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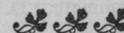
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Changes and Corrections.

1. The following Appointments were changed by Bishop Walden March 30, 1897:

L. P. Corkran from North East, Md., to New Castle, Del.

S. M. Morgan from New Castle, Del., to Snow Hill, Md.

W. A. Wise from Snow Hill, Md., to North East, Md.

2. The following were omitted from the list of Appointments by accident:

J. H. Beauchamp, Agent Conference Academy, member of Wesley, Dover, Quarterly Conference.

E. L. Cross, Principal, Flushing Academy, N. Y., member of Wesley, Dover, Quarterly Conference.

S. N. Pilchard, Chaplain U. S. Army, Fort Bayard, N. Mexico.

P. H. Rawlins, Agent, Stewards Endowment Fund, member Seaford Quarterly Conference.

J. R. Todd, Professor, Conference Academy, member Wesley, Dover, Quarterly Conference.

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

3. The name of Joseph Mallalieu should appear in the list of Lay Trustees of the Conference Academy of the year 1900.

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EXCERPT FROM RULES OF EXAMINATION.

4. All examinations shall be in writing, both questions and answers. The examination on each book shall consist of not less than 25 nor more than 50 questions of the catechetical order, requiring short, specific answers; and not less than 5, nor more than 10, general questions, broad in their scope, so as to give an idea of the real learning and mental grasp of the student. The examinations shall be marked on the scale of 100, the combined catechetical questions counting 50, and the combined general questions counting 50 and a mark of 70 on the whole examination shall be necessary to pass the candidate. (Conference minutes 1894, page 67, amended.)

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED MARCH 21, 1896.

Resolved 1. "No candidate shall be admitted or advanced in classes with conditions, who has failed in more than one major or two minor studies.

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."

SCHEME OF STUDIES.

Note. (a) Studies for Examination.

(b) Studies upon which a syllabus is required.

(c) *Books to be read.

1. English.—Examiner, Jno. D. Rigg.

(a) Reading, Arithmetic, Grammar, Geography, Spelling.

(b) Problem of Religious Progress.

2. History.—Examiner, W. J. Du Hadway.

(a) Leading Facts of American History, Outlines of Universal History (Ancient, Mediaeval, Modern).

(b) A Short History of the English People.

3. Belle Lettres.—Examiner, R. T. Coursey.

(a) English and American Literature, Rhetoric, Logic, and all Essays.

(b) Social Aspects of Christianity.

4. Mental Science.—Examiner, Julius Dodd.

(a) Elements of Psychology, Philosophy of Plan of Salvation.

(b) Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

5. Apologetics.—Examiner, I. L. Wood.

(a) Butler's Analogy, Manual of Christian Evidences.

(b) History of Rationalism.

6. Methodist Polity.—Examiner, W. L. S. Murray.

(a) Discipline, Digest of Methodist Law.

(b) The Governing Conference in Methodism, Digest of Methodist Law, The General Conference and Episcopacy, The Epworth League: Four Wonderful Years.

7. Methodist History.—Examiner, S. M. Morgan.

(a) Life of John Wesley, History of American Methodism (abridged), History of Methodism (abridged).

(b) History of Methodism, 3 vols., Missions and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 3 vols., History of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 4 vols.

8. Theological Encyclopedia.—Examiner, E. C. Macnichol.

(a) Theological Encyclopedia and Methodology, Introduction to the Gospel Records.

(b) From Dan to Beer Sheba, Protestant Foreign Missions.

9. Historical Theology.—Examiner, V. S. Collins.

- (a) Smaller Scripture History, History of the Christian Church, Short History of the Christian Church, Outlines of Bible History.
 (b) Ecclesiastical Architecture.
10. Biblical Theology.—Examiner, G. W. Townsend.
 (a) Harman's Introduction, The Supernatural Book.
 (b) Christian Archaeology.
11. Exegetical Theology.—Examiner, F. C. McSorley.
 (a) All Studies in Exegesis, Biblical Hermeneutics.
 (b) Higher Criticism.
12. Systematic Theology.—Examiner, D. H. Corkran.
 (a) Miley's Systematic Theology, Raymond's Systematic Theology.
 (b) Historic Episcopate.
13. Doctrinal Theology.—Examiner, H. W. Ewing.
 (a) Larger Catechism, Christian Baptism.
 (b) The Tongue of Fire, The Modern Sunday School.
14. Homiletical Theology.—Examiner, W. G. Koons.
 (a) Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching, Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, and all Sermons.
 (b) Wesley's Sermons.
15. Practical Theology.—Examiner, R. Watt.
 (a) Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, Plain Account of Christian Perfection, Theological Compend.
 (b) The Revival and the Pastor, Introduction to Political Economy, The Christian Life.

