	50	93
18	75	2500	3	15	30	45	100	175	275	200	25	180	110	17	80
19	190	5	5	25	41	66	67	300	457	275	300	66	70	21	80
20	50	150	2	18	28	46	138	325	463	250	45	134	45	80	80
21	500	3	3	15	20	35	84	201	285	165	25	73	30	80	10
22	46	80	1	5	4	8	170	210	380	100	25	60	3	3	140
23	112	600	2	4	8	12	50	100	150	100	8	148	27	40	96
24	12	44	3	20	18	38	120	180	300	200	400	35	50	2	200
25	12	44	3	8	12	20	150	150	100	100	20	155	36	47	24
26	450	4	4	15	27	42	89	287	376	252	220	40	75	13	47
27	42	65	4	8	17	25	70	155	225	140	200	37	100	13	21
28	288	1	1	12	25	37	25	200	225	150	200	25	75	11	48
29	50	4	4	11	20	31	70	180	230	170	175	25	50	21	30
30	50	4	4	8	11	11	60	63	130	54	300	11	150	15	80
31	50	4	4	20	20	40	60	190	250	180	224	40	190	15	120
32	100	75	3	15	50	65	130	431	561	300	300	63	156	11	12
33	204	2	2	11	11	22	50	24	74	52	230	22	22	5	79
34	400	1260	4	24	46	70	180	420	600	450	200	70	170	15	79
35	800	1	1	6	21	27	62	212	274	118	248	27	160	2	65
36	300	1	1	7	14	21	180	180	90	90	13	55	30	30	24
37	300	1	1	6	20	26	100	100	200	140	26	71	50	14	45
38	300	1	1	8	13	21	100	100	200	140	26	71	50	14	45
39	300	1	1	8	16	24	100	145	180	125	290	24	110	4	80
40	300	1	1	10	16	26	130	145	180	125	290	24	110	4	80
41	24	90	3	15	15	30	53	193	246	90	256	27	40	3	62
42	24	90	3	15	16	31	80	180	309	277	47	47	10	90	28
43	850	3	3	10	37	47	182	127	140	85	150	25	16	6	28
44	850	3	3	15	19	34	70	70	140	85	150	25	16	6	28
45	50	75	4	15	20	35	100	350	450	250	30	200	12	25	25
Total	\$ 1820	\$12627	109	551	981	1532	3606	8511	12117	7046	4897	1537	3882	690	\$2961

STATISTICAL SALISBURY DISTRICT, No. 3.

Table with columns: NAME OF CHARGE, NAME OF PASTOR, PASTOR'S SUPPORT (CLAIMS, RECEIPTS), Supp't of Pr's'dg Elder, Supp't of B'shop. Rows list 45 churches and their respective financial data.

TABLES. SALISBURY DISTRICT, No. 4.

Table with columns: CONFER. CLAIMANTS, REC'D FROM, C'R'N'T EXP'N'S., BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (MISSIONS, Education, etc.). Rows list various church activities and their financial contributions.

STATISTICAL

WILMINGTON DISTRICT,

No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership		Bap- tisms	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY								
	No. of Probationers.	No. of full Members.		No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Child'n Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.
1 Bethel and Summit.....	9	99	1	2	5	1	2	20	95	2	\$5000	1	\$2500	.....
2 Charlestown.....	12	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	140	3	7000	1	1200	.....
3 Cherry Hill and Union.....	33	285	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	420	4	9000	1	3000	\$ 50
4 Chesapeake City.....	38	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	101	1	10800	.....	.....	.....
5 Chester.....	10	188	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	195	1	16000	.....	2000	178
6 Christiana.....	10	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	120	2	3000	.....	1200	25
7 Claymont.....	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	80	1	5000	.....	1600	118
8 Delaware City.....	.....	123	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	95	2	11000	.....	2000	75
9 Elk Neck.....	12	74	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	150	2	5000	.....	1000	.....
10 Elkton.....	27	288	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	500	2	10000	.....	5000	.....
11 Hockessin and Ebenezer.....	6	93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	215	2	5000	.....	1800	34
12 Hopewell.....	10	105	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	120	2	2500	.....	1000	31
13 Marshallton and Stanton.....	72	155	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	310	2	6000	.....	.....	126
14 Mt. Lebanon and Union.....	11	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	119	2	4000	.....	.....	.....
15 Mt. Pleasant and Union.....	19	110	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	197	2	4000	.....	3000	3139
16 Newark and Wesley.....	63	161	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	340	2	10000	.....	2500	.....
17 New Castle.....	26	263	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	280	2	18000	.....	3500	75
18 Newport.....	16	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	205	2	4700	.....	2300	50
19 North East.....	28	348	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	320	2	2500	.....	2500	18
20 Perryville.....	32	86	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	172	1	30000	.....	2500	.....
21 Port Deposit.....	20	229	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	369	1	30000	.....	2500	.....
22 Port Penn.....	.....	(63)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	(15)	(70)	(1)	.....	.....	1200	.....
23 Red Lion and Glasgow.....	3	116	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	165	2	9250	.....	1200	121
24 Rising Sun and Sylmar.....	11	185	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	255	2	14000	.....	2500	46
25 Rowl'ndv'le & Mt. Pl'sant	18	76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	94	2	4000	.....	.....	37
26 St. Johns.....	10	169	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	168	1	4000	.....	2100	122
27 St. Georges'.....	7	127	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	115	1	5000	.....	4000	52
28 Wilmington-Asbury.....	86	913	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	790	1	46000	.....	4000	120
29 Brandywine & Edgem'r.....	75	378	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	639	2	23000	.....	.....	243
30 Cookman.....	8	97	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	150	1	9573	.....	.....	.....
31 East Lake and Elsmere.....	17	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	220	2	3200	.....	.....	30
32 Epworth.....	12	375	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	394	1	25000	.....	3000	300
33 Grace.....	9	645	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79	615	1	225000	.....	20000	.....
34 Harrison St.....	18	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	210	2	23000	.....	.....	2900
35 Kingswood.....	73	381	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	462	1	15550	.....	.....	1200
36 Madeley.....	16	276	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	375	1	10000	.....	.....	.....
37 Mt. Salem.....	25	240	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	500	1	25000	.....	2000	.....
38 St. Paul's.....	20	512	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	454	1	60000	.....	4000	2143
39 Scott.....	20	417	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	740	1	20000	.....	2600	190
40 Silverbrook.....	4	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	225	1	24000	.....	.....	1800
41 Swedish Mission.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4	.....	3700	.....	.....	.....
42 Union.....	60	670	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	99	800	1	35000	.....	4500	50
43 Wesley.....	.....	168	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	235	1	12000	.....	2500	5000
44 Zion Circuit.....	51	218	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	317	3	10000	.....	1600	166
Total.....	945	9590	41	97	792	162	74	1680	12765	63	\$785773	29	\$88600	\$20567
Conference Total.....	5581	35890	116	476	2746	410	395	6273	44520	383	1567863	131	264515	\$47639

