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The daily number under treatment, including the Dispensary, has reached an average of **91.6**, and the number under treatment in the House alone has reached an average of **54.4** for every day of the past year, the highest number at any one time being **67**.

The Hospital is neither sectional nor sectarian. Its spirit is eminently catholic as well as denominational, and its work is general as well as local. We have had patients representing **35** different religious denominations and creeds, from **25** States of the Union, from **43** Counties of Pennsylvania, and from the territory of **32** Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

No patient has yet been refused admission on account of his poverty, but our income has not kept pace with the increase in the number of patients, and more contributions are needed to prevent the curtailment of our charitable service. The Philadelphia Conference must assume the chief burden and responsibility of this great Institution, but the neighboring Conferences have shared very largely in our benefactions, and they may reasonably be asked to contribute at least to the extent of providing for the free patients who are sent to us from their territory.

During the past year the patients from the Wilmington Conference territory received 603 days' board and treatment free, and the contributions for the support of the Hospital amounted to **\$110.85.** The free service given to the patients from the neighboring Conferences has been largely in excess of the contributions received.

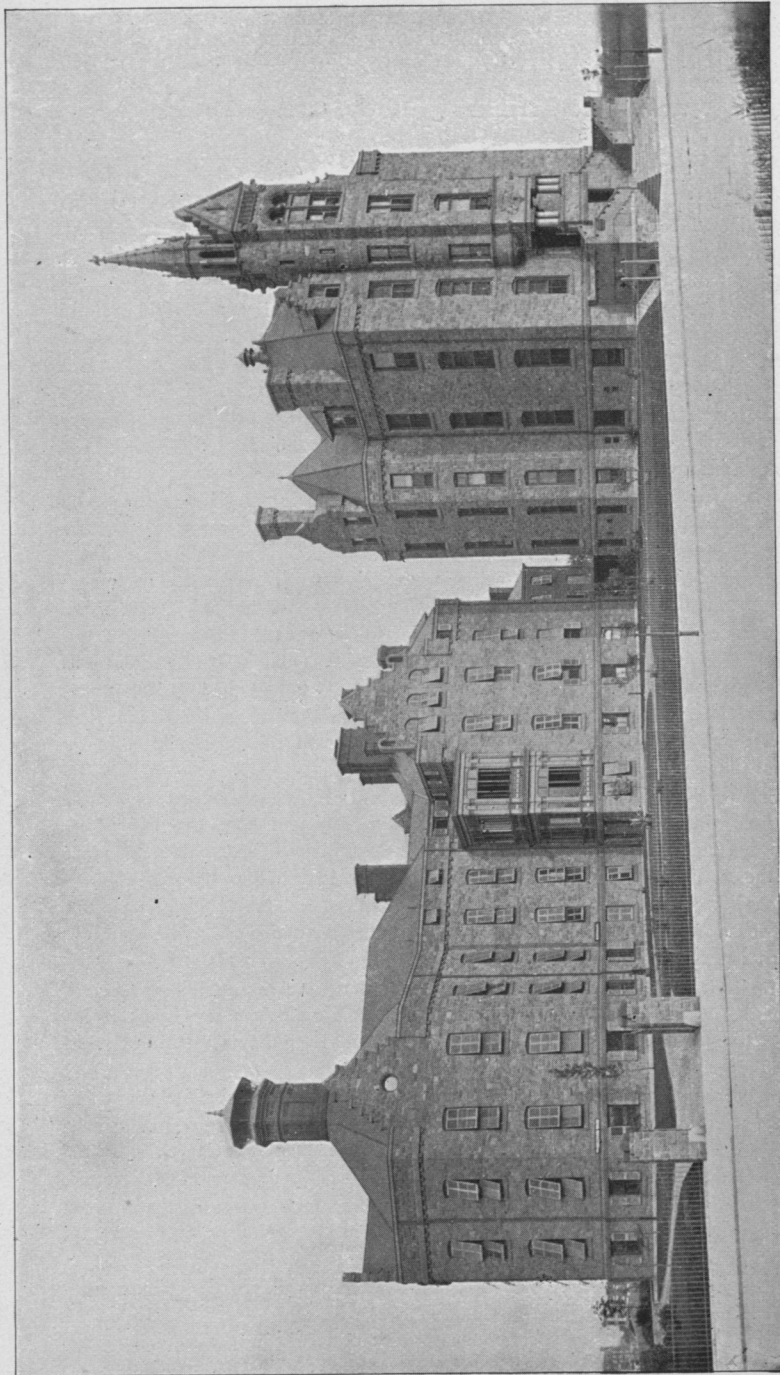
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Contributions for the support and endowment of free beds are earnestly solicited. **\$5,000** will endow an adult's bed and **\$4,000** a child's bed in perpetuity; **\$365** will support an adult's bed and **\$300** a child's bed for one year.

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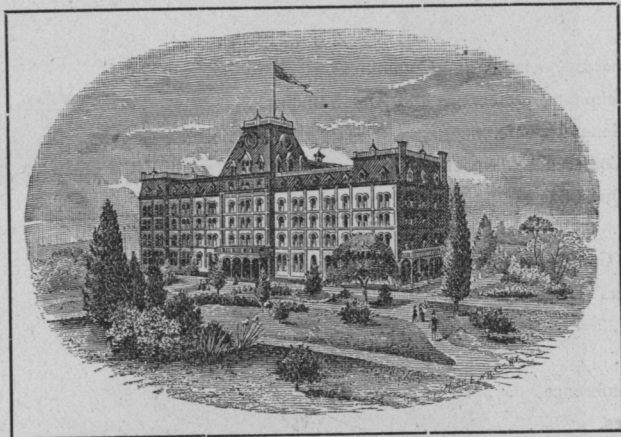
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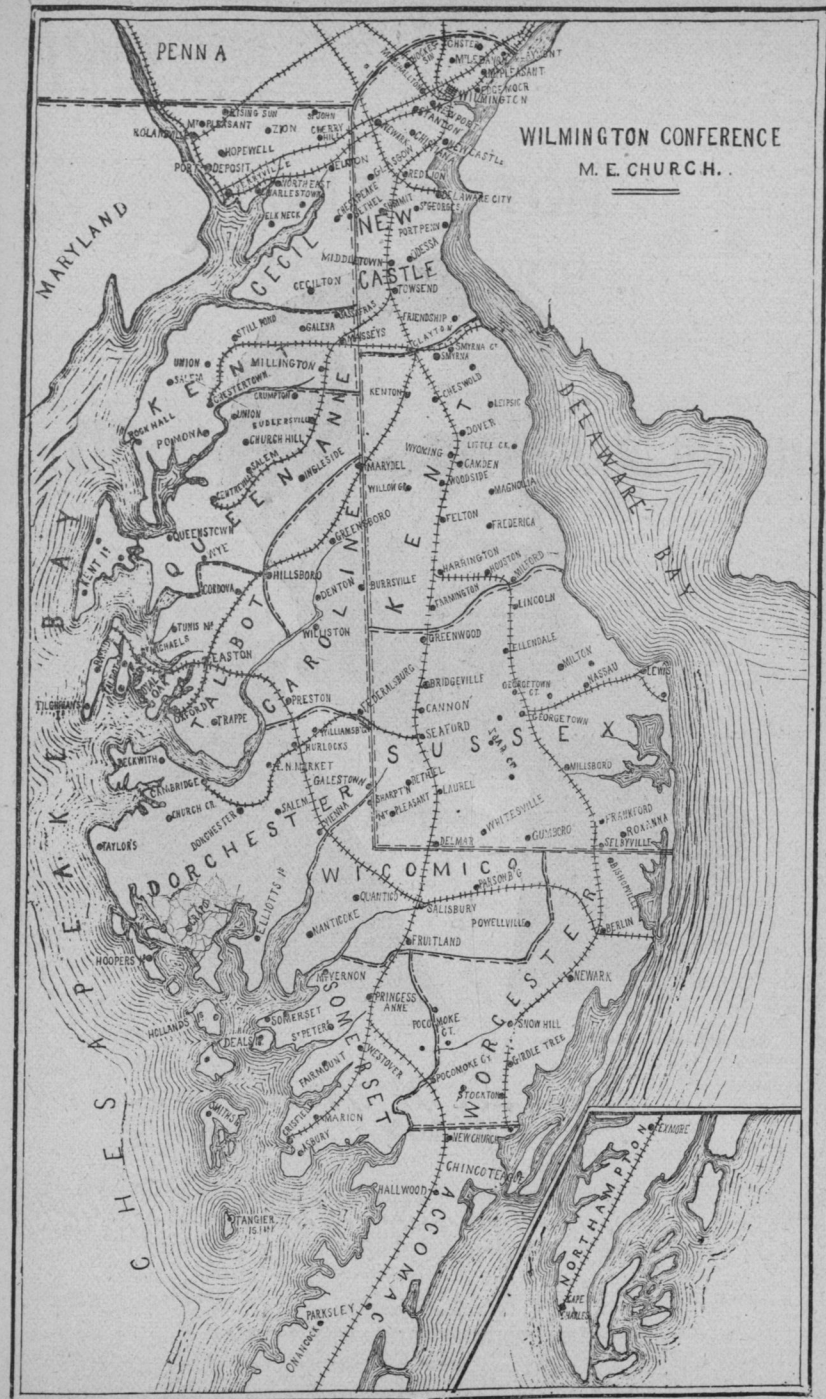
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Resolved 2. "In no case shall a candidate for full admission be received nor a candidate for elder's orders be so elected until every requirement shall have been fully met."

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Note. (a) Studies for Examination.

(b) Studies upon which a syllabus is required.

(c) Books to be read.

1. English.—Examiner, T. E. Terry.
 - (a) Reading, Written Arithmetic, Grammar, Common School Geography, Spelling.
 - (b) Our Country.
2. History.—Examiner, J. M. Mitchell.
 - (a) History of United States, Outlines of Universal History (Ancient, Mediaeval, Modern).
 - (b) Life and Epistles of St. Paul.
3. Belles Lettres.—Examiner, R. T. Coursey.
 - (a) Rhetoric, Logic and all Essays.
 - (b) Ecce Coelum, Seven Lamps of Architecture, Special Aspects of Christianity.
4. Mental Science.—Examiner, S. J. Morris.
 - (a) Rudimentary Psychology, Elements of Psychology, Philosophy of Theism.
5. Apologetics.—Examiner, I. L. Wood.
 - (a) Butler's Analogy, Philosophy of Plan of Salvation.
 - (b) History of Rationalism.
6. Methodist Polity.—Examiner, W. L. S. Murray.
 - (a) Discipline, Digest of Methodist Law.
 - (b) Digest of Methodist Law, Governing Conference in Methodism, General Conference and the Episcopacy, The Modern Sunday School, The Epworth League Workers.
7. Methodist History.—Examiner, S. M. Morgan.
 - (a) Life of Wesley, History of American Methodism.
 - (b) History of Missions of M. E. Church, History of Methodism.
8. Theological Encyclopedia.—Examiner, E. C. Macnichol.
 - (a) Theological Encyclopedia and Methodology.
 - (b) From Dan to Beersheba, Protestant Foreign Missions.
9. Historical Theology.—Examiner, Vaughan S. Collins.
 - (a) Smaller Scripture History, Short History of the Christian Church, Outlines of Bible History.
 - (b) Christian Archeology.
10. Biblical Theology.—Examiner, G. W. Townsend.
 - (a) Harman's Introduction, The Supernatural Book, Introduction to the Gospel Records.
11. Exegetical Theology.—Examiner, F. C. MacSorley.
 - (a) All Studies in Exegesis, Biblical Hermeneutics.
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.
14. Homiletical Theology.—Examiner, W. E. Avery.
 - (a) Men and Books, Theory of Preaching, All Sermons.

(b) Wesley's Sermons.

15 Practical Theology.—Robert Watt.

(a) Plain Account of Christian Perfection, Aspects of Christian Experience, Theological Compend.

(b) The Christian Life, Introduction of Political Economy, The Christian Religion.

PLAN FOR THE JUNE EXAMINATION.

First Year.—(a) Theory of Preaching, Outlines of Universal History, Essay.

(b) Governing Conference in Methodism.

Second Year.—(a) Rhetoric, The Sacraments, Essay.

(b) Christian Archeology.

Third Year.—(a) The Supernatural Book, Short History of the Christian Church, Sermon.

(b) The Modern Sunday-School.

Fourth Year.—(a) Philosophy of Theism, Systematic Theology, Sermon.

(b) Protestant Foreign Missions.

PLAN FOR THE JANUARY EXAMINATION.

Candidates.—(a) Sermon, Essay.

(b) Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I.; The Christian Religion, Our Country, Social Aspects of Christianity.

First Year.—(a) Exegetical Studies, Sermon.

(b) Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II.; Tongue of Fire, History of Missions 2 vols.; Digest of Methodist Law.

Second Year.—(a) Exegetical Studies, Sermon.

(b) History of Methodism, 3 vol.; General Conference and the Episcopacy, Ecce Coelum.

Third Year.—(a) Exegetical Studies, Essay.

(b) Introduction to Political Economy, From Dan to Beersheba, Seven Lamps of Architecture, Epworth League Workers.

Fourth Year.—(a) Exegetical Studies, Essay.

(b) Life and Epistles of St. Paul, History of Rationalism, The Christian Life.

Local Deacons.—(a) Sermon, Essay.

PLAN FOR THE MARCH EXAMINATION.

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First Year.—(a) Harman's Introduction, Systematic Theology, Plain Account of Christian Perfection.

Second Year.—(a) Harman's Introduction, Outlines of Universal History, Rhetoric.

Third Year.—(a) Hermeneutics, Psychology.

Fourth Year.—(a) Theological Encyclopedia and Methodology, Butler's Analogy.

Local Deacons.—(a) Review of the entire four years' course prescribed for Local Preachers. (See Discipline, page 331).

Local Elders.—(a) Raymond's Systematic Theology, Hurst's History of the Christian Church.

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1888 Burr, Warren.	E.	Cape Charles, Va.	1
1892 Beauchamp, Theo. F.	E.	Ewell, Md.	3
1894 Beauchamp, J. H.	D.	Chincoteague, Va.	2
1892 Benford, William H.	E.	Chesapeake City, Md.	1
1845 Caldwell, J. H.	Sd.	Dover, Del.	
1888 Carpenter, F. F.	E.	Hillsboro, Md.	2
1865 Carroll, James.	E.	Rock Hall, Md.	1
1888 Chaires, W. W.	E.	Crumpton, Md.	1
1876 Chandler, Albert.	E.	Townsend, Del.	2
1881 Cochran, F. J.	E.	Farmington, Del.	3
1876 Collins, J. M.	E.	Ingleside, Md.	2
1883 Collins, V. S.	E.	New Castle, Del.	3
1888 Compton, W. P.	E.	Chestertown, Md.	3
1862 Conaway, G. S.	E.	Christiana, Del.	3
1868 Conner, James.	E.	Selbyville, Del.	1
1892 Cooper, Thomas B.	E.	Pomona, Md.	2
1896 Chance, W. G.	P.	Rock Hall, Md.	2
1885 Corkran, D. H.	E.	Lewes, Del.	2
1881 Corkran, L. P.	E.	Marion, Md.	3

1876	Corkran, W. F.	E.	Seaford, Del.	6
1891	Cross, E. L.	E.	Flushing, N. Y.	
1887	Coursey, R. T.	E.	Snow Hill, Md.	4
1895	Collins, Edw. H.	P.	Stanton, Del.	1
1879	Dodd, Julius.	E.	Newport, Del.	2
1860	Davis, A. D.	Sd.	Georgetown, Del.	
1869	Davis, Edward,	E.	Newark, Md.	1
1884	Dawson, W. F.	E.	Widgeon, Md.	1
1884	Derrickson, E. H.	E.	Magnolia, Del.	1
1871	DuHadway, W. J.	E.	Cambridge, Md.	1
1886	Dulany, H. S.	E.	Deal's Island, Md.	1
1893	DeVenish, O. W.	E.	Red Lion, Del.	2
1885	Easley, J. W.	E.	Centreville, Md.	3
1845	England, W. E.	Sy.	Philadelphia, Pa.	
1866	Esgate, James,	Sd.	Portland, Me.	
1887	Ewing, H. W.	E.	Port Deposit, Md.	4
1889	Fogle, Jas. W.	E.	Cheswold, Del.	2
1868	Fosnocht, I. G.	E.	Camden, Del.	4
1887	Fletcher, Frank,	E.	Galena, Md.	2
1856	France, John,	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1896	Futcher, C. P.	P.	Leipsic, Del.	1
1891	Gardner, Edwin,	E.	Royal Oak, Md.	1
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.	E.	Church Hill, Md.	1
1884	Given, Thos. N.	E.	Sharptown, Md.	1
1889	Graham, Jas. E.	E.	Wyoming, Del.	1
1888	Gray, J. W.	E.	Roxana, Del.	2
1890	Green, Aloycius,	E.	Onancock, Va.	1
1873	Greene, Wm. M.	Sy.	Rehoboth, Del.	
1879	Grise, C. A.	E.	Georgetown, Del.	5
1883	Guthrie, W. B.	E.	Chance, Md.	2
1895	Givan, D. J.	P.	Parksley, Va.	2
1851	Hammersley, J. W.	Sy.	Baltimore, Md.	
1882	Hammitt, C. J.	Sd.	Kinsey, Ala.	
1874	Hanna, J. D. C.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1883	Hardesty, G. L.	E.	Oriole, Md.	2
1871	Harding, T. H.	E.	Charlestown, Md.	4
1862	Hulburd, Merritt,	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1885	Hopkins, G. F.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1843	Haynes, T. H.	Sy.	Smyrna, Del.	
1878	Hill, Chas. A.	E.	Easton, Md.	1
1896	Hastings, C. E.	P.	Westover, Md.	2
1869	Hunter, T. B.	Sy.		

1892	Hurst, W. O.	E.	Clayton, Del.	3
1859	Hynson, E. H.	E.	Kent Island, Md.	2
1884	Jaggard, Wilmer	E.	Booth's Corner, Pa.	1
1891	Jones, G. P.	E.	Cherry Hill, Md.	2
1872	Kemp, J. D.	E.	Woodlawn, Md.	1
1886	Koons, W. G.	E.	Rising Sun, Md.	2
1871	Layheld, L. W.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1879	Lindale, J. M.	E.	Sudlersville, Md.	2
1892	Loller, Wm. H. S.	E.	Elk Neck, Md.	1
1885	Mace, E. S.	E.	Cordova, Md.	2
1876	Macnichol, E. C.	E.	Pocomoke City, Md.	4
1864	Martindale, T. E.	E.	Milford, Del.	3
1889	Maxwell, S. R.	E.	Nanticoke, Md.	2
1868	McFarlane, W. R.	E.	Galestown, Md.	1
1873	McQuay, N.	E.		
1873	McSorley, F. C.	E.	Newark, Del.	1
1853	Merritt, J. B.	Sy.	Crumpton, Md.	
1869	Miller, E. H.	E.	Greenwood, Del.	2
1885	Mitchell, Jas. M.	E.	Preston, Md.	1
1887	Morgan, S. M.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	5
1858	Morris, S. J.	E.	Bridgeville, Del.	2
1883	Mowbray, A. S.	E.	Eikton, Md.	2
1886	Mowbray, W. R.	E.	Smyrna, Del.	4
1872	Murray, W. L. S.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1884	McFaul, D. F.	E.	Bethel, Del.	3
1892	McKinsey, Fred. E.	D.	Little Creek, Del.	2
1870	Nelson, E. H.	E.	Still Pond, Md.	2
1892	Northrup, Van P.	E.	Lewisville, Pa.	2
1890	Nutter, M. D.	E.	Gumboro, Del.	2
1879	Neese, G. R.	E.	Nassau, Del.	2
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E.	Frederica, Del.	1
1872	Otis, J. P.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	1
1893	Oутten, J. P.	D.	East New Market, Md.	2
1853	Phoebus, G. A.	Sd.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	
1881	Pilchard, S. N.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1870	Poole, J. W.	Sy.	Farmington, Del.	
1896	Poole, L. E.	P.	Queenstown, Md.	2
1882	Prettyman, A. P.	E.	Zion, Md.	3
1868	Prettyman, C. W.	E.	Salisbury, Md.	1
1836	Price, B. F.	Sd.	Wilmington, Del.	
1886	Prouse, J. T.	E.	Kenton, Del.	2

1850 Quigg, J. B.	Sd.	Wilmington, Del.	
1869 Rawlins, P. H.	E.	Seaford, Del.	1
1858 Redman, W. W.	Sy.	Greenwood, Del.	
1885 Reese, J. D.	E.	Williston, Md.	2
1867 Rigg, J. D.	Sy.	Chester, Pa.	
1884 Roberts, E. P.	E.	Odessa, Del.	2
1873 Roe, Robert.	E.	Trappe, Md.	3
1845 Sanderson, Henry.	Sd.	Wilmington, Del.	
1886 Sharp, W. W.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1858 Scott, A. T.	Sy.	Wilmington, Del.	
1859 Sheppard, C. F.	E.	Marydel, Md.	2
1891 Short, F. B.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	5
1879 Smith, Alfred.	E.	Smyrna, Del.	6
1889 Smoot, T. C.	E.	Millington, Md.	1
1896 Smith, G. P.	E.	Lakesville, Md.	2
1870 Stengle, Adam.	E.	Smyrna, Del.	4
1878 Stephenson, R. K.	E.	Seaford, Del.	1
1888 Swain, C. P.	E.	Tangier, Va.	2
1860 Sypherd, J. O.	E.	St. Georges, Del.	2
1895 Stengle, Charles I.	P.	Dover, Del.	2
1892 Strickland, Clarence W.	D.	Parsonsborg, Md.	1
1886 Tabler, T. F.	E.	Hurlock, Md.	1
1857 Talbot, William F.	Sy.	Dover, Del.	
1889 Taylor, W. P.	D.	Rockland, Del.	2
1876 Terry, T. E.	E.	Harrington, Del.	1
1858 Thompson, H. S.	E.	Delaware City, Del.	1
1888 Todd, J. R.	E.	Dover, Del.	
1853 Todd, R. W.	E.	Baltimore, Md.	
1871 Tomkinson, W. E.	E.	Houston, Del.	2
1876 Townsend, G. W.	E.	Delmar, Del.	3
1891 Turner, H. C.	E.	Girdle Tree, Md.	1
1877 Valiant, W. T.	E.	Milton, Del.	2
1859 Van Burkalow, J. T.	E.	Cornersville, Md.	2
1895 Van Dyke, Thomas R.	P.	Oxford, Md.	2
1874 Waddell, D. F.	E.	Felton, Del.	1
1879 Walton, O. S.	E.	Hockessin, Del.	3
1848 Walton, W. B.	Sd.	Salisbury, Md.	
1853 Warner, W. M.	Sy.	Felton, Del.	
1886 Watkins, R. Irving.	E.	Cecilton, Md.	2
1885 Watt, Robert.	E.	Laurel, Del.	1
1887 Webster, Zack H.	E.	Denton, Md.	3
1866 White, E. E.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1868 Wickline, J. S.	E.	Frankford, Del.	2

1872 Wilcox, G. W.	Sy.	Carlisle, Pa.	
1882 Williams, C. H.	E.	Bellevue, Del.	3
1857 Williams, T. S.	E.	Lincoln, Del.	1
1892 Williams, William S. H.	D.	Laurel, Del.	4
1885 Willis, D. H.	E.	Williamsburg, Md.	2
1884 Wise, W. A.	E.	North East, Md.	2
1884 Wood, I. L.	E.	Middletown, Del.	2
1886 Wood, G. E.	E.	Cannon, Del.	1
1886 Wyatt, C. T.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	1
1886 Wilson, J. H.	E.	Tilghman, Md.	2
1871 Wallin, F. O. B.	Sy.		
1893 Westerfield, H. A. G.	D.	Chesapeake City, Md.	2
1893 White, William L.	E.	Federalsburg, Md.	2
1894 West, Willard E.	D.	Church Creek, Md.	2

RULES OF ORDER.

I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

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

II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

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

III. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

1. Each member of the Conference will be expected and required to be present at the opening of each session to participate in the devotional exercises, unless unavoidably detained; and no member may absent himself, without leave, from the seat of the Conference.

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

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

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

5. When a question has been decided by a vote of Conference, any member who may have voted with the 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?

Willard E. West, from the Blue Ridge Conference; Martin L. Gates, from the Newark Conference; Fridolph Soderman, from the New York East Conference; M. R. Hackman from the South Dakota Conference.

2. Who have been Readmitted?

None.

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

None.

4. Who have been Received on Trial?

(a) *In Studies of First Year.*

Clifford P. Futcher, William G. Chance, Luther E. Poole, George P. Smith, Clarence E. Hastings.

(b) *In Studies of Third Year.*

None.

5. Who have been Continued on Trial?

(a) *In Studies of First year.*

Daniel J. Givan.

(b) *In Studies of Second Year.*

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

(c) *In Studies of Third Year.*

None.

(d) *In Studies of Fourth Year.*

None.

6. Who have been Discontinued?

None.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

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

Willard E. West, John H. Beauchamp, Fred E. McKinsey.

(b) *Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.*

Henry G. Budd.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?

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

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

(b) *Admitted into Full Membership previously.*

John P. Outten.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?

Julius A. Brewington, William H. Benford, William P. Taylor, H. A. G. Westerfield, C. W. Strickland, William L. White, W. S. H. Williams.

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

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

George W. Bounds, Theodore F. Beauchamp, George P. Jones, William O. Hurst, William H. S. Loller, O. W. DeVenish, Thomas B. Cooper, Van P. Northrup.

(b) *Elected and Ordained Elders previously.*

James W. Fogle.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?

(a) *As Local Preachers.*

John H. Wiley.

(b) *Under Missionary Rule.*

None.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?

(a) *As Local Deacons.*

Henry G. Budd, John H. Simms.

(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?

John H. Howard, Newark Conference.

15. Who have Died?

James Hubbard, James E. Bryan, John D. Lecates, Thomas E. Bell.

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?

None.

22. Who are the Supernumary Preachers?

A. T. Scott, W. F. Talbot, J. B. Merritt, 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, Newton McQuay, F. O. B. Wallin, T. B. Hunter, W. M. Greene.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

George A. Phoebus, James Esgate, Henry Sanderson, C. J. Hammitt, W. W. Redman, W. B. Walton, J. H. Caldwell, John B. Quigg, A. D. Davis, B. F. Price.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

Adam Stengle, C. S. Baker, W. E. Tomkinson, John France, D. F. Waddell, C. P. Swain, S. M. Morgan.

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?

\$41,128.00.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?

\$15,000.00.

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

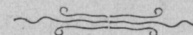
\$7,939.50. Applied to 8 Superannuates, 15 Supernumeraries and 33 Widows, by order of Conference.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed.

See list of Appointments.

30. Where shall the next Conference be held.

Chester town, Md.

**GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES.**

1872.—J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney, Charles Hill. Reserves—J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd.

1876.—L. C. Matlack, W. E. England. Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.

1880.—L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby, Charles Hill. Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R. W. Todd.

1884.—J. H. Caldwell, Charles Hill, J. B. Quigg. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, J. A. B. Wilson.

1888.—Jacob Todd, J. A. B. Wilson, N. M. Browne. Reserves—W. S. Robinson, John France.

1892.—W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, R. H. Adams. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, T. E. Terry.

1896.—Merritt Hulburd, Alfred Smith, L. E. Barrett, W. F. Corkran. Reserves—W. E. Avery, V. S. Collins.

Appointments.

DOVER DISTRICT.

R. H. ADAMS, Presiding Elder (P. O. Dover, Del.) 5.

- Beckwith (Cornersville, Md.)
 - J. T. Van Burkalow, 2
- Bridgeville, Del., S. J. Morris, 2
- Burrsville, Md., . Supply—A. C. Jones, 2
- Cambridge, Md., . . W. J. DuHadway, 1
- Camden, Del., I. G. Fosnocht, 4
- Cannon, Del., G. E. Wood, 1
- Church Creek, Md., . . . W. E. West, 1
- Crapo, Md., G. W. Bowman, 1
- Denton, Md., Z. H. Webster, 3
- Dover, Del.—Wesley, . . W. E. Avery, 1
- " Armory, . . . C. I. Stengle, 2
- East New Market, Md. . . J. P. Outten, 2
- Ellendale, Del., Supply—
 - J. R. Campbell, 1
- Elliott's Island, Md., Sp. C. W. Clapham, 1
- Farmington, Del., . . . F. J. Cochran, 3
- Federalsburg, Md., . . . W. L. White, 2
- Feltor, Del., D. F. Waddell, 1
- Frederica, Del., . . . T. A. H. O'Brein, 1
- Galestown, Md., . . . W. R. McFarlane, 1
- Georgetown, Del., . . . C. A. Grise, 5
- Georgetown Ct. (Georgetown, Del.),
 - J. A. Brewington, 1

- Greenwood, Del., . . . E. H. Miller, 2
- Harrington, Del., . . . T. E. Terry, 1
- Hooper's Island, Md., Sp. H. E. Truitt, 2
- Houston Del., . . . W. E. Tomkinson, 2
- Hurlock, Md., T. F. Tabler, 1
- Lakesville, Md. G. P. Smith, 1
- Leipsic, Del., C. P. Futcher, 1
- Lewis, Del., D. H. Corkran, 2
- Lincoln, Del., T. S. Williams, 1
- Little Creek, Del., . . F. E. McKinsey, 2
- Magnolia, Del., . . . E. H. Derrickson, 1
- Milford, Del., . . . T. E. Martindale, 3
- Milton, Del., W. T. Valiant, 2
- Nassau, Del., G. R. Neese, 2
- Preston, Md., J. M. Mitchell, 1
- Salem, Md., . . Supply—Eben Welch, 1
- Seaford & Bladesville, R. K. Stephenson, 1
- Vienna, Md., . Supply—L. T. McLain, 1
- Williamsburg, Md., . . . D. H. Willis, 2
- Williston, Md., J. D. Reese, 3
- Woodside, Del., . Supply—C. B. Fisher, 3
- Wyoming, Del., J. E. Graham, 1
- Zoar (Georgetown, Del.),
 - Supply J. W. Talley, 1

P. H. Rawlins Agent of Endowment Fund, Harrington, Del.
 John R. Todd, Professor in Conference Academy and member of Wesley—Dover Quarterly Conference.

E. L. Cross, Flushing Academy, N. Y.
Supernumerary.—W. F. Talbot, J. W. Poole, W. M. Warner, W. M. Greene,
Superannuated.—J. H. Caldwell, W. W. Redman, A. D. Davis.

EASTON DISTRICT.

ALFRED SMITH, Presiding Elder. (P. O. Oxford, Md.) 6.

- Bayside (Wittman, Md.),
 - Supply—J. C. Stevens, 1
- Cecilton, Md., R. I. Watkins, 2
- Centreville, Md., . . . J. W. Easley, 3
- Cheswold and Bethel, Del., J. W. Fogle, 2
- Chestertown, Md., . . . W. P. Compton, 3
- Church Hill, Md., . . . J. H. Geoghegan, 1
- Clayton, Del., W. O. Hurst, 3
- Cordova, Md., E. S. Mace, 2
- Crumpton, Md., . . . W. W. Chaires, 1
- Easton, Md., C. A. Hill, 1
- Galena, Md., Frank Fletcher, 2
- Greensboro, Md., . . . J. A. Arters, 5
- Hillsboro, Md., . . . F. F. Carpenter, 2
- Ingleside, Md., J. M. Collins, 2
- Kent Island, Md., . . . E. H. Hynson, 2
- Kenton, Del., J. T. Prouse, 2
- Marydel, Md., C. F. Sheppard, 2
- Middletown, Del., . . . I. L. Wood, 2
- Millington, Md., . . . T. C. Smoot, 1
- Morgan Creek, Del., Supply—
 - C. S. York, 2
- Odessa, Del., E. P. Roberts, 2
- Oxford, Md., T. R. Van Dyke, 2
- Piney Neck, Del., . . . W. G. Chance, 2
- Pomona, Md., T. B. Cooper, 2
- Queenstown, Md., . . . L. E. Poole, 2
- Rock Hall, Md., James Carroll, 1
- Royal Oak, Md., . . . Edwin Gardner, 1
- St. Michaels, Md., . . G. W. Burke, 1
- Salem and Union, Md., . J. B. Merritt, 3
- Sassafras and Masseys (Golts, Md.),
 - Supply—W. N. Conway, 3
- Smyrna, Del., Adam Stengle, 4
- Smyrna Ct., Del., . . . W. R. Mowbray, 4
- Still Pond, Md., E. H. Nelson, 2
- Sudlersville, Md., . . . J. M. Lindale, 2
- Talbot Circuit (Bozman, Md.),
 - J. F. Anderson, 2 ✓
- Tilghman's, Md. J. H. Wilson, 2
- Townsend, Del., . . . Albert Chandler, 2
- Trappe, Md., Robert Roe, 3
- Wye and Starr (Wye Mills, Md.),
 - Supply, C. K. Morris, 2

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

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

W. F. CORKRAN, Presiding Elder (P. O. Seaford, Del.) 6.

- Asbury, (Crisfield, Md.), . C. T. Wyatt, 1
- Berlin, Md., E. C. Atkins, 2
- Bethel, Del., D. F. McFaul, 3
- Bishopville, Md., Supply—
 - F. E. Bloxton, 1
- Cape Charles, Va., . . . Warren Burr, 1
- Chincoteague, Va., . J. H. Beauchamp, 2
- Crisfield, Md., J. P. Otis, 1
- Deal's Island, Md. . . . H. S. Dulany, 1
- Delmar, Del., . . . G. W. Townsend, 3
- Exmore, Va., Supply—B. J. Gibbons, 1
- Fairmount, Md., C. S. Baker, 1
- Frankford, Del., . . . J. S. Wickline, 2
- Fruitland, Md., Supply—
 - W. E. Matthews, 1
- Girdletree, Md. H. C. Turner, 1
- Gumboro, Del., M. D. Nutter, 2
- Holland's Island, Md., Supply—
 - G. W. Hastings, 4
- Laurel, Del, Robt. Watt, 1

- Marion, Md., L. P. Corkran, 3
 Millsboro, Del., Supply—E. G. Eiswald, 1
 Mt. Pleasant (Laurel, Del.),
 W. S. H. Williams, 4
 Mt. Vernon (Widgeon, Md.),
 W. F. Dawson, 1
 Nanticoke, Md., S. R. Maxwell, 3
 Newark, Md., Edward Davis, 1
 New Church, Va., Supply—
 Onancock, Va., A. Green, 1
 Parksley, Va., D. J. Givan, 2
 Parsonburg, Md., C. W. Strickland, 1
 Pocomoke City, Md., E. C. Macnichol, 4
 Pocomoke Circuit (Pocomoke City, Md.)
 Supply—L. B. Kirby, 1
 Powellville, Md., B. Wheatley, 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, Wm. B. Walton.