* On all "Books to be Read" in the Local Preacher's Course of Study, a written statement shall be required of the student, said statement to be handed to the Registrar some time during the March Examinations.

PLAN FOR THE JUNE EXAMINATION.

- First Year.—(a) Theory and Practice of Extemporaneous Preaching, Outlines of Universal History, Sermon.
 (b) The Governing Conference in Methodism.
- Second Year.—(a) Systematic Theology, Logic, Sermon.
 (b) History of Methodism.
- Third Year.—(a) Hermeneutics, The Supernatural Book, Essay.
 (b) Introduction to Political Economy.
- Fourth Year.—(a) Theological Encyclopedia and Methodology, Manual of Christian Evidences, Essay.
 (b) History of Rationalism.

PLAN FOR THE JANUARY EXAMINATION.

- Candidates.—(a) Sermon, Essay.
 (b) Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I., The Revival and the Pastor, Social Aspects of Christianity, A Short History of the English People.
- First Year.—(a) Exegetical Studies, Essay.
 (b) Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II., The Tongue of Fire, Ecclesiastical Architecture, Problem of Religious Progress.
- Second Year.—(a) Exegetical Studies, Essay.
 (b) Christian Archaeology, Digest of Methodist Law, Missions and Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 3 vols., The Modern Sunday School.
- Third Year.—(a) Exegetical Studies, Sermon.
 (b) From Dan to Beer Sheba, Higher Criticism, The Epworth League: Four Wonderful Years, History of the Methodist Episcopal Church, 4 vols., The Historic Episcopate.
- Fourth Year.—(a) Exegetical Studies, Sermon.
 (b) Life and Epistles of St. Paul, Protestant Foreign Missions, The Christian Life.
- Local Deacons.—(a) Sermon, Essay.

PLAN FOR MARCH EXAMINATION.

- Candidates.—(a) Elementary English Branches, Life of John Wesley, Larger Catechism, Discipline, Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience, History of American Methodism, Leading Facts of American History, English and American Literature.
- First Year.—(a) Harman's Introduction, Systematic Theology, Plain Account of Christian Perfection, Rhetoric.
- Second Year.—Harman's Introduction, Discipline, Outlines of Universal History.
- Third Year.—(a) Elements of Psychology, History of the Christian Church.
- Fourth Year.—(a) Butler's Analogy, Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, History of the Christian Church.
- Local Deacons.—(a) Review of the entire four years' course prescribed for Local Preachers (See Discipline p. 373).
- Local Elders.—(a) Raymond's Systematic Theology, Hurst's Short History of the Christian Church.

Conference Directory.

[The letters designate the present relation. P., Probation; D, Deacon; E., Elder Sd., Superannated; Sy., Supernumerary. The figures in the first column indicate the time of admission *on trial*. Those in the last column the year of appointment.

1872 Adams, R. H. E.	Dover, Del. 6
1888 Alderson, G. T. E.	Princess Anne, Md. 3
1888 Anderson, J. F. E.	Bozman, Md. 3
1870 Arters, J. A. E.	Cecilton, Md. 1
1877 Atkins, E. C. E.	Berlin, Md. 3
1877 Avery, W. E. E.	Salisbury, Md. 1
1881 Baker, C. S. E.	Fairmount, Md. 2
1876 Barrett, L. E. E.	Wilmington, Del. 6
1894 Beauchamp, J. H. D.	Dover, Del. 2
1892 Beauchamp, Theo. F. E.	Widgeon, Md. 1
1892 Benford, Wm. H. E.	Chesapeake City, Md. 2
1890 Bounds, G. W. E.	Deals Island, Md. 2
1876 Bowen, W. L. P. Sy.	Newark, Md.
1885 Bowman, G. W. E.	E. N. Market, Md. 1
1890 Brewington, J. A. E.	Lincoln, Del. 1
1894 Budd, H. G. E.	Perryville, Md. 4
1888 Burr, Warren E.	Cape Charles, Va. 2
1886 Burke, Asbury E.	Wilmington, Del. 4
1865 Burke, George W. E.	St. Michaels, Md. 2
1897 Bennett, W. O. P.	Queenstown, Md. 1
1845 Caldwell, J. H. Sd.	Dover, Del.
1888 Carpenter, F. F. E.	Hillsboro, Md. 3
1865 Carroll, James E.	Crumpton, Md. 1
1888 Chaires, W. W. E.	Tilghman, Md. 1
1896 Chance, W. G. E.	Quantico, Md. 1
1876 Chandler, Albert E.	Townsend, Del. 3
1881 Cochran, F. J. E.	Williston, Md. 1
1876 Collins, J. M. F.	Ingleside, Md. 3
1883 Collins, V. S. E.	Georgetown, Del. 1
1895 Collins, Edw. H. D.	Stanton, Del. 2
1888 Compton, W. P. E.	Port Deposit, Md. 1
1862 Conaway, G. S. E.	Rockland, Del. 1
1892 Cooper, Thos. B. E.	Pomona, Md. 3
1885 Corkran, D. H. E.	Lewes, Del. 3