TABLES.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT,

No. 2.

CHURCH PROPERTY.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.														
	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers.	No. of Teachers.	Total Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.		Average Attendance.	No. of Library Books.	No. of Officers and Teachers, who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in Sunday Schools this y'r.	Current Expenses--Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	
1	.....	.....	2	10	10	20	27	68	95	58	500	13	8	150
2	.....	.....	3	13	15	28	60	80	140	125	330	26	26	40
3	142	40	4	7	39	59	120	300	420	200	600	50	75	300	
4	123	1500	2	20	14	14	68	101	78	316	14	22	21	50	
5	500	1400	1	10	17	25	100	195	80	229	17	140	4	66	
6	10	490	2	15	15	30	90	120	58	350	15	14	4	43	
7	.....	550	2	5	10	41	39	80	45	180	9	12	.....	.....
8	.....	1000	1	10	13	26	69	95	73	151	20	20	.....	.....
9	.....	.....	2	13	11	23	50	100	150	200	24	68	5	81
10	.....	.....	4	20	40	60	100	500	300	600	60	150	15	150
11	130	193	2	13	23	36	65	150	215	108	380	31	80	84	
12	.....	.....	2	9	17	26	84	86	120	60	125	25	24	13
13	.....	23	2	9	22	41	108	202	310	242	250	41	115	90
14	.....	.....	2	8	14	15	35	84	119	75	200	15	19	35
15	200	150	2	16	17	30	45	152	197	80	300	28	36	73	
16	50	.....	2	21	28	49	90	250	340	220	458	45	100	70
17	100	1300	1	9	25	34	115	165	280	168	292	38	66	94	
18	.....	100	1	10	20	30	90	115	205	125	200	28	50	125
19	.....	.....	2	19	20	39	110	210	320	240	275	30	56	80
20	.....	.....	1	4	18	22	55	117	172	94	50	42	6	57
21	.....	2500	1	20	26	46	128	241	369	155	626	43	150	190
22	.....	(33)	(1)	(2)	(16)	(18)	(70)	(70)	(60)	(50)	.....	(10)	.....	(15)
23	100	1200	3	24	15	39	35	130	165	90	450	23	38	50	
24	.....	.....	2	17	16	33	72	183	255	130	449	32	57	50
25	.....	.....	1	6	8	14	94	94	60	250	13	26	.....	16
26	.....	.....	1	2	12	14	34	134	168	69	125	14	56	6
27	.....	.....	1	7	13	20	35	80	115	63	150	17	26	28
28	.....	.....	2	25	35	60	300	490	790	465	800	59	200	35
29	.....	2500	3	29	61	90	200	439	639	400	250	90	150	215
30	.....	5380	1	6	14	20	60	90	150	100	258	20	.....	109
31	100	1200	2	11	13	24	90	130	220	140	250	21	15	12	
32	500	19500	1	8	26	34	64	330	394	325	400	34	100	10	
33	33	1000	1	17	62	79	151	464	615	450	1025	77	128	4	
34	.....	8000	1	19	30	49	140	275	415	280	.....	49	75	85
35	600	6400	1	10	28	38	100	362	462	349	500	35	150	40	
36	1000	.....	1	15	35	50	235	140	375	2	5	150	80	200
37	.....	3000	2	19	33	52	145	355	500	340	700	52	140	35
38	.....	1000	2	18	78	96	80	374	454	387	765	89	189	8
39	100	100	2	20	45	65	270	470	740	500	500	69	140	10	
40	1425	1700	1	8	22	30	59	166	225	115	275	30	67	2	
41	.....	1100	1	1	3	4	13	11	24	22	18	4	.....	48
42	900	900	2	32	67	99	200	600	800	530	798	99	225	25	
43	.....	5590	1	12	31	43	150	85	235	157	200	43	30	.....
44	335	345	3	24	32	56	52	265	317	173	625	56	85	42	
Total.....	\$ 7357	\$68091	74	600	1080	1680	3842	8923	12765	6097	5000	1564	3257	497	6376
Conference Total.....	\$13143	100742	395	2279	3994	6273	13690	30830	44520	25440	38583	5899	13296	2419	15108

Summary of Statistical Report for 1895.