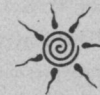
WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

- LOUIS E. BARRETT, P. E., (P. O., Wilmington, Del.), 5.
- Bethel and Summit (Chesapeake
 City), W. H. Benford, 1
 Charlestown, Md., T. H. Harding, 4
 Cherry Hill, Md., G. P. Jones, 2
 Chesapeake City, Md.,
 H. A. G. Westerfield, 2
 Chester (Booth's Corner, Pa.),
 Wilmer Jaggard, 1
 Christiana, Del., G. S. Conaway, 3
 Claymont, Del., Supply—
 F. M. Dougherty, 1
 Delaware City, Del., H. S. Thompson, 1
 Elk Neck, Md., W. H. S. Loller, 1
 Elkton, Md., A. S. Mowbray, 2
 Hockessin and Ebenezer, Del,
 O. S. Walton, 3
- Princess Anne, Md., G. T. Alderson, 2
 Quantico, Md., M. R. Hackman, 1
 Roxana, Del., J. W. Gray, 2
 St. Peter's (Oriole, Md.), G. L. Hardesty, 2
 Salisbury, Md., C. W. Prettyman, 1
 Selbyville, Del., James Conner, 1
 Sharptown, Md., T. N. Given, 1
 Smith's Island (Ewell, Md.),
 T. F. Beauchamp, 3
 Snow Hill, Md., R. T. Coursey, 4
 Somerset (Chance, Md.), W. B. Guthrie, 2
 Stockton, Md., Supply—John Jones, 1
 Tangier, Va., C. P. Swain, 2
 Westover, Md., C. E. Hastings, 2
 Whitesville, Del., G. W. Bounds, 1

- Port Penn, Del., Supply.
 Red Lion and Glasgow, Del.,
 O. W. DeVenish, 2
 Rising Sun and Sylmar, Md.,
 W. G. Koons, 2
 Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant, Del.,
 Supply—W. E. Greenfield, 3
 St. George's, Del., J. O. Sypherd, 2
 St. John's (Lewisville, Pa.),
 V. P. Northrup, 2
- Wilmington:
 Asbury, M. L. Gates, 2
 Brandywine, Asbury Burke, 2
 Cookman, John France, 2
 East Lake and Elsmere, J. H. Wiley, 1

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

Superannuated.—G. A. Phœbus, James Esgate, H. Sanderson, B. F. Price, J. B. Quigg.



JOURNAL.

Opening.—The Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church began its twenty-eighth session in Wesley Church, Dover, Del., Wednesday morning, March 18th, 1896, Bishop Henry W. Warren, D. D., LL. D., presiding.

Devotions.—The Conference began devotional services at 9 o'clock, singing the 533 hymn, after which the Bishop read the 11th chapter of 2d Corinthians, announced the 798 hymn and led the Conference in prayer. The Bishop then addressed the Conference in delightful words of introduction and, assisted by the Presiding Elders, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Roll-call.—At 10 o'clock the Bishop took the chair, and at his request the secretary of the last Conference called the roll, 147 members and probationers responding to their names.

Transfers.—Bishop Warren announced the transfer to this Conference of Willard E. West, a probationer in the second year's studies of the Blue Ridge Conference, and he was introduced to the Conference. The transfer of M. L. Gates from the Newark Conference was also announced. Fridolph Soderman, who was transferred from the New York East Conference last spring, was introduced to the Conference.

Secretary.—A. S. Mowbray was unanimously re-elected secretary by acclamation, and nominated J. D. Rigg, W. A. Wise and Z. H. Webster assistants, and they were confirmed.

Statistical Secretary.—W. R. Mowbray was unanimously elected statistical secretary and he nominated J. H. Geoghegan, H. A. G. Westerfield, V. P. Northrup, G. P. Jones, Edwin Gardner, W. W. Sharp, C. P. Fitcher as his assistants, and they were confirmed.

Treasurer.—C. A. Grise was unanimously re-elected conference treasurer, nominating 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, who were confirmed.

Standing Committees.—R. H. Adams presented on behalf of the Presiding Elders the list of the nominations for the standing committees and they were confirmed. (See committees.)

Hours.—On motion of W. L. S. Murray the hours for opening and closing the Conference sessions were made 8.30 a. m. and 12 m., the first half hour to be given to devotional services.

Conference Bar.—On motion of W. L. S. Murray the bar of the Conference was fixed at the rear side of the third window.

Caldwell Resolutions.—The following preamble and resolutions were offered by Dr. J. H. Caldwell :

WHEREAS, The Constitution of the United States contains no recognition of God or of His providence ; and,

WHEREAS, There is now pending in Congress a joint resolution proposing the following amendment :

“ We, the people of the United States, devoutly acknowledging Almighty God as the source of all authority in civil government, the Lord Jesus Christ as the ruler of nations, and the revealed will of God as of Supreme authority in civil affairs, in order to form a more perfect union, etc., and,

WHEREAS, The proposed amendment, if adopted by constitutional majorities in Congress and the State Legislatures, would change our organic law from a purely secular to a theocratic government, which was not intended by the framers of the Constitution or any of the States ratifying the same, and,

WHEREAS, No Unitarian, Jew or Deist, who nevertheless might be a patriotic and useful citizen, could conscientiously swear to support the Constitution containing said amendment ; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by this Conference, with instructions to proceed to Washington, as soon as possible after the adjournment of this body, in order to lay before Congress the following petition :

The members of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now sitting at Dover, in the State of Delaware, respectfully petition the honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, to pass a joint resolution submitting to all the State Legislatures, for ratification, the following amendments to the Constitution :

After the word “posterity” in the preamble, as it now stands, insert the words “trusting in Almighty God,” so that the preamble, as then amended, shall read as follows :

“ We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, trusting in Almighty God, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America,”

Resolved secondly, That the said committee secure, if possible, a similar petition from the Lay Electoral Conference, and that our delegates to the next General Conference endeavor to secure a like petition from that body.

He then addressed the Conference upon the subject of the resolutions, his time being extended by vote of the Conference. A verse of “My Country 'tis of Thee,” was sung and the resolutions were unanimously adopted, together upon motion of T. S. Williams, with a vote of thanks to Dr. Caldwell for the paper and the address. The following committee provided for in the resolutions was appointed : J. H. Caldwell, J. B. Quigg and Merritt Hulburd. At the request of Dr. Caldwell it was arranged that one member from the Lay Electoral Conference should be added to this committee.

Drafts.—Drafts on the Chartered Fund for \$22, and on the Book Concern for \$1,380 were ordered and placed in the hands of the Conference Stewards.

Stewards.—P. H. Rawlins, C. F. Sheppard, R. K. Stephenson and John France being nominated by the Presiding Elders were elected as ministerial members of the Conference Board of Stewards, the secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

Call of Districts.—The 13th question, “Was the character of each preacher ex-

amined?" was taken up. Dover district was called, the character of R. H. Adams, P. E., was passed, but at his request the reading of his report was deferred.

Easton.—Easton district was called, the character of Alfred Smith, P. E., was passed, and he read the following report of his work:

EASTON DISTRICT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—We began the work of the year on the Easton District with thirty-seven regularly appointed pastors in the field.

During the year the number has been increased by two. Early in the Conference year it was found necessary to separate Piney Neck from Rock Hall, and also Morgan Creek from Crumpton. Brother W. G. Chance was placed in charge of Piney Neck and Brother C. S. York in charge of Morgan Creek. In both cases the work has been served with marked success and acceptability.

Our ranks have not in a single instance been broken by death. The parsonage at Ingleside and the district parsonage have been shadowed by the loss of precious little baby boys. But the active workers have all been spared and will be here in person to report the results of their labors.

In many respects, to us on the Easton District, the year just closing has been a remarkable one. Financial conditions which we had thought were hard before have been found still harder this time. Ours is almost wholly an agricultural district and with the failure of peaches and the low price of wheat and corn agricultural interests have been depressed almost to the point of despair. Salaries have been paid with increasing difficulty and I fear that in some instances they are not paid. The money which is brought up this time for the various benevolent objects represents more prayers, labor and sacrifice than ever before. We have been handicapped in quite a number of places on the district by the action of official boards in cutting down apportionments to the various benevolences and refusing to give their consent for the pastors to exceed the sums thus fixed. And yet in spite of all the difficulties encountered the benevolent interests have all been faithfully looked after and will, I am led to believe, be in excess of former years. Our collections for missions will be at least two hundred dollars in excess of last year. The following charges have exceeded their apportionment for missions: Clayton, Cordova, Greensboro, Hillsboro, Odessa, Oxford, Rock Hall, Smyrna, Smyrna Circuit, Still Pond, Talbot Circuit, Easton, Chestertown, Middletown, Marydel and Queenstown. Special attention has been given to the collection for General Conference expenses, and from present indications the collection has, I believe, in every case, been taken and in almost every case apportionment met in full.

Owing perhaps to the hard times but little comparatively has been done during the year in the way of temporal improvement, only one new church has been built. This is located at Ridgley, Caroline County, Md., and is under the pastoral charge of Rev. F. F. Carpenter. Ridgley is an enterprising town and the new church is up to date in every particular. It was dedicated on Sunday, December 1, 1895. Dr. Henry A. Buttz, President of Drew Theological Seminary preaching the dedicatory sermon. R. Irving Watkins and the Presiding Elder of the District were also present and assisted. The church has a seating capacity altogether of about four hundred and fifty. It is modern and beautiful and cost \$6,000. Four thousand of this amount has actually been paid, and the other \$2,000 for the present provided for. The church at Hillsboro on this same charge has been newly painted and carpeted at an expense of \$210. The people of this charge during the Conference year have raised in cash for all pur-

poses \$5,500. The church at Middletown has undergone thorough repair at an expense of \$700.

Three hundred and six dollars have been spent in painting and improving Broad Creek Neck Church on Talbot Circuit. A new parsonage has been purchased at Cordova, costing \$1200. Of this amount \$321 have been paid and quite a considerable sum of the remainder provided for. At Oxford, about \$400 in reliable subscriptions have been secured for the building of a new parsonage at that place. The people at Smyrna have greatly improved their already comfortable parsonage, by the addition of an elegant combination heater—hot water and hot air—making the Smyrna preacher's home one of the most delightful in the Conference. The cost was \$450. Brother Presley Ford has donated to the trustees at Serveson's on Smyrna Circuit a house and lot for the use of the sexton, valued at \$300. Various other sums have been raised for the payment of old debts or the improvement of church property, at Ingleside, Still Pond, Marydel, Galena, Clayton, Kent Island, Cecilton Talbot Circuit, Greensboro, Smyrna Circuit, and Odessa.

At Cecilton the old troublesome close corporation charter has been set aside and a new charter, more in harmony with the law of the church and the wishes of the people, granted.

The wisdom of the Church is being more and more vindicated in the organization of its own young people's society, known as the Epworth League. On the Easton District this has been the best year in its brief history. The numbers continually increase and its influence for good widens and deepens with every passing day. The annual convention held at St. Michaels in May, was up to the standard set by Centreville and Easton, and that simply means to say that it was fine in every particular.

The fight against the saloon has gone steadily on through all winds and all weather and I am glad to be able to say that glorious results have been achieved. For many years Chapel district in Talbot county and Queenstown district in Queen Anne county, Maryland, have been the only districts in these or the surrounding counties where intoxicating liquors could be lawfully sold as a beverage. They have constituted the devil's stronghold in these counties and heretofore no power has been able to put him to route. But at last thank God relief is in sight. By the action of the grand juries in these respective counties last fall in refusing to recommend any applicants for license to sell in these districts, on the first day of May, 1896, everyone of these saloons must close. For want of license these saloons must die. And so the good time so long looked for in these grand old Maryland counties is nigh at hand. With the going of the saloons from Chapel and Queenstown districts the last saloon goes from that portion of the Easton district lying within the State of Maryland. Here we have a fine illustration of the fact that the saloon has its existence in license laws which if swept away the saloon would certainly die. For this signal victory great credit is due to Chief Judge Robinson, now deceased, to the grand juries themselves, to the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and to our pastors within the bounds of these smitten districts. Brothers Carpenter of Hillsboro and Mace of Cordova are worthy of special mention. Back of it all, however, is an ever deepening public sentiment against giving legal sanction to a business that everywhere and always produces a harvest of misery, pauperism and crime. Let us devotedly pray that when they go, they will go never to return.

Never since it has been my distinguished honor to travel amongst the churches of the Easton District have revivals been so general. Revival flames have swept over almost the entire district, and in many instances the revivals have been unparalleled in their sweep and power. Bro. C. F. Sheppard, at Marydel, reports 166 conversions. Of all the good years of Bro. Sheppard's ministry this has been perhaps the best. A glorious revival at every one of

the four churches committed to his care and the interests of the churches were looked after. Bro J. T. Prouse at Kenton reports 132 conversions. Everything considered this is one of the most signal victories on the district, and means much to the work on Kenton Circuit. Bro. I. L. Wood, at Middletown, reports 125 conversions. This meeting continued from New Year to Conference, and literally swept the whole community around about. Many young men were brought in that promise great usefulness to the church in future days. Bro. J. A. Arters at Greensboro reports 112 conversions, 102 of whom have united with the home church and all but four are adults, and many of them heads of families. Greensboro has never had such a revival and all the way through it was after the old fashioned Methodist custom of going to the mourners-bench and being gloriously and consciously converted. Bro. J. W. Easley at Centreville reports 111 conversions, and Bro. J. B. Merritt at Union and Salem 130 conversions. These too were truly wonderful meetings. At the two latter places the pastors were assisted by Bro. W. K. Galloway. Bro. W. H. S. Loller at Crumpton reports 130 conversions. He was assisted by a Bro. Conaway in this meeting and its results are nothing short of a marvel. Thank God that Crumpton has put off her grave clothes and come forth to life again. Bro. W. N. Conaway at Sassafras and Massey reports 120 conversions. Here "the thirsty land has become a pool and the desert place has been made to blossom as the rose."

Meetings of unusual scope and power have been held at Queenstown, Chestertown, Clayton, Townsend, Pomona, Morgan Creek, and Trappe. On every charge without a single exception souls have been saved and the churches have been quickened. The aggregate results of this flood tide of revival power are not less than 1800 souls born into the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ—600 more than we were able to report a year ago.

Such is a hasty glance at the visible results achieved, through God's grace, by the laborers in that part of the Master's vineyard committed to our oversight. Much, however, does not appear on the surface. Seed lies deeply buried that will germinate and "bring forth, some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold," in the years to come. Some of the brethren are heavy-hearted, I know, because they have not had the great ingathering of souls that they worked for and looked for. Others are disappointed because they will not be able to report "all apportionments met." But I believe that it may be said that in most cases at least, the brethren who have not been blessed with such a large measure of visible results have worked just as hard as those who have and are entitled to just as much credit. The pastors have been diligent and faithful. The people have been kind and loyal and true. We have done the best we could. The results we leave with God. And better than all, we have the consciousness that we please Him.

ALFRED SMITH, P. E.

Salisbury.—Salisbury District was called, the character of W. F. Corkran, P. E., was passed, but at his request the reading of his report was postponed.

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

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Two of our preachers did not answer to their names when the roll was called this morning. They have responded to a higher call. The standard of the Gospel, which they bore so faithfully and triumphantly, fell from their palsied fingers, and now wearing the crown, they rest from their labors. Brother J. E. Bryan, who served the church for nearly thirty-eight

years, after months of severe suffering, passed to his reward October 17th. Brother J. D. Lecates, an earnest and zealous workman in the church militant, died November 11th. Their memory is precious.

Others have been sorely bereaved because of the departure of the cherished and loved. Brother V. S. Collins mourns the loss of a beloved sister, who died in Berlin, Md., October 11th. Brother A. T. Scott is greatly bereaved in the death of his estimable and saintly wife, which sad event occurred in Wilmington, December 2d. Brother Wilmer Jaggard closed the eyes of his father January 1st. These all died in the faith, having witnessed a good confession, and the bereaved are looking forward to a blissful reunion in that land where we shall never say, "good-bye."

This Conference has also sustained a heavy loss in the death of Brother Joseph Pyle, an honored, liberal, and devoted laymen of St. Paul's, Wilmington. He represented this Conference in the last General Conference and was a member of the Conference Board of Church Extension, trustee of Dickinson College, and of the Conference Academy. His praise was in all the churches. Brother J. M. McClenahan of Port Deposit, whose kindness of heart, generosity of nature, and love for the church, made him a tower of strength, died March 9th. These were good men, full of faith and the Holy Ghost, using their talents and means for the glory of God, and the strengthening of our beloved Methodism on this Peninsula. May their fallen mantles be quickly taken up by others.

In the summer, Bro. Terry, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, was compelled to take a needed rest on account of personal affliction, but I am glad to say that with the cooler breezes of autumn he rallied, and returned to his work, and to-day he feels that he is himself again.

Bro. Hunter, pastor of Bethel and Summit, passed into a cloud of deep, dark melancholy in August, and is still involved in its sombre folds. He is unable to be at the seat of the Conference.

The great and all-important business of the ministry to lift up Jesus Christ as the only Saviour from sin, has not been neglected. Revival fires have burned upon our altars, and shouts of victory have gone up from Israel's camp. In October, the churches of Wilmington united in a series of meetings at Grace Church, under the general direction of Bro. John France, and the pastor, Dr. Hulburd. These meetings resulted in great good, quickening our Methodism intensifying the religious life, and rekindling the smouldering fires of religious enthusiasm. The fire thus kindled spread to the various churches. Asbury reports over 100 conversions, Union over 100, Wesley 92, Brandywine 100, Kingswood 78, Mt. Salem 69; while Grace, St. Paul's, Scott, Cookman, Madeley, Silverbrook, East Lake, Epworth, Harrison Street, all experienced the refreshing influence of revival showers. Outside the city, perhaps the most marvelous work of grace is at Christiana. Bro. Conaway, the faithful pastor, sowed in tears, and reaped in joy. Eighty-seven souls converted, and the two churches greatly quickened. At North East, the revival spirit has prevailed all the year. Bro. Wise, the pastor, rejoices in the most successful year of his ministry, sixty-three conversions. Perryville rejoices in forty-three conversions. New Castle, Elkton, Charlestown Circuit, Port Deposit, Mt. Pleasant, Del., Mt. Pleasant, Md., Rising Sun and Sylmar, Chester-Bethel, Claymont, Mt. Lebanon, Marshallton and Stanton, Elk Neck. Hockessin and Ebenezer, Zion Circuit, Hopewell, St. John's, Delaware City, St. George's have shared more or less in the baptism of the Holy Spirit and conversion of sinners.

Bro. W. G. Koons was removed from Cookman, Wilmington, and stationed at Rising Sun and Sylmar, to take the place of Bro. Bryan, deceased. Bro. John France was removed from

East Lake and Elsmere and appointed to Cookman. Bro. S. P. Cossaboom, a local deacon from New Jersey, was appointed to East Lake and Elsmere. Bro. George F. Hopkins, lately returned from missionary work in India, and last spring transferred to this Conference, was placed at Madeley, Wilmington, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Bro. Lecates. Bro. R. D. Cantwell was appointed to assist Bro. Hunter during the latter's illness.

In April Bishop Warren transferred Bro. F. Soderman from the New York East to this Conference to take charge of the Swedish work in Wilmington.

In October, Bishop Hurst transferred Bro. J. H. Howard, pastor of Asbury, Wilmington, to the Newark Conference, and Dr. M. L. Gates of the Newark Conference, was transferred to this Conference, and stationed at Asbury. These brethren, thus lifted and transferred, have gone loyally and earnestly to the work in their new fields, and the people have accepted the situation and given their pastors a cordial welcome.

The commodious and beautiful auditorium at Kingswood, Wilmington, was dedicated October 16th, Revs. Drs. Hanlon of the New Jersey, and Hulburd and Layfield of our own Conference, assisting the pastor, Bro. Warren Burr. Sixteen hundred dollars were raised at these services. Bro. George W. Todd, who has so nobly stood by this enterprise from its inception, stimulating and encouraging pastor and people, presented the church with a handsome pipe organ on the day of dedication. Bro. Burr, the faithful, conscientious pastor, has had a successful year. Every department of church work has felt the influence of his earnest, painstaking care. The collections for benevolences have not suffered, and the church placed upon a good working foundation.

The corner-stone of a new church was laid at Perryville, Oct. 17th, Bro. Ewing assisting the pastor, Bro. Budd. The church is nearing completion, and will be dedicated in the near future. It is built of granite and seats about 400. The entire cost will approximate \$6,000. The growth of this young station is remarkable. Set off from Charlestown Circuit three years ago, it at once took on new life. Bro. William P. Taylor was its first pastor, who so enthused the people that they began to plan for enlarging their borders. He was followed by Bro. H. G. Budd, who is closing his second year. His pastorate has been marked by faithful preaching, earnest pastoral work, and skillful financiering. His return is unanimously desired.

St. John's, the youngest station on the district, after being repainted inside and out, carpeted and otherwise improved at a cost of \$380, was reopened Oct. 20th, Bro. Ewing of Port Deposit assisting Bro. Van Northrup the pastor. The entire cost was met. The audience room is now neat and comfortable, reflecting great credit upon pastor and people. Bro. Northrup's fame as a successful pastor and preacher has gone out through all the "hill country," and no man can take his crown.

Marshallton and Stanton churches have been repainted at a cost of \$350, all provided for.

Mt. Pleasant, Cecil County, Md., has been put through an entire renovation. New roof, floor, pews and lamps and freshly painted inside at a cost of \$400 and no debt. Re-opening services were held Feb. 2d, Bros. Short and Koons assisting the popular and energetic pastor Bro. Greenfield. The parsonage at Red Lion has been repainted at a cost of \$75.

Improvements on Newark and Wesley charges, amounting to \$300, nearly all provided for. Brother DuHadway closes his fifth year, high in the esteem and affections of his people. They would retain him longer if they could. Earnest, constant, faithful work in the pulpit and pastorate always wins.

Union, Wilmington, has now one of the most beautiful lecture rooms in the Conference. The pews have been removed and modern chairs substituted. New stained glass windows, and the room newly carpeted and painted. These improvements cost about \$3,000, part of which is paid. The large and commodious dwelling, adjoining the church, has been purchased for the parsonage, at a cost of \$16,500. Needed improvements, which will shortly be made, will render it a very desirable home for the preacher. Brother Hanna, the pastor, has worked hard and success has crowned his efforts. With splendid property, excellent financial system, and a united membership, led by a zealous, consecrated pastor, the outlook for Union is bright.

Over \$200 has been spent for improvements on Asbury parsonage, Dr. Gates has taken hold of the work with the swing of conquest, and his four months' pastorate has been so popular that his return is requested.

When Brother A. S. Mowbray went to Elkton last spring, he quickly surveyed the ground, and planned for an enlargement of the borders of our Zion. The chapel hitherto occupied by the Free Methodists, valued at \$900, being for sale, it was purchased by the trustees of our church, and at once occupied for Sunday School and preaching purposes. A lot has been donated to the West Amwell Sunday School, connected with the Elkton charge, and about \$150 are in hand toward building a chapel in the near future. The pastor has been in labors abundant, sometimes preaching four times on Sunday. This town was invaded last fall by the race track gamblers, who had been driven from New Jersey and other States. They held high carnival for about thirty days, demoralizing town and country. But our church had a faithful man of God in the pulpit who "shunned not to declare the whole counsel of God," and a bill is now pending in the Maryland Legislature, prohibiting these gambling devices and demoralizing scenes.

Church at North East re-carpeted and painted, and the parsonage improved, at a total cost of \$285, all paid. Church property at Delaware City has been improved at a cost of \$127. Also a new organ purchased for the Sunday School, costing \$132. Brother Amos has done good systematic work; and is deservedly popular as a faithful Minister of Christ. Collections in advance of last year.

Mt. Salem, Wilmington, paid \$1,500 on indebtedness. Bro. Morgan, the pastor, has successfully led his people along all lines of church work for four years. The church was never more prosperous than at the present time, and his return for the fifth year is unanimously requested.

Asbury, on Charlestown Circuit, pays \$28 on balance of indebtedness. The pastor, Bro. Harding, has toiled early and late during the last three years, and made a faithful record.

Seven hundred and twenty-five dollars have been paid on indebtedness at Silverbrook, Wilmington. This charge, fostered and encouraged by our ascended Bro. Pyle, is destined to become a strong church in the near future. Bro. Jaggard, the pastor, leaves the work in good shape for his successor.

Bro. Dodd had a debt paying day at Newport, and raised sufficient money to clear off everything against the church. Harrison Street, Wilmington, under the skillful leadership of the pastor, Bro. Short, pays over \$1,000 on indebtedness. This young church has raised \$5,000 during the year for all purposes. Pastor's return unanimously requested.

I called attention in my last report to the burdensome and distressing debt of about \$20,000 on Epworth, Wilmington. I am glad to report substantial progress made toward reducing this debt during the year. Bro. Layfield, the pastor, entered upon his second year with some misgiving and much anxiety. He faced difficulties which would have appalled

timid soul. A membership, rich in faith, but poor in this world's goods, financial depression which paralyzed all branches of trade, and a debt which looked like an immovable mountain. He laid his plans, consulted God and moved forward. Dr. Hulburd, pastor of Grace Church with a magnanimity and a self-sacrifice which did credit to his noble heart and big brain, placed his valuable service at the disposal of this heroic band and its pastor. A great meeting of Wilmington Methodists was held in the Auditorium in May, numbering over 3000, and after an inspiring lecture by Dr. Hulburd on the Life and Services of the first Methodist Bishop, Francis Asbury. A collection was lifted in behalf of Epworth, and about \$3,500 raised in cash and subscriptions. Bro. Joseph Pyle, who presided at the meeting, promised to pay \$1,000 when \$9,000 should be raised. His sudden death deprives the church of this generous sum. The collection at the Auditorium was supplemented during the year by services at campmeetings, on the lecture platform, and by collections in a few of our churches throughout the Peninsula by Dr. Hulburd and Bro. Layfield and Sunday School offerings from various sections of the country. As a result of these efforts nearly \$5,000 have been paid on this debt. The membership have sacrificed and paid out of their scant supply. I hope those who have not yet given Bro. Layfield an opportunity to present this cause to their people will speedily do so. He has toiled hard, borne great burdens, and deserves our sympathy and all the help we can give him. Epworth must be saved, the honor of our Methodism, and the cause of God demand it. It can be done if we all help a little.

When I assumed charge of the district four years ago, I found a debt of about \$800 resting on Port Penn Church. Through much effort and sacrifice something over \$500 have been paid, leaving nearly \$300 against the property. The people are few in number, and very poor. They have done their best, and now the church is threatened with execution. If 294 people will shake hands with me during the Conference week, and each one leave \$1.00 in my hand, this church will be saved, the gratitude of the people will bless the donors, and the one dollar with interest will meet them on the other side of the judgment. The members of Kingswood, Wilmington, have shown their self sacrifice and devotion, by paying \$1,600 on indebtedness.

Financial conditions on the district are such as seem to forbid an increase in the collections for the benevolences. Our preachers have presented the claims of the various causes, taken the collections, and to-day will report the result. While desires and expectations have not been realized in all cases, we have abundant cause to thank God for the amount of offerings received. If there has been any turn in the financial tide elsewhere in the country. Wilmington District has not yet felt its influence with hundreds of mechanics walking the streets of Wilmington, idle, with large plants, representing considerable capital, quiet, or running on half time, which means half wages to the employees. Some of our churches kept busy during the winter supplying their poor with bread, and farming interests down to zero. It was nearly impossible to reach higher figures. Wherever the benevolences have been taken in hand early in the year, without apology or complaint, and systematically worked, results are satisfactory, but where attention to them has been deferred until late in the winter, it has been found difficult in some cases to reach the apportionments. But notwithstanding all these circumstances and conditions, Wilmington District does her best to meet the requirement on missions, and the other benevolences, and stands near the million and a half line; besides paying for church improvements \$16,649, and on indebtedness, \$8,963.

The district could make a better showing on preachers' salaries, if the stewards would bring business principles to bear on church finance. There is a disposition, in some instances, to put off active efforts for the collection of money until the last quarter, thus compelling the

preacher to go in debt, or do without that which his family needs. At the first quarterly conference the amount of salary is fixed; at the second, ways and means of raising it are discussed; at the third there is a movement in the tops of the mulberry trees; and at the fourth the march of the stewards begins. In the meantime the preacher labors and waits!

In the city, Asbury fails to reach her accustomed mark, and falls considerably behind on the collections. The pastor, Dr. Gates, could not do a year's work in four months. He has done what he could. Bro. Burke brings Brandywine and Edge Moor up to last year's figures; Cookman takes no backward step; Bro. France never sounds a retreat; East Lake and Elsmere a little behind; Epworth does not forget the benevolences in her efforts to lift the debt; Grace goes beyond the splendid record of last year for conference claimants, but is a little below on missions; Harrison Street meets the requirements; Kingswood is up with last year; Madeley is near the apportionment; Mt. Salem, as usual, makes a good report; St. Paul's forges ahead on missions, and is far in advance for Conference claimants; Scott stands by the excellent record of last year; Silverbrook meets all the apportionments; Swedish Mission goes beyond previous records, and hands back to the missionary treasury the largest collection in its history; Wesley increases last year's figures.

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

Beginning May 22d, and lasting one week, St. Paul's, Wilmington, held semi-centennial services. The pastor arranged a splendid program. The membership praised God for a half century's triumph, and took courage for the future. Several of the former pastors participated in the services to the edification and delight of the people. Brother Terry closes his fourth year, popular with his people, and with the esteem and respect of the entire community.

North East held centennial services, beginning October 6th, and lasting one week. It was a season of reunion, interest, and religious fervor. Brother Wise, the pastor, wisely planned and faithfully executed.

Three camp-meetings were held within the bounds of the district during the summer. Local Preachers' Camp, near North East, in charge of Brother William T. Hammond, one of our most zealous and efficient local preachers. Woodlawn, under the leadership of Dr. T. E. Martindale, of Milford, who had charge of the first camp-meeting held on this consecrated spot twenty-five years ago. Brandywine Summit, directed by Brother T. E. Terry, pastor of St. Paul's, Wilmington. These meetings were seasons of religious refreshing and awakening.

Epworth League work has received due attention during the year. Our young people are feeling the thrill and influence of this organization. Where skillfully directed and properly managed, it elevates the spiritual tone, quickens the intellect, and develops the energies. Bro. Koons, our district president, has been constant and effective in his labors, kindling enthusiasm and arousing increased interest. The convention held at New Castle in June was well attended and productive of good results.

The Sunday School work throughout the district is in excellent shape. In the country districts substantial advance has been made in refusing to go into winter quarters, and suspending operations until the warm sun of spring thaws them out. The campaign goes on, frost or no frost, and very few schools are now closed in the winter.

I regret to be unable to announce any substantial advance in the temperance cause as far as legislation is concerned. The process of education, however, is going on, through the W. C. T. U., and other kindred organizations. While the Maryland section of the district is under an effective prohibitory law, the Delaware section is still held within the deadly grip of that insatiable monster and destroyer of the public peace, the licensed liquor traffic. In my last report after calling attention to the glorious victory for the right in Cecil County, Md., I stated that we were "praying for, and hoping, and expecting advanced temperance legislation in Delaware." A bill, endorsed by the Law and Order Society of Wilmington, was before the Legislature. I thought at that time that I saw an angel of light hovering just over the State house in this town, plumed for flight to carry the glad tidings throughout the length and breadth of the Diamond State, from the hills of New Castle to the pines of Sussex, and from the Chesapeake to the Delaware, that another Emancipation Proclamation had been issued. But I was mistaken. That angel belonged to the other order. We waited through the bleak, cold winter, and until "the flowers appeared on the earth, and the time of the singing of the birds had come, and the voice of the turtle was heard in the land," but our legislators were so busy wrestling with the great problem of how not to elect a United States Senator, that the temperance bill, weary of waiting, and starving for lack of encouragement, went to its death sleep, and the liquor interest obtained a fresh lease of power. I also remarked in my report on this subject, that "relief we should and must have, and woe be to that political party which fails to heed the moral sentiment of the State." Well, one woe is past already, and behold other woes are coming. Our preachers have been true and faithful to the deliverances of the church, and have preached temperance, as well as "righteousness, and a judgment to come."

The women have at least proved their ability to work, whatever may be said of their right to vote, with loving hearts and willing hands, they have advanced the cause of God and humanity. The W. F. M. S. under the guidance of Sister Sarah Hoffecker, has had a prosperous year, and materially assisted in unfurling the flag of Jesus in the regions beyond. The W. H. M. S. under the leadership of Sister C. C. Brown, has inspired and strengthened the home work. A deaconess has been secured and entered upon her work in the city of Wilmington. The report of the Deaconess Committee will give further particulars.