1881 Corkran, L. P. E.	North East, Md. 1
1876 Corkran, W. F. E.	Smyrna, Del. 1
1887 Coursey, R. T. E.	Wilmington, Del. 1
1891 Cross, E. L. E.	Flushing, N. Y.
1860 Davis, A. D. Sd.	Georgetown, Del.
1869 Davis, Edward Sd.	. . . . .
1884 Dawson, W. F. E.	Whitesville, Del. 1
1884 Derrickson, E. H. E.	Magnolia, Del. 2
1893 DeVenish, O. W. E.	Selbyville, Del. 1
1879 Dodd, Julius E.	Newport, Del. 3
1896 Dougherty, F. M. P.	Claymont, Del. 2
1871 Du Hadway, W. J. E.	Cambridge, Md. 2
1886 Dulany, H. S. E.	Onancock, Va. 2
1885 Easley, J. W. E.	Centreville, Md. 4
1845 England, W. E. Sd.	1018 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.
1866 Esgate, James Sd.	Wilmington, Del.
1887 Ewing, H. W. E.	Wilmington, Del. 1
1887 Fletcher, Frank E.	Galena, Md. 3
1889 Fogle, Jas. W. E.	Cheswold, Del. 3
1868 Fosnocht, I. G. E.	Farmington, Del. 1
1856 France, John E.	Wilmington, Del. 4
1891 Gardner, Edwin E.	Royal Oak, Md. 2
1891 Geoghegan, J. H. E.	Church Hill, Md. 2
1895 Givan, D. J. P.	Parksley, Va. 3
1884 Given, Thomas N. E.	Newark, Md. 1
1889 Graham, Jas. E. E.	Wyoming, Del. 2
1888 Gray, J. W. E.	Crapo, Md. 1
1890 Green, Aloycius E.	Greensboro, Md. 1
1873 Greene, Wm. M. Sy.	Brownville, Del.
1879 Grise, C. A. E.	Chestertown, Md. 1
1883 Guthrie, W. B. E.	Chance, Md. 3
1884 Hackman, M. R. E.	Church Creek, Md. 1
1851 Hammersley, J. W. Sy.	Baltimore, Md.
1882 Hammitt, C. J. Sd.	Kinsey, Ala.
1874 Hanna, J. D. C. E.	Wilmington, Del. 4
1883 Hardesty, G. L. E.	Oriole, Md. 3
1871 Harding, T. H. E.	St. Georges, Del. 1
1896 Hastings, C. E. P.	Dover, Del. 1
1843 Haynes, T. H. Sy.	Smyrna, Del.
1878 Hill, Chas. A. E.	Easton, Md. 2
1897 Holt, Thomas S. D.	Lewisville, Pa. 1
1885 Hopkins, G. F. E.	Chincoteague, Va. 1
1869 Hunter, T. B. E.	Westover, Md. 1