W. R. MOWBRAY, Statistical Secretary.

		INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1 Church Membership.			
Number of Probationers,	5,531	.. .	89
Number of Full Members,	35,890	1,537	.. .
Number of Local Preachers,	116	.. .	2
Number of Deaths,	476	.. .	46
2 Baptisms.			
Number of Children,	2,746	.. .	258
Number of Adults,	410	.. .	132
3 Sunday Schools.			
Number of Schools,	395	.. .	5
Number of Officers and Teachers,	6,273	8	.. .
Number of Scholars,	44,520	260	.. .
4 Church Property.			
Number of Churches,	383	1	.. .
Probable Value,	\$1,567,865	\$ 6921	.. .
Number of Parsonages,	131	.. .	.. .
Probable Value,	\$ 264,515	.. .	\$ 4,335
Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages,	47,639	.. .	40,310
Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property,	13,143	118	.. .
Present Indebtedness on Church Property,	100,742	12,409	.. .
5 Ministerial Support.			
Paid Pastors and for House Rent,	132,122	.. .	971
Deficiency,	4,020	596	.. .
Paid Presiding Elders,	6,885	.. .	271
Paid Episcopal Fund,	1,538	.. .	60
Paid Conf. Claimants,	5,727	.. .	206
6 Benevolent Collections.			
Missions,	23,965	.. .	646
Church Extension,	2,150	.. .	278
Sunday School Union,	436	.. .	37
Tract Society,	409	.. .	54
Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society,	1,294	.. .	273
Childrens' Fund,	1,172	.. .	90
Conf. Academy,	960	203	.. .
American Bible Society,	518	.. .	86
Woman's Foreign Mission Society,	1,719	208	.. .
Woman's Home Mission Society,	2,324	.. .	24
General Conf. Expenses,	512	.. .	.. .
Conf. Education Society,	405	.. .	118
Domestic Missions,	1,016	.. .	59
Stewards' Endowment Fund,	384	234	.. .

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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.

SMYRNA, DEL., March 20, 1895.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith	M. D. Nutter	\$ 50 00
Bridgeville	J. S. Wickline	100 00
Burrsville	O. W. De Venish	40 00
Cambridge	F. C. McSorley	250 00
Camden	I. G. Fosnocht	100 00
Cannon	T. S. Williams	125 00
Church Creek	D. H. Willis	20 00
Crapo	J. D. Reese	200 00
Denton	Z. H. Webster	175 00
Dorchester	W. J. Thompson	12 00
Dover, Wesley	W. L. S. Murray	500 00
Dover, Armory	T. E. Bell	35 00
East New Market	W. E. Tomkinson	50 00
Ellendale	L. T. McLain	60 00
Elliott's Island	C. W. Strickland	25 00
Farmington	F. J. Cochran	90 00
Federalburg	G. T. Alderson	115 00
Felton	H. S. Thompson	80 00

Frederica	H. C. Turner	\$ 150 00
Galestown	J. E. Graham	130 00
Georgetown	C. A. Grise	200 00
Georgetown Circuit	A. D. Davis	40 00
Greenwood	Aloycius Green	140 00
Harrington	P. H. Rawlins	125 00
Hooper's Island	J. H. Wilson	10 00
Houston	G. R. Neese	221 00
Hurlock's	T. B. Cooper	85 00
Leipsic	E. C. Wright	35 00
Lewes	S. J. Morris	250 00
Lincoln	J. T. Van Burkalow	83 00
Little Creek	A. C. Jones	24 00
Madison and Taylor's Island	M. F. Holland	5 00
Magnolia	W. F. Dawson	96 00
Milford	T. E. Martindale	470 00
Milton	E. P. Roberts	140 00
Nassau	W. M. Greene	100 00
Preston	T. G. Eiswald	6 00
Salem	J. W. Talley	25 00
Seaford	C. W. Prettyman	155 00
Vienna	G. W. Bowman	50 00
Williamsburg	J. P. Outten	87 00
Williston	W. W. Chaires	110 00
Woodside	C. B. Fisher	62 00
Wyoming	T. C. Smoot	60 00
Zoar	C. W. Clapham	10 00
Total		\$4896 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Appoquinimink	E. H. Hynson	\$ 60 00
Bayside	F. E. McKinsay	40 00
Cecilton	D. H. Corkran	185 00
Centreville	J. W. Easley	250 00
Cheswold	T. R. Van Dyke	75 00
Chestertown	W. P. Compton	250 00
Church Hill	E. E. White	100 00
Clayton	W. O. Hurst	50 00
Cordova	J. M. Lindale	60 00

Crumpton	John Boehm	\$ 20 00
Easton	W. E. Avery	250 00
Galena	E. H. Nelson	140 00
Greensboro	J. A. Arters	100 00
Hillsboro	W. W. Sharp	150 00
Ingleside	W. M. Warner	20 00
Kent Island	Frank Fletcher	95 00
Kenton	J. M. Collins	25 00
Marydel	Albert Chandler	100 00
Middletown	Alfred Smith, P. E.	460 00
Millington	G. W. Burke	75 00
Morgan Creek	C. S. York	5 00
Odessa	R. I. Watkins	150 00
Oxford	J. W. Fogle	90 00
Piney Neck	L. E. Poole	20 00
Pomona	J. F. Anderson	60 00
Queenstown	R. D. Cantwell	2 00
Rock Hall	Edward Davis	83 00
Royal Oak	W. H. Benford	40 00
St. Michael's	J. P. Otis	260 00
Salem and Union	J. B. Merritt	44 00
Sassafras and Massey's	W. N. Conway	15 00
Smyrna	Adam Stengle	517 00
Smyrna Circuit	W. R. Mowbray	100 00
Still Pond	J. D. Kemp	103 00
Sudlersville	C. F. Sheppard	70 00
Talbot Circuit	J. T. Prouse	50 00
Tilghman's Island	J. D. Lecates	65 00
Townsend	F. F. Carpenter	100 00
Trappe	Robert Roe	60 00
Wye and Starr	W. H. S. Loller	30 00
Total		\$4369 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Asbury	C. S. Baker	\$ 350 00
Barren Creek	D. J. Givan	12 00
Berlin	W. R. McFarlane	70 00
Bethel	D. F. McFaull	75 00
Bishopville	V. P. Nerthrup	65 00