The record of the year is made up. We come from various fields to lay our sheaves at the feet of the Master. The harvest is not what we desired, but we have carefully and prayerfully sown and faithfully reaped and thus used the talents entrusted to our care, the Great Head of the church says: "well done." I sincerely and heartily return my thanks to ministers and laymen for their uniform and constant courtesy and kindness. It has been a pleasure to stand by your side and to work with you. Our relations have been harmonious and pleasant; my health has been good, my conscience clear, and the smile of the Lord the feast of my soul.

Effective Elders.—The following effective elders were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections: A. P. Prettyman, W. W. Sharp, J. D. C. Hanna, Fridolph Soderman, Wilmer Jaggard, Robert Watt, T. E. Terry, S. M. Morgan, G. F. Hopkins, Warren Burr, F. B. Short, Merritt Hulburd, L. W. Layfield, John France, Asbury Burke, M. L. Gates, J. O. Sypherd, W. G. Koons, H. W. Ewing, W. A. Wise, Julius Dodd, V. S. Collins, W. J. DuHadway, C. H. Williams, Edwin Gardner, O. S. Walton, A. S. Mowbray, J. E. Amos, G. S. Conaway, J. B. Quigg, T. H. Harding, T. B. Hunter, J. H. Goeghegan.

Easton District.—R. I. Watkins, J. W. Easley, W. P. Compton.

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

The call of effective elders was resumed: E. E. White, E. S. Mace, W. E. Avery, Frank Fletcher, J. A. Arters, F. F. Carpenter, J. M. Collins, E. H. Hynson, J. T. Prouse, C. F. Sheppard, I. L. Wood, G. W. Burke, E. P. Roberts, Edward Davis, J. P. Otis, Adam Stengle, E. H. Nelson, J. M. Lindale, W. R. Mowbray, J. F. Anderson, J. H. Wilson, Albert Chandler, Robert Roe.

Salisbury District.—C. S. Baker, E. C. Atkins, D. F. McFaul.

Adjourn.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson the Conference decided to adjourn.

Gavel Presented.—Pending this motion R. H. Adams on behalf of W. F. Dawson presented to the Conference a beautiful silver-mounted gavel made of wood from a pew in Barrett's Chapel.

Methodist Review.—C. W. Strickland was appointed to solicit subscribers to "The Methodist Review," and "The Gospel in All Lands."

Post Master.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, G. W. Bounds was appointed Conference Post Master.

Bishop's Address.—The bishop announced that he would address the Conference tomorrow morning in the devotional service on the subject of "The Intensities and Felicities of Scripture Language." Other announcements were made, and Conference adjourned with the doxology, the bishop pronouncing the benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Opening.—The Conference was opened at 8.30 o'clock with devotional services conducted by Bishop Warren. After singing and prayer the Bishop addressed the Conference on "The Verbal Intensities and Felicities of the Bible." At 9 o'clock the business session began. Bishop Warren took the chair. The Journal was read and approved.

J. B. Quigg.—L. E. Barrett made a statement concerning the remarkable services of J. B. Quigg, and at Brother Quigg's request, moved that on account of impaired health he be granted a superannuated relation. At the request of the Conference, Brother Quigg made some pleasant remarks of reminiscence, a verse of "Blest be the tie that binds" was sung, and the relation was granted. Upon motion of T. E. Martindale a committee was ordered, to prepare a suitable minute relative to the retirement of Brother Quigg. The Bishop appointed as this committee, T. E. Martindale, J. H. Caldwell, and John France.

Upon motion of L. E. Barrett, the case of J. B. Quigg was referred to the Board of Stewards, but Brother Quigg stated he hoped to be able to dispense with the assistance of the Board for the present year.

T. B. Hunter.—L. E. Barrett read a communication from T. B. Hunter, who is unable to attend Conference because of poor health. On motion of Brother Barrett he was granted a supernumerary relation and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards.

Riddle Legacy.—Merritt Hulburd presented the following communication from

William M. Fields, Esq., as trustee of the Riddle legacy for the education of young men for the ministry :

KENTMERE, DEL., March 18, 1896.

Rev. Merritt Hulburd, Dear Brother :—I expected to have seen you in regard to the matter about which I write, but was prevented by my prolonged absence in the South.

Mr. James Riddle, deceased, provided in his will for the perpetual education of two young men in Drew Theological Seminary, the condition of their receiving the benefit of the fund being that one of the candidates should enter the Wilmington Annual Conference, the other the Foreign Missionary work. The selection of students was left to his son and myself. Mr. L. F. Riddle having died, the duty devolved upon the writer. By the terms of the will we were authorized to transfer this authority to the Wilmington Annual Conference. The money is deposited with the Security Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Wilmington as trustee. The amount, \$8,000, yields something under \$400 annually. I now desire to transfer to the Wilmington Annual Conference the right to name candidates and apply the income for their education. I do this because the opportunity of selecting proper candidates and seeing that they carry out the terms on which they accept the benefit is better than can possibly be with a private individual. In accepting this trust it will be necessary to authorize a conference officer to receipt to the Trust Company for such funds as may be drawn in payment of these annual scholarships; or trustees might be appointed to take charge of the matter. The following named persons, now students at Drew, have received the apportionment for the present school year, two of whom may be continued if desired; W. O. Bennett, Wilmington Conference, \$125; George Ellis, Wilmington Conference, \$125; Rev. A. T. Leonard, \$200. There will be a like amount to be appropriated next year.

Yours Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. FIELD.

R. W. Todd moved the reference of this matter to a special committee. V. S. Collins moved as a substitute the reference of the entire matter to the Conference Education Society, making it the trustee of the fund as requested by Mr. Field. The original motion was withdrawn, and the motion of Brother Collins was adopted.

13th Question.—The 13th Question was resumed. Dover District was called. The character of R. H. Adams, P. E., having been passed, he read the following report of the work on his district.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Dear Brethren:—In rendering this brief annual report of the work upon the Dover district I desire to express thanks to Almighty God for the preservation of the preachers and their families, and for the grace, peace and prosperity granted unto the churches. The pastors have toiled in the midst of conditions which have taxed to the utmost their best capabilities, and laid on them the necessity of applying themselves with increased devotion to the work of Christ, that they might become an inspiration to the people who had been disheartened, by renewed financial reverses, and shorn of the energy necessary to undertake great things to promote the kingdom of God. One change has been made in the appointments. The Rev. John T. Sewell, who was appointed at our last session to Little Creek, was relieved at his own request to enter Drew Seminary and the Rev. Fred. E. McKinsey was appointed to fill his vacancy. The Epworth League Chapters improved in organization and efficiency. The

Chapters provided with intelligent officers thoroughly spiritual and adapted to the life of the young have been important factors in the activities of the church. In some instances these young people by methods peculiar to themselves have succeeded in effecting church improvements and paying debts where the older and more influential have failed. Bible study has been adopted by the League throughout the district and it has been a benediction to hear our young people speak of the privileges of the believer as they are revealed in the Gospel of Christ. The District Convention so sparsely attended in the past because of an inopportune date will be held this year in May and the Rev. H. Clay Turner, the district president, is now planning for a large and enthusiastic convention.

Children's day was generally observed by our Sunday Schools and the various educational interests presented. We note a clearer apprehension of the real purpose of the day, which is to be attributed to the use of the excellent program provided by the Board of Education.

The quarterly reports of the superintendents show a higher average attendance of scholars and teachers, and a growing enthusiasm in Sunday School work. The State and county conventions have been occasions of more than ordinary interest and have done much to impart a conception of the true idea of the school, its relation to the church and to enlist the co-operation of the home. Many of the converts reported are from Sunday Schools. The sympathy of the schools with the cause of missions has been more manifest, but is still unsatisfactory. Whilst many of our Superintendents appreciate the cause of missions and have brought their schools up to a high standard of giving, we have a number of superintendents who by opposition to the cause have prejudiced the schools and thwarted the plans of the pastors. We purpose issuing a comparative statement of the relation of each school to missions, as shown by their contributions, with the hope that the disclosures it will make will be conducive of better results.

On some of the charges the average attendance of the class meetings has reached 75 per cent. for the quarter. We have a class at Redden Ellendale Circuit at which every member has been present for several successive Sabbaths.

Camp-meetings were held at Camden, Concord, Hurlock, Sand Hill, Zoar and Rehoboth with some approach to satisfactory results, except at Sand Hill. A plan has been formulated to make Rehoboth the seat of a religious and educational enterprise for the whole Peninsula. It comprehends a summer school which is announced to begin July 6th and continue until August the 8th. Classes will be organized in the English branches, Pedagogies, Philosophy, Elocution, and Parliamentary Law, Theology and Bible Study, with lectures twice a week by prominent educators, upon helpful themes. The religious services will begin August 11th and continue until the 24th. Class meetings have been maintained on several charges with much of their primitive influence and power. The pastors have assisted the ladies in the adoption of better methods which have been followed with increased attendance and a growing spiritual life. Whilst this is true of the classes, the reports of the leaders make a sad and serious disclosure respecting family worship; at least 40 per cent. of our people do not observe family prayer. Indifference to the worship of God in the home is a leaven of danger which demands attention, and our pastors should from the pulpit, and in pastoral visitation instruct and urge, until we have a miniature church in every home.

Church improvements have not been so general or extensive as in other years. We have advised against all outlay likely to prove more expensive than the present ability of the people. Our policy has been to encourage the payment of debts, and observe caution in contracting new obligations. Redden Church on Ellendale Circuit alluded to in our previous report has been completed free of debt. The time-honored Aireys, now connected with Salem Cir-

cuit, which had been abandoned for years, has been rebuilt and made an inviting and attractive structure at an outlay of \$500, of which \$200 remains as a temporary lien upon the property. Browns on Cannon Circuit has been repainted and frescoed the cost of which was promptly met by that congregation. Statonville on Farmington Circuit has been frescoed, painted and carpeted which greatly improve the appearance of the property. A needful and convenient addition for the use of the Sunday School has been made to the church at Farmington at a cost of about \$350, a part of which only has been provided for. The church at Galestown has been painted and frescoed, and on the same circuit several acres of ground have been purchased on which a commodious auditorium has been constructed for summer religious gatherings; these with minor repairs upon the Woodland church, and the parsonage at Galestown, make an aggregate expenditure of \$700 for Galestown Circuit, \$500 of which has been paid. Our church at Little Creek has been tastefully frescoed, repainted and carpeted by the enterprising Christian women of that congregation. The parsonage at Georgetown has been furnished throughout at an outlay of \$200, and a property has been purchased at Williamsburg, which with some additions, will make a comfortable home for the pastor of Williamsburg Circuit. A new stable has been added to our parsonage property at Lincoln, and a large bell purchased for our church at Church Creek. St. Johnstown on Greenwood Circuit has been handsomely frescoed, painted and carpeted and all expenses met.

In the liquidation of indebtedness we enumerate the following: Two hundred dollars paid upon our fine property at Bridgeville and \$200 upon the parsonage at Cannon. The entire debt of \$900 against Wesley Church, Dover, has been paid, of which \$100 was a legacy bequeathed by the lamented E. M. Stevenson. The parsonage at Ellendale, and also the one at East New Market, which have been burdened for a long time were relieved this year and are now freed from encumbrance. The debt of \$700 against the church at Lewes has been cancelled and our splendid property there is without debt.

The lien upon the parsonage at Magnolia, which with the principal amounted to \$1100, and has stood an insuperable obstruction to the progress of our work, has been, by the heroic efforts and sacrifices of pastor and people, provided for, \$600 having been paid upon the bond and the remainder in pledged subscriptions. On the debt against Lebanon church, Camden Circuit, \$100 has been paid, \$200 on old debts at Harrington, \$175 on Zoar, and \$100 on Pepper's church, Zoar Circuit.

The benevolences have received careful attention. The apportionments were placed in the hands of the preachers in the month of June, accompanied with the special request not to delay the presentation of these interests. During my quarterly visitations, and by personal letters, the pastors have been urged not to neglect these important claims of the church. Those who have wisely systematized their plans, and put them into early operation have reached their apportionments, or have made at least a creditable advance beyond last year. The following charges report an increase for missions: Beckwith, Church Creek, Elliott's Island, Federalsburg, Hooper's Island, Lincoln, Little Creek, Magnolia, Milton, Nassau, Preston, Seaford, Zoar. Those reporting the same as last year are Bridgeville, Burrsville, Cambridge, Camden, Cannon, Crapo, Denton, Wesley and Armory, Dover, Ellendale, Galestown, Georgetown, Greenwood, Harrington, Hurlock, Leipsic, Lewes, Milford, Salem, Vienna, Williston, Woodside, Wyoming, Farmington, Felton. The charges reporting a decrease are: Houston, Williamsburg, Georgetown Circuit, East New Market.

Many of the churches have been blessed with gracious revivals. The gospel has been preached in simplicity and power, and in some instances accompanied with remarkable mani-

festations of the Holy Spirit in conviction and conversion. Childhood, youth and many beyond middle life, have been brought to realize the saving power of Christ. Whilst all the charges have been benefited by revival efforts the following churches have been signally blessed. Sheppard's and White's on Burrsville Circuit, Camden, Church Creek and Madison on Church Creek Circuit, the churches of Crapo Circuit, Armory, Dover, Cowgill's School House, Ellendale, Federalsburg, Woodland and Galestown, Greenwood, Hooper's Island, Barrett's Chapel, Milford, Connolley's and Ebenezer on Nassau Circuit, Bethlehem and Choptank on Preston Circuit, Salem, Bladesville, Vienna, Williston, Woodside, Wyoming, Willow Grove and Asbury on Wyoming Circuit, St. Thomas and Zoar on Zoar Circuit.

The total ingathering for the year is about 1,400. The apportionments made for ministerial support last year were maintained this year with a very few exceptions, but we fear the general scarcity of money which our farmers declare to be without a parallel in their experience, will occasion large deficiencies. We have some appointments where the stewards observe the directions of the discipline are faithful in discharging the duties of the office, from these the preachers and their families receive a creditable support, but we have several appointments in agricultural sections where the land is unproductive, and along the water courses where the people are poor and not so capable of the efficient management of the affairs of the church. The ministerial support from these appointments is meagre, irregularly provided and the salaries apportioned are rarely paid in full. Better methods will ultimately bring better results, and we note a gradual improvement in method, with a desire for further advancement.

The situation, however, is not one that may find relief in methods alone, it is explained by the statement a large number of our people are very poor. Of the 126 congregations comprising Dover district 28 of them contribute only an average of \$75, each toward ministerial support, which is regarded by the pastors as the full measure of their ability, and this small average is not attained without sacrifice. It is thus seen that more than one-fifth of the congregations of the Dover district are so impoverished they can at best only fully sustain the Gospel among themselves.

The Wilmington Conference Academy graduated at its last commencement one of the largest classes in the history of the institution. The enrollment this year shows an increase over last. The moral tone of the Academy is the best, the discipline mild but firm, the deportment of the students excellent and the work of the faculty thorough. I know of no institution of its grade of superior merit, and our preachers and laymen should remember the institution is ours and give it preference before all competitors. What the Academy needs is patronage and if our people knew the advantages it furnishes this need would be supplied.

The following effective Elders were then called, their characters passed and they announced their collections: J. T. Van Burkalow, S. J. Morris, F. C. McSorley, T. S. Williams. At the call of the last name V. S. Collins stated to the Conference that the parsonage at Cannon was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning and that all of Brother Williams' possessions were burned together with the money collected for the benevolences. Permission was given to publish the amounts collected, and a foot-note explaining their loss. The call of effective Elders was resumed. I. G. Fosnocht, Z. H. Webster, W. L. S. Murray, F. J. Cochran, H. S. Thompson, J. E. Graham, C. A. Grise, W. R. McFarlane, E. H. Miller, P. H. Rawlins, W. E. Tomkinson, D. H. Corkran, D. F. Waddell, W. F. Dawson, T. E. Martindale, W. T. Valiant, G. R. Neese. At this point W. E. Tomkinson made a statement concerning a difference of understanding between certain members of

Houston charge and Brother Neese as to the benevolent collections reported from that charge last year. The matter has been adjusted by the payment of the difference by Brother Neese. The call of effective elders was resumed. C. W. Prettyman, G. W. Bowman, J. D. Reese, W. S. H. Williams, D. H. Willis, T. C. Smoot, J. R. Todd, E. L. Cross, H. C. Turner.

Salisbury District was called. The character of W. F. Corkran, P. E., having been passed, he read the following report of his work.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Dear Fathers and Brethren :—With profound gratitude to God for His boundless mercy I present this my fifth annual report of the Salisbury district.

This has been a year of more than ordinary health and prosperity. Death, the great reaper, has been sparing in his harvest; yet some have been gathered whose presence, toils, counsels, liberality and sympathies we miss. The most prominent of all these was Joshua H. Marvel, Governor of Delaware, who died April 8th and was buried April 11th. Bro. Marvel was a strong man intellectually, morally and financially, and made for himself a large place in business and religious circles. He was for many years the leading spirit of our church in Laurel. His pastors always found him a true friend and a wise counsellor. In his departure the Methodism of the Peninsula sustains a great loss. The thousands of sorrowing people of all classes and pursuits who attended his funeral indicated the hold he had upon men.

A beautiful bud of nine summers was plucked from the St. Peter's parsonage November 1st and planted to bloom forever in the paradise of God. Her death was most effecting and triumphant.

Rev. James M. Wilson of St. Peter's, a well-known local preacher and evangelist, died suddenly last September. This man's labors were blest of God in the conversion of thousands of souls. Rev. John Tyler of Smith's Island, another prominent and most useful local preacher, was called to rest November, 1895. Twenty-four hours later his companion of 45 years joined him in the home of the blest. Bro. Tyler served his native island and Somerset charge as pastor for a full term each and his labors were highly appreciated and very successful.

Bro. Harrison Crockett, an exhorter, Sunday School superintendent, class leader and steward of Tangier Island, was drowned February 18th. He leaves a large vacancy in the church life of the Island, and his sad taking off brought sorrow to all hearts. The workmen fall yet the work goes on.

No report of our work for the year is adequate that is not a report of every charge of the district, for it may truly be said, in this case, that the progress of the whole is the progress of all its parts.

Bro. Baker is closing a very successful five-year term at Asbury. This year has witnessed the greatest revival in the history of the charge and the largest contribution to the benevolences of the church. This church has the peculiar distinction of being the only one in this Conference to have but two pastors in the last ten years.

Berlin has had a baptism of fire and of the Holy Ghost in the most literal sense. On the evening of August 4th a fire burned out the whole business portion of the town, and our people, poor at best, lost at least one-third of all their property, some losing all. The Holy Ghost came upon the church in the early part of the conference year, and there He has abode wonderfully quickening believers, adding some 25 by letter, converting 172 sinners and en- thusing every department of church operation. One year ago Berlin was the home church of

a poor undesirable circuit, struggling to pay \$400 of a \$600 salary. Now she is a station promising a \$700 salary and paying \$750 two months in advance, with her salary fixed at \$900 for next year, and \$1,000 assured for a year later. The congregation, the Sunday School and the benevolences have increased 100 per cent. Five hundred and twenty-five dollars have been raised on old debts and improvements. An enlarged church, which is now greatly needed and a new parsonage will materialize in the near future. Under God, this phenomenal development is due chiefly to a united church, the grace, grit and liberality of the official board and to the superior leadership of the pastor and his wife. With a similar spirit on the part of the church and with similar leadership two-thirds of the churches of this conference may have a similar revolution.

Bethel has done well. The old debt against Epworth Church has been cancelled, 30 souls converted and every department of the work is in good condition.

The two churches taken from Berlin a year ago were connected with Bishopville, thus making a circuit of four churches. Bro. George E. Wood is the pastor and he has given to this large field a year of faithful toil, gathering 35 souls for Christ's Kingdom, and \$127 for the benevolences. Bro. Wood has sought for treasures in other field also and found one of great price which he brings to this Conference in the person of a bride of one day.

In three years Bro. Bounds has witnessed large development in our church at Cape Charles. Three years ago there were 58 full members and 5 probationers, now 97 full members and 42 probationers. In 1893 she reported \$540 salary; now \$700. In 1893 she contributed \$104 to benevolences, this year \$142. Then \$3,400, now \$6,000 worth of church property. Much of this progress has been made this year.

One year ago Chincoteague asked for a married pastor and she has made good her promise to take care of him. The salary was advanced \$100 and an elegant parsonage built at a cost of \$1,600, \$850 of which has been paid, and the benevolences increased 21 per cent. This is a Spartan band.

The audience room of our church in Crisfield has been refurnished with new pews, carpets, pulpit furniture, etc., at a cost of about \$700. A noble band of women called the Ladies' Mite Society had the work done and paid the bill, and an old debt of \$350 has been cancelled. Bro. Stephenson reports 41 conversions for the year.

The year has been one of great enthusiasm at Deal's Island, 140 conversions, and the benevolences are up to the high standard of last year, notwithstanding the loss of \$20, which has heretofore come from a bequest to the mission society.

The revival efforts resulted in seventy-two conversions at Delmar. Brother Townsend believes in and teaches the tithe, hence his collections are always up to the standard. The official board has adopted a better financial system for next year, which it is hoped will solve an important problem.

The new church at Jamesville, Exmore charge, is ready for dedication. A half acre lot in the heart of the village of Exmore, has been bought, upon which we hope to build next year. Christians who are afraid of neither the devil or the saloon are greatly needed in Northampton county, Virginia, and that is the kind we are making there. Two hundred and fifty dollars has been raised for building.

The prominent features of the year's work at Fairmount are a gracious revival in which 97 souls were converted, and the repair of the Sunday School room of upper Fairmount Church at a cost of \$914, \$704 of which is provided for. I am sorry to have to say that the missionary collection falls off \$100.

The burning of the Frankford factory in the early part of the Conference year very seri-

ously crippled our people financially as it was the only industry of the town, yet Bro. Wickline has pushed the work with such diligence and wisdom that the benevolences are sustained at the standard of last year which is the highest point ever reached, and \$300 have been raised for improvements, most of which was applied on the parsonage. Conversions number sixteen.

Fruitland will make a better showing this year than last on pastoral support and benevolences, but I fear she is still at the bottom, yet I am persuaded that she has a future. The new church at Siloam was dedicated June 16th and paid for. A new church at Goodwill, on Girdletree charge was dedicated July 7th, when the whole cost \$1,300, was provided for and has since been paid. This has been a very hard year financially for Girdletree but she has made large gains on the benevolences. Conversions bless this department of the work. Gumboro has given a fair response to the faithful, earnest efforts of Bro. Nutter. Conversions 70, and the collections increased and \$100 raised for debts and improvements. The fourth quarterly conference took steps toward repairing the parsonage.

The 37 families of Holland's Island sustain a good church, a comfortable parsonage, pay a living salary and have contributed \$118 to the benevolences this year. There have been 12 conversion.

Bro. Pilchard is closing a five year term in Laurel. His pastorate marks the beginning of a new era in the history of Laurel Methodism, new men and new conditions have come to the front. The salary has advanced from \$800 to \$1,100; the benevolences have increased 70 per cent., and about \$4,500 have been expended on the improvements of church property. A due proportion of this advance is to be accredited to this year's work.

Bro. J. Dallas Marvel recently presented the church with a handsome baptismal font in memory of his father, Gov. Marvel.

Marion reports 30 conversions, a slight increase in benevolences and \$100 raised on indebtedness. Millsboro Circuit has one church less than last year, yet her collections aggregate more, and \$140 raised on an old debt. Last year Bro. Given reported 103 conversions and this year in the same field 79. He is a faithful and successful workman. The new church sentiment in Millsboro grows and but for the great financial depression would materialize speedily. A new church is much needed.

Mt. Pleasant Church, on the charge of the same name, has been rebuilt, enlarged, remodeled and refurnished at a cost of \$1125, the whole of which was provided for on the day of reopening and paid in full a few weeks later. Notwithstanding this heavy tax upon the liberality of these people, they have responded more largely than ever before to appeals for the benevolences. The conversions for the year number 62. The fourth quarterly conference appointed a committee to buy or build a parsonage in the town of Laurel. This will make Mt. Pleasant an inviting field.

Mt. Vernon has had another year of faithful service from Bro. Derrickson and she has made a hearty response spiritually and financially.

A very handsome church is being built at Nanticoke Point, Nanticoke Charge. It will cost when completed about \$5,000. Twenty-five hundred dollars has already been expended \$2,200 of which has been raised. The new church at Tyaskin was dedicated early in the year and the whole indebtedness has been paid. Last year the benevolences increased 34 per cent., and they take another step forward this year. There have been — conversions. Bro. Maxwell richly deserves the popularity he enjoys. Bro. Campbell reports 20 conversions and an increase in the benevolences. New Church has had 6 conversions and several accessions by letter.

With characteristic zeal Bro. Dulaney has pushed the work at Onancock and reports 80 conversions. The financial conditions have been very hard, but his collections are in advance of the high standard of last year.

Parksley has had a most happy and prosperous year. The conversions number 107, the collections have increased 75 per cent., \$40 expended on improvements and a better salary promised for next year.

Bro. Givan, the popular pastor, took to himself a partner early in the Conference year and time has demonstrated the wisdom of his choice.

Bro. Mitchell grows in favor at Parsonsburg, from which field he brings a good harvest of spiritual and financial results. The missionary collection increased 25 percent. Methodism in Pocomoke City is growing in prestige under the wise and strong supervision of Dr. Macnichol. This year brings a larger contribution to the benevolences than last year and 21 souls have been converted.

All things considered the greatest revival of the district for the year was that at William's Church on Pocomoke circuit. This church had run down to the zero point and the outlook was gloomy, but there were two or three, the pastor included, who had not bowed their knees to Baal, these God honored, with an outpouring of his Spirit. Eighty-seven souls were converted. Every interest of the charge has been well served by Bro. Strickland, the faithful pastor. Bro. Wheatley has had some success in bringing Powellville up to the level, where she of right belongs. The salary was advanced, the collections increased and 31 souls saved.

Princess Anne is making radical changes in her church building. The addition of a choir recess back of the pulpit and a cellar and furnace, a remodelled ceiling, replastering, frescoing, painting, etc., are the improvements which are about completed at a cost of \$1550. While the repairs have been in progress our people have worshipped in the Court House, and although at a disadvantage, every interest of the work has been diligently cared for and the report shows some gains. The beautiful new church at Habnab, appropriately called Burr's Chapel, which was added to Princess Anne one year ago, has been somewhat disappointing to its friends. Internal strife and the discouragements incident to the heavy indebtedness have operated against it. Still we are hoping for better days. The deficiency on salary which will appear in the minutes, is to be charged to Habnab. Princess Anne paid in full.

Bro. Carroll has given to Quantico two years of faithful service and brought good results. This year his report shows 8 conversions, \$75 raised for improvements and the benevolences up to the standard.

St. Peters dedicates two new churches this year. One of them was completed last year and the other begun. To pay for the one and finish the other \$1000 has been raised. This imposed a heavy tax upon the people, yet they have responded to Bro. Hardesty's appeals for the benevolences with a liberality that puts them 10 per cent. above last year. Twenty-seven conversions are the fruits of revival work.

Bro. Gray and his faithful co-laborers of Roxana have won 112 souls to Christ, but the offering laid upon God's altar for the salvation of the world is less than last year. Bro. Hill is closing a most successful five-year term at Salisbury. His increasing popularity has been fully utilized for the benefit of the church and Salisbury Methodism has a larger place in the thought and in the affection of the people than ever before. In the five years the membership has grown from 184 to 297. The missionary collection has increased from \$206 to \$475, Church Extension from \$30 to \$45, Freedman's Aid from \$15 to \$45, and the smaller benevolences have made a corresponding gain. Every department of the church is upon a solid basis and in a state of splendid prosperity.

Selbyville, under the enthusiastic leadership of Bro. G. W. Hastings, builds a handsome 8-room parsonage at a cost of \$900 and pays \$500 of it. This means a great deal for that charge. Added to that she sends up a contribution to the benevolence, which is 18 per cent. above her best previous record. Sixteen souls have been converted.

Two country churches were added to Sharptown a year ago thus providing better supervision for those churches and strengthening Sharptown. The Rev. P. P. Carroll of the Genesee Conference had charge until his conference met November, since which time the Rev. M. R. Hackman of the South Dakota Conference has had charge. Both of these brethren have done faithful service. The church at Sharptown has been repainted within and without and papered, which add much to its appearance. The total cost is \$125 all of which has been provided. The church at Sharptown has had a glorious revival in which 33 have been saved. The benevolences are up to a very creditable standard.

Bro. Beauchamp is giving full proof of his ministry at Smith's Island where the old landmarks of Methodism in both men and things is rapidly passing away. The old church of the Island, which never was convenient to anybody, has been sold, and each settlement will have its own church. Rhoades' Point has already built, and North End and Drum Point will follow their example when the Spring opens. For these enterprises there is about \$1,400 cash in hand and \$1,000 in subscriptions. There have been 75 conversions during the year, and the benevolences are \$34 in advance of last year.

Snow Hill is in that section which has suffered most from hard times, yet under Bro. Coursey's leadership she has not lowered the standard, on the other hand the salary was advanced \$50 and promptly paid. The benevolences held to the high standard of last year. One hundred and seventy-five dollars has been raised on improvements and 18 souls have been saved.

Bro. Guthrie maintains his record for faithful successful work and brings up from Somerset a report of 28 conversions and 28 per cent advance on the benevolences.

The sixtieth year of Bro. Price's ministry has been gloriously effective. An old debt of \$112 against the parsonage has been paid. The largest contribution for the benevolences ever gathered in that field is reported and 36 conversions are the more prominent of the visible results of the year's work. The pastor was the chief factor in all these advances.

Bro. Price has pushed the "Dead Line" thirty years beyond the average and is to-day a hard student, an original thinker, an effective preacher and a faithful, sympathetic pastor. His people think him to be one of the most effective pastors Stockton Circuit ever had and this is no reflection upon his faithful predecessors. If men would only learn to live until they wear out many years would be added to the average of human life.

This has been a glorious year in the history of Tangier Methodism. Seventy-eight souls have been brought into the kingdom of God and the benevolent collections are \$71 ahead of last year. The congregation has outgrown the capacity of the church and plans are formulating for a new house of worship. Bro. Swain is the faithful and popular shepherd of this responsive flock.

God has put his seal upon the ministry of Bro. Clarence E. Hastings in a very prominent manner. One year ago he was put in charge of Westover circuit, which is a large field and sterile soil, but he comes to this Conference with a report that nothing but the co-operation of the divine energy could have produced. Seventy-two conversions, \$200 raised on an old parsonage debt that never before showed any signs of yielding and the largest collections that ever came from that field even when served by two pastors.

Bro. Green and his people of Whitesville have paid the price of success and it is theirs.

The Line Church was rebuilt in the fall at a cost of \$1,000. All of which was raised on the day of reopening. This is now a very handsome country church. One hundred dollars has been expended on the parsonage. The benevolences are 25 per cent. in advance of the good record of last year. Our own literature has been put into the Sunday Schools. Three Epworth League Chapters have been organized and best of all a great revival was given to the charge and 125 souls saved. The pastor has been the leader in all these forward movements and the people have shown their appreciation by advancing his salary \$100 and paying it promptly and promising more next year.

The conditions for raising the benevolences this year have been extremely hard. The long continued and increasingly severe financial depression has brought the wolf to the doors of multitudes of our people, yet the conditions have been more than met by the unusual diligence on the part of the pastors and more than ordinary liberality on the part of the people, so that we are prepared to report an advance on each of the seven General Conference collections, besides raising a large part of the apportionment for General Conference expenses which was in many cases postponed last year with the hope of better times. Our part of the \$1,500,000 for missions is \$5,200, but the returns will show that we have about \$6,400, or our part of \$1,846,000. One half of all the charges of the district report an advance, and only two fall below last year.

This has been a year of much activity in building and improving church property. Five new churches have been dedicated, another stands ready for dedication, three others have been so thoroughly rebuilt that they are the equivalents of new churches both in condition and cost, and many others have been more or less improved. Two new parsonages have been built and many others much improved. There are only two married men's charges now without a parsonage of their own, and both of them are now taking steps to that end.

With an increasing demand and an educated, devoted and successful ministry, I am happy to say there is a growing willingness on the part of our leading laymen to pay for the thing demanded hence, the salaries continue to move up toward the point of comfortable living, and better methods for raising the same are being adopted. At Sharptown the estimate this year is \$200 more than it was last year. Berlin, Bishopville, Cape Charles, Chincoteague, Gumboro, Princess Anne and Whitesville each advanced \$100, and Fruitland, Powellville and Snow Hill each advanced \$50. The average salary of the married men's charges is \$736 this year. Several quarterly conferences have expressed a purpose to pay more next year, and not one has signified a purpose to pay less. A starvation salary means a starvation gospel, whilst a well kept pastor means a well kept people.

One of the potent factors in the work of the district must be reckoned, the Epworth League. This is an organization of remarkable adaptability when on fire. It touches and helps every other organization. It may truly be said of it that it "helpeth our infirmities."

Thirteen Chapters with 625 members have been organized this year. Bro. Bounds has served as president for nearly two years and has been untiring in his efforts to bring his ward to the highest degree of efficiency. The last district convention was held at Cape Charles in November, and although it was not largely attended because of the location, yet influences were put in motion and impressions made that seemed to impart a thrill of new life to the organization in all parts of the district.

Camp meetings as they have been conducted on the Salisbury District for the last five years with very rare exceptions are a nuisance.

The focal point of all christian endeavor is salvation of souls. This supreme end we have kept in view more clearly and realized more largely this year than ever before in the

history of the district. Revival fires have swept from Bethel to Cape Charles and from the islands of the Chesapeake to the ocean's strand. In these revivals thousands of believers have reached a purer atmosphere in their experiences and 2,200 have been born again. This is an average of 56 conversions for every day in the year and 50 for every charge on the district. If our beloved church, as a whole, has had like success in this line more than 594,000 souls have been saved in the last 12 months. Surely this is prophetic of the coming of the Kingdom. Five thousand sermons have been preached during the year and 2,200 souls converted. The foolishness of preaching shall yet save the world.