1892 Hurst, W. O. E.	Odessa, Del.	1
1891 Hutton, Milton L. E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1859 Hynson, E. H. E.	Kent Island, Md.	3
1884 Jaggard, Wilmer E.	Booth's Corner, Pa.	2
1891 Jones, G. P. E.	Cherry Hill, Md.	3
1872 Kemp, J. D. E.	Woodlawn, Md.	2
1886 Koons, W. G. E.	Bridgeville, Del.	1
1871 Layfield, L. W. E.	Smyrna, Del.	1
1879 Lindale, J. M. E.	Sudlersville, Md.	3
1892 Loller, W. H. S. E.	Elk Neck, Md.	2
1885 Mace, E. S. E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1876 Macnichol E. C. E.	Pocomoke City, Md.	5
1864 Martindale, T. E. E.	Milford, Del.	4
1889 Maxwell, S. R. E.	Well, Md.	1
1868 McFarlane, W. R. E.	Sharptown, Md.	1
1884 McFaull, D. F. E.	Roxana, Del.	1
1892 McKinsey, Fred. E. D.	Elliotts, Md.	1
1873 McQuay, N. E.	St. Michael's Md.	2
1873 McSorley, F. C. E.	Newark, Del.	2
1853 Merritt, J. B. Sy.	Fairlee, Md.	3
1869 Miller, E. H. E.	Greenwood, Del.	3
1885 Mitchell, James M. E.	Cordova, Md.	1
1887 Morgan, S. M. E.	New Castle, Del.	1
1858 Morris, S. J. E.	Rising Sun, Md.	1
1883 Mowbray, A. S. E.	Elkton, Md.	3
1886 Mowbray, W. R. E.	Nanticoke, Md.	1
1872 Murray, W. L. S. E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1879 Neese, G. R. E.	Gumboro, Del.	1
1880 Nelson, E. H. E.	Still Pond, Md.	3
1862 Northrup, Van P. E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1890 Nutter, M. D. E.	Marydel, Md.	1
1876 O'Brien, T. A. H. E.	Frederica, Del.	2
1872 Otis, J. P. E.	Crisfield, Md.	2
1893 Outten, J. P. D.	Rock Hall, Md.	1
1853 Phoebus, G. A. Sd.	134 2d Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.	2
1881 Pilchard, S. N. E.	Fort Bayard, N. M.	2
1870 Poole, J. W. Sy.	Farmington, Del.	1
1896 Poole, L. E. P.	Charlestown, Md.	1
1882 Prettyman, A. P. E.	Zion, Md.	4
1868 Prettyman, C. W. E.	Salisbury, Md.	2
1836 Price, B. F. Sd.	Elkton, Md.	1
1886 Prouse, J. T. E.	Trappe, Md.	1

1897 Prettyman, J. W. P.	Rock Hall, Md.	1
1850 Quigg, J. B. Sd.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1869 Rawlins, P. H. E.	Seaford, Del.	2
1858 Redman, W. W. Sd.	Greenwood, Del.	1
1885 Reese, J. D. E.	Nassau, Del.	1
1867 Rigg, J. D. Sy.	Chester, Pa.	1
1884 Roberts, E. P. E.	Bethel, Del.	1
1873 Roe, Robert. E.	Kenton, Del.	1
1845 Sanderson, Henry. Sd.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1858 Scott, A. T. Sy.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1886 Sharp, W. W. E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1859 Sheppard, C. F. E.	Camden, Del.	1
1891 Short, F. B. E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1879 Smith, Alfred. E.	Dover, Del.	1
1896 Smith, G. P. E.	Ellendale, Del.	1
1889 Smoot, T. C. E.	Millington, Md.	2
1892 Soderman, Fridoph E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1870 Stengle, Adam E.	Smyrna, Del.	5
1895 Stengle, Charles I. P.	Leipsic, Del.	1
1878 Stephenson, R. K. E.	Seaford, Del.	2
1892 Strickland, C. W. D.	Parsonsbury, Md.	2
1888 Swain, C. P. E.	Tangier, Va.	3
1860 Sypherd, J. O. E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
.. Shipman, S. P. E.	Cornersville, Md.	1
1897 Talley, J. W. P.	Georgetown, Del.,	1
1886 Tabler, T. F. E.	Hurlock, Md.	2
1857 Talbot, Wm. F. Sy.	Dover, Del.	1
1889 Taylor, W. P. E.	Christiana, Del.	1
1876 Terry, T. E. E.	Harrington, Del.	2
1858 Thompson, H. S. E.	Delaware City, Del.	2
1889 Thurlow, H. M. E.	Clayton, Del.	1
1862 Tinker, Ezra E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1888 Todd, Jno. R. E.	Dover, Del.	1
1853 Todd, R. W. E.	113 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.	1
1871 Tomkinson, W. E. Sy.	Harrisburg, Pa.	4
1876 Townsend, G. W. E.	Delmar, Del.	2
1891 Turner, H. C. E.	Girdletree, Md.	1
1897 Taylor, Harry P.	Little Creek, Del.	1
1877 Valiant, W. T. E.	Milton, Del.	3
1859 Van Burkalow, J. T. E.	Georgetown, Del.	1
1895 Van Dyke, Thos. R. P.	Oxford, Md.	3