Cape Charles,	G. W. Bounds,	\$ 50 00
Chincoteague,	J. W. Williams,	60 00
Crisfield,	R. K. Stephenson,	285 00
Deal's Island,	C. T. Wyatt,	300 00
Delmar,	G. W. Townsend,	215 00
Fairmount,	T. A. H. O'Brien,	500 00
Frankford,	C. P. Swain,	150 00
Fruitland,	C. I. Stengle,	5 00
Girdle Tree,	T. F. Tabler,	141 00
Gumboro,	W. B. Guthrie,	100 00
Holland's Island,	W. E. Matthews,	100 00
Laurel,	S. N. Pilchard,	262 00
Marion,	L. P. Corkran,	150 00
Millsboro,	T. N. Given,	90 00
Mt. Pleasant,	W. S. H. Williams,	75 00
Mt. Vernon,	E. H. Derrickson,	100 00
Nanticoke,	S. R. Maxwell,	220 00
Newark, Md.,	J. R. Campbell,	25 00
New Church,	B. Wheatly,	10 00
Onancock,	E. C. Atkins,	150 00
Parksley,	James Conner,	30 00
Parsonsburg,	J. M. Mitchell,	80 00
Pocomoke City,	E. C. Macnichol,	100 00
Pocomoke Circuit,	J. H. Beauchamp,	50 00
Powellville,	Eben Welch,	40 00
Princess Anne,	G. T. Alderson,	75 00
Quantico,	James Carroll,	80 00
Roxanna,	G. L. Hardesty,	150 00
Reed's Wharf,	T. S. Barrett,	15 00
St. Peter's,	Warren Burr,	200 00
Salisbury,	C. A. Hill,	453 00
Selbyville,	G. P. Jones,	60 00
Sharptown,	Newton McQuay,	80 00
Smith's Island,	T. F. Beauchamp,	260 00
Snow Hill,	R. T. Coursey,	190 00
Somerset,	J. W. Gray,	100 00
Stockton,	B. F. Price,	75 00
Tangier,	W. R. Gwinn,	350 00
Westover,	C. K. Morris,	33 00

Whitesville,	E. H. Miller,	\$ 140 00
Total		\$6121 00

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel and Summit	T. B. Hunter	\$ 50 00
Charlestown	T. H. Harding	50 00
Cherry Hill and Union	W. T. Valiant	180 00
Chesapeake City	Wilmer Jaggard	70 00
Chester	E. S. Mace	140 00
Christiana	G. S. Conaway	30 00
Claymont	G. E. Wood	52 00
Delaware City	J. E. Amos	118 00
Elk Neck	L. B. Kirby	20 00
Elkton	I. L. Wood	300 00
Hockessin and Ebenezer	O. S. Walton	75 00
Hopewell	J. H. Geoghegan	55 00
Marshallton and Stanton	Edwin Gardner	55 00
Mt. Lebanon	J. O. Sypherd	60 00
Mt. Pleasant and Union	C. H. Williams	90 00
Newark and Wesley	W. J. DuHadway	130 00
New Castle	V. S. Collins	200 00
Newport	A. S. Mowbray	140 00
North East	W. G. Koons	140 00
Perryville	H. G. Budd	54 00
Port Deposit	H. W. Ewing	206 00
Port Penn		11 00
Red Lion and Glasgow	W. P. Townsend	50 00
Rising Sun and Sylmar	J. E. Bryan	160 00
Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant	Percy Greenfield	20 00
St. John's	W. P. Taylor	63 00
St. George's	Julius Dodd	73 00
Asbury	J. H. Howard	1000 00
Brandywine and Edgmore	Asbury Burk	185 00
Cookman	W. L. White	42 00
East Lake and Elsmere	John France	30 00
Epworth	L. W. Layfield	61 00
Grace	Merritt Hulburd	2246 00
Harrison Street	F. B. Short	50 00
Kingswood	H. S. Dulaney	88 00

Madeley	D. F. Waddell	\$ 38 00
Mt. Salem	S. M. Morgan	400 00
St. Paul's	T. E. Terry	700 00
Scott	Robert Watt	310 00
Silverbrook	W. A. Wise	35 00
Swedish Mission	F. O. B. Wallin	30 00
Union	J. D. C. Hanna	600 00
Wesley	J. B. Quigg	50 00
Zion	A. P. Prettyman	125 00
Total		<u>\$8582 00</u>

RECAPITULATION.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Raised last year,	\$5,101 00
Raised this year,	<u>4,896 00</u>
Decrease,	\$ 205 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Raised last year,	\$4,763 00
Raised this year,	<u>4,369 00</u>
Decrease,	\$ 394 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Raised last year,	\$6,072 00
Raised this year,	<u>6,121 00</u>
Increase,	\$ 49 00

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Raised last year,	\$8,665 00
Raised this year,	<u>8,582 00</u>
Decrease,	\$ 83 00

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Whole amount raised last year,	\$24,601 00
Whole amount raised this year,	<u>23,968 00</u>
Total decrease,	\$ 633 00

MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith—M. D. Nutter, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 50 00
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Bridgeville—J. S. Wickline, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 60 00
Sunday School,	<u>40 00</u>
Total,	\$ 100 00

Burrsville—O. W. DeVenish—Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 40 00
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Cambridge—F. C. McSorley, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 145 00
Sunday School,	<u>105 00</u>
Total,	\$ 250 00

Camden—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.

Camden Church	\$ 20 20
Camden Sunday School	29 80
Lebanon Church	13 00
Lebanon Sunday School	7 00
St. Jones' Sunday School	<u>30 00</u>
Total	\$ 100 00

Cannon—T. S. Williams, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 69 28
Schools	<u>30 72</u>
Total	\$100 00

Church Creek—D. H. Willis, Pastor.

Church Creek Church	\$ 10 00
Sunday School	<u>10 00</u>
Total	\$20 00

Crapo—J. D. Reese, Pastor.

St. John's Church,	\$ 3 00
Streets "	5 50
Bounds' "	8 00
Wesley "	15 00
Ebenezer "	25 00
Zion "	25 00
Bethany "	26 00
St. Thomas' "	92 50
Total,	\$ 200 00

Denton—Zack H. Webster, Pastor.

Denton Church,	\$ 120 00
Denton Sunday School,	16 00
Harris' Church,	14 00
Central Church,	9 00
Central Sunday School,	16 00
Total,	\$ 175 00

Dorchester—W. J. Thompson, Pastor.

Churches,	\$6 00
Schools,	6 00
Total,	\$ 12 00

Wesley—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 140 00
Sunday School,	360 00
Total,	\$ 500 00

Armory—Thomas E. Bell, Pastor.