A large proportion of these converts have joined with us, but a goodly number have gone to swell the ranks and renew the fires of other altars. It is not surprising that the year in which our district lays the largest offering upon God's altar for the salvation of souls abroad that she has the largest gathering at home. The condition upon which God promises to be with his church is that she go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. When we provide meat for God's house he fills our barn with plenty and makes our presses burst out with new wine.

The liquor traffic cannot stand before an enlightened judgment coupled with a quickened conscience, hence the hope of all remedies for this supreme evil is agitation. This has been kept up during the year with possibly more than ordinary zeal, and I am bound to say that the chief factors in this agitation have been the W. C. T. U. and the Prohibition Party. The most signal victory in this fight was that won on Chincoteague Island, January 18th, when a local option campaign, brought on by the liquor men terminated with more than two to one for God and the right. A local option battle is now on in Northampton County, Va. This is a rum ridden territory and the temperance forces need our prayers, sympathies and material aid. Wicomico County, Md., is in revolt against the wrongs of the rum power and is exploring the Legislature now in session for the passage of a stringent license law with a local veto feature in the exercise of which they hope to close most if not all the saloons of the county. A bill is before the same legislature to close up the business in Dublin district which is the only district in Somerset County where liquor is sold, while at the above named places the forces have been most active; the conflict has waged all along the line, and it is certain that nothing has been lost but much gained. We look to the future with hope. The watchman shout "the morning cometh, the morning of the day when this fair Methodist soil shall no longer drink the blood of the victims of this abomination."

In conclusion I want to express my very high appreciation of the many kindnesses shown me in ways without number, both by the preachers and the laymen. These evidences of appreciation together with the success of the work and the conscious smile of my Heavenly Father have made the toils and sacrifices incident to my work a real delight. I want also to record my admiration of the unwavering devotion, the unconquerable zeal and the boundless enthusiasm of hundreds of laymen, men, women and children, who have ceased not to toil and pray and pay until in many cases the seeming impossible has come to pass. These Aarons and Hurs, these privates in the ranks of the Lord's hosts, who have counted not their lives dear unto themselves, to these is great credit to be given for the record we bring to this Conference, and what shall I say of these forty and four pastors and the noble women who have stood at their sides seconding every advance movement even where it has meant less comfort at the parsonage. There are no laggards among these. These men are not tricksters, wire workers nor schemers, as some would make believe, but men true to the God who called them, the church that sent them and the vows which bind them. Their works bear witness of them. The fruits they gather could only be gathered with clean hands. Such

men as these will find the \$2,000,000 for missions in less than another quadrennium and solve the problem of the world's redemption in a quarter of a century. My true yoke-fellows in the service of heaven, my brothers beloved in the Gospel of our blessed Christ, it is my joy and crown to stand with you not only [in shouting the "harvest home" but in the toil and heat, the dust and din of the year's battle.

Following the reading of the report Bishop Warren gave some timely hints upon the conduct of Local Option campaigns. The following effective elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: G. E. Wood, R. K. Stephenson, C. T. Wyatt, G. W. Townsend, T. A. H. O'Brien, J. S. Wickline, James Connor, T. F. Tabler, M. D. Nutter, S. N. Pilchard, L. P. Corkran, T. N. Given, E. H. Derrickson, S. R. Maxwell, H. S. Dulaney, J. M. Mitchell, E. C. Macnichol, G. T. Alderson, James Carroll, J. W. Gray, G. L. Hardesty, Chas. A. Hill, R. T. Coursey, W. B. Guthrie, B. F. Price, C. P. Swain, A. Green, R. W. Todd.

B. F. Price.—W. E. Tomkinson presented the following resolution which was adopted by a rising vote;

Resolved, That we thank God and extend our congratulations to our brother, Benjamin F. Price, who, having been received on trial as an itinerant preacher in 1836, shows a most remarkable career in that he answers at this session to his name for the sixtieth time, and comes flushed with victory, a result of his efficient labors as a most acceptable pastor of one of the largest and most difficult circuits in the Conference.

Introductions.—The following visiting brethren were introduced and addressed the Conference concerning their work: Dr. A. S. Hunt of the American Bible Society, Dr. J. F. Goucher, President of the Woman's College of Baltimore, Dr. J. W. Hamilton, Cor. Sec. of F. A. and S. Ed. Society, and Dr. E. A. Schell, Cor. Sec. of the Epworth League.

W. M. Field.—V. S. Collins presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, that our sincere thanks are hereby tendered to our brother W. M. Field, for his liberality and manifest confidence in the wisdom and prudence of this Conference, in transferring to us the bequest of the late James Riddle, for the education of students in Drew Seminary, and in allowing us to name the beneficiaries of that bequest.

Resolved, that we will do our best to use this bequest so that God's name may be glorified, and the wishes of the donor most faithfully executed.

V. S. Collins Resolutions.—V. S. Collins presented resolutions concerning certain modifications in the method of making appointments which was largely signed by members of the Conference, and they were directed to be printed and made the order of the day to-morrow at 10 o'clock. The time was extended.

Cuba.—R. W. Todd presented the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved, That, remembering the oppressions visited upon our American fathers, and their heroic and successful efforts for independence; and coveting for the entire human race the inestimable blessings of civil and religious liberty, we are watching with intense and prayerful interest, the contest our Cuban brothers are waging against Spanish rapacity and cruelty; and we hereby express for them and their cause our deepest sympathy, and assure them of our prayers to the Almighty Friend of all the oppressed, in behalf of their early and complete success.

Election of Delegates.—On motion of S. M. Morgan the election of delegates to the General Conference was made the order of the day at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Supernumeraries.—At the suggestion of P. H. Rawlins the Supernumeraries who were referred to the Board of Stewards last year were again so referred.

Philadelphia Hospital.—Upon motion of T. E. Martindale a special committee was appointed on the Methodist Hospital of Philadelphia. Upon nomination of the Presiding Elders the committee was composed of the following: T. E. Martindale, I. L. Wood, G. W. Townsend, V. S. Collins.

Epworth Church.—On motion of Robt. Watt a statement of L. W. Layfield concerning the financial condition of Epworth Church was made the order of the day to-morrow morning at 9.30 o'clock.

At the request of C. A. Grise, W. E. Matthews was substituted for E. C. Atkins as assistant to the Conference treasurer.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the doxology, Bishop Warren pronouncing the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Opening.—Conference opened at 8.30 o'clock with devotional services conducted by Bishop Warren. After singing and prayer the bishop continued his lecture on "The Verbal Intensities and Felicities of the Bible."

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

Trustee for Mrs. Chatham.—E. H. Nelson presented his report as trustee for funds for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham, which at his request was referred to the Auditing Committee.

7th Question.—The 7th Question, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership," was taken up. Willard E. West, Henry G. Budd, John H. Beauchamp and Fred. E. McKinsey, were called before the Conference.

Bishop Warren read from the 3rd chapter of Jonah, announced the 822nd hymn and led the Conference in prayer.

The bishop then addressed the class and Conference, and propounded the usual disciplinary questions. The secretary of the Conference Board of Examiners reported the examinations, the several members of the class announced their collections and retired, the presiding elders represented and they were admitted into full membership. Willard E. West, John H. Beauchamp and Fred. E. McKinsey were elected to deacon's orders, Henry E. Budd being already a deacon. Fred. E. McKinsey was required to pass a further examination on "Universal History."

Changes in Discipline.—W. E. Tomkinson presented certain resolutions concerning the selection of triers of appeals and changes in the discipline which were asked to lie on the table for further consideration.

E. C. Macnichol presented resolutions concerning the time limit, which were put upon the table for future consideration.

Order of the Day.—A report by L. W. Layfield concerning the financial condition of Epworth Church was taken up. The following showing was made: Grace Church, \$2200; St. Paul's, \$302; Asbury, \$140; Bethel (Chester), \$72; Smyrna, 79; North East, \$26; Harrison Street, \$35; Rising Sun, \$26; Mt. Salem, \$70; Georgetown, \$24; New Castle, \$15; Easton, \$35; Seaford, \$18.50; East New Market, \$30; St. John's, 35; Ebenezer, \$30; Calvert, \$17; Still Pond, \$10; Bay Side, \$5; Scott, \$10; Cecilton, \$10; American Mechanics of Cecilton, \$25; Salisbury, \$100; St. Michael's, \$9; Oxford, \$22; Camden Camp, \$75, Wye, Camp, \$39; Brandywine Camp, \$25; Cash at Auditorium, \$271; Epworth Church and Private Collection, \$500; Total, \$4,250.50; Present indebtedness, \$15,500.

V. S. Collins presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That having heard the statement of Bro. Layfield concerning the condition of Epworth Church, we renew our pledge of aid and sympathy and will assist him in our various charges by opening to him our churches for a collection for the Epworth fund.

V. S. Collins' Resolutions.—The following resolutions presented by V. S. Collins was then taken up:

Resolved, That no pastor should be appointed to a charge by a bishop without the concurrent vote of a majority of the presiding elders.

Resolved, That the Annual Conference should annually nominate the presiding elders for appointment by the bishop.

Resolved, That our delegates to the General Conference be and are hereby instructed to prepare a memorial embodying the two resolutions above for presentation to that body; and by voice and vote recommend a change in the discipline to secure the result desired.

During the discussion of the question, upon motion of R. W. Todd, Bro. Collins' time was extended. The vote was then taken and the resolutions adopted.

W. E. Tomkinson's Resolution.—W. E. Tomkinson called from the table the following resolution:

Resolved, That the triers of appeals be nominated and elected directly by the conference, and not through the cabinet.

After discussion the motion to adopt the above resolution was lost.

Ballot for General Conference Delegates.—The order of the day the vote for general conference was then taken up. Bishop Warren explained the method of taking the vote and appointed as tellers H. S. Thompson, C. W. Prettyman, J. P. Otis, R. K. Stephenson and G. W. Townsend. The secretary designated J. D. Rigg as secretary for the tellers.

The first ballot was then taken and the tellers retired.

On account of sickness Asbury Burke was permitted to deposit a sealed ballot, and on account of unavoidable attention H. S. Dulaney was permitted to vote after the tellers had retired. W. L. S. Murray took both ballots to the tellers.

Introductions.—Dr. George E. Reed, president of Dickinson College, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning the work of that institution.

Dr. Homer Eaton, agent of the M. E. Book Concern at New York, was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning his work.

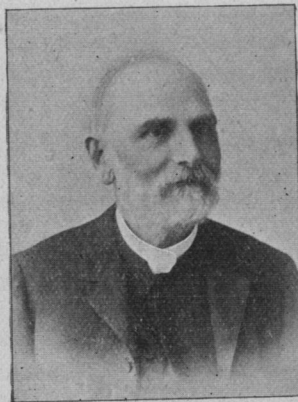
Report of Tellers.—The tellers returned, and Bishop Warren announced the result of the ballot as follows: Whole number of votes cast, 155; necessary to a choice, 78. Merritt Hulburd received 101, and was declared elected.

Second Ballot.—A second ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

Dr. George W. McLaughlin, Cor. Sec. Pennsylvania Seamen's Friend Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

On motion of V. S. Collins the time was extended.

J. B. Quigg.—The following resolution from the committee appointed to prepare a minute concerning the retirement of J. B. Quigg, was presented by T. E. Martindale and adopted by rising vote:



WHEREAS, Our dear brother, Rev. J. B. Quigg, has decided to retire from the active work of the ministry at this session of our Conference, although desired by the people of his last charge to be returned to them. And,

WHEREAS, He has now closed forty-seven years of unusually active and earnest service, having without an interruption during all that time prosecuted the Master's work. Therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby record our high appreciation of his fidelity and zeal in every department of ministerial work and especially his eminent service in the cause of Temperance, Church Extension and Education. Well and truly has he been called during all these years the unwearied champion of our own Wilmington Conference Academy.

Resolved, That the loving regard of his brethren will follow him into his voluntary retirement, and we will pray that God's blessing may ever abide upon him and his family; and that he may be spared for many years yet to remind the Church of the heroes of other days.

Introductions.—The following brethren were then introduced: J. C. Stevens of the Genesee Conference, J. F. Crouch, T. Snowden Thomas, editor Peninsula Methodist, and Edwin Burke of the Philadelphia Conference, and M. L. Gates, recently transferred to us from the Newark Conference. Bishop Warren requested Dr. Gates to take charge of the devotional services to-morrow morning.

While waiting for the return of the tellers, the Conference called out Dr. S. F. Upham of Drew Theological Seminary, who responded in a delightful speech.

Report of Tellers.—The second ballot was reported as follows: Total number of votes cast, 155; necessary to a choice, 78. Alfred Smith received 82 and was declared elected.

3d. Ballot.—The third ballot was taken and the tellers retired. Upon motion of A. S.

Mowbray the tellers were permitted to make known the result of the ballot after the adjournment of the Conference.

T. E. Martindale presented a communication which at his request was referred to the committee on Bible cause.

Closing.—Announcements were made and on motion of W. E. Tomkinson Conference adjourned with the doxology, Bishop Warren pronouncing the benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Opening.—Conference opened at 8.30 o'clock with devotional services conducted by M. L. Gates.

The bishop took the chair at 9 o'clock and the business session began. The journal was read and approved.

Law Question.—The following question of law presented by W. E. Tomkinson was answered by Bishop Warren:

Has the Bishop or his Cabinet a right to nominate the Triers of Appeals without the direction of the Conference?

Answer.—Any member of the Cabinet has the same right as any other member of the Conference to nominate Triers of Appeals. The Bishop nominates Triers of Appeals only at the request of the Conference.

Third Ballot.—The report of the third ballot taken for General Conference Delegates before the adjournment of yesterday's session was announced by Bishop Warren as follows:

Total number of votes cast, 150; necessary to choice, 76. L. E. Barrett received 78 and was declared elected.

10th Question.—What members have completed the course of study? was taken up.

Examinations.—V. S. Collins presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That no candidate shall be admitted, or advanced in classes, with conditions, who has failed in more than one major, or two minor, studies.

Resolved, That in no case shall a candidate for full admission be received, nor a candidate for elder's orders be so elected, until every requirement shall have been fully met.

Effective Elders.—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, Van P. Northrup were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the secretary of the Board of Examiners reported on the examinations and Julius A. Brewington was continued in the same class with credit for certain examinations passed. William H. Benford and James W. Fogle being already elders, were continued in the same class with credits for studies passed. William P. Taylor was also continued in the fourth year's studies with credits. The rest of the brethren were advanced in their studies and elected to elders' orders, except James W. Fogle, who was already an elder.

Third Year Studies.—The 8th Question, "What members are in studies of the third

year?" was taken up. Harry A. G. Westerfield, Clarence W. Strickland, Wm. L. White, John P. Outten and Wm. S. H. Williams, were called; their characters passed; they reported their collections; the examinations were reported, and H. A. G. Westerfield, Clarence W. Strickland and Wm. L. White were passed to the fourth year's studies. W. S. H. Williams was advanced to the fourth year with a condition of one study. John P. Outten was continued in the third year's study.

Continued on Trial.—The 5th Question, "Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up. Thos. R. Van Dyke, Daniel J. Givan, Edward H. Collins, Charles I. Stengle were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the examiners reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were continued on trial. Bros. Van Dyke, Collins and Stengle in the second year's studies, and Bro. Givan in the first year's studies.

Deacons—The 11th Question, "What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up. The name of John H. Wiley was taken up, the Quarterly Conference credential from Dover was presented, the examiners reported and he was elected to Deacon's orders.

Elders.—The 12th Question, "What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" was taken up. The proper credentials of Henry G. Budd and John H. Simms were presented and after the report by the secretary of the conference board of examinations they were elected to Elder's orders.

Fourth Ballot.—A fourth ballot for one delegate to the General Conference was taken and the tellers retired. Edward Davis was permitted to vote a sealed ballot. T. F. Tabler, Albert Chandler and Warren Burr, who came in late, were permitted to vote and their ballots were taken to the tellers by W. L. S. Murray.

Examiners.—R. I. Watkins presented the nominations for vacancies in the Conference Board of Examiners as follows: E. C. Macnichol, G. W. Townsend, Henry C. Turner, H. W. Ewing, E. P. Roberts, S. M. Morgan, Julius Dodd, I. L. Wood. Bishop Warren appointed John France, E. H. Nelson, J. O. Sypherd, W. E. Tomkinson as tellers, a ballot was taken and the tellers were instructed to call on the other tellers that were out, for their votes and they retired.

Collection.—R. I. Watkins made statement of the expenses of the Conference Board of Examiners for the past two years and a collection was ordered.

Forth Ballot.—The fourth ballot for General Conference delegate was then announced by Bishop Warren as follows:

Whole number of votes cast, 152; necessary to a choice, 77. W. F. Corkran received 77 and was declared elected.

Reserves.—A ballot was then taken for Reserve Delegates and the tellers retired.

Collection.—The collection ordered was put in the hands of Merritt Hulburd for management and resulted in \$53.43.

Reserves.—The tellers returned and Bishop Warren announced the result of the ballot

as follows: Total number votes cast, 142; necessary to a choice, 72. W. E. Avery received 99 and V. S. Collins, 78, and were declared elected as reserve delegates.

Lay Conference.—C. S. York reported as a committee from the Lay Electoral Conference that that body was ready to report to this Conference. Bishop Warren appointed W. L. S. Murray and V. S. Collins a committee to escort the Lay Electoral Conference to this body. Merritt Hulburd was excused from attending until after the session of Monday morning.

The Lay Electoral Conference came in singing "We're Marching to Zion." Bishop Warren addressed the body in words of congratulation and welcome to which H. F. Pickels, chairman of the Lay Electoral Conference, responded, giving a report of the work done by that body.

R. M. Cooper, secretary of the Lay Electoral Conference, presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the joint body:

Resolved, That recognizing the fact that the liquor traffic is the greatest hindrance to prosperity, the mightiest foe to civilization, the bitterest enemy to the Christian church, and the most subtle seducer of youth and manhood into paths of vice and wickedness, we pledge ourselves to use our best efforts for its overthrow, and appeal to our brethren of the General Conference to take no backward step in their expression upon this question.

Prof. W. L. Gooding and W. H. Jackson, lay delegates-elect to the General Conference, were then introduced and Prof. Gooding addressed the Conferences.

On motion of Robert Watt the ministerial delegates-elect were introduced and each one made a short address.

Dr. Payne.—Dr. C. H. Payne, Cor. Sec. of the Education Society, was introduced and spoke concerning his work.

Dr. Rishell.—Dr. Charles W. Rishell, Professor in Boston Theological Seminary, was introduced and spoke concerning the work of Drew and Boston Seminaries.

Examiners.—The tellers reported the vote for Conference examiners, resulting in the election of E. C. Macnichol, G. W. Townsend, S. M. Morgan, I. L. Wood.

Adjourn.—Announcements were made and Conference adjourned with the doxology, Bishop Warren pronouncing the benediction.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Memorial Session.—W. L. S. Murray announced the absence of T. H. Haynes because of illness and D. F. Waddell was called to the chair. Hymn 656 was sung and W. E. Tomkinson led in prayer. The 90th Psalm and part John 14th was read, and hymn 574 was sung.

The memoir of John D. Lecates was read by L. W. Layfield, and after remarks by G. A. Phoebus and W. L. S. Murray it was adopted.

The name of James Hubbard was called and after suitable remarks by W. E. England and B. F. Price it was directed that W. F. Corkran have prepared a proper memoir for record in the journal.

The memoir of James E. Bryan was read by Adam Stengle and after appropriate remarks by Henry Sanderson, R. W. Todd, J. T. Van Burkalow, H. S. Thompson, E. H. Nelson, B. F. Price, T. N. Given, V. S. Collins and W. L. S. Murray, it was adopted.

The memoir of Mrs. Rebecca W. Scott was read by H. S. Thompson. Remarks were made by G. A. Phoebus, Henry Sanderson and B. F. Price and the memoir was adopted.

The names of Mrs. Rebecca E. Milby, Mrs. Drucilla Willets and Mrs. James Hubbard were announced, and after appropriate remarks by several brethren direction was given for the preparation of suitable minutes in each case.

Conference adjourned with the doxology, D. F. Waddell pronouncing the benediction.

MONDAY MORNING.

Opening.—Conference opened at 9 o'clock with devotional services conducted by Bishop Warren. At 9.15 the bishop took the chair. The Journal was read and approved.

T. E. Bell.—W. L. S. Murray announced the death of Thomas E. Bell and on motion of R. W. Todd, Alfred Smith was directed to have prepared for the minutes a suitable memoir.

G. R. Neese.—R. H. Adams moved that the money paid by G. R. Neese be distributed \$10.00 to missions and \$9.00 conference claimants and credited to Houston charge being reported by a foot note.

Bishop's Lecture.—J. D. Rigg presented the following resolution which was put by the Secretary and unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That we have listened to the lectures of Bishop Warren during this session on "The Verbal Intensities and Felicities of the Bible" with great delight and profit; and congratulate ourselves that, while we have had but this mere taste of the good things he has prepared for us, we may further delight ourselves by the perusal of this series of lectures in his most timely and fascinating book, "The Bible in the Education of the World."

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

Mutual Reserve Fund.—On motion of T. E. Martindale T. E. Terry was requested to make statement concerning the mutual relief fund. A motion to rescind the action of last year on that subject was lost, and an opportunity was given for members of the Conference to give the one per cent. due from them.

B. F. Price.—On motion of W. F. Corkran, B. F. Price was granted a superannuated relation and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards. A special collection was taken for Bro. Price amounting to \$100.

B. F. Price Committee.—On motion of T. E. Martindale a special committee to prepare a suitable minute concerning the retirement of B. F. Price was ordered. Bishop Warren appointed L. E. Barrett, C. F. Sheppard, R. W. Todd.

Conference Academy.—The order of the day, the report of the Conference Academy, was then taken up, and William Saulsbury, president of the Board of Trustees, read the report and it was adopted.

T. E. Terry presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference elect a committee composed of four ministers and three laymen to prepare and submit to the trustees of the Conference Academy at their semi-annual meeting in June next a plan for carrying out the suggestion contained in the report of the president relative to providing for the payment of the Conference Academy debt and we submit herewith as the members of that committee the following named brethren; T. E. Martindale, J. B. Quigg, V. S. Collins, W. L. S. Murray, William Salisbury and L. S. Melson.

Prof. W. L. Gooding was introduced and addressed the Conference and at his suggestion the following lay delegates named by the Lay Electoral Conference were added to the committee named in the above resolutions: H. F. Pickels, E. J. Winder, T. J. Truxton, C. S. York.

Academy Trustees.—On motion of C. W. Prettyman, I. L. Wood, S. M. Morgan, C. A. Hill and T. E. Martindale were made a committee to nominate ministerial trustees for the Conference Academy to fill vacancies announced.

Constitutional Questions.—The vote on the Constitutional questions was taken up. On motion of A. S. Mowbray it was directed that the vote be taken without debate. Bishop Warren then presented the following resolution:

On Ratio of Ministerial Representations. (Submitted by Colorado Annual Conference, June, 1895.) Strike out the words "forty-five" in the fourth line of Sec. 2, Par. 67 of Discipline, and insert instead the words "sixty-five," so that the clause as amended shall read as follows: "The General Conference shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference, nor of a less number than one for every sixty-five."

The proposition was adopted by a count vote of 123 to 14.

The following was then submitted and adopted by a vote of 109 to 17.

On Lay Delegates. (Submitted by Baltimore Annual Conference March, 1893 and Colorado Annual Conference June, 1895.) Amend the second Restrictive Rule by adding the words "and said delegates may be men or women" after the words "two lay delegates for an Annual Conference;" so that the entire clause will read; "nor of more than two lay delegates for an Annual Conference, and said delegates may be men or women."

The Hamilton amendment was then presented as follows:

On Lay Delegates. (Submitted by the General Conf. Dis. Appendix, p. 36.) *Resolved,* That we submit to the Annual Conferences the proposition to amend the second Restrictive Rule by adding the words "and said delegates must be male members" after the words "two lay delegates for an Annual Conference," so that it will read: "Nor of more than two lay delegates for an Annual Conference, and said delegates must be male members."

R. W. Todd moved that the Conference decline to vote upon this proposition. When the question was put quite a number voted against the motion and Bishop Warren decided that they were entitled to vote on the proposition which was done and it was rejected by a vote of 7 to 107.

M. R. Hackman.—Maris R. Hackman a supernumerary member of the South Dakota Conference was introduced and at the request of W. F. Corkran was transferred to this Conference by Bishop Warren and made effective by vote of the Conference.

Introductions.—Revs. J. B. Turner, pastor of the Dover Presbyterian Church and T. B. Revelle, pastor of the Dover Methodist Protestant Church were introduced to the Conference.

Superannuates.—The 23d. Question, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers," was then taken up. G. A. Phoebus, James Esgate, Henry Sanderson, C. J. Hammitt, W. W. Redman, W. B. Walton and J. H. Caldwell were called, their characters passed and their relation continued.

Supernumeraries.—The 22d Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up. A. T. Scott, W. F. Talbot, J. B. Merritt, 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 and W. M. Greene were called, their characters passed and they were continued in the same relation.

Relation Changed.—The relation of J. D. Kemp and W. W. Chaires was changed from supernumerary to effective.

A. D. Davis.—The relation of A. D. Davis was changed from supernumerary to superannuated.

Dr. Leonard.—Dr. A. B. Leonard, Secretary of the Missionary Society, was then introduced and addressed the Conference.

Afternoon Session.—The time was extended. It was agreed that when Conference adjourned it be to meet this afternoon at 2.30 to hear reports. Bishop Warren appointed Adam Stengle to preside.

State Constitution.—Alfred Smith presented the following resolutions which were adopted:

WHEREAS, At the next general election in the State of Delaware there are delegates to a Constitutional Convention to be elected, and

WHEREAS, We believe a provision should be embodied in the new Constitution forbidding the manufacture, exportation, importation and sale of all alcoholic beverages within the bounds of the State, therefore be it

Resolved, I, That as members of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church we solemnly covenant together to do all that is legitimately within our power to secure the nomination and election of only such delegates to the said Constitutional Convention as are willing to pledge themselves, in words as plain as language can make it, to the support of the aforesaid constitutional provision.

Resolved, II, That for the furtherance of this end a committee of five ministers and five laymen be appointed to arrange for a mass convention of all the good people of the State to be held in Dover at such time as they may designate.

Easter Collection.—On motion of W. F. Corkran it was directed that the members of the Conference take a special collection on Easter Sunday or as soon thereafter as convenient to help pay off the debt of the Missionary Society by May 1.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the doxology, Bishop Warren pronouncing the benediction.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

Opening.—Conference convened at 2.30 p. m. with Adam Stengle in the chair. W. E. Tomkinson conducted the devotional services. The Journal was read and approved.

Hospital.—T. E. Martindale presented the report of the special committee appointed in the case of the Philadelphia Methodist Hospital, which was adopted.

On motion of A. S. Mowbray the committee was requested to provide the items of the collections for the Hospital for the past year for publication in the Minutes and that this item be added to the statistics of the Conference in the future.

Bible Report.—E. S. Mace read the report of the committee on the Bible cause which after an address by R. W. Todd was adopted. The Conference then elected L. E. Barrett, Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran and Mrs. R. W. Todd as Life Directors of the Maryland Bible Society.

Temperance Report.—C. T. Wyatt presented the report of the committee on temperance, which was adopted.

W. F. M. S.—J. S. Wickline presented the report of the committee on the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which was adopted.

F. A. and S. E.—J. P. Otis read the report of the committee on Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, which was adopted.

Sunday Schools and Tracts.—Albert Chandler presented the reports of the committee on Sunday Schools and Tracts, which was adopted.

Epworth League.—H. C. Turner presented the report of the committee on Epworth League, which was adopted.

Education.—J. D. Kemp presented the report of the committee on education and it was adopted. He also presented list of visitors to educational institutions, which were approved.

W. H. M. S.—T. E. Terry presented the report of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which was adopted.

Historical Society.—B. F. Price presented the report of the Historical Society, which was adopted.

Sabbath Observance.—E. C. Macnichol read the report of the committee on Sabbath Observance, which was adopted.

Time Limit.—E. C. Macnichol moved to take from the table the resolutions on the time limit. The motion was put on the table.

Historical Society.—R. W. Todd presented a motion to amend the constitution of the Conference Historical Society, which was deferred to await further information.

A. M. Session.—C. A. Grise moved that when Conference adjourned it be to meet at 8 o'clock. Robt. Watt moved to substitute 8.30. The substitute was adopted by a count vote of 55 to 22.

Trustees.—The committee to nominate trustees for the Conference Academy presented

the names of W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, T. E. Terry, and R. I. Watkins, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

Educational Society.—V. S. Collins presented nominations for Managers of the Conference Education Society and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot.

Stewards Report.—On motion of P. H. Rawlins the report of the Board of Stewards was made the order of the day immediately after the opening to-morrow morning.

Thanks Committee.—On motion of E. S. Mace a committee of thanks was appointed as follows: E. S. Mace, J. P. Otis, R. W. Todd.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Dr. A. B. Leonard pronouncing the Benediction.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Opening.—The conference convened at 8.30 o'clock. The devotional services were conducted by Bishop Warren.

Stewards' Report.—The order of the day, the report of the Board of Stewards was taken up. P. H. Rawlins read the report and it was adopted and the moneys were distributed.

Mrs. Chatham.—E. H. Nelson was appointed a trustee to have charge of the funds given to Mrs. Annie D. Chatham.

Course of Study.—V. S. Collins presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the General Conference be, and hereby is, petitioned to so change the Discipline that some suitable recognition be made of the educational attainments of graduates from our educational institutions.

Resolved, That the Board of Bishops be, and hereby are, petitioned to so change the course of study that requirements for admission in one of the courses of study shall at least be equal to the curriculum of studies of a first-class Academy.

Church Debts.—G. T. Alderson presented the following resolution, which was not adopted:

Resolved, That it shall be the sense of this conference that all unpaid subscription, covering church indebtedness, shall be reported as so much church debt.

Epworth League.—L. W. Layfield and Merritt Hulburd represented the needs of Epworth Church and on motion of Robert Watt it was agreed to take a collection for Epworth Church in our several churches on the third Sunday in May.

Auditor's Report.—J. O. Sypherd presented the report of the auditing committee, which was adopted.

Edit Reports.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson the secretary was permitted to edit reports adopted by the Conference.

Conference Paper.—T. E. Terry presented the following report from the special committee on Conference newspaper, which was adopted.

Your committee has carefully considered the matter entrusted to it at the last Conference and after having inquired carefully into the matter find that it will require somewhere from \$10,000 to \$12,000 to begin the business as was contemplated with a Conference paper, or from \$20,000 to \$30,000 to establish a newspaper and book store, and in view of the financial depression that is now upon us, recommend that further consideration of the matter be indefinitely postponed.

Time Limit.—On motion of E. C. Macnichol the following resolution was taken from the table and adopted:

WHEREAS, The removal of the time limit will in all probability come before the ensuing General Conference, and

WHEREAS, A mere majority vote of the General Conference is sufficient to effect said removal; and

WHEREAS, We believe that the removal of the time limit would ultimately result in the total destruction of the historic itinerancy of Methodism, therefore

Resolved, That we hereby record our solemn protest against such a radical change in our economy without deference to the wishes of the Church and an expression by the Annual Conferences,

Resolved, That we hereby instruct our delegates to the General Conference that they shall observe and carry out the spirit and letter of this paper by both voice and vote in the committee room and on the floor of the General Conference.

Par. 287 Remain.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson the following resolution was taken from the table and after discussion was not adopted:

Resolved, That we instruct our delegates to the General Conference to do all they can to secure the following amendment to Paragraph 287 of the Discipline. Strike off the last sentence. That sentence is, "in no case, however, shall the Church or Conference be held accountable for any deficiency, as in case of debt."

Domestic Missions.—T. E. Martindale presented the report of the Board of Domestic Missions and it was adopted.

Deaconesses.—Merritt Hulburd presented report of Board of Deaconess work and it was adopted.

J. H. Howard.—Bishop Warren announced the transfer of J. H. Howard to the Newark Conference.

Triers of Appeals.—The Bishop also presented names of Triers of Appeals: Adam Stengle, C. S. Baker, W. E. Tomkinson, John France, D. F. Waddell, C. P. Swain and S. M. Morgan and they were confirmed.

Next Session.—Question 30 was called. W. P. Compton nominated Chestertown and L. W. Layfield, Epworth. The places were represented and Chestertown selected. At the suggestion of Bishop Warren a unanimous vote of thanks was extended to Epworth Church for its invitation.

Received on Trial.—The 4th Question, "Who have been received on trial?" was taken up, Clifford P. Futch, W. G. Chance, Luther E. Poole, George P. Smith, Clarence E. Hastings were called before the Conference. Their credentials were read, the Committees

of Examination and Ministerial Qualifications reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were received on trial.

G. P. Smith Excused.—On motion of W. L. S. Murray George P. Smith was excused from further examinations in the course of study.

B. F. Price.—C. F. Sheppard presented the report of the committee in the case of B. F. Price, which was adopted.



WHEREAS, Our beloved father in Israel, Rev. Benj. F. Price, now an octogenarian, after 60 years of effective service, deems it prudent at this session to rest from the more active labors of the Methodist itinerancy, and retire to the less toilsome but not less honorable ranks of our veteran superannuates, therefore,

Resolved, That while we regret the occasion of this step, our most hearty congratulations are hereby tendered Bro. Price on account of the good fight he has fought and the many trophies he has won and brought to his Master's feet. That we share with him all the pride he may justly feel in so long a record made honorable with manly impulses and Christly deeds.

Resolved, That we hereby assure our brother of our continued interest in his career in his less active sphere and promise him our sympathies in the sadness and yearnings which must inevitably accompany him amid the restrictions his new and strange relations must needs enforce.