1874	Waddell, D. F.	E.	Felton, Del.	2
1871	Wallin, F. O. B.	Sy.		
1879	Walton, O. S.	E.	Hockessin, Del.	4
1848	Walton, W. B.	Sd.	Salisbury, Md.	
1853	Warner, W. M.	Sy.	Millington, Md.	
1886	Watkins, R. Irving	E.	Marion, Md.	1
1885	Watt, Robert	E.	Laurel, Del.	2
1887	Webster, Zack H.	E.	Denton, Md.	4
1894	West, Willard E.	D.	Preston, Md.	1
1893	Westerfield, H. A. G.	E.	Chesapeake City, Md.	3
1866	White, E. E.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1893	White, William L.	E.	Federalburg, Md.	3
1868	Wickline, J. S.	E.	Frankford, Del.	3
1872	Wilcox, G. W.	Sy.	Onancock, Va.	
1882	Williams, C. H.	E.	Bellevue, Del.	4
1857	Williams, T. S.	E.	Red Lion, Del.	1
1892	Williams, William S. H.	D.	Laurel, Del.	5
1885	Willis, D. H.	E.	Galestown, Md.	1
1886	Wilson, J. H.	E.	Williamsburg, Md.	1
1884	Wise, W. A.	E.	Snow Hill, Md.	1
1886	Wood, G. E.	E.	Seaford, Del.	2
1884	Wood, I. L.	E.	Middletown, Del.	3
1886	Wyatt, C. T.	E.	Crisfield, 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 decision of the President; except that the appellant shall state the reason for his appeal and the President the reason for his ruling.

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?**
Milton L. Hutton, Minnesota Conference; Ezra Tinker, New York Conference; Harold M. Thurlow, Baltimore Conference; S. P. Shipman, Virginia Conference; Franklin M. Dougherty, Northern Minnesota 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.*
John W. Prettyman, Harry Taylor, John W. Talley, William O. Bennett.
 - (b) *In Studies of Third Year.*
Thomas S. Holt.
5. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**
 - (a) *In Studies of First Year.*
Franklin M. Dougherty.
 - (b) *In Studies of Second Year.*
William G. Chance, Luther E. Poole, Clarence E. Hastings, Daniel J. Givan, Charles I. Stengle.
 - (c) *In Studies of Third Year.*
Thomas R. VanDyke.
 - (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.*
Edward H. Collins.
 - (b) *Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.*
None.
8. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
 - (a) *Admitted into Full Membership this year.*
Edward H. Collins.
 - (b) *Admitted into Full Membership previously.*
None.

9. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
Willard E. West, John H. Beauchamp, Fred E. McKinsey, Henry G. Budd, John P. Outten, William S. H. Williams.
10. **What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
 - (a) *Elected and Ordained Elders this year.*
Harry A. G. Westerfield, Clarence W. Strickland, Julius A. Brewington, William P. Taylor.
 - (b) *Elected and Ordained Elders previously.*
William L. White, William H. Benford.
11. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
 - (a) *As Local Preachers.*
Thomas S. Holt.
 - (b) *Under Missionary Rule.*
None.
12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
 - (a) *As Local Deacons.*
William G. Strickland.
 - (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 Conference?**
J. Edwin Amos to Baltimore Conference; Martin L. Gates to New York Conference; Clifford P. Futcher to Philadelphia Conference.
15. **Who have Died?**
Merritt Hulburd, James Conner.
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 Supernumerary preachers?

A. T. Scott, W. F. Talbot, J. B. Merritt, 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, W. M. Greene, W. E. Tomkinson.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

J. B. Quigg, B. F. Price, G. A. Phoebus, Jas. Esgate, Henry Sanderson, C. J. Hammitt, W. W. Redman, Wm. B. Walton, J. H. Caldwell, A. D. Davis, W. E. England, Edward Davis.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

J. A. Arters, S. J. Morris, T. B. Hunter, E. H. Nelson, F. C. McSorley, W. J. DuHadway, G. W. Burke.

25. What is the Statistical Report for the year?

See Tables.

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

\$35,347.

27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?

\$15,000.

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

\$7,555.

29. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

See list of Appointments.

30. Where shall the next Conference be held?

Lewes, Del.

Appointments.

Dover District.

R. H. ADAMS, Presiding Elder (P. O. Dover, Del.) 6.

Beckwith (Cornersville, Md.)