Sunday School,	\$ 20 00
Church,	15 00
Total,	\$ 35 00

East New Market—Wm. E. Tomkinson, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 30 00
Sunday Schools,	20 00
Total,	\$ 50 00

Ellendale—L. T. McLain, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 30 00
Sunday Schools,	30 00
Total,	\$ 60 00

Elliott's Island—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$25 00
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Farmington—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Farmington Church	\$ 12 00
Farmington Sunday School	34 00
Todd's Church	10 00
Todd's Sunday School	10 00
Prospect Church	9 00
Prospect Sunday School	5 00
Staytonville Church	5 00
Staytonville Sunday School	5 00
Total	\$ 90 00

Federalsburg.

Federalsburg Sunday School	\$ 30 00
Federalsburg Church	70 00
Chestnut Grove Sunday School	3 00
Chestnut Grove Church	12 00
Total	\$ 115 00

Felton—H. S. Thompson, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 7 00
Sunday School,	73 00
Total,	\$ 80 00

Frederica—H. C. Turner, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 50 00
Sunday School,	100 00
Total,	\$ 150 00

Galestown—J. E. Graham, Pastor.

Wesley Church and School,	\$ 50 00
Galestown " "	40 00
Cokesbury " "	30 00

Woodland Church and School,	\$ 10 00
Total,	\$ 130 00

Georgetown—C. A. Grise, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 50 00
Sunday School,	150 00
Total,	\$ 200 00

Georgetown Circuit—A. D. Davis, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 30 00
Sunday Schools,	10 00
Total,	\$ 40 00

Greenwood—Aloycius Green, Pastor.

Greenwood Church	\$ 33 00
Greenwood Sunday School,	7 00
Trinity Church,	63 00
Trinity Sunday School,	7 00
Chaplain's Church,	20 00
St. John's Church,	10 00
Total,	\$ 140 00

Harrington—P. H. Rawlins, Pastor.

Harrington Congregation,	\$ 38 00
Harrington Sunday School	70 00
Asbury Sunday School	5 00
Masten's Congregation	9 00
Harrington Epworth League	3 00
Total	\$ 125 00

Hooper's Island Charge—J. H. Wilson, Pastor.

Church and Schools	\$ 10 00
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Houston—G. R. Neese, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 46 00
Schools	175 00
Total	\$ 221 00

Hurlock—T. B. Cooper, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 65 00
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Sunday Schools,	\$ 20 00
Total,	\$ 85 00

Leipsic—E. C. Wright, Pastor.

Church and Schools,	\$ 35 00
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Lewes—S. J. Morris, Pastor.

Sunday School,	\$ 125 00
Church,	125 00
Total,	\$ 250 00

Lincoln—J. T. VanBurkalow, Pastor.

Total for the entire charge,	\$ 83 00
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Little Creek—A. C. Jones, Pastor.

Church and school,	\$ 24 00
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Madison—Frank Holland, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 5 00
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Magnolia—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.

Magnolia Sunday School,	\$ 75 00
Barratt's Chapel Sunday School,	20 00
Saxton's Sunday School,	1 00
Total,	\$ 96 00

Milford—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 125 00
Avenue Sunday School,	305 00
Chapel "	30 00
Epworth League,	10 00
Total,	\$ 470 00

Milton—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 50 00
Sunday School,	90 00
Total,	\$ 140 00

Nassau—W. M. Greene, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 85 00
Sunday Schools,	15 00
Total,	\$ 100 00

Preston—T. G. Eiswald, Pastor.

Preston Church	\$ 4 00
Choptank Church	1 00
Bethlehem	1 00
Total,	\$ 6 00

Salem—J. W. Talley, Pastor.

Salem Church	\$ 3 00
Salem Sunday School	8 00
Hopkins Church	3 00
Hopkins Sunday School	11 00
Total	\$ 25 00

Seaford and Bladesville—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Seaford Church	\$ 60 00
Seaford School	90 00
Bladesville Church	1 00
Bladesville School	4 00
Total	\$ 155 00

Vienna—G. W. Bowman, Pastor.

Vienna Church,	\$ 10 55
Vienna Sunday School,	35 71
Wainwright "	1 25
Manship "	1 49
Reid's Grove "	1 00
Total,	\$ 50 00

Williamsburg—J. P. Outten, Pastor.

Williamsburg Sunday School,	\$ 27 00
Hynson Church,	14 00
Hynson Sunday School,	11 00
Friendship Church,	18 00
Friendship Sunday School,	7 00
Nichols Church,	3 00
Nichols Sunday School,	7 00
Total,	\$ 87 00

Williston—W. W. Chaires, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 50 00
Sunday Schools,	60 00
Total,	\$ 110 00

Woodside—C. B. Fisher, Pastor.

Canterbury Church,	\$ 23 00
Woodside "	8 00
Viola "	5 00
Rising Sun "	3 00
Canterbury Sunday School,	17 00
Woodside "	3 00
Viola, "	3 00
Total,	\$ 62 00

Wyoming—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.

Wyoming Church	\$ 19 00
Wyoming Sunday School	15 00
Union Church	6 40
Union Sunday School	5 00
Willow Grove Church	6 10
Asbury Church	3 50
A Friend	5 00
Total	\$ 60 00

Zoar—C. W. Clapham, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 10 00
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EASTON DISTRICT.

Appoquinimink—E. H. Hynson, Pastor.

Friendship Church,	\$ 35 00
Friendship Sunday School,	15 00
Smyrna Landing Sunday School,	10 00
Total,	\$ 60 00

Bayside—Fred. E. McKinsey, Pastor.

Asbury Church,	\$ 7 50
Asbury Sunday School,	12 50
Sherwood Church,	5 00

Sherwood Sunday School,	\$ 15 00
Total,	\$ 40 00

Cecilton—D. H. Corkran, Pastor.