Resolved, That as a small token of our esteem we present our brother with a purse of one hundred dollars.

Resolved, That the Secretary be requested to have a copy hereof suitably engrossed and forward the same to Bro. Price's address.

Deaconess Board.—T. E. Martindale presented nominations for Deaconess Board and they were elected.

Thanks.—R. W. Todd presented the following report of the committee on thanks, which was adopted:

From the days of Bassett and Smithers, the hospitality of Dover Methodism has been proverbial. In this third entertainment of our Conference, she has broken her own and the world's record. Our older men turn their steps homeward almost reluctantly, while our undergraduates are so fascinated that they will with one accord return hither in June.

We thank the people of Dover. May the 'seven churches' represented in our entertainment be en masse in "the General Assembly and Church of the First Born, which are written in heaven." May Christ be a welcome and perpetual guest in the homes which have given us shelter meanwhile, taking joyfully the "spoiling of their goods." And may the whole city be filled with the knowledge and the beauty of the Lord and the day soon come when all her saloons and everything that now mars her peace and blemishes her beauty may be eradicated.

We thank the trustees and officary of this church and of the Wilmington Conference Academy. May not one of them ever his "trust betray," but all of them, with all over whom

God has made them leaders, render a good account of their stewardship in the day of final reckoning.

We thank Bro. Murray. "Well done good and faithful servant," is the word for him. May his appointment not disappoint him, may his success and gladness, like the everlasting smile which irradiates his kindly face be perennial. We are so glad we accepted his invitation to come that we invite him to invite us again.

We thank all the secretaries and committees. May they so write in their several records, keep their accounts and make their final reports, as to hear the Master's well done.

We thank those who have spoken on the floor and from the platform. They have spoken kindly and to the purpose and quit when they were done; and from no word that has been uttered has any "wave of trouble rolled across our peaceful breast."

We thank our presiding Bishop. In spirit, manner, ruling, address and sermon he has shown himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, and a member of the grandest succession since apostolic times. We invite him to come again and often, and to return to wield over us the Barrett gavel after his colleagues shall have had their turn.

We thank the Dover choir and the soloists. May their lives flow on in endless song until they and we all join in the anthem "unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the lamb forever and ever."

We thank the sexton and vote him a good collection. After he shall have served many more years as a doorkeeper in the house of our God, may he "dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

We thank the railroad company. May all the officers, engineers, conductors, and employes run on the good old Bible track, and at last pull in at the station of the heavenly city.

We thank the newspaper editors and reporters. May they all fill up the pages of their future lives with paragraphs fit for angels to read, and report hallelujah items for the cosmopolitan "Morning News" of the day of eternity.

Temperance Committee.—Bishop Warren presented the appointment of the committee provided for in the temperance resolution offered by Alfred Smith: *Ministers*, L. E. Barrett, Adam Stengle, Merritt Hulburd, T. E. Terry, T. E. Martindale. *Laymen*, George W. Todd, Joseph Smithers, Prof. James Carroll, R. M. Cooper, D. J. Fooks.

Sexton.—On motion of S. M. Morgan, a collection was taken for the sexton which amounted to \$45.75.

Collection.—On motion a collection was taken to pay for minutes to supply the families of Dover who helped to entertain the Conference. The collection amounted to \$20.88.

Life Director.—At the suggestion of R. W. Todd, W. E. Tomkinson was named as an alternate Life Director for L. E. Barrett in the event the latter should be found to be a director.

Church Extension Board.—L. E. Barrett presented the nominations for the Conference Board of Church Extension and they were elected.

Missionary Sermon.—H. W. Ewing was appointed to preach the missionary sermon.

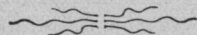
Gavel.—H. S. Thompson presented the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Bro. W. F. Dawson has had prepared and presented to this Conference a beautiful gavel made of wood originally part of old Barrett's Chapel, therefore

Resolved, That we acknowledge with thanks the receipt of this interesting souvenir, and

will hold it as link between our Conference and the old chapel which abounds with sacred reminiscences.

Adjournment.—On motion of W. E. Tomkinson it was ordered that after the reading of the journal the Conference adjourn. Bishop Warren announced a hymn, led the Conference in prayer, made an impressive address, read the appointments and pronounced the benediction.



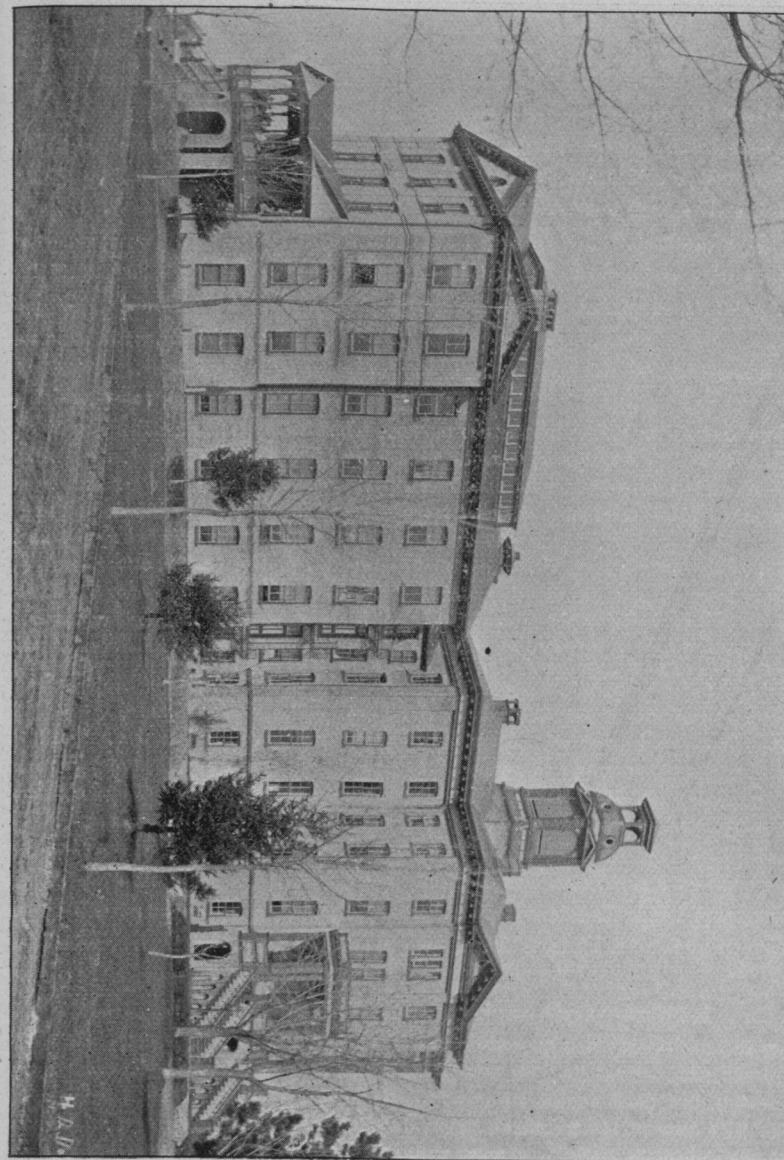
Reports.

I.—CONFERENCE ACADEMY.

Before reporting to the Conference the condition of the Academy and the results of the of the school year, a reference must be made to the sad losses sustained by the Academy and the Church through the death of three honored members of our board of trustees. Rev. James E. Bryan, a member of the Wilmington Conference, departed this life on the 17th of October, 1895. For many years he was a member of our board of trustees and was always devoted to the Academy, as to every other interest of the church. He was well known and loved by all of you and his death is a loss to the church and all her interests.

On Sunday evening, the 5th of January last, the honored president of our board, Joseph Pyle, was called to his everlasting reward. His long life was one of great activity and usefulness, and he was granted a glorious realization of the wish expressed by himself to "die in the harness," for the last afternoon of his life was spent in Sunday School work. Perhaps no layman within our Conference bounds was so thoroughly identified with church work and all the interests of the church. He was president of the board of trustees of St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, and for thirty years was superintendent of the Sunday School of that church. The cause of education appealed strongly to his great heart, and he loved the Conference Academy. He served it with great zeal and ability as a trustee, as vice president and as president. We bow with heavy hearts to this dispensation of Divine Providence and offer a devout prayer that many like him may be found to bless the church and her Academy.

The Academy has suffered an inestimable and irreparable loss by the death of Charles H. B. Day, which occurred on Saturday, the 7th day of March instant. He was so anxious for the Conference to be held in Dover and looked forward with so much pleasure to it that it seems inexpressibly sad that he should have been called away just upon the eve of your session. He was a trustee of the Academy and secretary of the board from the very beginning of the Academy's existence. The same ability, zeal, untiring energy and perseverance which won for him a conspicuous place in the front rank of the legal profession were given without stint to the service of our beloved institution. He was one of those who safely piloted it through the difficulties and embarrassments it had to encounter in its early struggles for exist-



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ence. He was always willing and anxious to contribute of his time, his labor and his means more largely than he could well afford to the service of this institution. He was a very busy man and was hampered by physical infirmity and poor health, but he could always find time and strength to serve the Academy and guard its interests. He was a man of patriotism and of true public spirit, devoted to his town, to his state, to his country and to his church.

Only four of the thirty-four original members now remain in the board, Revs. J. B. Quigg T. E. Martindale and I. T. Matthews and Thomas Mallalieu, Esqs. Those of us who have since been honored with seats in the board desire at this time to bear testimony to their many years of jealous and faithful service. May great happiness and many more years of useful service await them.

William Lambert Gooding, who for a number of years has served the Academy as its principal with so much credit to himself, to the institution and to Peninsula Methodism, was engaged at the same salary and on the same conditions as during the previous year. The number of teachers for the present academic year is seven, as it was last year, but it has been found necessary to call in some special teachers. The teachers are men and women of high character and marked fitness for the important work entrusted to their care. We are much pleased at the manner in which they have discharged their respective duties.

In spite of the hard times, from which the Academy cannot fail to have suffered, there has been a gratifying increase in the attendance of pupils. The total enrollment for the current year is 158, an increase of ten over last year and the largest March enrollment since 1876. During the winter of the academic year 1895-96 the attendance in detail was as follows: Male boarders, 45; female boarders, 17; male day students, 45; female day students, 19; special students, 14.

The report of the Principal made to the Vice-President of the Board on the third day of March instant, shows an excess of receipts over expenses of \$142.28, the receipts having been \$13,470.46 and the expenses \$13,327.48.

The treasurer of the board has prepared a detailed statement of his receipts and expenditures from March 15, 1895, to March 16, 1896, which has been printed and will soon be published throughout the Conference.

The Academy is in sore financial need. The receipts will more than pay the current running expenses, but unfortunately the institution is struggling under the incubus of a heavy debt. There are at present outstanding bonds amounting to \$23,700 and notes amounting to \$1,445.30, making a total interest bearing debt of \$25,195.30. The Conference at its session in Salisbury, Md., in 1894 decided to raise for the Academy annually by apportionment among the several charges \$1,800. Last year little more than half this amount was received, the aggregate receipts being about \$960. We are forced to observe that some of the brethren seemed strangely unmindful of the pressing needs of the institution and of the great work which it is accomplishing, for a reference to the minutes of the last annual Conference discloses the startling fact that no less than fifty-four failed to make any return whatever on their apportionments. Had they all taken their collections and raised the same percentage of their apportionments as was done in the other charges about \$200 more would have been received by the Academy. The loss of this money, or the failure to receive it, has been seriously felt. We refer to the unfortunate fact in no spirit of faultfinding, but rather to remind all of the brethren of the great importance of attending to these Academy collections. We urge that all the brethren make an earnest effort to raise the full amount of their apportionments, or as much thereof as possible, early in the Conference year and promptly forward it to the treasurer of the Academy.

As the Academy needs all of its earnings for its proper development and endowment we would suggest that initial steps be taken at this session of the Conference for the final liquidation of the indebtedness. The Academy is the child of the Wilmington Conference, and its mighty work for the cause of education, for the dissemination of Christian truth and for the advancement of Methodism is being felt in all parts of our Conference territory and even beyond our Conference borders. But great as its work has been and is, it is nevertheless seriously hampered by the interest bearing debt against it. It was chartered on the 27th day of February 1873, and if measures could be initiated which would result in the payment of the debt by the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the school it would be a glorious close to the first quarter of a century of its existence. The present seems a particularly fitting time for the initiation of measures looking to this end, for the third annual session of the Wilmington Conference, held in Dover just twenty-five years ago, was the session at which the project which has resulted in the Academy was first considered.

II.—BIBLE.

There is but one volume that can be called the Book. It lies on the foundation of truth and is the fountain of purity and civilization. It has stood the deluge of blood, the ravages of fire, the sneers of infidels and atheists and the jack-knives of so-called higher critics. It is the much bought, and we fear, too little read book of the Christian world. There is the need of a revival of Bible reading, which would indeed be also a revival of nobler efforts, more liberal giving and of purer thinking among the masses. There are signs of the dawn of a better day. The very fact of the large number of Bibles sold, averaging over a million and a half per year, is encouraging. The founding and endowing of Chairs and Professorships in Colleges and Universities for the study of the English Bible is one of the bright signs of the times, otherwise in many things so unpromising. "The entering of God's word giveth light."

The increased sales of the Bible in China, Japan, Cuba and Armenia is another fact of great moment. Many in the bonds of superstition are reaching out their hands for God's word, and many amidst heathen darkness are groping for the truth, and our Bible Societies are placing within their reach that which will be "a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path."

The Bible Society collections in our Conference have like our rivers had their ebb and flow.

In 1874 the Bible collections was \$823; 1875, \$466; 1882, \$398; 1886, \$597; 1887, \$832; 1890, \$962; 1892, \$809; 1893, \$739; 1894, \$604; 1895, \$518; a falling off of \$221 from 1893, and of \$444 from the high water mark of 1890. In 1895 there were sixty (60) charges giving only \$1 and twenty-four (24) charges, half of which were on Dover District, paying nothing whatever to this great cause.

On Dover District there were eleven charges which paid out \$106; on Easton District, nineteen (19); on Salisbury, twelve (12); on Wilmington, eighteen (18). On Dover District there were eleven charges paying nothing; Easton, five; Salisbury, three; and Wilmington, five.

In the sixty charges first mentioned we fear there was no room in the Omnibus Inn for this interest of Bethlehem's king; and in twenty-four charges not even a manger.

We urge that each pastor who cannot conveniently secure the assistance of one of the Bible Society agents, to preach a sermon on the Bible cause during this Conference year and take for it a separate collection.

We rejoice that the auxiliary societies of Delaware, especially those of Kent and Sussex

and the Maryland Society, have been more than usually active during the year and that the New Castle Female Bible Society has placed in the hands of the parent board larger receipts than ever before, while the Maryland board has paid over to the parent society \$1,500.

We also rejoice in and commend the good work of the Bible agents Revs. W. W. Moffett and R. W. Todd within the bounds of our Conference. We gladly recognize the courtesy of the late session of the Baltimore Conference in unanimously passing the following resolution concerning a loyal son of Peninsula Methodism.

Resolved, That we commend the work of the efficient agent of the Maryland Bible Society, the Rev. Robert W. Todd, and recommend his appointment, in which we heartily unite and request that a certified copy hereof be sent to the Maryland Board of Managers.

We are happy to welcome to our Conference Dr. A. S. Hunt, Secretary of the American Bible Society, and have listened with pleasure to his earnest address.

III.—CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Conference Board of Church Extension desires to submit the following report of the work done within our bounds during the year just now closed.

The regular meeting of the Board was held on May 7th at Fletcher Hall in the city of Wilmington. The report of J. H. Hoffecker, treasurer, showed that \$2077 had been passed into the hands of the treasurer of the Parent Board.

The following recommendations were made for donations—namely, Perryville, Md., \$300; Armory, Dover, \$300; St. Stephens, Md., \$125; Emmanuel, Md., \$125; Barretts' Va., \$140; Tyaskin, Md., \$125; Goodwill, Md., \$50; with a loan of \$200 to St. Stephens.

The Parent Board has granted the following donations: Kingswood, Wilmington, \$450; St. Stephens, \$125; Emmanuel, \$100; Goodwill, \$60.

Other donations have been made but not yet paid owing to non-fulfillment of conditions, as follows: Perryville, Md., \$300; Jamesville, Va., \$140; Armory, \$300; Epworth, Wilmington, \$460. These if paid will leave a balance to our credit of \$168.04.

Loans outstanding at the end of the fiscal year, October 31, 1895, amount to \$3603.73. Very little has been returned of their funds, during the past Conference year.

Our Conference is asked to raise \$5,000 and is authorized to receive \$2,500, or in other words, one-half of whatever sum we do, as a matter of fact, raise. Let us be increasingly true to this great interest.

IV.—DEACONNESS' WORK.

The Board of Deaconness beg leave to submit the following report: One meeting of the Board was held during the year, at which the W. H. M. Society was authorized to employ a deaconness, and one has been for several months doing good service to the cause in the city of Wilmington. Your board is more than ever convinced that woman has come to the kingdom for a time like this and heartily commend this feature of the "new woman" development.

V.—EDUCATION.

One of the New Testament inspired writers, in a letter to his own son in the Gospel, gave him this injunction: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The Methodist Episcopal Church recognizes both the need and value of mentally well-trained workers in all her departments of religious effort. And, it has been her purpose to

provide the facilities for such training as her means have allowed. It affords us great pleasure to know she is, at least, in the very front rank, if not in the lead, in the matter of educational standards in general; and, that she is endeavoring to provide for the growing demand of her people for an educated ministry. We are persuaded that our own institutions are equal to any others both in the breadth and scope of the curricula of study and in the efficiency of work done, and ought, therefore, to receive our patronage; and for the confirmation of the children of our Church in the doctrines and polity of our beloved Methodism, they are highly essential.

The Children's Day Collections of our Conference show a decrease of about one hundred dollars for the Conference year just closed. This, however, is an increase of more than one hundred dollars over the previous year's collections for the fund.

The Board of Education is doing a magnificent work, worthy the head and heart of Dr. Payne, its accomplished Secretary.

Thirty-three students within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference have been assisted to the amount of thirteen hundred and fifty-six dollars. Of this sum seven hundred and fifty-five dollars were received by students of our Conference Academy. This total exceeds the total of Children's Day collections taken in our entire Conference last year. We, therefore, would, by this presentation, inspire every pastor to observe Children's Day; use its programs and envelopes.

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

Morgan College, under the painstaking leadership of its efficient President, offers very large privileges to the colored youth in this territory, and elsewhere, to secure advanced education.

The Woman's College, now more than ever before, offers to the young ladies within our Conference bounds, and elsewhere, privileges and benefits such as no other college does. Its accommodations adequate and complete, its faculty unsurpassed, it stands the first and best Woman's College.

The fact given us by Dr. Goucher, that but one graduate had ever left who was not a pronounced Christian, and she a Jewess, is sufficient to inform us of the kind of work the college is doing. Not only training the mind and developing the body, but opening the heart for in-coming of the life that lifts the cultured into realms supernatural and real, and brings the body to be the literal temple of God.

We commend "the School of Theology of Boston University" to the generous support of our Conference, knowing that therein the best biblical and theological training may be had, together with the benefits of a fellowship yielding \$500 per year, enabling promising graduates to continue their studies in Europe, Egypt, Palestine or elsewhere.

Drew Seminary continues its stronghold on the members of our Conference. Well she may, for she is well furnished for intellectual training. Whoever then of our young men wishes to be trained and fitted for the ministry of our own Church can do so most surely by going to Drew.

By a mutual agreement between Drew and Boston University the old lines, marking in a more or less way the special territory of each, have been obliterated, and as was stated by the representative of these institutions, in the future they will send to our annual sessions but one representative, regularly alternating in this matter.

It is a matter of rejoicing to every friend of Methodism to study the magnificent advancement of Dickinson College, under the efficient management of its popular president, Rev. George E. Reed, D. D. The attendance is the greatest in the 113 years of its history, there

being 383 students, representing 20 states and countries, as against 165 seven years ago, and 337 last year.

During the past year a beautiful hall has been secured for the accommodation of young women, which meets an urgent need, and will be sufficient for the demands of the college in this line for years to come. Work has been pushed on the elegant Recitation and Society Hall, with the prospect of its completion, by the opening of the college year. Funds sufficient to meet all obligations to date have been secured, and the President hopes to dedicate this commodious and handsome structure free of debt. This building will equal anything in its line in any institution, and will greatly relieve the pressure for accommodation in the older buildings of the college. The courses of study have been greatly improved in extent and thoroughness with the result that the college now stands fully in line with the most advanced institutions in the East, confining themselves to purely collegiate work.

Close application and exemplary conduct on the part of the students have marked the year, the religious interest has been intense, and the spiritual atmosphere most healthful. Our people, when looking about for a college to which to send their boys and girls, will never make a mistake by sending them to Dickinson to receive an education, they will return to you with the best training, physical, intellectual and spiritual, and loyal to Methodist doctrine and policy.

We approve every effort to advance the standard of educational qualifications for admission into our Conference. We, therefore, extend our hearty sympathy to our Board of Examiners in its efforts to secure the most thorough work from the students, and recognize the value of the advancement already made, and promise our co-operation in all wise steps to be taken in the future.

We felicitate ourselves on the reputation we are realizing in the Church for having the most advanced, thorough, as well as just method of examination, in all the Conferences. The examiners are worthy of our sincerest gratitude.

The University of Washington, our representative University is destined, as we believe, to be a power measured only by the great Providence which inaugurated it. Its proximity to the scientific and literary institutions of the general government, which are thrown open to all scientific students by a special Act of Congress, offers great facilities and opportunities to all who will avail themselves of them. It stands for the highest type of Christian thought and activity. At the centre of our civil government, it does and will represent the faith of our people and their undying alliance with the Kingdom of God. We bid it God speed.

It rejoices us to learn of the very prosperous year that our Conference Academy has had, notwithstanding the unprecedented business depression that has prevailed. We hereby express our confidence in the efficient management of the institution by W. L. Gooding, Ph. D., and record our unflinching loyalty to, and interest in the Academy, and pledge ourselves anew to any proper effort that its success may make necessary.

While bowing submissively to the losses it has sustained during the year in the death of three of its Board of Trustees, we, nevertheless, deeply feel the same.

We are in hearty accord with the desire, expressed by the president of the board for the inauguration of some plan whereby the 25th anniversary of the Academy, in 1898, may witness the entire liquidation of its now embarrassing debt, and express the wish that any effort looking toward that end may have the earnest co-operation and support of all our people. We regard the desire of the laity to have the report of the Board of Trustees read before the Lay Electoral Conference as significant of their interest and as boding good for the future of the school.

VI.—FREEMANS AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY

We desire to record our increasing sense of the importance of the work of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society. We fear that our people do not sufficiently appreciate the dictates even of enlightened self-interest with reference to this subject. Yet it cannot require much argument to show that with great tides of undesirable immigration pouring into the North, and this vast mass of another race in the South, as well as a large percentage of our own race, illiterate and low in moral type, the future of our great land is most serious menaced. It would be well if our people could see and understand the vision seen by the King of Babylon, and interpreted to him by the Prophet Daniel, of the image whose head was gold, but the feet iron mingled with clay, and would meditate on the fate of that splendid statue.

We would record our entire confidence in the administration of this benevolent enterprise of our Church, and our hearty admiration of the addresses of the Secretary, who has represented it at this session of our Conference, Rev. Dr. J. W. Hamilton.

We are glad to see tokens of a better understanding of this cause, and among them greet with special pleasure and appreciation the act of the Legislature of Maryland in recently appropriating \$2,500 in aid of the Industrial School at Princess Anne, and also the Agricultural Institution for colored youth established by the State of Delaware. The apportionment to our Conference for this work is \$4,000, and it is to be hoped that our reports at this session may show an advance on last year, when \$1,302—less than one-third of the amount asked—was contributed. If it should be asked, "Why do not the colored people themselves support the educational work that so largely exists for their benefit?" we must remind our people that in proportion to their ability, and considering all the circumstances, they are doing all that can be expected of them. The cash receipts from the Conferences—in part colored Conferences—amount to less than half the entire receipts of the Society. The cash receipts from tuition, room rent and incidentals alone were \$57,275.25. During the past year the Society has suffered greatly from the financial stringency of the times, but all the schools have been kept open. Teachers and officers of all grades have gladly submitted to large cuts in their salaries. Unfortunately, also, there is a decrease in Conference collections. During the year 1894-5 the Society has maintained and superintended 45 institutions of learning, 23 among the colored and 22 among the white people. Four thousand eight hundred and forty-five colored and 3,278 white students were enrolled, making a total of 8,123. A large number of students are in industrial classes.

In view of all these facts we recommend that the \$4,000 asked of our Conference be apportioned among the districts and charges as required by the Discipline, and that we increase our efforts to meet the several allotments.

VII.—EPWORTH LEAGUE.

This age in which we live demands thoroughly spiritual, intelligent, courageous and enthusiastic christians. We believe that the Epworth League chapters scattered over our Conference territory are developing just such christians. We are very happy to note the increase in chapters and membership over last year. We hope that this will be maintained until there shall be a League in every charge in the Conference. We believe that every church can and ought to maintain a chapter of this organization. During the year large enthusiastic and helpful conventions have been held on all the districts. Last August a grand Epworth gathering was held at Round Lake, N. Y., and a grander one is in prospect at

Ocean Grove during the coming summer. This would indicate that we are growing strong in convention as well as organization. Our Conference anniversary which was held on Thursday evening of this session in every respect surpassed any we have had in the past. We would here record our thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who furnished the music and to Dr. E. A. Schell for his entertaining and helpful address. The past year has been one of marked success in the salvation of souls, which has been greatly due to the work of the spiritual department. We urge our members every where to stand by their pastors with all their powers in his special work for the salvation of souls.

The Junior League has grown so rapidly that one district in the Conference has added a fifth vice-president to look after its interests. We recommend that the same be done in other districts. For the Junior League is filling a large place in the training of the children, and is assisting the pastor to answer the question, "Have the rules respecting the training of children been carried out."

We are delighted to hear of the large sale of the reading course, and we urge the members of our Conference leagues to avail themselves of this splendid course of instruction. The Epworth Herald, the organ of the Epworth League, ably and wisely edited by Dr. Berry, has greatly assisted us in our work, and we ask for a large circulation of this helpful paper. Every member of the League ought to take and read it.

To the great Epworth army, one million and a half strong, we send the kindest and most enthusiastic greeting. March on, youthful soldiers. Let your songs of triumph rend the skies and reverberate among the eternal hills. March steadily on until every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord indeed. The Wilmington Conference pledges itself to keep step with you.

VIII.—HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

It has been my privilege for several years as President of our Conference Historical Society to make an annual report, and I present the following: Our anniversary meeting was held on Wednesday afternoon according to the program of which papers were to be read by Dr. Phoebus, J. B. Quigg and Bishop Hurst. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bro. Sanderson, Dr. Wood leading the singing. A paper of interest was read by Dr. Phoebus, after which remarks were made by Bro Quigg. Bishop Hurst failing to appear, and the hour being late, the chairman declined to read a paper he had prepared, but requested that it be filed with the archives of the Society. I would remind you that we are in the roll of history, we are ourselves the outcome of history, and belong both to the past and the future. I beg to state that according to the By-Laws of the Society, the oldest effective preacher of our Conference becomes the President of the Society. That being R. W. Todd, I now surrender this office, my relation having been changed to Superannuated. I ask for the Society a new departure, and prosperity to crown all its future years.

IX.—METHODIST EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL

The Methodist Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia as one of the Church's great centres of organized compassion and applied philanthropy, should challenge the sympathy and cordial support of the ministers of this Conference and all our Peninsula people. The fact that it is an institution of our own denomination and stands for Methodism, side by side, with the hospitals of other denominations, in a great city which is recognized as a medical metropolis, and to which many afflicted from the parts of this and other lands resort for treatment, sets up

a special claim upon us for its generous maintenance. But a consideration which should appeal to us even more than this, is the fact that our own Wilmington Conference has so largely shared in its benefactions. During the past eleven months twenty-five patients from our territory have received over six hundred days board and free treatment at the hands of the managers of this institution. They have kept two beds in use and occupied nearly all the time. Other patients besides have had the benefit of this care and skill, and at various times several of our ministers and their families have here found most marked attention and relief. The free patients from this section during the eleven months past, have cost the hospital at least \$900; and the total collections from the Conference have been but \$110. It would seem that we should contribute at least an amount sufficient to provide for our own free patients, and this is what the hospitals asks of us. They pledge that every dollar contributed by us shall be returned in services to the sick from our territory.

This is a noble and progressive institution. It has an able staff of physicians, surgeons and specialists, numbering not less than 25, besides the house staff and a corps of nurses sufficiently large to provide all necessary care for the patients admitted there. The Trustees are also constantly improving the equipments of the hospital. Six buildings are now in use, and each department is being improved with the latest apparatus so as to diminish risk and increase the per cent. of recoveries. It has done no more beautiful work than that among afflicted children. In less than four years they have treated in the wards and Dispensary, more than 2,700 children under 13 years of age, and have wrought many wonderful cures.

The churches of Wilmington during the past year inaugurated a Hospital Day, taking collections for the institution. It would be well if this Conference should designate such a day, so that all our people may have an opportunity to give substantial aid to an institution which may some day open its doors to bless them.

Dr. Rittenhouse would be glad to be invited to represent the interests of the hospital in any of our pulpits. Dear brethern, let us lay this enterprise on our hearts, and help it to the extent of our ability.

X.—WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is an important factor in our missionary fields. Their work in the past speaks for them encouragement and help from us in all possible ways. Their missionaries who have graduated in medicine, and have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost have gone into the homes of heathen women and treated body and soul. We recommend that the pastors of all the charges in our Conference organize societies among the women of their several churches, and urge the necessity of working for the salvation of heathen women of the world. We also recommend the literature of the Society as important for information. That we hold the anniversary at our next Conference session.

XI.—WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In the Woman's Home Missionary Society we recognize a most important factor in the work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, covering a part of our work and supplying a great need that has been too long neglected, and we hail with delight the marked success that has attended the labors of this splendid organization composed of noble, zealous and self-sacrificing women whose untiring efforts have carried relief to so many homes where earnest, faithful toilers in the Master's service must have suffered for the lack of supplies absolutely necessary to the maintenance of life and strength necessary to pursue their labors, but for their timely

assistance. This organization stands for a better way of living and of doing the work of the church along all lines. It stands for good citizenship, for the education of the poor and neglected, for social purity, for better homes and for a more aggressive Christianity in the holy warfare we wage with ignorance, vice and immorality. By reference to the last Annual Report of the society we find that during the last year there has been collected and disbursed: Cash, \$144,749, and supplies to the amount of \$113,216, a total of \$257,965. Of this amount our Conference Society reported as follows:

For the general fund, \$726.24; beneficiary fund, \$40.00; special fund, \$296.40; local work, \$688.75; supplies, \$912.70; making a total, \$2,664.09. And yet out of a total of 174 charges within the bounds of our Conference only 31 have an organization representing this society. If under these circumstances so much has been done what might not these women who labor with us in the Gospel have accomplished if all the doors that might have been opened to them had bidden them welcome; if all our ministers had, like John the Baptist, "prepared the way," and invited our State president to their charges to organize, and then by their timely assistance as pastors helped to encourage and strengthen the enterprise. We bespeak for this society a hearing from all our churches. In connection herewith we submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That as a Conference we tender our thanks to the various railroads and express companies for favors shown the W. H. M. S. in the free transportation of supplies sent by them to the frontier work of our church.

Resolved, That in adopting this report we, who are pastors, pledge ourselves to preach to our people once during the year on the work of the W. H. M. S., and as God shall open the way for organization we will invite our Conference president sister, C. C. Brown, to our charges for that purpose.

XII.—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The importance of Sunday School work can hardly be exaggerated. When we remember that the Methodism of the future will be constituted largely by the children that are now in our schools, the necessity for thorough work in this department becomes manifest.

There are now in our Church 30,259 schools, with 352,627 officers and teachers, and 2,585,178 scholars. For the training of this vast army of children, "the people called Methodists" are responsible.

The first work of the Sunday School is to lead the children to Christ. To accomplish this, the pure word of God should be taught, not from lesson leaves and helps only, but from the Bible itself. Our children should be made familiar with the Book.

The officers and teachers in our schools should be the most intelligent and spiritual members of the church—persons who are "apt to teach."

Next in importance to leading the children to Christ is the work of leading them into the Methodist Episcopal Church. Our children should be taught to love Methodism, and should be as familiar with the heroism of Aşbury as they are with the heroism of Washington. The number of conversions in the Sunday Schools reported in 1895 was 132,697.

This committee would call attention to three things: First. The importance of the attendance of our children upon the preaching services of the church. Second. The importance of using our own literature in our schools. Third. The importance of raising the full amount of the apportionments for the Sunday School Union.

XIII.—SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

It is by the authority of God that the Sabbath is set apart for rest and religious purposes, and God has consecrated it as a day of rest from labor and toil and from all worldly cares and anxieties. Without this consecrated day religion itself would fail, and the human mind, becoming sensualized, would soon forget its noble origin and end. There is scarcely a people on the face of the earth, whether civilized or uncivilized, that has not agreed as to the propriety of having a Sabbath or something analogous to it.

The world has never been without a Sabbath and we devoutly hope and pray that it never shall be. Without it the Christian religion would soon take its place as a thing of the past and therefore the moral obligation must continue until time shall lose itself in eternity. We desire to hereby record our grateful appreciation of the splendid achievement of the Hon. T. Roosevelt of New York, wherein he has demonstrated to the people of America the possibility of securing the strictest enforcements of all legislative enactments against the profanation of the Sabbath and this in the metropolis of our country. May the police officials of other cities be profited and instructed by this illustrious example.