S. P. Shipman, 1

Bridgeville, Del., . . . W. G. Koons, 1

Burrsville, Md., . Sp.—D. H. Kenney, 2

Cambridge, Md., . . W. J. DuHadway, 2

Camden, Del., . . . C. F. Sheppard, 1

Cannon, Del., . . . G. E. Wood, 2

Church Creek, Md., . M. R. Hackman, 1

Crapo, Md., . . . J. W. Gray, 1

Denton, Md., . . . Z. H. Webster, 4

Dover, Del.—Wesley, . . Alfred Smith, 1

“ Armory, . C. E. Hastings, 1

East New Market, Md., G. W. Bowman, 1

Ellendale, Del., . . . G. P. Smith, 1

Elliott's Island, Md., . F. E. McKinsey, 1

Farmington, Del., . . I. G. Fosnocht, 1

Federalburg, Md., . . . W. L. White, 3

Felton, Del., . . . D. F. Waddell, 2

Frederica, Del., . . T. A. H. O'Brien, 2

Galestown, Md., . . . D. H. Willis, 1

Georgetown, Del., . . . V. S. Collins, 1

Georgetown Ct. (Georgetown, Del.),

J. T. Van Burkalow, 1

Greenwood, Del., . . . E. H. Miller, 3

Harrington, Del., . . . T. E. Terry, 2

Hooper's Island, Md., Sp., H. E. Truitt, 3

Houston, Del., . Supply,—A. C. Jones, 1

Hurlock, Md., . . . T. F. Tabler, 2

Lakesville, . Supply,—J. W. Williams, 1

Leipsic, Del., . . . C. I. Stengle, 1

Lewes, Del., . . . D. H. Corkran, 3

Lincoln, Del., . . . J. A. Brewington, 1

Little Creek, Del., . . . Harry Taylor, 1

Magnolia, Del., . . E. H. Derrickson, 2

Milford, Del., . . . T. E. Martindale, 4

Milton, Del., . . . W. T. Valiant, 3

Nassau, Del., . . . J. D. Reese, 1

Preston, Md., . . . W. E. West, 1

Salem, Md., . . Supply,—Eben Welsh, 2

Seaford and Bladesville,

R. K. Stephenson, 2

Vienna, Md., . Supply,—L. T. McLain, 2

Williamsburg, Md., . . . J. H. Wilson, 1

Williston, Md., . . . F. J. Cochran, 1

Woodside, Del., . Sp.—J. L. Johnson, 2

Wyoming, Del., . . . J. E. Graham, 2

Zoar, (Georgetown, Del.),

J. W. Talley, 2

Easton District.

W. F. CORKRAN, Presiding Elder (P. O. Smyrna, Del.) 1.

Cecilton, Md., J. A. Arters, 1	Piney Neck, J. W. Prettyman, 1
Centreville, Md., J. W. Easley, 4	Pomona, Md., T. B. Cooper, 3
Cheswold and Bethel, Del.,	Queenstown, Md., W. O. Bennett, 1
J. W. Fogle, 3	Rock Hall, Md., J. P. Outten, 1
Chestertown, Md., G. A. Grise, 1	Royal Oak, Md., Edwin Gardner, 2
Church Hill, Md., J. H. Geoghegan, 2	St. Michael's, Md., G. W. Burke, 2
Clayton, Del., H. M. Thurlow, 1	Salem and Union, . Sp.—J. B. Merritt, 4
Cordova, Md., J. M. Mitchell, 1	Sassafras and Masseys (Golts, Md.)
Crumpton, Md., Jas. Carroll, 1	Supply—W. N. Conway, 4
Easton, Md., C. A. Hill, 2	Smyrna, Del., Adam Stengle, 5
Galena, Md., Frank Fletcher, 3	Smyrna Ct., Del., L. W. Layfield, 1
Greensboro, Md., Aloycius Green, 1	Still Pond, Md., E. H. Nelson, 3
Hillsboro, Md., F. F. Carpenter, 3	Sudlersville, Md., J. M. Lindale, 3
Ingleside, Md., J. M. Collins, 3	Talbot Ct. (Bozman, Md.),
Kent Island, Md., E. H. Hynson, 3	J. F. Anderson, 3
Kenton, Del., Robt. Roe, 1	Tilghman's Island and Bay Side,
Marydel, Md., M. D. Nutter, 1	W. W. Chaires, 1
Middletown, Del., I. L. Wood, 3	Townsend, Del., Albert Chandler, 3
Millington, Md., T. C. Smoot, 2	Trappe, Md., J. T. Prouse, 1
Morgan Creek, . Supply,—J. M. White, 1	Wye and Starr (Wye Mills, Md.)
Odessa, Del., W. O. Hurst, 1	Supply—C. K. Morris, 3
Oxford, Md., T. R. VanDyke, 3	

Salisbury District.