St. Paul's Sunday School,	\$ 60 00
St. Paul's Church,	15 00
Zion Sunday School,	90 00
Zion Church,	20 00
Total,	\$ 185 00

Centreville—J. W. Easley, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 75 00
Sunday Schools,	175 00
Total,	\$ 250 00

Chestertown—W. P. Compton, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 100 00
School,	150 00
Total,	\$ 250 00

Cheswold—T. R. Van Dyke, Pastor.

Cheswold Sunday School,	\$ 54 00
Epworth League,	16 00
Church,	5 00
Total,	\$ 75 00

Church Hill—E. E. White, Pastor.

Church	\$ 48 00
Sunday School	56 00
Total	\$ 104 00

Clayton—W. O. Hurst, Pastor.

Church	\$ 18 00
School	32 00
Total	\$ 50 00

Cordova—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

Cordova Sunday School	\$ 20 00
Kings Creek School	8 62

Kings Creek Epworth League	\$ 10 25
Kings Creek—By collectors	14 13
Chapel Church	3 50
Cash	3 50
Total	\$ 60 00

Crumpton—John Boehm, Pastor.

Crumpton School,	\$ 16 39
Double Creek School,	3 61
Total,	\$ 20 00

Easton—W. E. Avery, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 50 00
Sunday School,	200 00
Total,	\$250 00

Galena and Locust Grove—Edwin H. Nelson, Pastor.

Galena Church,	\$ 47 37
Locust Grove Church,	33 76
Galena School,	50 87
Locust Grove School,	8 00
Total,	\$ 140 00

Greensboro—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 8 00
Sunday School,	92 00
Total,	\$ 100 00

Hillsboro—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools,	\$ 150 00
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Ingleside—W. M. Warner, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 14 00
Sunday Schools,	6 00
Total,	\$ 20 00

Kent Island—Frank Fletcher, Pastor.

First Church	\$ 40 00
First Church Sunday School	20 00
Kingsley Church	20 00

Kingsley Church Sunday School	\$ 5 00
Trinity Church	8 50
Trinity Sunday School	2 50
Total	\$ 95 00

Kenton—J. M. Collins, Pastor.

Church	\$ 20 00
School	5 00
Total	\$ 25 00

Marydel—Albert Chandler, Pastor.

Templeville Church	\$ 24 00
Templeville Sunday School	14 00
Marydel Church	11 00
Marydel Sunday School	12 00
Hartly Church	11 00
Hartly Sunday School	15 00
Thomas Chapel	11 00
Thomas Sunday School	2 00
Total	\$ 100 00

Middletown—N. M. Browne, Pastor.

Church	\$ 85 00
Sunday School,	375 00
Total,	\$ 460 00

Millington—Geo. W. Burke, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 55 00
Sunday School,	20 00
Total,	\$ 75 00

Odessa—R. Irving Watkins, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 37 00
Sunday School,	113 00
Total,	\$ 150 00

Oxford—J. W. Fogle, Pastor.

Sunday School,	\$ 68 00
Epworth League,	5 00
Church,	17 00
Total,	\$ 90 00

Piney Neck—L. E. Pool, Pastor.

School,	\$ 20 00
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Pomona—J. F. Anderson, Pastor.

Bond Chapel,	\$ 7 00
Bond Sunday School,	47 00
Mowbray Chapel,	6 00
Total,	\$ 60 00

Queenstown—R. D. Cantwell, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 3 00
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Rock Hall—E. Davis, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 38 00
Sunday School,	45 00
Total,	\$ 83 00

Royal Oak—W. H. Benford, Pastor.

Sunday School,	\$ 40 00
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St. Michael's—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 13 00
Sunday School,	247 00
Total,	\$ 260 00

Salem and Union—J. B. Merritt, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 30 00
Sunday Schools,	14 00
Total,	\$ 44 00

Sassafras and Massey—W. N. Conway, Pastor.

Golt's Station,	\$ 10 00
Dulaney,	3 00
Sassafras,	2 00
Total,	\$ 15 00

Smyrna—Adam Stengle, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 237 00
Sunday School,	260 00
Christian Endeavor Society,	20 00
Total,	\$ 517 00

Smyrna Circuit—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 23 00
Bethel Sunday School	37 50
Severson "	16 25
Jerman "	18 00
Bay View "	5 25
Total	100 00

Still Pond—John D. Kemp, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 103 00
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Sudlersville—C. F. Sheppard, Pastor.

Sudlersville Sunday School,	\$ 43 42
Dudley's Sunday School,	4 50
Barclay Sunday School,	5 03
Churches,	17 05
Total,	\$ 70 00

Talbot—James T. Prouse, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 43 00
Schools,	7 00
Total,	\$ 50 00

Tilghman—John D. Lecates, Pastor.

Chesapeake Sunday School,	\$ 35 00
Choptank "	20 00
Churches,	10 00
Total,	\$ 65 00

Townsend—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.

Immanuel,	\$ 40 00
Sunday School,	40 00
Black Bird Sunday School,	5 00
Union,	15 00
Total,	\$ 100 00

Trappe—Robert Roe, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 49 00
Sunday Schools,	11 00
Total,	\$ 60 00

Wye and Starr—W. H. S. Loller, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 28 00
Sunday School,	2 00
Total,	\$ 30 00

Zion—Chas. S. York, Pastor.

School and Church,	\$ 5 00
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SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Asbury—C. S. Baker, Pastor.

Sunday School,	\$ 137 00
Church,	213 00
Total,	\$ 350 00

Barren Creek—D. J. Givan, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 12 00
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Berlin—Wm. R. McFarlane, Pastor.

Berlin Church and Sunday School,	\$ 70 00
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Bethel—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 60 00
Sunday Schools,	15 00
Total,	\$ 75 00

Bishopville—Van P. Northrup, Pastor.

Wilson Church,	\$ 31 00
Wilson Sunday School,	32 00
St. Martin's Church,	2 00
Total,	\$ 65 00

Cape Charles—Geo. W. Bounds, Pastor.

Bethany Church,	\$ 20 00
Sunday School,	30 00
Total,	\$ 50 00

Chincoteague—J. W. Williams, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools	60 00
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Crisfield—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor.