We deplore the growing disposition of our people to admit the Sunday newspaper into their homes on the Sabbath and we request the members of this Conference to seriously and affectionately call the attention of our people to the withering and blighting effects of the Sunday newspapers upon their spiritual life. We desire to enter our protest against the running of all Sunday trains and the increasing tendency of the managers of some of the railroads on our Peninsula, to defer the making of alterations and repairs to their roads and bridges until the coming of the Sabbath.

We respectfully recommend that the members of this Conference decline all invitations to participate in the services of any campmeeting, where they have any reason to believe that the management of said campmeeting will not use all their power and authority to secure the strictest and most faithful observance of the holy Sabbath. Let us never do anything in the name of religion which is contrary to the spirit and teachings of that religion.

XIV.—TEMPERANCE AND PROHIBITION.

WHEREAS, The object and purpose of the Methodist Episcopal Church from its inception has been, not only to exalt righteousness but to dethrone and destroy iniquity. And

WHEREAS, The liquor traffic has ever been promotive of all evils, and the parent of all iniquities and woes, and worst of all, in our land of boasted morality and enlightenment its ravages are carried on under the protection of our government and the sanction of our laws, and,

WHEREAS, On this beautiful peninsula so much has been done, and so many districts have been emancipated from this slavery, and,

WHEREAS, The Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church has ever been in the forefront in these advances and victories.

We as a Conference would again declare our unabated enmity and our continued purpose regarding this foe of all righteousness, happiness and prosperity. Therefore,

Resolved, That we join heartily with our brethren of the Lay Electoral Conference in expressing the hope that our General Conference will take no backward step on the subject of temperance and prohibition.

Resolved, That the Constitutional Convention ordered by the people of the State of Delaware will be the occasion on which all lovers of social order, public peace and the com-

monweal should unite to secure, if possible the incorporation of constitutional prohibition in the fundamental law of the State.

Resolved, That we exhort our brethren resident in this State without distinction of party to scrutinize the lists of candidates for the approaching legislature and vote only for such as are committed to the enacting and enforcement of all prohibitory and preventive legislation.

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 note with pleasure the signal victories which have been scored during the past year.

With an increasingly painful knowledge of the blighting and damning influence of the saloon, the people of the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia have made strenuous efforts to rid themselves of the drink traffic and have met with most gratifying success. Dublin district, which has been for years the stronghold of the saloon, and a foul blot upon the fair county of Somerset, Md., has at last been redeemed from this frightful curse. The delegates from that county, with a keen sense of moral responsibility, have respected the temperance sentiment, and with the co-operation of the best element of the Maryland Legislature have succeeded by legislative enactment in closing the saloons in that district. Henceforth, for a time, at least, Somerset will take her place in the column of prohibition counties. The citizens of Queenstown, Queen Anne's county, Md., have also been alive to the temperance interests. Last fall the better element of the community petitioned the court to grant no license to any applicant who might wish to sell intoxicants in that town; the petitioners showing to the court how detrimental the saloons had proven to the township. Chief Justice Robinson treated the petition with great respect, and in his charge to the jury laid such stress upon the petition that no permit was granted to any of the applicants for license. The saloon element chagrined at the defeat, has petitioned the legislative body of Maryland to make such changes in the license law as would enable them to secure license at the spring court, but the prospect now is that the saloonists will be defeated by our representatives at Annapolis, Md., and after May 15th there will be no more saloons in Queenstown. The people of Chapel district, Talbot county, Md., have had a similar experience, with like results.

The good citizenship of Chincoteague Island, Va., fired with a spiritual hatred against the saloon have waged a war of extermination against the business. In January last an election was held and the temperance people secured a majority of fifty-five for no-license and a law and order league has since been organized to enforce the law and break up the speak-easies. In this crusade against intemperance, we recognize the W. C. T. U. as a potential factor, and we congratulate our elect sisters upon the progress of their work, and pray that with each succeeding year their influence may be increased and multiplied. We also recommend that temperance instruction be given monthly in all of our Sunday Schools and that temperance sermons be preached from our pulpits at such times as may be most needful.

XV.—TRACTS.

We are thoroughly convinced that the tract, as an evangelizing instrumentality, is not fully appreciated by our ministers or people. We should take into consideration, the inexpensiveness of the tract; its adaptation to almost every variety of need; its convenience and ease in circulation; its brevity, causing it to be read when a book would be neglected. We would call attention to the following facts:

1st.—The Tract Society commands a vast assortment of tract literature.

2nd.—The tract catalogue is sent free to any address.

3rd.—The pastor of any charge is at liberty to send for tracts to the amount of one-half its last tract collection.

4th.—Special grants will be given whenever circumstances require.

The Tract Society gives to the cause of missions over \$6,000 per year in aid of our mission presses, and the circulation of literature in foreign languages.

We recommend that this Conference raise the amount asked for by the Tract Society for the coming year which is \$790.

Pastoral Record.

Note.—Syn. 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; 92-6, P. E. Dover Dist.
- Alderson, G. T.** 1888-9, Queenstown; 90-2, Bishopville; 93-4, Federalburg; 95-6, Princess Anne.
- Anderson, J. F.** 1888-9, Westover; 90, Parsonsburg; 91, Parksley; 92, Crumpton; 93-4, Pomona; 95-6 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; 92-6, Greensboro.
- Atkins, E. C.** 1877, E. N. Market; 78, Federalburg; 79, Camden; 80-1, Galestown; 82-3, Leipsic; 84-5, Bethel and Glasgow; 86-9, Cecilton; 90-1, Madeley; 92-4, Onancock; 95-6 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; 96, Dover.
- Amos, J. E.** 1859-92, Balt. Conf.; 93, Union, Wil.; 94-5, Delaware City; 96, Kingswood.
- Baker, C. S.** 1881-2, Pocomoke Circuit; 83-5, Tangier; 86-9, Delmar; 90, Deal's Island; 91-5, Asbury, Md.; 96, Fairmount.
- 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; 92-6, P. E. Wilmington Dist.
- Bounds, G. W.** 1890, Taylor's Island; 91, Church Creek; 92, Dover; 93-5, Cape Charles; 96, Whitesville, Del.
- 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.; 93-6, 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; 96, Crapo.
- Brewington, J. A.** 1890, Read's Whf.; 91-2, Gumboro; 93, Vienna; 94, Conf. Acad; 95, Hurlock; 96, Georgetown, Ct.
- Burke, Asbury.** 1886, Elk Neck; 87-8, Bethel and Summit; 89-90, Crapo; 91-3, E. N. Market; 94-6, 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, Federalburg; 89-91, Onancock; 92, Lincoln; 93-5, Millington; 96, St. Michael's.
- Burr, Warren.** 1888-9, Girdle Tree; 90-4, St. Peter's; 95, Kingswood; 96, Cape Charles.
- Beauchamp, T. F.** 1892-3, Selbyville; 94-6, Smith's Is.
- Beauchamp, J. H.** 1894, Pocomoke Ct.; 95-6, Chincoteague.
- Benford, W. H.** 1892, Vienna; 93, Woodside; 94-5, Royal Oak; 96, Bethel and Summit.
- Budd, H. G.** 1894-6, 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.; 94-6, Sd.
- Carpenter, F. F.** 1888-9, Bishopville; 90, Cape Charles; 91, Little Creek; 92, Leipsic; 93-4, Townsend; 95-6, 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; 96, Rock Hall.
- Chaires, W. W.** 1888, Shortley; 89-90, Somerset; 91, Smith's Is.; 92-3, Crapo; 94, Williston; 95, Sy.; 96, Crumpton.
- Chance, W. G.** 96, Piney Neck.
- 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; 95-6, Townsend.
- Cochran, F. J.** 1881-2, Chesapeake City; 83-4, St. George's; 85-7, Farmington; 88, Gumboro; 89-90, Trappe; 91-3, Nanticoke; 94-6, 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; 95-6, Ingleside.
- Collins, V. S.** 1883, Dover and Cambridge; 84-5, Vienna; 86-7, Felton; 88-90, Scott; 91-3, Centreville; 94-6, New Castle.
- Compton, W. P.** 1888-90, Princess Anne; 91, Greenwood; 92-3, Bridgeville; 94-6, 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; 94-6, 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; 96, Selbyville.
- Cooper, T. B.** 1892, Salem; 93-4, Hurlock; 95-6, Pomona.
- Corkran, D. H.** 1885, Townsend; 86-90, Epworth; 91-2, Hockessin; 93-4, Cecilton; 95-6, 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; 94-6, 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.; 91-6, P. E. Salisbury Dist.
- Cross, E. L.** 1891-5, Prof. in W. C. Academy; 96 Flushing, N. Y.
- Coursey, R. T.** 1887-8, Hurlock; 89-90, Cannon; 91-2, Harrington; 93-6, Snow Hill.
- Collins, E. H.,** 1895, Claymont; 96 Stanton.
- Dodd, Julius.** 1879, Federalburg; 80, Harrington; 81, Vienna; 82-4, Red Lion; 85-6, Hockessin; 87, Mt. Pleasant; 88-90, Hockessin; 91, N. Y. Conf.; 92, Federalburg; 93-94, St. George's; 95-6, 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.; 96, Sd.
- 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; 96, Newark, Del.
- Dawson, W. F.** 1884-5, Houston; 86-7, Vienna; 88-9, Millsboro; 90-2, Beckwith; 93-5, Magnolia; 96, Mt. Vernon.
- Derrickson, E. H.** 1884-5, Pocomoke Ct.; 86-7, Newark, Md.; 88-9, Sharptown; 90-2, Girdle Tree; 93-5, Mt. Vernon; 96, Magnolia.
- 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.; 96, Cambridge.
- Dulany, H. S.** 1886-7, Holland's Is.; 88-90, Parkley; 91-4, Kingswood; 95, Onancock; 96, Deal's Island.
- DeVenish, O. W.** 1893, Royal Oak; 94, Burrsville; 95-6, Red Lion and Glasgow.
- Easley, J. W.** 1885-6, Girdle Tree; 87-8, Onancock; 89-91, Federalsburg; 92-3, Chestertown; 94-6, 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; 88-96, Sy.
- Esgate, Jas.** 1866, Bridgeville; 67, Annapessex; 68, Bethesda; 69, Quantico; 70, Chesapeake City; 71-85, Sy.; 86-96, Sd.
- Ewing, H. W.** 1887-9, Madeley; 90-2, Crisfield; 93-6, Port Deposit.
- Fogle, J. W.** 1889, Burrsville; 90-2, Queenstown; 93-94, Oxford; 95-6, 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; 93-6, Camden.
- Fletcher, Frank.** 1887-9, West Va. Conf.; 90, Vienna; 91-2, Townsend; 93-4, Kent Island; 95-6, 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; 96, Cookman.
- Futcher, C. P.** 96, Leipsic.
- Gardner, Edwin.** 1891-3, Elk Neck; 94-5, Marshallton; 96, Royal Oak.
- Gates, M. L.** Kansas and Newark Conf.; 95-6, Asbury.
- Geoghegan, J. H.** 1891, Cordova; 92, Wye; 93, Armory; 94-5, Hopewell; 96, Church Hill.
- Given, Thos. N.** 1884-7, Va. Conf.; 88-9, Mt. Lebanon; 90, Stanton; 91, Somerset; 92-3, Fruitland; 94-5, Millsboro'; 96, Sharptown.
- Graham, J. E.** 1889, New Church; 90, Pocomoke Ct.; 91, Powellville; 92-3, Burrsville; 94-5, Galestown; 96, Wyoming.
- Gray, J. W.** 1888, Pocomoke Ct.; 89, Powellville; 90-1, Fruitland; 92-3, Smith's Is.; 94, Somerset; 95-6, Roxanna.
- Green, A.** 1890-1, Wyoming; 92-4, Greenwood; 95, Whitesville; 96, Onancock.
- 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; 95-6, Sy.
- Grise, C. A.** 1879, Harrington; 80, Annapessex; 81, Smith's Is.; 82-4, Berlin; 85-6, Onancock; 87-91, Brandywine; 92-6, Georgetown.
- Guthrie, W. B.** 1883, Pocomoke Ct.; 84-5, Westover; 86-7, Fruitland; 88-90, Holland's Is.; 90-2, Houston; 93-4, Gumboro; 95-6, Somerset.
- Givan, D. J.** 1895-6, Parksley, Va.
- Hackman, M. R.** 1884-95, So. Dakota and other Conf's; 96, Quantico.
- Hammersley, J. W.** 1851, Laurel; 52, Princess Anne; 53, Salisbury; 54, Snow Hill; 55, Annapessex; 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, Charlestown; 84-6, Mt. Pleasant; 87-8, Chester; 89-90, Ch. Creek; 91-6, Sy.
- Hammitt, C. J.** 1882-87, Alabama Conf.; 88-9, Mt. Vernon; 90-1, Sy.; 92-6, 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.); 95-6, Union.
- Hardesty, G. L.** 1883-4, Woodlandtown; 85-7, Magnolia; 88, Tangier; 89-90, Gales-town; 91-2, St. Georges; 93-4, Roxanna; 95-6, 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; 93-6, Charlestown.
- Hastings, C. E.** 1896, Westover.
- Hulburd, Merritt.** 1862-93, Philadelphia and other Conferences; 94-6, Grace.
- Hopkins, G. F.** 1885-6, Hurlock; 87, Dorchester; 88-93, Missionary to India; 94-5, Williston; 96, Madeley.
- 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; 94-6, Sy.
- Hill, C. A.** 1878, Bridgeville; 79, Princess Anne; 80-1, King's Creek; 82, Sassafra; 83, Epworth; 84-86, Cherry Hill; 87-90, Centreville; 91-5, Salisbury; 96, Easton.
- 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; 96, Sy.
- Hurst, W. O.** 1892, Cape Charles; 93, Queenstown; 94-6, 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; 95-6, Kent Is.
- Jagard, Wilmer.** 1884, Shortley; 85-6, Ellendale; 87-8, Galestown; 89-90, Smith's Island; 91, Bethel; 92, Berlin; 93-4, Chesapeake City; 95, Silverbrook; 96, Bethel.
- Jones, G. P.** 1891-3, Chincoteague; 94, Selbyville; 95-6, 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.; 96, Hopewell.
- Koons, W. G.** 1886, Westover; 87-91, Wesley; 92-4, North East; 95, Cookman; 96, Rising Sun.
- Layfield, L. W.** 1871, Princess Anne; 72, Claymont; 73-5, Elk Neck; 76-8, Charlestown; 79-81, Bethel; 82-4, Claymont; 85-7, St. George's; 88-90, E. N. Market; 91, Magnolia; 92-3, Zion; 94-6, Epworth.
- Lindale, J. M.** 1879, Bridgeville; 80, Denton; 81-2, Woodlandtown; 83-4, Fruitland; 85-7, Pomona; 88-91, Bayside and Tilghman; 92-4, Cordova; 95-6, Sudlersville.
- Loller, W. H. S.** 1892, Rowlandville; 93-4 Wye; 95, Crumpton; 96, Elk Neck.
- Mace, E. S.** 1885, Quantico; 86, Selbyville; 87-9, St. Peter's; 90, Preston; 91, Frankford; 92-4, Chester; 95-6, Cordova.

- Maenichol, E. C.** 1876, Camden; 77, Barrett's Chapel; 78, Epworth; 79-80, Charlestown; 81, Millsboro; 82-4, Pomona; 85-7, Still Pond; 88-90, Felton; 91-2, Sudlersville; 93-6, 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; 94-6, Milford.
- Maxwell, S. R.** 1889-90, Leipsic; 91, Vienna; 92-3, Frederica; 94-6, 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, Annamessex; 91, Trappe; 92, Magnolia; 93-4, Berlin; 95, Georgetown Ct.; 96, Galestown.
- 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; 95-6, 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; 96, Newark.
- 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.; 85-96, 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; 95-6, Greenwood.
- Mitchell, J. M.** 1885, Bridgeville; 86-87, Houston; 88-9, Vienna; 90, Woodside; 91-3, Quantico; 94-5, Parsonsburg; 96, Preston.
- Morgan, S. M.** 1887-89, Townsend; 90-1, Hillsboro; 92-6, Mt. Salem.
- Morris, S. J.** 1858-86, in other Conferences; 87, Tangier; 88, Harrington; 89 Greensboro; 90-93; St. Michael's, 94, Lewes; 95-6, Bridgeville.
- Mowbray, A. S.** 1883-4, Oxford; 85-6, Marydel; 87-90, Pocomoke City; 91-4, Newport; 95-6, Elkton.
- Mowbray, W. R.** 1886, Sassafras; 87-8, Royal Oak; 89-92, Pomona; 93-6, 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; 96, St. Paul's.
- McFaul, D. F.** 1884, Millsboro; 85, Fruitland; 86, Leipsic; 87-8, Crapo; 89-90, Elk Neck; 91, Pocomoke Ct.; 92-3, Somerset; 94-6, Bethel.
- McKinsey, F. E.** 1892, Massey; 93-4, Bayside; 95, Exmore; 96, Little Creek.
- Neese, G. R.** 1879-93, in M. E. Church, South; 94, Houston; 95-6, Nassau.
- Nelson, E. H.** 1870, Annamessex; 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; 95-6, Still Pond.
- Northrup, Van P.** 1892-3, Quindocqua; 94, Bishopville; 95-6, St. John's.
- Nutter, M. D.** 1890-92, Hurlock; 93-4, Beckwith; 95-6, 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; 96, Frederica.
- 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; 96, Crisfield.
- Outten, J. P.** 1893-4, Williamsburg; 95-6, 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.; 85-96, Sd.
- Pilchard, S. N.** 1881-82, Wyoming; 83-4, Magnolia; 85, Stockton; 86-8, Frankford; 89-90, Del. City; 91-5, Laurel; 96, Scott.
- 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; 88-96, Sy.
- Poole, L. E.** 1896, Queenstown.
- Prettyman, A. P.** 1882-3, Millsboro; 84-5, Bayside; 86-8, Trappe; 89-91, Chester; 92-3, Del. City; 94-6, 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; 96, Salisbury.
- 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, Queensown; 84-6, Madeley, 87-91; Christiana; 92-3, Hopewell; 94-5, Stockton; 96, Sd.
- Prouse, J. T.** 1886, Quantico; 87, Ellendale; 88, Church Creek; 89-90, Nassau; 91, Annamessex; 92, Mt. Vernon; 93-4, Talbot; 95-6, 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; 96, Sd.
- Rawlins, P. H.** 1869-71, Berlin; 72-3, Annamessex; 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; 96, Agt. End. Fund.
- 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; 91-6, Sd.
- Reese, J. D.** 1885, Chincoteague; 86-7, Bayside; 88, Pomona; 89-90, Royal Oak, 91-2, Appoquinimink; 93, Girdle Tree; 94, Crapo; 95-6, 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; 91-6, Sy.
- Roberts, E. P.** 1884, Roxanna; 85, Bishopville; 86, Townsend; 87-90, Oxford; 91, Preston; 92-4, Milton; 95-6, 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; 94-6, 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, Annamessex; 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.; 86-96, Sd.
- Sharp, W. W.** 1886-7, Ingleside; 88-9, Kenton; 90-2, Kent Is.; 93-4, Hillsboro; 95-6, 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; 81-96, 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; 95-6, Marydel.

- Short F. B.** 1891, Rowlandville; 92-6, Harrison Street.
- Smith, Alfred.** 1879-80, E. N. Market; 81-2, Oxford; 83-5, Greensboro'; 86-9, Cambridge; 90, Middletown; 91-6, P. E. Easton Dist.
- Smith, G. P.** 1896, Lakesville.
- Smoot, T. C.** 1889, Stanton; 90, Mt. Lebanon; 91, Berlin; 92, Sharptown; 93, Leipsic; 94-5, Wyoming; 96, Millington.
- 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; 93-6, 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; 96, Seaford.
- Swain, C. P.** 1888-90, Hooper's Island; 91, Crapo; 92-4, Frankford; 95-6, Tangier.
- Sypherd, J. O.** 1860, Church Creek; 61, Snow Hill; 62, Harrington; 63, Hummels-town; 64, St. Paul's, Harrisburg; 65-7, Bensalem, Pa.; 68-70, Camden; 71-3, Centreville; 74-6, Scott; 77-8, Zion; 79-81, St. Georges; 82-4, Sudlersville; 85-6, St. Michael's; 87-90, Laurel; 91-2, Snow Hill; 93, Hockessin; 94, Mt. Lebanon; 95-6, St. Georges.
- Strickland, C. W.** 1892, Little Creek; 93-4, Elliott's Island; 95, Pocomoke Ct.; 96, Parsonsburg.
- Stengle, C. L.** 1895-6, Armory, Dover.
- Tabler, T. F.** 1886-89, Cincinnati Conf.; 90-1, Burrsville; 92-3, Williston; 94-5, Girdle Tree; 96, Hurlock.
- 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, Annessex; 72-3, Accomack; 74-6, Harrington; 77-8, Camden; 79, Princess Anne, 80-81, Delaware City; 82-3, Westover; 84-96, Sy.
- Taylor, W. P.** 1886-92, at School; 93, Perryville; 94, St. John's; 95-6, 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; 96, Harrington.
- 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, Lewes; 90, Denton; 91-2, Odessa; 93-5, Felton; 96, Del. City.
- Todd, J. R.** 1887-9, At school; 90-6, 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; 95-6, 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; 95-6, 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; 94-6, Delmar.
- Turner, H. C.** 1891-2, Oxford; 93, Clayton; 94-5, Frederica; 96, Girdle Tree.
- 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; 95-6, 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; 95-6, Beckwith.
- VanDyke, T. R.,** 1895-6, Oxford.

- 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; 96, Felton.
- 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, Annessex; 94-6, 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.; 92-6, 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; 95-6, Sy.
- Watkins, R. I.** 1886, Bishopville; 87-8, Chincoteague; 89, Kingswood; 90-1, Chestertown; 92, Church Hill; 93-4, Odessa; 95-6, Cecilton.
- Watt, Robert.** 1883-7, Princess Anne; 88-9, Snow Hill; 90-3, Milford; 94-5, Scott; 96, Laurel.
- Webster, Z. H.** 1887, Quantico; 88, Fruitland; 89-91, Whitesville; 92-3, Tangier; 94-6, Denton.
- West, W. E.** Blue Ridge Conf.; 96, Church Creek.
- 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; 96, Silverbrook.
- Wickline, J. S.** 1868-90, Virginia Conf.; 91-3, Nassau; 94, Bridgeville; 95-6, 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; 92-6, Sy.
- Williams, C. H.** 1882, Bridgeville; 83, East New Market; 84-6, Church Creek; 87-9, Stockton; 90, Sharptown; 91-3, Marshallton; 94-6, 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; 96, Lincoln.
- Williams, W. S. H.** 1892, Holland's Is.; 93-6, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel.)
- Willis, D. H.** 1885-91, Va. Conf.; 92, Hooper's Is.; 93-4, Ch. Creek; 95-6, Williamsburg.
- Wise, W. A.** 1884-5, Kingswood; 86-87, Red Lion; 88-9, Cape Charles; 90, Berlin; 91-2, Pocomoke City; 93-4, Silverbrook; 95-6, North East.
- Wood, I. L.** 1884, King's Creek; 85-86, Royal Oak; 87-9, Lincoln; 90-1, Zion; 92-4, Elkton; 95-6, Middletown.
- Wood, Geo. E.** 1886, Crumpton; 87, King's Creek; 88-9, Hallwood; 90, Chincoteague; 91-4, Claymont; 95, Bishopville; 96, Cannon.
- Wyatt, C. T.** 1886, Chincoteague; 87, Westover; 88-9, Berlin; 90-2, Roxanna; 93-5, Deal's Island; 96, Asbury, Md.
- Wilson, J. H.** 1886-91, Va. Conf.; 92, Parksley; 93, Preston; 94, Hooper's Island; 95-6, Tilghman.
- Wallin, F. O. B.** 1871-92, in Swedish work; 93-4, Swedish Mission, Wilmington; 95-6, Sy.
- Westerfield, H. A. G.** 1893-4, at school; 95-6, Chesapeake City.
- White, W. L.** 1893-4, Cookman; 95-6, Federalsburg.

Local Preachers' Directory.

LOCAL ELDERS.

Booth, M. A Newport, Del.
 Boehm, John New Church, Va.
 Conway, W. N Golt's, Md.
 Dill, James R Wilmington, Del.
 Donoho, S. M Cambridge, Md.
 Hazzard, R. B Hurlock, Md.
 Hodson, Jabez, Wilmington, Del.
 Roberts, J. B Middletown, Del.
 Willis, J. S Milford, Del.
 Simms, Dr. J. H Wilmington, Del.

LOCAL DEACONS.

Devereaux, J. J Snow Hill, Md.
 Dodd, David Wilmington, Del.
 Galloway, W. K Saulsby, Md.
 Green, Daniel Newport, Del.
 Hamilton, Wm Wilmington, Del.
 Harris, J. W Wilmington, Del.
 Harris, Wm Bridgeville, Del.
 Hastings, G. W Holland's Is., Md.
 Kenney, J. L Hynson, Md.
 McLain, L. T Vienna, Md.
 Morris, C. K. Wye Mills, Md.
 Northrup, C. L. Hurlock, Md.
 Numbers, Thomas Millington, Md.
 Rodgers, R. L Wilmington, Del.
 Simmons, Charles Wilmington, Del.
 Strickland, W. G Klej Grange, Md.
 Tindall, W. J. Sycamore, Del.
 Welch Eben, Salem, Md.
 Wheatley, B Powelville, Md.

LICENTIATES.

Ayers, J. F. Leemont, Va.
 Barrett, T. S. Jamesville, Va.
 Bennett, W. O. Madison, N. J.
 Betts, W. H. Millsboro, Del.
 Beauchamp, J. H. Sr.
 Upper Fairmount, Md.
 Bryan, J. H. Chestertown, Md.
 Brown, A. R. Sylmar, Md.
 Biddle, Isaiah North East, Md.
 Bullock, Moses M. Elam, Pa.
 Cantwell, R. Day. Elkton, Md.
 Campbell, J. R. Newark, Md.
 Conway, R. H. Harrison, Md.
 Clark, D. S. Kenton, Del.
 Collison, G. W. Oxford, Md.
 Cathers, Abner. Blue Ball, Md.
 Clapham, C. W. Elliott's, Md.
 Connaway, W. C. Wilmington, Del.
 Cookman, C. H. Wilmington, Del.
 Covey, Frank P. Smithville, Md.
 Dunbracco, J. M. Wilmington, Del.
 Dougherty, G. M. Wilmington, Del.
 Davis, A. Wilmington, Del.
 Daniel, J. T. Wenona, Md.
 Dawson, G. W. Dover, Del.
 Ellegood, J. A. Ellendale, Del.
 Fryer, Thomas Cherry, Hill, Md.
 Ford, W. Golts, Md.
 Faries, Wm. Smyrna, Del.
 Fisher, Dr. G. W. Denton, Md.

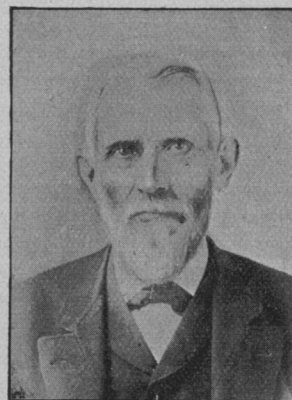
Gray, H. F. Marshallton, Del.
 Hammond, W. T. North East, Md.
 Hancock, I. B. Greenbackville, Va.
 Harper, J. W. Still Pond, Md.
 Hendrickson, W. H. Chester, Pa.
 Hill, M. M. Delmar, Del.
 Hirons, Wm. Dover, Del.
 Holt, T. S. Boston University, Mass.
 Jones, Jeremiah Gumboro, Del.
 Jones, E. E. Carlisle, Pa.
 Johnson, W. W. Ford's Store, Md.
 Johnson, John Dover, Del.
 Jones, G. W. Galestown, Md.
 Jones, O. E. Canterbury, Del.
 Kane, J. F. Summitt Bridge, Del.
 Leatherbury, P. A. Onancock, Va.
 Lyster, W. L. Wilmington, Del.
 Lewis, Edward Dover, Del.
 McCann, Milton Wilmington, Del.
 McLaughlin, J. F. Wilmington, Del.
 Milman, J. Ellendale, Del.
 Mendinhal, Eli Wilmington, Del.
 Miller, W. T. Mechansville, Md.
 McNett, W. J. Georgetown, Del.
 Minner, Samuel Masten's Corner, Del.
 Nicholson, E. J. Bishopville, Md.
 Nelson, Alonzo Lawsonia, Md.
 Purnell, Jas. Millington, Md.
 Purks, W. T. Rockland, Del.
 Parks, J. E. Cambridge, Md.
 Prettyman, J. W. Dover, Del.
 Pusey, S. B. Seaford, Del.
 Robinson, Eugene Madison, N. J.
 Stimmel Wm. E. Wilmington, Del.
 Scott, J. S. Victor, Md.
 Simonson, J. N. Crisfield, Md.
 Steadman, Wm. East New Market, Md.
 Scholl, Chas. Wilmington, Del.
 Tomer, Hugh Wilmington, Del.
 Terry, G. R. New Church, Va.
 Todd, N. L. Wingate, Md.
 Todd, Lewis Wilmington, Del.
 Taylor, Harry Dover, Del.
 Talley, J. W. Georgetown, Del.
 Talley, Nelson. Wilmington, Del.
 Winder, E. J. Onancock, Va.
 White, John, Sr Wilmington, Del.
 Whitely, S. F. Marshallton, Del.
 White, H. P. Dame's Quarter, Md.
 Wilkinson, J. W Kimbleville, Pa.
 Williams, J. W Dover, Del.
 Wilson, W. D. Nassau, Del.
 Wise, J. M New Castle, Del.
 Weldin, G. W. Wilmington, Del.

In Memoriam.

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
James Hubbard,	1850	April 4, 1895,	Philadelphia, Pa.	76	4
James E. Bryan,	1857	Oct. 17, 1895,	Baltimore, Md.	64	39
John D. Lecates,	1892	Nov. 11, 1895,	Wilmington, Del.	41	5
Thomas E. Bell,	1859	Mar. 21 1895,	Easton, Md.	58	

Memoir.

REV. JAMES HUBBARD.



Rev. James Hubbard, a Superannuate of the Wilmington Conference, died in Philadelphia, Thursday morning, April, 4, 1895, in the 76 year of his age.

He was born in the lower district of Caroline County, Maryland, July 29, 1819; where his father, Michael Hubbard, a thrifty farmer, then resided.

At the age of 15 he joined class as an earnest seeker of religion, and five years later, was happily converted and joined the M. E. Church. In 1842 he went out to Missouri and engaged in teaching for a time, but soon returned to his native State, where he resumed teaching.

In 1845 he received license to exhort from John T. Hazzard, then in charge of Salisbury Circuit, and about a year later was licensed to preach by T. J. Thompson, Presiding Elder of Snow Hill District. In

a few months he was detailed by John D. Onins, Bro. Thompson's successor on the District, to assist James Allen on Salisbury Circuit, and at the end of the year, he desisted from itinerating, that he might devote himself to a course of study.

At the session of 1850 he was received on trial in the Philadelphia Conference, Bishop Beverly Waugh presiding. His appointments were as follows: '50, Annapessex, as junior with Vaughan Smith; '51, Snow Hill, with Charles Hill; '52, in charge of Quakertown Mission, Pennsylvania; and '53, Cherry Valley, Pa. This completed his effective work, as he became a supernumerary at the end of this year, and continued in that relation until the Conference session of 1891, when he became a superannuate. During all these years that followed his retirement from the effective ranks, Bro. Hubbard continued to serve the Church with unabated zeal in every way in his power, though busily engaged in secular affairs.

In 1857-8 he labored in connection with the Philadelphia Conference Tract Society; and in the latter year was married to Mrs. Elizabeth Wetherly, beginning business soon after in Salisbury, Md.

In 1860, he had the misfortune to suffer severe loss by fire; in his own words, been "burned out of house and home."

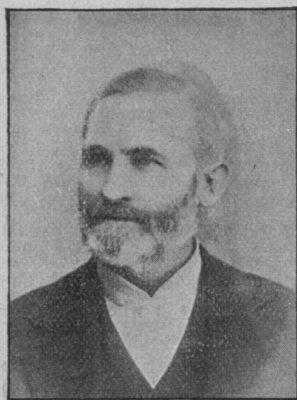
From 1873 to 1875 he served as pastoral supply on Bethesda Charge by appointment of J. L. Taft, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District.

The last few years of his life he made his home in Philadelphia with a niece, their adopted daughter and wife of Henry H. Colclazer of the Philadelphia Record, son of the late

Rev. Henry Colclazer of the Wilmington Conference, who died in that city December 18, 1884.

Funeral services were held in Laurel M. E. Church, Saturday afternoon, April 6, 1895.

REV. JAMES EDMUND BRYAN.



For nearly forty years, amid storm and calm, in darkness and in sunshine, with zeal born of knowledge and with fire kindled by the Spirit of God, the Rev. James Edmund Bryan faithfully preached "the glorious Gospel of the Blessed God." His record challenges our admiration, and very justly entitles him to our high esteem and ardent Christian affection and demands for his name and honorable place in the roll of our "crowned ones."

He was born on Kent Island, Maryland, July 10, 1831, and died in the Maryland University Hospital in Baltimore City, in the aforesaid State, October 17, 1895. His parents were James L. and Sarah Bryan.

When about twenty years of age, while attending a camp meeting on Deal's Island, Maryland, he was deeply convicted of sin under the influence of a sermon by that extraordinary local preacher, Joshua Thomas, widely known "as The Parson of the Islands." Though Brother Bryan was not converted at that meeting, yet the pungent conviction wrought by this plain Gospel message followed him to his home, where soon after, while at work in a field, he cast himself upon the ground under a tree and wrestled with God in prayer until he obtained the blessing of conscious salvation, or in his own words until he "gained a complete victory."