W. E. AVERY, Presiding Elder (P. O. Salisbury, Md.) 1.

Asbury (Crisfield, Md.), . C. T. Wyatt, 2	Fruitland, Md., Sp.—W. E. Matthews, 2
Berlin, Md., E. C. Atkins, 3	Girdletree, Md., H. C. Turner, 2
Bethel, Del., E. P. Roberts, 1	Gumboro, Del., G. R. Neese, 1
Bishopville, Md., . Sp.—F. E. Bloxton, 2	Holland's Island, Md.,
Cape Charles, Va., Warren Burr, 2	Supply—G. W. Hastings, 4
Chincoteague, Va., . . . G. F. Hopkins, 1	Laurel, Del., Robt. Watt, 2
Crisfield, Md., J. P. Otis, 2	Marion, Md., R. I. Watkins, 1
Deal's Island, Md., . . . G. W. Bounds, 2	Millsboro, Del., . Sp.—T. G. Eiswald, 2
Delmar, Del., G. W. Townsend, 4	Mt. Pleasant (Laurel, Del.)
Fairmount, Md., C. S. Baker, 2	W. S. H. Williams, 5
Frankford, Del., J. S. Wickline, 3	Mt. Vernon (Widgeon, Md.)
	T. F. Beauchamp, 1

Nanticoke, Md., W. R. Mowbray, 1
Newark, Md., T. N. Given, 1
New Church, and Exmore,
Supply—L. B. Kirby, 1
Onancock, Va., H. S. Dulany, 2
Parksley, Va., D. J. Givan, 3
Parsonburg, Md., . . . C. W. Strickland, 2
Pocomoke City, Md. . E. C. Macnichol, 5
Pocomoke Ct. (Poco. City, Md.)
Supply—W. G. Strickland, 1
Powellville, Md., Supply—T. S. Barratt, 1
Princess Anne, Md., . G. T. Alderson, 3
Quantico, Md., W. G. Chance, 1

Wilmington District.

L. E. BARRETT, Presiding Elder, (P. O., Wilmington, Del.) 6.

Bethel and Summit (Ches. City.)	W. H. Benford, 2
Charlestown, Md., L. E. Poole, 1	
Cherry Hill, Md. G. P. Jones, 3	
Chesapeake City, Md.,	H. A. G. Westerfield, 3
Chester (Booth's Corner, Pa.)	Wilmer Jaggard, 2
Christiana, Del., W. P. Taylor, 1	
Claymont, Del., F. M. Dougherty, 2	
Delaware City, Del., . H. S. Thompson, 2	
Ebenezer, Md., Sp.—W. T. Hammond, 1	
Elk Neck, Md., W. H. S. Loller, 2	
Elkton, Md., A. S. Mowbray, 3	
Hockessin O. S. Walton, 4	
Hopewell, and Asbury, . J. D. Kemp, 2	
Marshallton and Stanton, Del.,	E. H. Collins, 2
Mt. Lebanon (Rockland, Del.)	G. S. Conaway, 1
Mt. Pleas. and Union, (Bellevue, Del.)	C. H. Williams, 4
Newark and Wesley, Del.	F. C. McSorley, 2
New Castle, Del., S. M. Morgan, 1	
Newport, Del., Julius Dodd, 3	
North East and Boulden, Md.,	L. P. Corkran, 1
Perryville, Md., H. G. Budd, 4	
Roxana, Del., D. F. McFaul, 1	
St. Peter's (Oriole, Md.) G. L. Hardesty, 3	
Salisbury, Md., C. W. Prettyman, 2	
Selbyville, Del., O. W. De Venish, 1	
Sharptown, Md., W. R. McFarlane, 1	
Smith's Island (Ewell, Md.)	S. R. Maxwell, 1
Snow Hill, Md., W. A. Wise, 1	
Somerset (Chance, Md.) W. B. Guthrie, 3	
Stockton, Md., . Supply.—J. W. Jones, 2	
Tangier, Va., C. P. Swain, 3	
Westover, Md., T. B. Hunter, 1	
Whitesville, Del., W. F. Dawson, 1	
Port Deposit, Md., . . . W. P. Compton, 1	
Port Penn, Del., . Sp.—S. O. Gibbons, 1	
Red Lion and Glasgow, Del.,	T. S. Williams, 1
Rising Sun and Sylmar, Md.,	S. J. Morris, 1
Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant,	Supply—W. E. Greenfield, 4
St. George's, Del., . . . T. H. Harding, 1	
St. John's (Lewisville, Pa.) T. S. Holt, 1	
Wilmington :	
Asbury, Ezra Tinker, 2	
Brandywine, Asbury Burke, 3	
Cookman, John France, 3	
East Lake and Elsmere, J. O. Sypherd, 1	
Epworth, F. B. Short, 1	
Grace, To be Supplied,	
Harrison Street, . . . R. T. Coursey, 1	
Kingswood, E. S. Mace, 1	
Madeley, V. P. Northrup, 1	
Mt. Salem, H. W. Ewing, 1	
St. Paul's, W. L. S. Murray, 2	
Scott, M. L. Hutton, 2	
Silverbrook, E. E. White, 2	
Swedish Mission, Fridolph Soderman, 3	
Union, J. D. C. Hanna, 4	
Wesley, W. W. Sharp, 3	
Zion, A. P. Prettyman, 4	