Church	100 00
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Sunday School	\$ 185 00
Total	\$285 00

Deal's Island—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.

Deal's Island Sunday School,	\$ 200 00
Church,	100 00
Total,	\$ 300 00

Delmar—Geo. W. Townsend, Pastor.

Sunday School Collection,	\$ 205 00
Epworth League,	10 00
Total,	\$ 215 00

Fairmount—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.

Christ's Church,	\$ 84 49
Christ's Sunday School,	261 41
Union Church,	16 96
Union Sunday School,	83 04
Fishing Island Sunday School,	16 00
Self Denial for Charge,	38 10
Total,	\$ 500 00

Frankford—C. P. Swain, Pastor.

St. George's Sunday School,	\$ 35 00
St. George's Church,	40 00
Frankford Sunday School,	15 00
Frankford Church,	50 00
Houston Church and Sunday School,	10 00
Total,	\$ 150 00

Fruitland—Chas. I. Stengle, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 5 00
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Girdletree—T. F. Tabler, Pastor.

Girdletree Sunday School,	\$ 35 00
Church,	31 00
Conners Sunday School,	42 00
Church,	8 00
Kleg Grange Sunday School,	10 00
Goodwill Church,	10 00

Goodwill Sunday School,	\$ 5 00
Total,	\$ 141 00

Gumboro—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.

Gumboro Church,	\$ 45 00
Sunday School,	5 00
Bethel Church,	24 00
Sunday School,	6 00
West Woods Church,	20 00
Total,	\$ 100 00

Holland's Island—W. E. Matthews, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 69 00
Sunday School,	31 00
Total,	\$ 100 00

Laurel—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

Church	14 00
Sunday School	248 00
Total	\$ 262 00

Marion—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	\$ 100 00
Churches	50 00
Total	\$ 150 00

Millsboro—Thos. N. Given, Pastor.

Millsboro,	\$ 39 00
Dagsboro,	16 00
Unity,	15 00
Central,	10 00
Carey's,	10 00
Total,	\$ 90 00

Mt. Pleasant—W. S. H. Williams, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church and Sunday School,	\$ 40 00
King's Church,	23 00
St. George's Church,	12 00
Total,	\$ 75 00

Mt. Vernon—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.

Asbury,	\$ 50 00
J. Wesley Sunday School,	50 00
Total,	\$ 100 00

Nanticoke—S. R. Maxwell, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 143 00
Sunday Schools,	77 00
Total,	\$ 220 00

Newark, Md.—James R. Campbell, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School,	\$ 25 00
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New Church—B. Wheatly, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School,	\$ 10 00
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Onancock—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

Onancock Church,	\$ 68 00
Onancock Sunday School,	47 00
Leatherbury's Chapel,	10 50
Leatherbury's Sunday School,	4 50
Ayer's Chapel,	20 00
Total,	\$ 150 00

Parksley—James Conner, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 30 00
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Parsonsborg—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

Parsonsborg,	\$ 50 00
Zion,	20 00
Pittsville,	10 00
Total,	\$ 80 00

Pocomoke City—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.

Sunday School,	\$ 100 00
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Pocomoke Circuit—John H. Beauchamp, Pastor.

Cokesbury Church,	\$ 5 00
Cokesbury Sunday School,	14 00
Emmanuel Church,	12 00
Emmanuel Sunday School,	13 00
Holland's Church,	3 00

William's "	\$ 3 00
Total,	\$ 50 00

Powellville—E. Welch, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 25 00
Sunday Schools,	15 00
Total,	\$ 40 00

Princess Anne—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.

Sunday School,	\$ 75 00
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Quantico—James Carroll, Pastor.

Rockawalking Church,	\$ 35 00
School,	5 00
Messick's Church,	15 00
Hebron,	3 00
Quantico Church and Sunday School,	22 00
Total,	\$ 80 00

Roxanna—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor.

Roxanna Church,	\$ 42 00
Roxanna Sunday School,	10 00
Bethel Church,	60 00
Bethel School,	24 00
Sound Church,	10 00
Sound School,	4 00
Total,	\$ 150 00

Read's Wharf—Thomas S. Barrett, Pastor.

Melson's Church,	2 00
Melson's Sunday School,	3 00
Barrett Church,	4 00
Barrett Sunday School,	6 00
Total,	\$ 15 00

Salisbury—Charles A. Hill, Pastor.

From Congregation,	127 00
From Sunday School,	301 00
From Epworth League,	25 00
Total,	\$ 453 00

Sharptown—N. McQuay, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 23 96
Sunday School,	50 00
Epworth League,	6 04
Total,	\$ 80 00

Smith's Island—T. F. Beauchamp, Pastor.

North End School,	\$ 67 00
Drum Point School,	52 00
Road's Point School,	25 00
Church,	116 00
Total	\$ 260 00

Snow Hill—R. T. Coursey, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 36 00
Sunday School,	154 00
Total,	\$ 190 00

Stockton—B. F. Price, Pastor.

Stockton Congregation,	\$ 11 00
Franklin City "	15 00
Remson's "	5 00
Easter Offering,	10 00
Stockton Sunday School,	9 00
Franklin City "	21 00
Remson's "	4 00
Total,	\$ 75 00

St. Peter's—Warren Burr, Pastor.

St. Peter's,	\$ 100 00
St. Stephen's,	50 00
Burr's,	25 00
Bethel,	25 00
Total,	\$ 200 00

Selbyville—G. P. Jones, Pastor.

Salem Sunday School,	\$ 44 00
Salem Church,	16 00
Total,	\$ 60 00

Somerset—J. W. Gray, Pastor.

Rock Creek Church,	\$ 27 00
Rock Creek Sunday School,	23 00
Dames Quarter Church,	44 00
Dames Quarter Sunday School,	6 00
Total,	\$ 100 00

Tangier—W. R. Gwinn, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 70 00
Sunday School No. 1,	234 00
Sunday School No. 2,	46 00
Total,	\$ 350 00

Westover—C. K. Morris, Pastor.