He at once connected himself with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and proved an active and faithful member of the same. His manifest piety and deep interest in the salvation of souls, together with his diligent application to the study of the Sacred Scriptures and kindred subjects, led his brethren of the Quarterly Conference, upon the recommendation of his pastor, Rev. Robert W. Todd, on August 26, 1856, to license him to preach the Gospel.

The Presiding Elder, Rev. William McCombs, at once appointed him to Greensborough Circuit as junior preacher, the Rev. Samuel W. Thomas of the Philadelphia Conference, being the preacher in charge. At the following session of the Philadelphia Conference, with eighteen other candidates, he was admitted on trial and in due time was received into full connection and admitted to orders.

Though a member of the Philadelphia Conference eleven years before the division of the Conference, which took place in 1868, yet all of his appointments were within the bounds of what is now the Wilmington Conference, and in which he continued in the effective ranks until removed by death, serving some of the largest and strongest churches with uniform success in all departments and with eminent satisfaction to the people.

The following indicates the various fields of his ministerial labors: As a junior preacher he was appointed in 1857 to Talbot Circuit with Rev. T. J. Quigley; in 1858 to Camden Circuit with Rev. R. W. Todd; in 1859 to Easton Circuit with Rev. J. D. Curtis; in 1860 to Centreville Circuit with Rev. Elijah Miller; in 1861 to Kent Circuit with Rev. W. B. Walton. As a preacher in charge he was appointed as follows: In 1862-63 to Snow Hill,

in 1864-65 to Still Pond, in 1866-67 to Millington, in 1868-69-70 to Cecilton, in 1871-72 to Camden, in 1873-74-75 to Odessa, in 1876-77 to Frederica, in 1878-79-80 to Galena, in 1881-82-83 to Newport, in 1884-85 to Cambridge, in 1886-87-88 to Asbury in Wilmington, in 1889-90 to Newport, and from 1891 to 1895 to Rising Sun. When through death he was transferred to the church triumphant he was serving his fifth year at the last named appointment, where as well as elsewhere his ministrations were greatly appreciated and he was highly esteemed for his unwavering loyalty to Christ as well as for his many excellent personal qualities.

The companion and help-meet of his itinerant life was Miss Annie V. Smith, with whom he was united in the holy bonds of matrimony on March 13, 1862. She was a daughter of Capt. John and Mary Smith, who resided near Centreville, Md. With this most excellent lady he lived in the joys of wedded love more than thirty-three years, during which time she demonstrated the wisdom of this alliance by proving herself a help-meet in every aspect of the case. She with three promising sons and three noble daughters survive to mourn the loss of a most faithful husband and affectionate father, while they rejoice in the gracious hope of meeting him again in the realms of endless day and uninterrupted bliss.

For about a year preceding his death Bro. Bryan had been in ill health, often suffering most excruciating pain, yet he preached frequently until within some weeks of his death and directed the affairs of his appointment successfully as well as satisfactorily. And notwithstanding his extreme sufferings he maintained a calm and submissive spirit, which was born of the assurance of his personal interest in that unparalleled love and unerring wisdom which maketh all things work together for good to them that love God. And with joy he constantly bore testimony to the saving and sustaining power of the grace of God with whom he enjoyed daily communion.

On Wednesday, October 16th, in the hope of obtaining some alleviation of his extreme suffering he was conveyed to the Maryland University Hospital in Baltimore City, but he was too weak to undergo a surgical operation, and on the evening of the following day in the presence of his son, Cookman, he peacefully fell asleep in Jesus.

His lifeless form was brought home and on Monday, October 21st, in the presence of a large concourse of sympathizing friends, funeral services were conducted in the Rising Sun Methodist Episcopal Church by Rev. L. E. Barrett the Presiding Elder of the district, who was assisted by several of the ministerial brethren present. After the solemn and impressive obsequies in the church the body was laid to rest in Rosebank cemetery, at Calvert, Cecil county, Md., until summoned to arise by Him who is "the resurrection and the life."

While the limited space allowed to our memoirs in the Conference minutes will not permit a comprehensive analysis of the life and character of our departed brother, yet fideitly to his subject impels the writer to venture at least so far as to indicate some of the general features thereof.

In personal character Bro. Bryan was a man of pure heart, chaste lips, clean hands, devout spirit, strong faith and a positive and clear religious experience.

Socially he was a genial companion, a warm friend, always approachable, commanding confidence and ever a perfect gentleman.

As a minister of the Gospel he belonged to that class who are "called of God" to the sacred ranks of the ministry and have not entered it merely as a profession; and he clearly recognized and deeply felt the responsibility of his calling, and diligently did he apply himself to the God appointed work. As a preacher he was always evangelical and forcible, having decided convictions and being fearless in expressing them. His sermons appealed to

the reason and touched the heart while the fire of his own soul kindled the emotions of his hearers. And while always dignified yet his manner was so cordial that he naturally drew the people to himself; and the afflicted and sorrowing always found in him a sympathizing friend and derived comfort and strength from his ministrations. And probably in every field to which he was appointed revival fires burned under his ministry, and among the many fruits of his labors on this Peninsula are many hundreds of souls who found pardoning grace, who gratefully cherish his memory. His Presiding Elder said of him: "He was one of the best preachers of the Wilmington Conference, and as a pastor, unsurpassed."

Appropriately may we say of him in the language of the immortal Charles Wesley:

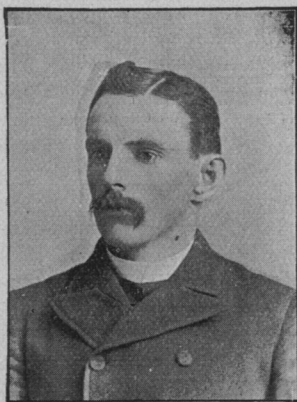
"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past,
The battle's fought, the race is run,
And thou art crowned at last."

REV. JOHN D. LECATES.

The subject of this memoir was born in the town of Princess Anne, Md., July 5th, 1854, and died in Wilmington, November 11th, 1895. He was a worthy son of an honored and noble ancestry. His father for many years a class leader and trustee of the Church in the days that tried men's hearts, in whose home the itinerant found shelter, and always received a cordial welcome. To the advantages of a christian home were added the prayerful and careful training of a devoted Sunday School teacher, who rested not till John, though yet young in years, gave his heart to God. The work of the church and Sunday School seemed always congenial to his heart. Born within its folds, early brought under its instruction and influence, he seemed to know no other. He seemed always inclined to be good. Hence his conversion, which took place under the pastorate of Rev. Joseph Cook, made

less change in his outward life than usually is seen. He was educated at the Washington Academy, which at that time was a model school. As a student he was diligent and soon took the first place in his class, graduating with honors. On the play ground he was the centre of amusement and fun yet never stooped to anything ungentlemanly or low. One year after his conversion, by the unanimous action of his Quarterly Conference he was licensed to preach and immediately began the exercise of his gifts in his own neighboring churches.

It was in his heart immediately to give up all and consecrate his life to his sacred calling. But just at this juncture Providence seemed to interpose, which for a time hindered the carrying out the purpose of his heart. His faithful and devoted father had passed to his reward, leaving his widowed mother alone to the care of the son. In the conflict between allegiance to the claims of sympathy and protection due his mother, and the call which the church had made to his time and service his heart yielded to the claims of his mother, and however unwisely, relinquished his purpose of immediately entering the ministry, and devoted himself to the care and comfort of his widowed mother. Naturally industrious, a skilled mechanic, endowed with unusual business tact, was nevertheless, never successful in business. The



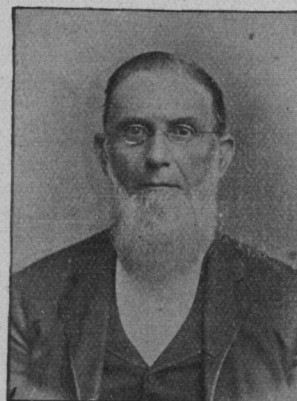
fact is he had missed his calling, he had no heart for business. God's "woe is me," was on him. And that made his life unsatisfactory, and to a large extent a failure. For 15 years, as opportunity served, he exercised his gifts in the local and neighboring churches. July 11, 1875, he was united in marriage to Lizzie Wilson of Deal's Island, a noble Christian woman who was a devoted companion and helper to him. In the year 1888 he again sought work and surrendered himself fully to the claims of his Master, Selbyville being left to be supplied. At the urgent request of his Presiding Elder, T. O. Ayers, he entered upon the work of the regular pastorate, which was the beginning of a record which for hard work, indomitable perseverance and marked success, has seldom, if ever been equaled. Conscious of having lost valuable time, spurred with an ambition to regain that which was lost he pressed years into months and crowded a lifetime into a span.

There was nothing legitimate and honorable that he would not do for the church he served and the Master he loved. Like Paul, he would work with his own hands to beautify his church or improve his home. He was literally a slave to his work, yet served his Master gladly and willingly. As a preacher he was forceful, logical and convincing. He believed his message, and conviction followed his utterance. As a preacher he was eminently successful. Tender, considerate and with a knowledge begotten of personal contact with his people, he made his influence felt in the homes of those he served. They not only confided in him, but loved him. It was not to be expected that a nature delicate from childhood should long endure such a strain. Notwithstanding repeated warnings, he pressed on, seemingly tireless, never complaining, intent only on doing his Master's work. The end came suddenly and unexpectedly. For months he had been getting ready for a gracious harvest which he fully believed would come. The ground had been previously well prepared, and on it he sowed the seed and prayed for the shower. The showers came, and soon the ripened harvest appeared. With confidence he thrust in the sickle and gathered rich sheaves for the Master's garner. In the midst of the harvest, while scores of precious souls were being saved, the "shout of Harvest Home" was heard, and in response he went up, bearing his sheaves with him, no doubt to hear the Master's "Well done, good and faithful servant." Appropriate services were held in Madeley Church which was largely attended by his brethren, and from thence was taken to his home town for burial to await the resurrection morning.

REV. THOMAS E. BELL.

Rev. Thomas E. Bell, a supernumerary member of the Wilmington Conference, died of gastric fever, on the 21st day of March 1896, at the home of ex-Sheriff John B. Fairbank in Easton, Md. after a brief illness of two days. He was born at Ridgeley, Md. in 1838 and began the life of a minister at the early age of twenty-one, his first appointment being Wye, Md. In 1860 he was appointed to Camden, Del., in 1861 to Talbot Circuit, 1862, St. Michaels; 1863, Smyrna Circuit. On the account of failing health he took a supernumerary relation in 1864, which was continued through the rest of life.

Shortly before this time Bro. Bell was married to Miss Annie Baggs of St. Michaels, Md. After failing health compelled his retirement from the ministry Bro. Bell entered mercantile pursuits in the town of St. Michaels. In a few years his wife died, his busi-



ness failed, and like a stranded ship in the cruel breakers he became unfit for any kind of work. A partial restoration of health enabled him to take up his life work, and he continued to the end to preach the gospel as he had opportunity.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. W. E. Avery in the Easton M. E. Church on March 25, and then the remains were taken to St. Michaels for interment.

MRS. REBECCA W. SCOTT,

The beloved wife of our brother, Alfred T. Scott, passed from her earthly to her heavenly home on December 2, 1895. She was the daughter of David and Phoebe M. Pinkerton, and was born in Philadelphia, April 19, 1836, but while yet an infant was taken to Wilmington, Del., and grew up amid the youthful associations which clustered about the Asbury Church, and while in the freshness of life's morning she consecrated herself to the service of God. On December 23, 1856, the vows were plighted which made her the life companion of our brother, Alfred T. Scott, while the sainted father, Bishop Levi Scott, pronounced the words which made them one in the sight of heaven.

For almost 39 years, the light of her loving presence illumined the life of our brother, strengthening his hands for toil, cheering him with her sunny spirit, when the shadows gathered, and by wise counsels, helping on the victories which he has won for the Master. Sister Scott was possessed of charming social qualities; her generous heart and self-sacrificing disposition endeared her to all who knew her; for while by nature she was undemonstrative, she was yet steady, true, pure and conscientious in her fidelity to God and the right. Her hand was open in helpfulness to all who came within the range of her ministries.

Very suddenly came the call to the higher services of the eternal world, but she, whose true life was hid in God, had nothing to fear from the messenger who, from out of the shadows beckoned her way, and quietly yielding up the life she had devoted to God in girlhood, she peacefully passed away. Not like the evening star sinking into the darkness of night, but like the morning star, lost to gaze in the glowing brightness of eternal day. But it is only to the dim vision of our natural eyes that these ascended ones are lost. The personal presence indeed is gone, but they are ours still. Their love for us was an integral part of their spirit nature, woven into its very fabric, as warp and woof are blended. Charles Kingsley wrote as an epitaph for the stone above the spot where he and his wife were to rest together: "We loved! We love! We will love!" and thus the past, present and the future are blended together in the immortal love which binds the souls whom God hath wedded into one. The love which has been the home light of our years, the morning glow of all our conscious activities is not lost. Love is immortal, for "God is love." This love lives on through the growing shadows of our wasting years, through the narrow passage way which separates the mortal from the immortal, and as it emerges into the eternal light, it bursts the limitations which have held its powers and expands into the full perfection of every grace which it has known and cherished here.

Sister Scott has reared five manly sons and two womanly daughters, the rich heritage of whose lives is the impress of that noble Christian motherhood, whose qualities of soul must reproduce themselves in these young lives, as memory keeps immortal the words of counsel and the example of the beautiful life which environed them with all motherly ministries.

"For if there be in retrospection's chain,
One link that holds us 'mid our life's young dream;
One thought so sweet, we scarcely dare to nurse
On all the hoarded raptures it reviews;

Which seems, each instant, in its backward range,
The heart to soften, and its ties to change;
And every spring, untouched for years, to move,
It is the memory of a Mother's Love."

On Thursday afternoon, December 5th, a large company of sympathizing friends assembled in the home so suddenly shadowed to pay a tribute of loving respect to the memory of the translated one. The services were in charge of her pastor, Dr. Merritt Hulburd, assisted by Drs. R. W. Humphries, W. L. S. Murray and others, after which the precious dust was laid to rest in the Wilmington and Brandywine Cemetery.

Thus one by one God's saints are passing on.

"Gone to begin the new immortal mission,
The daily round of human duties done;
These mortal shadows for celestial visions
Exchanged forever! O thrice blessed ones!
Thus freed from fetters of this earthly prison
How we shall greet them in that day of days
When He who died, yea rather, who is risen,
Shall these frail forms from dust and ashes raise."

MRS. REBECCA P. MILBY.

This elect lady, widowed June 13, 1886, by the death of her husband, the late Arthur W. Milby, D. D., was stricken with paralysis January 17, 1896, at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. Benjamin Whitely, in Catonsville, Md., and after lingering for five days, passed into the heavens at the ripe age of 75 years. Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon, January 22, and she was interred at Barratt's Chapel Cemetery.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."



JOSEPH PYLE.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Lay Electoral Conference.

FRIDAY MORNING.—1st Session.

The Lay Electoral Conference convened in Wesley M. E. Church, Dover, Del., March 20, 1896, at 10 o'clock. H. F. Pickels was chosen temporary chairman, R. M. Cooper, Secretary, Joseph W. Coley, Assistant Secretary.

Conference was opened with singing, and was led in prayer by Dr. W. L. Gooding.

A Committee on Credentials was appointed as follows: C. M. Leitch, H. P. Cannon, D. S. Clark, T. S. Barrett. The committee on credentials reported 145 delegates present as follows;

DOVER DISTRICT.

C. M. Mensch,	E. W. Cooper,
I. H. Medford,	J. A. Ellegood,
J. B. Nickerson,	J. C. Short,
Horace Bennett,	F. B. Clifton,
Rufus Noble,	T. J. Truxton,
Charles H. Todd,	C. F. Harper,
James E. Thomas,	David Postles,
J. H. Cannon,	W. H. Mason,
W. D. Wilson,	G. W. Jones,
James F. Anderson,	J. M. Reed,
James Swann,	David Simpson,
M. Willen,	G. T. Bell,
S. H. Melson,	S. Sparklin,
F. H. Camper,	W. J. Cannon,
J. B. Welch,	J. M. Andrews,
C. P. Tunnell,	C. I. Stengle,
James B. Conner,	Alex. Noble,
J. S. Burchinall,	E. Voshell,
W. H. Franklin,	W. L. Gooding,

EASTON DISTRICT.

L. T. Davis,	Henry Brown,
S. J. Fogwell,	J. H. Hoffecker,
Joseph H. Bernard,	J. A. M. Denny,
William G. Chance,	W. A. Hyland,
George C. Moore,	C. E. Smith,
H. S. Cook,	J. B. Bright,
W. W. Allen,	Walter H. Thompson,
E. Peirce,	O. H. Benson,
L. V. Aspril,	R. M. Cooper,
W. T. Wiggins,	D. H. Cox,
W. V. Bryan,	John P. Jones,
Charles S. York,	B. F. Phillips,
R. S. Crew,	L. F. Harrison,
Daniel Wilson,	D. S. Clark,
G. E. Hukill,	D. B. Maloney,
Olin Bryan,	R. E. Baynard.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

E. I. Blaine,	E. White,
E. P. Tyler,	W. T. Townsend,
D. G. Gallagher,	R. F. Powell,
T. S. Barrett,	W. G. Strickland,
G. N. Vetra,	E. A. Melson,
Isaac S. Williams,	N. J. Gibbons,
Asbury Bell,	George H. Townsend,
Louis E. Brown,	V. Jones,
Isaac B. Hancock,	M. M. Hill,
James B. Taws,	E. J. Winzer,
E. P. Ellis,	L. F. Hineman,
J. C. Walker,	I. T. Matthews,
G. K. Phillips,	I. N. Hearn,
John W. Evans,	E. W. Houston,
J. I. Betts,	G. A. Cox,
W. L. Scott,	E. E. Corbit,
N. G. F. Jones,	K. M. Wiley,
T. H. Bock,	E. S. Furbush,
W. R. Robinson,	E. E. S. Turner,
E. S. Gumby,	S. F. Whittington,
James T. Truitt,	E. H. Parsons,
D. I. Fooks.	

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. C. Porter,	H. F. Pickels,
J. W. Carroll, Jr.,	W. H. Cole,
W. J. Staats,	H. M. Brown,
Edwin Golding,	W. T. Simpser,
C. M. Leitch,	G. W. Josephs,
S. H. Baynard,	J. W. Davis,
L. B. Kirby,	W. T. Dayett,
A. W. Cathers,	W. E. Neilds,
Hugh Tomer,	N. L. Talley,
L. T. Grubb,	C. S. Abrams,
W. T. Hammond,	James R. Davis,
J. F. Kane,	J. H. Brooks,
W. R. Flinn,	S. A. Reynolds,
Alex. Jarrell,	W. A. Talley,
Joseph W. Coley,	T. J. Wilson,
Norris S. Lutton,	Alfred Ironfield.

The following committee was appointed to name permanent officers: S. H. Baynard, E. A. Melson, J. H. Hoffecker and J. A. Ellegood, they making the following report, which was adopted: H. F. Pickels, President; D. S. Clark, Vice-President; R. M. Cooper, Secretary; Joseph W. Coley, Assistant Secretary; and they were elected.

The following committee on resolutions was appointed: Dr. E. W. Cooper, C. S. Abrams, Charles S. York, I. T. Matthews, T. H. Bock.

On motion Conference adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at the hour appointed, opened with singing and was led in prayer by L. T. Grubb.

The Conference proceeded to election of delegates to the General Conference, with the following results: For delegates, Dr. W. L. Gooding of Dover district and W. H. Jackson of Salisbury district, and as alternates, Capt. T. J. Truxton of Dover district and G. F. Jones of Salisbury district.

The committee reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Joseph Pyle, Peninsula Methodism has lost a faithful worker and a man whose beautiful Christian character endeared him to all who knew him, and we hereby express our deep sympathy with his bereaved family.

Resolved, That we recommend the appointment of a committee to act in conjunction with the committee appointed by the Wilmington Annual Conference in the matter of a petition for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

The following were appointed said committee: H. F. Pickels, Dr. E. W. Cooper and C. S. York.

Resolved, That we do firmly believe that the interest and continued prosperity of our be-

loved Methodism, as well as justice to her lay members alike, demand that there should be equal lay-representation in the General Conference.

Resolved, That we are opposed to either extending or removing the time limit.

Resolved, That in view of the magnificent results that have attended the organization and labors of the Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies, by the women of the M. E. Church, demonstrating their organizing and administrative abilities, and believing that great good would result from their admission into the highest councils of our church, therefore we would petition the powers that be, to alter the law so that the Lay Delegates to the General Conference may be selected regardless of sex,

Resolved, That the Lay Delegates from this Conference be and they are hereby instructed to do all that may be in their power to have the above resolutions carried into effect.

On motion adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock a. m. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Lay Conference met Saturday morning at 9.30 a. m.

Opened with singing, and was led in prayer by Bro. Kane.

A collection was taken toward defraying expenses of printing the proceedings of the Lay Conference.

On motion \$30 was ordered paid to the Conference Secretary, and the balance in hand to the sexton of the church.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the citizens of Dover for their kind and hospitable entertainment of the members of this Lay Conference.

The following resolutions were presented by Bro. C. I. Stengle and adopted:

We endorse the present system of examination as adopted by our Annual Conference, believing it to be for the advancement of the church and that it will give us a more efficient ministry.

Resolved, That we, the representatives of the Laity of Peninsula Methodism, look upon the W. C. Academy with pardonable pride and feel that our Conference institution is in efficient hands; and be it further

Resolved, That we recommend said Academy to our people as a good school for the education of our children.

On motion a committee was appointed to act in conjunction with a like committee from the Ministerial Conference to help in liquidating debt in 1898 the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Conference Academy: Bros. H. F. Pickels, C. S. York, T. J. Truxton and E. J. Winder, committee.

On motion a committee was appointed to inform the Annual Conference that the Lay Electoral Conference was ready to report the result of their meeting, and at 11 a. m. the Lay Conference was escorted by a ministerial committee to seats in the Annual Conference for reports and fraternal greetings.

Report of the Board Stewards.

Your Board of Stewards present the following report: Receipts—From Book Room Dividends, \$1380; interest from Centenary Fund, \$120; interest from Riddle Legacy, \$95; interest from Bates Legacy, \$141; interest from Academy Bonds, \$90; interest from Reynolds Legacy, \$8; interest from Smyrna Sewer Bonds, \$50; interest from Chartered Fund, \$22; total, \$1906. Received from Conference Treasurer, collections from charges, \$5746; additional, Houston, \$9; collections at Conference, \$278.50; total, \$7939.50. An increase from all sources of \$84.50.

This sum we have distributed to nine superannuate and fourteen supernumerary preachers and thirty-three widows of preachers. Each claim has been prayerfully considered and we have endeavored to make the most equitable distribution possible in view of all information we have been able to obtain in each case.

It has been painful to us to reduce the amount allowed to some of these worthy claimants below that given in former years. While the increase from all sources has been less than one hundred dollars, the circumstances of a number of the claimants have demanded increased allowances.

We would urge upon our pastors the necessity of raising at least the full amount apportioned to each charge.

We deem it proper to notice the fact that our late Bro. Joseph Pyle has left by his will five hundred dollars to our Endowment Fund of our Conference, but it is not yet available.

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.					
1883	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.....	250 00	100 00
1890	8 "	C. J. Hammitt.....	Kinsey, Ala.....	350 00	175 00
1891	33 "	W. W. Redman.....	Farmington, Del.....	300 00	190 00
1892	47 "	John H. Caldwell.....	Dover, Del.....	500 00	300 00
1894	44 "	Wm. B. Walton.....	Salisbury, Md.....		50 00
1896	60 "	B. F. Price.....	Wilmington, Del.....		70 00
1895	35 "	A. D. Davis.....	Georgetown, Del.....	500 00	200 00
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.....	300 00	115 00
1891	40 "	James W. Hammersley.....	Baltimore, Md.....	500 00	225 00
1892	24 "	J. D. Rigg.....	618 West 6th St., Chester.....	400 00	245 00
1893	48 "	William E. England.....	1804 Girard Ave., Phila.....	600 00	245 00
1893	21 "	George W. Wilcox.....	Carlisle, Pa.....	400 00	175 00
1893	17 "	Wm. L. P. Bowen.....	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.....	225 00	75 00
1894	50 "	T. H. Haynes.....	Smyrna, Del.....	400 00	200 00
1895	42 "	W. M. Warner.....	Felton, Del.....	500 00	200 00
1895	7 "	W. W. Chairs.....	Crumpton, Md.....	600 00	75 00
1895	22 "	N. McQuay.....	Sharptown, Md.....	450 00	170 00
1895	22 "	W. M. Green.....	Rehoboth, Del.....	200 00	145 00
1896	23 "	T. B. Hunter.....			170 00
WIDOWS.					
1846	4 y'rs.	Hester A. Henderson.....	800 W. 9th St., Wilmington, Del.....	250 00	100 00
1844	3 "	Druella Willets.....	Berlin, Md.....	100 00	45 00
1865	10 "	Carrie B. Dennison.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1873	14 "	Rebecca M. Brandreth.....	4336 N. 18th St., Phila.....	125 00	100 00
1878	15 "	Laura F. Weston.....			120 00
1879	21 "	Annie H. Irwin.....	406 W. 13th St., Wilm'gton, Del.....	300 00	170 00
1879	10 "	Annie D. Chatham.....		500 00	250 00
1879	10 "	Sadie A. Williams.....	Smyrna, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1879	22 "	Sadie B. Bain.....	Kepple, Blair Co., Penna.....	250 00	120 00
1881	11 "	Eliza Pierson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	250 00	195 00
1882	45 "	Emma A. Prettyman.....	East Market, Dorchest'r Co., Md.....	250 00	120 00
1882	8 "	Rebecca E. Hough.....	Smyrna, Del.....	150 00	100 00
1884	33 "	Roberta H. Matlack.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1884	43 "	Emma L. Shilling.....	1110 West St., Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	75 00
1884	15 "	Rebecca E. Milby.....	Frederica, Del.....	200 00	45 00
1887	44 "	Mary F. Way.....	4220 Broom St., Phila., Pa.....		95 00
1887	37 "	Mollie P. Johnson.....	Milford, Del.....	250 00	170 00
1887	6 "	Mary A. O'Neil.....	1012 Hopkins Ave., Balto., Md.....	400 00	165 00
1887	28 "	Sarah D. Gray.....	Gap, Lancaster Co., Penna.....	200 00	120 00
1887	48 "	Emma D. Ewing.....	Chester, Penna.....	75 00	50 00
1888	5 "	Caroline A. Gardner.....	1622 14th St., Washington, D. C.....	100 00	75 00
1888	34 "	Louisa A. Foreman.....	Royal Oak, Md.....	300 00	100 00
1891	35 "	Henrietta M. Allen.....	1011 Pine St., Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1891	18 "	S. Jennie Creamer.....	490 Second St., Brooklyn, N. Y.....		120 00
1891	50 "	Wm. Annie Gregg.....	Wilmington, Del.....	300 00	220 00
1892	19 "	Susan S. Hill.....	Wyoming, Del.....	400 00	155 00
1893	35 "	M. R. Robinson.....	Wilmington Del.....	200 00	190 00
1893	47 "	Marian F. Melvin.....	Perryman's, Harford Co., Md.....	200 00	100 00
1893	26 "	Ruth B. Fisher.....	Baltimore, Md.....	250 00	170 00
1893	27 "	Ellen Brindle.....	Bridgeville Sussex Co. Del.....	200 00	160 00
1893	23 "	Annie V. Bryan.....	Greensboro Caroline, Md.....	500 00	100 00
1895	48 "	Lizzie M. Lecates.....	Odessa, Del.....	200 00	150 00
1896	39 "		2218 Orleans St., Baltimore, Md.....		200 00
1896	4 "				

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DOVER, DEL.,

1896.

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	\$ 91 00	\$ 75 00
Bridgeville	25 00	27 00	25 00	Berlin	20 00	15 00	20 00
Burrsville	25 00	5 00	20 00	Bethel	21 00	21 00	21 00
Cambridge	80 00	65 00	80 00	Bishopville	20 00	16 00	20 00
Camden	40 00	47 00	45 00	Cape Charles City	10 00	10 00	10 00
Cannon's	30 00		30 00	Chincoteague	10 00	15 00	10 00
Church Creek	15 00	1 00	10 00	Crisfield	75 00	90 00	75 00
Crapo	30 00	30 00	30 00	Deal's Island	70 00	70 00	70 00
Denton	35 00	30 00	35 00	Delmar	35 00	35 00	35 00
Dover, Wesley	150 00	151 00	150 00	Exmore			10 00
" Armory	20 00	15 00	20 00	Fairmount	75 00	75 00	75 00
East New Market	25 00	12 00	25 00	Frankford	35 00	25 00	35 00
Ellendale	20 00	5 00	15 00	Fruitland	10 00	10 00	10 00
Elliott's Island	5 00	5 00	5 00	Girdle Tree	20 00	20 00	20 00
Farmington	20 00	20 00	20 00	Gumboro	20 00	25 00	20 00
Federalburg	30 00	30 00	30 00	Holland's Island	20 00	10 00	20 00
Felton	40 00	47 00	40 00	Laurel	70 00	70 00	70 00
Frederica	55 00	50 00	50 00	Marion	50 00	25 00	50 00
Galestown	20 00	20 00	20 00	Millsboro	20 00	18 00	20 00
Georgetown	40 00	40 00	40 00	Mt. Pleasant	10 00	10 00	10 00
Georgetown Circuit	10 00	10 00	10 00	Mt. Vernon	20 00	22 00	20 00
Greenwood	30 00	30 00	30 00	Nauticoke	30 00	30 00	30 00
Harrington	35 00	35 00	35 00	Newark	10 00	7 00	10 00
Hooper's Island	10 00	3 00	10 00	New Church	5 00		5 00
Houston	30 00	30 00	30 00	Onancock	40 00	30 00	40 00
Hurlock	25 00	25 00	25 00	Parksley	10 00	5 00	10 00
Lelispic	15 00	15 00	15 00	Parsonsburg	15 00	15 00	15 00
Lewes	60 00	60 00	60 00	Pocomoke City	30 00	30 00	30 00
Lincoln	30 00	20 00	25 00	Pocomoke Circuit	12 00	10 00	12 00
Little Creek	10 00	5 00	10 00	Powellsville	5 00	6 00	5 00
Magnolia	30 00	30 00	30 00	Princess Ann	20 00	20 00	20 00
Milford	85 00	85 00	85 00	Quantico	30 00	25 00	30 00
Milton	40 00	30 00	35 00	Roxanna	45 00	42 00	45 00
Nassau	25 00	20 00	25 00	St. Peter's	75 00	75 00	75 00
Preston	20 00	10 00	15 00	Salisbury	10 00	12 00	10 00
Salem		10 00	10 00	Selbyville	20 00	30 00	20 00
Seaford & Bladesville	35 00	44 00	40 00	Sharptown	35 00	40 00	35 00
Vienna	20 00	12 00	20 00	Smith's Island	40 00	40 00	40 00
Williamsburg	10 00	10 00	10 00	Snow Hill	15 00	15 00	15 00
Williston	25 00	25 00	25 00	Somerset	15 00	21 00	15 00
Woodside	10 00	10 00	10 00	Stockton	45 00	50 00	45 00
Wyoming	20 00	26 00	25 00	Tangier	10 00	10 00	10 00
Zoar	10 00	5 00	10 00	Westover	25 00		25 00
				Whitesville		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	\$ 5 00	\$ 25 00	Bayside	\$ 20 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 15 00
Charlestown	18 00	15 00	18 00	Cecilton	50 00	50 00	50 00
Cherry Hill & Union	55 00	30 00	55 00	Centreville	60 00	60 00	60 00
Chesapeake City	30 00	18 00	30 00	Chestertown	85 00	94 00	85 00
Chester	30 00	32 00	30 00	Cheswold & Bethel	20 00	35 00	35 00
Christiana	25 00	16 00	25 00	Church Hill	40 00	30 00	35 00
Claymont	15 00	15 00	15 00	Clayton	25 00	13 00	25 00
Delaware City	30 00	30 00	30 00	Cordova	25 00	20 00	25 00
Elk Neck	10 00	10 00	10 00	Crumpton	10 00	3 00	10 00
Elkton	75 00	65 00	75 00	Easton	80 00	80 00	80 00
Hockessin & Ebenezer	30 00	20 00	30 00	Galena	40 00	40 00	40 00
Hopewell	20 00	20 00	20 00	Greensboro	35 00	35 00	35 00
Marsallton & Stanton	15 00	15 00	15 00	Hillsboro	30 00	30 00	30 00
Mt. Lebanon	20 00	12 00	20 00	Ingleside	12 00	12 00	15 00
Mt. Pleasant & Union	35 00	41 00	35 00	Kent Island	45 00	20 00	40 00
Newark and Wesley	40 00	40 00	40 00	Kenton	25 00	25 00	25 00
New Castle	60 00	60 00	60 00	Marydel	22 00	22 00	22 00
Newport	30 00	30 00	30 00	Middletown	100 00	100 00	100 00
North East & Boulden	45 00	45 00	45 00	Millington	40 00	40 00	40 00
Perryville	10 00	10 00	10 00	Odessa	45 00	45 00	45 00
Port Deposit	75 00	73 00	70 00	Oxford	20 00	20 00	20 00
Port Penn	5 00	2 00	5 00	Piney Neck		5 00	5 00
Red Lion & Glasgow	20 00	10 00	20 00	Pomona	30 00	25 00	30 00
Rising Sun & Sylmar	30 00	35 00	30 00	Queenstown	25 00	15 00	20 00
Rowlandville & Mt. P.	5 00	5 00	5 00	Rock Hall	25 00	25 00	25 00
St. Georges	35 00	13 00	30 00	Royal Oak	20 00	10 00	20 00
St. Johns	10 00	12 00	15 00	St. Michael's	60 00	55 00	55 00
Wilmington, Asbury	150 00	150 00	150 00	Salem & Union	20 00	9 00	20 00
Brandywe & EdgeMo	45 00	45 00	45 00	Sassafras & Masseys	15 00	2 00	10 00
Cookman	10 00	10 00	15 00	Smyrna	150 00	150 00	150 00
East Lake & Elsemere	5 00	4 00	5 00	Smyrna Circuit	35 00	40 00	35 00
Epworth	15 00	15 00	15 00	Still Pond	70 00	70 00	70 00
Grace	250 00	550 00	250 00	Sudlersville	50 00	45 00	50 00
Harrison Street	10 00	10 00	20 00	Talbot Ct.	15 00	15 00	15 00
Kingswood	10 00	8 00	15 00	Tilghman	20 00	8 00	20 00
Madeley	15 00	15 00	15 00	Townsend	35 00	25 00	35 00
Mt. Salem	50 00	50 00	50 00	Trappe	25 00	25 00	25 00
St. Paul's	150 00	223 00	150 00	Wye and Starr	15 00	2 00	10 00
Scott	50 00	50 00	55 00				
Silverbrook	12 00	13 00	15 00				
Swedish Mission	5 00	3 00	5 00				
Union	140 00	140 00	150 00				
Wesley	15 00	15 00	15 00				
Zion	40 00	45 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), SUNDAY SCHOOLS (Schools, Officers and Teachers, Scholars, Churches), CHURCH PROPERTY (Probable Value, Parsonages, Probable Value, 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), SUNDAY SCHOOLS (No. of Schools, Officers, Teachers, Total Officers and Teachers, 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 S. S. this Year, Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc., No. Ep. League, No. Ep. L. Mem.).