Westover Church,	\$ 7 00
Sunday School,	6 00
Mt. Olive Church,	4 00
Sunday School,	8 00
Kingston Church,	4 00
Rehoboth Church,	4 00
Total,	\$ 33 00

Whitesville Circuit—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 120 00
Sunday School,	20 00
Total,	\$ 140 00

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel and Summit—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.

Bethel Church and Sunday School	30 00
Summit Church and Sunday School	20 00
Total	\$ 50 00

Charlestown—T. H. Harding, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 35 00
Sunday Schools	15 00
Total	\$ 50 00

Cherry Hill—W. T. Valiant, Pastor.

Churches,	\$ 57 00
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Sunday Schools, 123 00

Total, \$ 180 00

Chesapeake City—Wilmer Jaggard, Pastor.

Churches, \$ 70 00

Chester-Bethel—Edgar S. Mace, Pastor.

Church, \$ 104 88

Sunday School, 29 87

Epworth League 5 25

Total, \$ 140 00

Christiana—G. S. Conaway, Pastor.

Churches, \$ 9 00

Sunday Schools, 21 00

Total, \$ 30 00

Claymont—Geo. Emmet Wood, Pastor.

Church and congregation, \$ 4 50

Sunday School, 40 00

Epworth League, 7 50

Total, \$ 52 00

Delaware City—J. Edwin Amos, Pastor.

Church, \$ 43 00

Sunday School, 75 00

Sunday School, \$ 118 00

Elk Neck—L. B. Kirby, Pastor.

Churches, \$ 20 00

Elkton—I. L. Wood, Pastor.

Church \$ 75 00

Sunday Schools \$ 225 00

Total \$ 300 00

Hockessin—O. S. Walton, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools \$ 75 00

Hopewell—J. H. Geoghegan, Pastor.

Sunday School and Church, \$ 55 00

Marshallton and Stanton—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.

Marshallton Church, \$ 15 00

Marshallton Sunday School, 15 00

Stanton Church, 15 00

Stanton Sunday School, 10 00

Total, \$ 55 00

Mt. Lebanon—J. Owen Sypherd, Pastor.

Sunday School, \$ 60 00

Mt. Pleasant and Newark Union—C. H. Williams, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant and Sunday School \$ 60 00

Congregation 5 00

Newark Union Sunday School 15 00

Congregation 10 00

Total \$ 90 00

Newark and Wesley—W. J. DuHadway, Pastor.

Church \$ 11 00

Sunday Schools 119 00

Total \$ 130 00

New Castle—Vaughan S. Collins, Pastor.

Sunday School, \$ 185 00

Church, 15 00

Total, \$ 200 00

Newport—A. S. Mowbray, Pastor.

Church, \$ 40 00

Sunday School, 100 00

Total, \$ 140 00

North East—W. G. Koons, Pastor.

Church, \$ 16 00

Sunday School, 124 00

Total, \$ 140 00

Perryville, Md.—Henry G. Budd, Pastor.

Sunday School, \$ 41 00

Church, 13 00

Total, \$ 54 00

Port Deposit—H. W. Ewing, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 66 00
Sunday School,	140 00
Total,	\$ 206 00

Port Penn.

Church and School,	\$ 11 00
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Red Lion and Glasgow—Wm. Porter Townsend, Pastor.

Red Lion Sunday School,	\$ 11 00
Glasgow "	1 00
Eden "	4 00
Churches,	34 00
Total,	\$ 50 00

Rising Sun—J. E. Bryan, Pastor.

Rising Sun Church,	\$ 80 00
Rising Sun Sunday School,	60 00
Rising Sun Epworth League,	2 00
Sylmar Chureh,	11 00
Sylmar Sunday School,	7 00
Total,	\$ 160 00

Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant—W. Ernest Greenfield, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church,	\$ 15 00
Sunday School,	5 00
Total,	\$ 20 00

St. Georges—Julius Dodd, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 33 00
Sunday School,	40 00
Total,	\$ 73 00

St. John's—Wm. P. Taylor, Pastor.

Sunday School,	\$ 31 00
Church,	25 00
Epworth League,	7 00
Total,	\$ 63 00

Asbury—John H. Howard, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 400 00
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Sunday School,	\$ 600 00
Total,	\$1000 00

Brandywine—A. Burke, Pastor.

Afternoon School,	\$ 108 20
Morning School,	50 70
Junior League,	6 10
King's Daughters,	15 00
Total,	\$ 185 00

Cookman—Wm. L. White, Pastor.

Church	18 00
Sunday School	24 00
Total	\$ 42 00

East Lake and Elsmere—John France, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 5 00
Sunday Schools	25 00
Total	\$ 30 00

Epworth—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

School,	\$ 61 00
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Grace—Merritt Hulburd, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 813 00
Sunday School,	1433 00
Total,	\$2246 00

Harrison Street—F. Burgette Short, Pastor.

Sunday School,	\$ 35 00
Congregation	15 00
Total	\$ 15 00

Madeley—D. F. Waddell, Pastor.

Sunday School,	\$ 38 00
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Mt. Salem—S. M. Morgan, Pastor.

Mt. Salem Sunday School,	\$ 152 00
Riddle's Chapel "	141 00
Mt. Salem Church,	107 00
Total,	\$ 400 00

St. Paul's—Thomas E. Terry, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 342 00
Sunday Schools,	358 00
Total,	\$ 700 00

Scott—R. Watt, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	225 00
Church	75 00
Epworth League	10 00
Total	\$ 310 00

Silver Brook—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$35 00
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Swedish Mission—F. O. B. Wallin, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 17 00
Sunday School	13 00
Total,	\$ 30 00

Union—John D. C. Hanna, Pastor.

Church,	\$ 114 00
Sunday School,	486 00
Total,	\$ 600 00

Wesley—J. B. Quigg, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School,	\$ 50 00
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Zion—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.

Zion Church,	\$ 24 00
Zion Sunday School,	10 00
Ebenezer Church,	17 00
Ebenezer Sunday School,	38 00
Rosebank Church,	16 00
Rosebank Sunday School,	20 00
Total,	\$ 125 00