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'hop's.

TABLES. DOVER DISTRICT, No. 4.

Table with columns: CONFER. CLAIMANTS, EXP'N'S, BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (MISSIONS, Education, etc.).

NOTE 1 - All the collections for Cannon charge were destroyed by fire March 17, except \$50 for missions. 2 - G. R. Neese \$10 for missions and \$9 for Conference claimants for Houston charge on last year's account.

STATISTICAL EASTON DISTRICT, No. 1.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (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 Officers and Teachers, No. of Scholars), BAPTISMS, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, CHURCH PROPERTY (Probable Value, No. of Parsonages, Probable Value, Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages).

TABLES. EASTON DISTRICT, No. 2.

Table with columns: CHURCH PROPERTY (Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property, Present indebtedness on Church Property), SUNDAY SCHOOLS (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 S. S. this Year, Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc., No. Epworth Leagues, No. Ep. L. Missions).

STATISTICAL EASTON 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'hop's. Rows list 39 churches and their respective financial data.

TABLES. EASTON DISTRICT, No. 4.

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

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 44 churches and their financial data.

TABLES.
SALISBURY DISTRICT,
No. 4.

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

STATISTICAL WILMINGTON DISTRICT,

No. 1.

Table with columns: NAMES OF CHARGES, Church Membership (Probationers, full Members, Local Preachers, Deaths, Child'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. WILMINGTON DISTRICT,

No. 2.

Table with columns: CHURCH PROPERTY (Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property, Present indebtedness on Church Property), SUNDAY SCHOOLS (No. of Schools, Officers, 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 Schools this yr., Current Expenses--Lesson Leaves, Books, etc., No. Epworth Leagues, No. Ep. Lg. Members).

STATISTICAL WILMINGTON DISTRICT, No. 3.

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

TABLES. WILMINGTON DISTRICT, No. 4.

Table with columns: CONF. CLAIMANTS, CUR'NT EXP'N'S, BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS (MISSIONS, Educational, etc.). Rows list various collection categories and their amounts.

NOTE.—Collection Missionary Anniversary, \$24, and Houston, \$10.

Summary of Statistical Report for 1896.

		INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1 Church Membership.			
Number of Probationers,	5,759	167	...
Number of Full Members,	36,576	736	...
Number of Local Preachers,	121	5	...
Number of Deaths,	522	45	...
2 Baptisms.			
Number of Children,	2,504	...	242
Number of Adults,	278	...	142
3 Sunday Schools.			
Number of Schools,	392	...	3
Number of Officers and Teachers,	6,342	69	...
Number of Scholars,	44,397	...	123
4 Church Property.			
Number of Churches,	388	5	...
Probable Value,	\$1,578,250	\$10,387	...
Number of Parsonages,	134	3	...
Probable Value,	\$ 274,250	\$9,735	...
Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages,	36,290	...	\$ 1,449
Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property,	21,427	8,284	...
Present indebtedness on Church Property, . .	109,048	8,306	...
5 Ministerial Support.			
Paid Pastors and House Rent,	132,354	150	...
Deficiency,	3,648	...	403
Paid Presiding Elders,	6,997	112	...
Paid Episcopal Fund,	1,468	...	70
Paid Conference Claimants,	5,519	192	...
6 Benevolent Collections.			
Missions,	23,971	3	...
Church Extension,	2,067	...	83
Sunday School Union,	416	...	20
Tract Society,	409	...	1
Freedman's Aid and Southern Education So- ciety,	1,225	...	39
Children's Fund,	1,152	...	20
Conference Academy,	1,224	64	...
American Bible Society,	599	81	...
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,	1,402	...	317
Woman's Home Missionary Society,	1,851	...	473
General Conference Expenses,	818	306	...
Conference Education Society,	421	16	...
Domestic Missions,	949	...	67

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IN ACCOUNT WITH ALFRED G. COX, TREASURER.

DOVER, DEL., March 18th, 1896.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith	J. T. VanBurkalow	\$ 55 00
Bridgeville	S. J. Morris	100 00
Burrsville	A. C. Jones	40 00
Cambridge	F. C. McSorley	200 00
Camden	I. G. Fosnocht	100 00
Cannon	T. S. Williams	50 00
Church Creek	W. E. West	40 00
Crapo	J. D. Kemp	200 00
Denton	Z. H. Webster	175 00
Dover, Wesley	W. L. S. Murray	500 00
Dover, Armory	C. I. Stengle	35 00
East Newmarket	J. P. Outten	45 00
Ellendale	L. T. McLain	55 00
Elliott's Island	Eben Welch	50 00
Farmington	F. J. Cochran	90 00
Federalburg	W. L. White	125 00
Felton	H. S. Thompson	80 00

Frederica	H. C. Turner	\$ 125 00
Galestown	J. E. Graham	100 00
Georgetown	C. A. Grise	200 00
Georgetown Ct.	W. R. McFarlane	25 00
Greenwood	E. H. Miller	140 00
Harrington	P. H. Rawlins	125 00
Hooper's Island	H. E. Truitt	35 00
Houston	W. E. Tomkinson	200 00
Hurlock	J. A. Brewington	90 00
Leipsic	E. C. Wright	30 00
Lewes	D. H. Corkran	250 00
Lincoln	D. F. Waddell	100 00
Little Creek	F. E. McKinsey	45 00
Magnolia	W. F. Dawson	100 00
Milford	T. E. Martindale	470 00
Milton	W. T. Valiant	150 00
Nassau	G. R. Neese	110 00
Preston	T. G. Eiswald	27 00
Salem	J. W. Tally	33 00
Seaford	C. W. Prettyman	161 00
Vienna	G. W. Bowman	25 00
Williamsburg	D. H. Willis	83 00
Williston	J. D. Reese	110 00
Woodside	C. B. Fisher	62 00
Wyoming	T. C. Smoot	60 00
Zoar	C. W. Clapham	14 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Bayside	C. P. Futcher	40 00
Cecilton	R. I. Watkins	185 00
Centreville	J. W. Easley	250 00
Cheswold and Bethel	J. W. Fogle	115 00
Chestertown	W. P. Compton	280 00
Church Hill	E. E. White	100 00
Clayton	W. O. Hurst	75 00
Cordova	E. S. Mace	70 00
Crumpton	W. H. S. Loller	20 00
Easton	W. E. Avery	265 00
Galena	Frank Fletcher	125 00
Greensboro	J. A. Arters	125 00

Hillsboro	F. F. Carpenter	\$ 155 00
Ingleside	J. M. Collins	25 00
Kent Island	E. H. Hinson	67 00
Kenton	J. T. Prouse	50 00
Marydel	C. F. Sheppard	105 00
Middletown	I. L. Wood	460 00
Millington	G. W. Burke	100 00
Morgan Creek	C. S. York	5 00
Odessa	E. P. Roberts	136 00
Oxford	T. R. VanDyke	92 00
Piney Neck	W. G. Chance	20 00
Pomona	T. B. Cooper	65 00
Queenstown	L. E. Poole	65 00
Rock Hall	Edward Davis	87 00
Royal Oak	W. H. Benford	25 00
St. Michael's	J. P. Otis	243 00
Salem and Union	J. B. Merritt	50 00
Sassafras and Masseys	W. N. Conway	25 00
Smyrna	Adam Stengle	525 00
Smyrna Circuit	W. R. Mowbray	109 00
Still Pond	E. H. Nelson	125 00
Sudlersville	J. M. Lindale	75 00
Talbot Circuit	J. F. Anderson	52 00
Tilghman's Island	J. H. Wilson	50 00
Townsend	Albert Chandler	100 00
Trappe	Robert Roe	60 00
Wye and Starr	C. K. Morris	30 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Asbury	C. S. Baker	400 00
Berlin	E. C. Atkins	80 00
Bethel	D. F. McFaul	75 00
Bishopville	G. E. Wood	70 00
Cape Charles	G. W. Bounds	75 00
Chincoteague	J. H. Beauchamp	65 00
Crisfield	R. K. Stephenson	285 00
Deal's Island	C. T. Wyatt	300 00
Delmar	G. W. Townsend	215 00
Exmore	T. S. Barrett	15 00
Fairmount	T. A. H. O'Brien	400 00

Frankford	J. S. Wickline	\$ 150 00
Fruitland	James Conner	40 00
Girdletree	T. F. Tabler	164 00
Gumboro	M. D. Nutter	105 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	92 00
Mt. Pleasant	W. S. H. Williams	80 00
Mt. Vernon	E. H. Derrickson	100 00
Nanticoke	S. R. Maxwell	250 00
Newark	J. R. Campbell	25 00
New Church	John Boehm	6 00
Onancock	H. S. Dulaney	150 00
Parksley	D. J. Givan	40 00
Parsonsborg	J. M. Mitchell	100 00
Pocomoke City	E. C. Macnichol	100 00
Pocomoke Circuit	C. W. Strickland	40 00
Powelville	B. Wheatley	45 00
Princess Anne	G. T. Alderson	85 00
Quantico	James Carroll	80 00
Roxanna	J. W. Gray	100 00
St. Peter's	G. L. Hardesty	258 00
Salisbury	C. A. Hill	475 00
Selbyville	G. W. Hastings	70 00
Sharptown	P. P. Carroll	100 00
Smith's Island	T. F. Beauchamp	290 00
Snow Hill	R. T. Coursey	190 00
Somerset	W. B. Guthrie	125 00
Stockton	B. F. Price	87 00
Tangier	C. P. Swain	400 00
Westover	C. E. Hastings	33 00
Whitesville	Aloycius Green	160 00

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel and Summit	T. B. Hunter	50 00
Charlestown	T. H. Harding	50 00
Cherry Hill	G. P. Jones	140 00
Chesapeake City	H. A. G. Westerfield	70 00
Chester	J. B. Quigg	125 00

Christiana	G. S. Conaway	\$ 37 00
Claymont	E. H. Collins	53 00
Delaware City	J. E. Amos	120 00
Elk Neck	L. B. Kirby	40 00
Elkton	A. S. Mowbray	300 00
Hockessen and Ebenezer	O. S. Walton	75 00
Hopewell	J. H. Geoghegan	55 00
Marshallton and Stanton	Edwin Gardner	56 00
Mt. Lebanon	W. P. Taylor	43 00
Mt. Pleasant and Union	C. H. Williams	90 00
Newark and Wesley	W. J. DuHadway	145 00
New Castle	V. S. Collins	200 00
Newport	Julius Dodd	125 00
North East and Boulden	W. A. Wise	140 00
Perryville	H. G. Budd	60 00
Port Deposit	H. W. Ewing	200 00
Port Penn	S. O. Gibbon	12 00
Red Lion and Glasgow	O. W. De Venish	50 00
Rising Sun and Sylmar	W. G. Koons	160 00
Rowlandsville and Mt. Pleasant	W. E. Greenfield	20 00
St. George's	J. O. Sypherd	46 00
St. John's	V. P. Northrup	70 00
Wilmington, Asbury	M. L. Gates	700 00
“ Brandywine and Edge Moor	Asbury Burke	185 00
“ Cookman	John France	35 00
“ East Lake and Elsmere	S. P. Cossaboom	20 00
“ Epworth	L. W. Layfield	50 00
“ Grace	Merritt Hulburd	2109 00
“ Harrison Street	F. B. Short	50 00
“ Kingswood	Warren Burr	90 00
“ Madeley	G. F. Hopkins	62 00
“ Mt. Salem	S. M. Morgan	400 00
“ St. Paul's	T. E. Terry	722 00
“ Scott	Robert Watt	300 00
“ Silverbrook	Wilmer Jaggard	35 00
“ Swedish Mission	F. Soderman	44 00
“ Union	J. D. C. Hanna	600 00
“ Wesley	W. W. Sharp	65 00
Zion	A. P. Prettyman	165 00

RECAPITULATION.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Raised last year,	\$4,489 00
Raised this year,	4,800 00
Decrease,	\$ 96 00

EASTON DISTRICT.

Raised last year,	\$4,369 00
Raised this year,	4,551 00
Increase,	\$ 182 00

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Raised last year,	\$6,121 00
Raised this year,	6,432 00
Increase,	\$ 311 00

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Raised last year,	\$8,582 00
Raised this year,	8,164 00
Decrease,	\$ 418 00

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Whole amount raised last year,	\$23,968 00
Whole amount raised this year by districts, \$23,947 00	
Collection,	24 00
Increase over last year,	\$ 3 00

MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith- J. T. VanBurkalow, Pastor.

Beckwith Church	\$ 30
Spedden's Church	25
Total	\$ 55

Bridgeville—S. J. Morris, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$100
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Cambridge—F. C. McSorley, Pastor.

Church	\$ 97
Sunday School	103
Total	\$200

Camden—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.

Camden Church	\$ 25
Camden Sunday School	28
Lebanon Church	11
Lebanon Sunday School	6
St. Jones Church	7
St. Jones Sunday School	23
Total	\$100

Crapo—John D. Kemp, Pastor.

Churches	\$200
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Denton—Zack H. Webster, Pastor.

Denton Church	\$128
Denton Sunday School	12
Central Church	10
Central Sunday School	16
Harris Church	9
Total	\$175

Wesley—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.

Church,	\$138
Sunday Schools,	360
Total,	\$500

Armory—Charles I. Stengle, Pastor.

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

East New Market—J. P. Outten, Pastor.

Trinity Church	\$ 17
Sunday School	7
Calbin Creek Church	8
Sunday School	3
Secretary Church	6
Sunday School	4
Total,	\$ 45

Ellendale—L. T. McLain, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools	\$ 55
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Elliott Island—E. Welch, Pastor.

Church	\$ 35
Sunday School	15
Total	\$ 50

Farmington—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Farmington Church	\$ 11
Farmington Sunday School	29
Todd's Church	11
Todd's Sunday School	12
Prospect Church	5
Prospect Sunday School	9
Staytonville Church	5
Staytonville Sunday School	8
Total	\$ 90

Federalburg—W. L. White, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$125
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Felton—H. S. Thompson, Pastor.

Felton Church	\$ 18
Felton Sunday School	48
Manship Sunday School	6
Willis Sunday School	6
Willis Church	2
Total	\$ 80

Frederica—H. Clay Turner, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$125
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Galestown—J. E. Graham, Pastor.

Church	60
Sunday Schools	40
Total,	\$100

Georgetown—C. A. Grise, Pastor.

Sharp's Hill Sunday School	\$ 3
Georgetown Sunday School	145
Georgetown Church	27
Total	\$175

Georgetown Circuit—Wm. R. McFarlane, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools	\$ 25
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Greenwood—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Greenwood Church	\$ 34
Greenwood Sunday School	8
Trinity Church	56
Trinity Sunday School	8
Chaplain's Church	20
St. John's Church	14
Total	\$140

Harrington—P. H. Rawlins, Pastor.

Harrington Sunday School	\$ 65
Harrington Church	33
Masten's Church	5
P. H. Rawlins and family	22
Total	\$125

Hoopers' Island—Horace E. Truitt, Pastor.

Church	\$ 32
Sunday School	3
Total,	\$ 35

Houston—Wm. E. Tomkinson, Pastor.

Houston Church	\$ 28
Law's Church	12
Millwood Church	12
Milford Neck	5
Houston Sunday School	41
Laws Sunday School	30
Millwood Sunday School	7
Milford Neck	22
Epworth League	23
Total	\$180

Hurlock—J. A. Brewington, Pastor.

Washington Sunday School	\$ 17
St. Paul's Sunday School	3
Churches	70
Total	\$ 90

Lewes—D. H. Corkran, Pastor.

Church	\$125
Sunday School	125
Total	\$250

Lincoln—D. F. Waddell, Pastor.

Churches	\$100
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Little Creek—Fred E. McKinsey—Pastor.

Church	\$ 28
Little Creek School	10
Cowgil's Corner School	3
Epworth League	4
Total	\$ 45

Magnolia--W. F. Dawson, Pastor.

Magnolia Sunday School	\$ 75
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Barratt's Chapel Sunday School	20
Saxton's Church and Sunday School	5
Total	\$100

Milford, T. E. Martindale, Pastor.

Avenue Sunday School	\$300
Chapel Sunday School	43
Avenue Church	127
Total,	\$470

Milton—W. F. Valiant, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$100
Church	50
Total	\$150

Nassau—G. R. Neese, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	\$ 82
Churches	28
Total,	\$110

Salem—J. W. Talley, Pastor.

Salem Church	\$ 7
Sunday School	4
Linkwood Church	3
Sunday School	9
Airey's Church	5
Griffin's Neck Church	5
Total,	\$ 33

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

Seaford Church	\$ 67
Seaford Sunday School	86
Bladesville Church	4
Bladesville Sunday School	4
Total	\$161

Vienna—G. W. Bowman, Pastor.

Church	\$ 10
Sunday School	15
Total	\$ 25

Williamsburg—D. H. Willis, Pastor.

Williamsburg Church	\$ 5
Sunday School	22
Hynson Church	10
Sunday School	8
Friendship Church	16
Sunday School	11
Nichols Church	5
Sunday School	5
Total	\$ 82

Williston—J. D. Reese, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 35
Sunday Schools	75
Total	\$110

Woodside—C. B. Fisher, Pastor.

Canterbury Church	\$ 14
“ Sunday School	24
“ Epworth League	6
Woodside Church	7
“ Sunday School	4
Viola Church	4
“ Sunday School	3
Total	\$ 62

Wyoming—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.

Wyoming Church	\$ 20
“ Sunday School	14
Union Church	8
“ Sunday School	3
Willow Grove Church	6
“ Sunday School	2
Asbury Church	6
“ Sunday School	1
Total	\$ 60

Zoar—C. W. Clapham, Pastor.

Zoar	\$ 4
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St. Thomas	6
Pepper's	4
Total	\$ 14

EASTON DISTRICT,

Cecilton—R. Irving Watkins, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 35
Sunday Schools	150
Total,	\$185

Centreville, J. W. Easley, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$200
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Chestertown—W. P. Compton, Pastor.

Sabbath School	\$202
Church	73
Total,	\$275

Cheswold—J. W. Fogle, Pastor.

Cheswold Church and Sunday School	\$ 74
Bethel Church and Sunday School	41
Total	\$115

Church Hill—E. E. White, Pastor.

Church Hill Church	\$ 25
Sunday School	75
Total	\$100

Clayton—Wm. Oscar Hurst, Pastor.

Clayton Church	\$ 10
Sunday School	65
Total	\$ 75

Cordova—Edgar S. Mace, Pastor.

Cordova Church	\$ 18
Sunday School	7
King's Creek Church	32
Sunday School	7
Chapel	6
Total	\$ 70

Crumpton—W. H. S. Loller, Pastor.

School	\$ 20
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Easton—W. E. Avery, Pastor.

Church	\$ 92
Sunday School	173

Total,	\$265
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Galena and Locust Grove—Frank Fletcher, Pastor.

Galena Church	\$ 74
Galena Sunday School	20
Locust Grove Church	26
Locust Grove Sunday School	5

Total,	\$125
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Greensboro—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 97
Church	28

Total,	\$125
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Hillsboro—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.

Churches	\$100
Sunday Schools	55

Total	\$155
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Ingleside—J. M. Collins, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$ 25
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Kent Island—E. H. Hynson, Pastor.

Stevensville Church	\$ 25
Sunday School	25
Kingsley Church	6
Sunday School	6
Trinity Church	5

Total	\$ 67
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Kenton—James T. Prouse, Pastor.

Kenton Church	\$ 20
Sunday School	15
Blackiston Church	5
Sunday School	2

Central Church	5
Sunday School	3

Total	\$ 50
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Marydel—Chas. F. Sheppard, Pastor.

Templeville Church	\$ 27
Sunday School	11
Marydel Church	3
Sunday School	20
Hartley Church	5
Sunday School	21
Thomas' Chapel	5
Thomas' Chapel Sunday School	13

Total	\$105
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Middletown—Isaac L. Wood, Pastor.

Church	\$ 78
Sunday School	382

Total	\$460
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Millington—George W. Burke, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$100
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Odessa—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.

Church	\$ 32
Sunday School	104

Total	\$136
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Oxford—Thomas R. VanDyke, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 81
Congregation	11

Total	\$ 92
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Piney Neck—W. G. Chance, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 20
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Pomona—T. B. Cooper, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$ 65
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Queenstown—L. E. Pool, Pastor.

Queenstown	\$ 20
Perry's Corner	12

Winchester	28
Total,	\$ 60

Rock Hall—E. Davis, Pastor.

Church	\$ 27
Sunday School	60
Total,	\$ 87

Royal Oak—W. H. Benford, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 25
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St. Michael's—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Church	\$ 15
Sunday School	228
Total	\$243

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

Churches	\$ 50
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Sassafras and Massey—W. N. Conway, Pastor.

Golt's Church	\$ 10
Sunday School	5
Massey Church	10
Total	\$ 25

Smyrna—Adam Stengle, Pastor.

Church	\$240
Sabbath School	260
Christian Endeavor Society	25
Total,	\$525

Smyrna Circuit—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 28
Sunday Schools;—Friendship	25
Severson	16
Jerman	18
Bay View	6
Smyrna Landing	6
Friendship Epworth League	10
Total,	\$109

Still Pond—Edwin H. Nelson, Pastor.

Still Pond Church and Sunday School	\$115
Betterton	10
Total,	\$125

Sudlersville—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

Sudlersville Sunday School	\$ 46
Dudley's Sunday School	17
Barclay Sunday School	9
From Churches	3
Total	\$ 75

Talbot—J. F. Anderson, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 13
Broad Creek Sunday School	13
Broad Creek Anniversary	11
Chatham's Sunday School	5
Chatham's Sunday School Anniversary	10
Total	\$ 52

Tilghman's Island—J. Harry Wilson, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 10
Sunday School	40
Total	\$ 50

Townsend—A. Chandler, Pastor.

Townsend Church	\$ 44
Sunday School	44
Union Church	7
Blackbird Sunday School	5
Total	\$100

Trappe—Robert Roe, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 45
Sunday Schools	15
Total	\$ 60

Wye and Starr—C. K. Morris, Pastor.

Wye Mills Church	\$ 12
Sunday School	5

Starr Church	7
Sunday School	3
Jump's Church	1
Sunday School	2
Total	\$ 30

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Asbury—C. S. Baker, Pastor.

Church	\$200
Sunday School	200
Total	\$400

Berlin—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

Church	\$ 10
Sunday School	70
Total	\$ 80

Bishopville—George Emmet Wood, Pastor.

Wilson Church	\$ 31
Sunday School	33
Other Churches and Sunday Schools	6
Total	\$ 70

Bethel—D. F. McFaull, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 61
Sunday Schools	14
Total	\$ 75

Cape Charles City—George W. Bounds, Pastor.

Church	\$ 59
Sunday School	16
Total	\$ 75

Chincoteague—J. H. Beauchamp, Pastor.

Christ's Church	\$ 31
Christ's Church Sunday School	25
Goodwill Church	5
Goodwill Sunday School	4
Total	\$ 65

Crisfield—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor.

Church	56
Sunday School	229
Total	\$285

Deal's Island—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.

Deal's Island Sunday School	\$187
“ Church	92
Wenona Sunday School	21
Total	\$300

Delmar—George W. Townsend, Pastor.

Church	\$133
Sunday School	82
Total	\$215

Exmore—T. S. Barrett, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 15
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Fairmount—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.

Christ's Church	\$ 68
“ Sunday School	190
Union Church	13
“ Sunday School	87
Fishing Island School	12
Self-denial for Charge	30
Total	\$400

Frankford—J. S. Wickline, Pastor.

Frankford Church	\$ 36
Sunday School	10
St. Georges' Church	61
Sunday School	14
Houston Church	9
A friend	20
Total	\$150

Fruitland—James Connor, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 40
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Girdletree—T. F. Tabler, Pastor.

Girdletree Church	\$ 26
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Sunday School	35
Connors Sunday School	39
Goodwill Church	13
Sunday School	12
Klej Grange Church	10
Sunday School	5
Special gift for the work in Gulbarga, India	25
Total	\$165

Gumboro—M. D. Nutter, Pastor.

Gumboro	\$ 41
Bethel	30
West Woods	17
Carey's	17
Total	\$105

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

Church	\$ 70
Sunday School	30
Total	\$100

Laurel—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$262
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Marion—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

Schools	\$100
Churches	50
Total	\$150

Millsboro—Thomas N. Given, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 83
Sunday Schools	9
Total	\$ 92

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

Mt. Pleasant Church	\$ 25
Mt. Pleasant Church Sunday School	18
King's Church	15
King's Church Sunday School	4
St. George's Church	10

St. George's Church Sunday School	8
Total,	80

Mt. Vernon—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.

John Wesley Sunday School	50
Asbury	50
Total,	\$100

Nanticoke—S. R. Maxwell, Pastor.

Jones Church	\$ 98
Nanticoke Sunday School	20
Trinity Church	18
Trinity Sunday School	40
Tyaskin Church	30
Tyaskin Sunday School	27
Whitehaven Church	17
Total,	\$250

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

Church and Sunday School	\$ 25
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New Church—John Boehm, Pastor.

Church	\$ 6
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Onancock—H. S. Dulany, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	\$ 31
Churches	119
Total	\$150

Parksley, Va.—D. J. Given, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$ 40
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Parsonsburg—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

Parsonsburg Church	\$ 62
Zion Church	28
Pittsville	10
Total	\$100

Pocomoke City—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$100
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Pocomoke Circuit—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.

Schools	\$ 12
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Churches	28
Total	\$ 40

Powellville—B. Wheatly, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 13
Churches A	22
B. Wheatly	10
Total	\$ 45

Princess Anne—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.

Princess Anne School	\$ 43
Church	32
Habnab Scoool	10
Total	\$ 85

Quantico—James Carroll, Pastor.

Quantico	\$ 12
Rockawalking	40
Hebron	8
Wetipquin	10
Total,	\$ 80

Roxana—J. W. Gray, Pastor.

Bethel Church	\$ 38
Bethel School	15
Roxana Church	32
Roxana Sunday School	6
Sound Church	7
Sound School	2
Total	\$100

Selbyville—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$ 70
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Salisbury—Charles A. Hill, Pastor.

Church	\$161
Sunday School	314
Total	\$475

Sharptown—M. R. Hackman, Pastor.

Church	\$ 40
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Sunday School	\$ 40
Epworth League	20
Total	\$100

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

North End Sunday School	\$ 72
Drum Point Sunday School	61
Rhode's Point Sunday School	28
Rhode's Point Church	129
Total,	\$290

Snow Hill—R. T. Coursey, Pastor.

Church	\$ 17
Sunday School	173
Total,	\$190

Stockton—B. F. Price, Pastor.

Stockton Church	\$ 10
Franklin City Church	38
Remson	4
Easter offering	6
Total,	\$ 87

St. Peters—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor.

St. Peters Church	\$ 40
St. Peter's Sunday School	100
St. Stephens Church	22
St. Stephens Sunday School	50
Bethel Sunday School	28
Self denial week	18
Total	\$258

Somerset—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.

Dames Quarter Church	\$ 53
Sunday School	10
Rock Creek Church	40
Sunday School	22
Total	\$125

Tangier—C. R. Swain, Pastor.

Church	\$127
Sunday School No. 1	213
Sunday School No. 2	60
Total	\$400

Westover—C. E. Hastings, Pastor.

Westover Church	\$ 10
Rehoboth Church	10
Mt. Olive Sunday School	13
Total	\$ 33

Whitesville—Aloycius Green, Pastor.

Line Church	\$ 65
Sunday School	3
Jones' Church	23
Sunday School	17
Melson's Church	10
Sunday School	20
Bethesda Sunday School	22
Total	\$160

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

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

Bethel Church	\$ 30
Summit Church	20
Total	\$ 50

Charlestown—T. H. Harding, Pastor.

Church	\$ 35
Sunday School	15
Total	\$ 50

Cherry Hill—G. P. Jones, Pastor.

Cherry Hill Sunday School	\$ 50
Cherry Hill Church	
Baldwin Sunday School	13
Total	\$140

Chesapeake City—H. A. G. Westerfield, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 35
Church	35
Total,	\$ 70

Chester Bethel—John B. Quigg, Pastor.

Church	\$ 75
Sunday School	50
Total,	\$125

Christiana—George S. Conaway, Pastor.

Christiana Church	\$ 9
Sunday School	17
Salem Church	5
Salem Sunday School	6
Total,	\$ 37

Claymont—E. H. Collins, Pastor.

Church	\$ 3
Sunday School	50
Total	\$ 53

Delaware City—J. Edwin Amos, Pastor.

Church	\$ 45
Sunday School	75
Total	\$120

Elk Neck—L. B. Kirby, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 30
Schools	10
Total	\$ 40

Elkton—A. S. Mowbray, Pastor.

Church	\$ 34
Elkton Sunday School	158
Crouch's Chapel Sunday School	15
Jones' Chapel " "	10
West Amwell " "	25
Wilna " "	36

West End Sunday School	\$ 12
Total	\$300

Hockessin—O. S. Walton, Pastor.

Hockessin Church	\$ 50
Ebenezer Church	25
Total	\$ 75

Hopewell—J. H. Geoghegan, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 50
Church	5
Total	\$ 55

Marshallton and Stanton—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 31
Sunday Schools	25
Total	\$ 56

Mt. Lebanon—Wm. P. Taylor, Pastor.

Church	\$ 20
Sunday School	21
Junior Epworth League	2
Total	\$ 43

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

Mt. Pleasant Sunday School	\$ 60
Mt. Pleasant Church	5
Newark Union Sunday School	16
Newark Union Church	9
Total	\$ 90

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

Church	\$ 22
Sunday School	123
Total,	\$145

New Castle—Vaughan S. Collins, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$200
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Newport—Julius Dodd, Pastor.

Church	\$ 25
Sunday School	100
Total,	\$125

North East—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Church	\$ 12
Sunday School	128
Total	\$140

Perryville—Henry G. Budd, Pastor.

Church	\$ 19
Sunday School	41
Total	\$ 60

Port Deposit—H. W. Ewing, Pastor.

Church	\$ 50
Sunday School	150
Total	\$200

Port Penn—S. O. Gibbon, Pastor.

Church	\$ 6
Sunday School	6
Total	\$ 22

Red Lion—O. W. DeVenish, Pastor.

Church	\$ 39
Sunday School	11
Total	\$ 50

Rising Sun and Sylmar—W. G. Koons, Pastor.

Rising Sun Church	\$ 75
Sunday School	60
Sylmar Church	16
Sunday School	9
Total	\$160

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

Sunday School	\$ 17
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Church	\$ 3
Total	\$ 20

St. Georges—J. Owen Sypherd, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 46
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St. John's—Van P. Northrup, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 32
Church	38
Total	\$ 70

Asbury—M. L. Gates, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$700
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Brandywine—Asbury Burke, Pastor.

Brandywine	\$170
Edge Moor	15
Total,	\$185

Cookman—John France, Pastor.

Church	\$ 25
Sunday School	10
Total,	\$ 35

East Lake and Elsemere—S. P. Cossaboom, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 20
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Epworth—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 50
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Grace—Merritt Hulburd, Pastor.

Church	\$ 726
Sunday School	1383
Total	\$2109

Harrison Street—F. Burgette Short, Pastor.

Church	\$ 25
Sunday School	25
Total	\$ 50

Kingswood—Warren Burr, Pastor.

Church	\$ 12
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Sunday School	\$ 78
Total	\$ 90

Madeley—G. F. Hopkins, Pastor.

Madeley Church	\$ 12
Madeley Sunday School	50
Total	\$ 62

Mt. Salem—S. M. Morgan, Pastor.

Riddle's Chapel Sunday School	\$131
Mt. Salem Sunday School	152
Mt. Salem Church	117
Total,	\$400

St. Paul's—Thomas E. Terry, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	\$380
Church	342
Total	\$722

Scott—R. Watt, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$300
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Silverbrook—Wilmer Jaggard, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 35
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Swedish Mission—F. Soderman, Pastor.

Church	\$ 22
Sunday School	18
Y. P. Society	4
Total	\$ 44

Union—J. D. C. Hanna, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$500
Church	100
Total	\$600

Wesley—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.

Church	\$ 15
Sunday School	50
Total	\$ 65

Zion—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.

Zion Church	\$ 26
Zion Sunday School	12
Ebenezer Church	34
Ebenezer Sunday School	26
Union Church	20
Union Sunday School	20
Rosebank Church	7
Rosebank Sunday School	20
Total	\$165

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