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Opening.—The twenty-ninth session of the Wilmington Annual Conference opened at the Methodist Episcopal Church in Chestertown, Md., at 9 A. M. Wednesday, March 17, 1897, Bishop J. M. Walden, LL.D., presiding.

Devotions.—The Bishop read portions of 40th chapter of Isaiah, and the 2d chapter of 2 Timothy, a hymn was sung and the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper was administered, the Bishop being assisted by the Presiding Elders and other members of the Conference.

Roll-call.—The roll of the Conference was then called by A. S. Mowbray, Secretary of the previous session, and 137 members and probationers answered to their names.

Transfers.—Bishop Walden then announced the transfer of H. M. Thurlow from the Baltimore Conference, Ezra Tinker of the N. Y. Conference, and F. M. Dougherty a first year Probationer of the Minnesota Conference, and these brethren were called forward and introduced to the Conference.

Secretary.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, A. S. Mowbray was elected Secretary by acclamation, and he nominated J. D. Rigg, W. A. Wise and Z. H. Webster as his assistants and they were confirmed.

Statistical Secretary.—On motion of R. I. Watkins, W. R. Mowbray was elected Statistical Secretary, and he nominated as his assistants H. A. G. Westerfield, J. H. Geoghegan, W. W. Sharp, V. P. Northrup, G. P. Jones, Edwin Gardner, W. G. Chance, and they were confirmed.

Treasurer.—On motion of C. W. Prettyman, C. A. Grise was elected Conference Treasurer and he nominated as his assistants A. Green, A. G. Cox, J. A. Brewington, H. S. Goldey, F. C. McSorley, J. M. Lindale, E. C. Atkins, T. F. Beauchamp, W. J. DuHadway, and they were confirmed.

Rules of Order.—On motion of V. S. Collins, the Rules of Order governing the last session of Conference were adopted for the government of this with the following change: Amend Article IV, Section 5, so that the section shall read, "all appeals from the decision of the President; except that the appellant shall state the reason for his appeal and the President the reason for his ruling."

Hours of Session.—On motion of T. S. Williams, 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.

Bar of Conference.—On motion of Wilmer Jaggard, the bar of the Conference was fixed to include the seventh line of pews.

Committees.—On behalf of the Presiding Elders, L. E. Barrett presented the list of the nominations of the Standing Committees and it was adopted. (See Standing Committees.)

Ministerial Qualification.—V. S. Collins presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Ministerial Qualification be hereby constituted a standing and a continuous committee, to serve throughout the year; and that they be required to report upon each candidate for the ministry three times, viz.: When applying for admission on probation, when applying for Deacon's orders or to be received into the Conference in full connection, and when applying for Elder's order.

Stewards.—On nomination of the Presiding Elders, John France, C. F. Sheppard, P. H. Rawlins and J. S. Wickline were elected as ministerial members of the Conference Board of Stewards, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

Bishop Walden then addressed the Conference in pleasant and practical words concerning the conduct of its sessions.

Statistics.—The roll was then called and the various statistics and financial reports of the charges were handed to the proper officers. On motion of R. W. Todd, the time was extended.

Credits.—On motion of R. I. Watkins, it was determined that credit be given in examinations for proper certificates from our schools.

Postmaster.—On motion of E. C. Macnichol, G. W. Bounds was elected Conference Postmaster. Bishop Walden appointed H. S. Thompson to conduct the devotional service to-morrow morning. Announcements were made, a verse of a familiar hymn was sung, and Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Walden.

Thursday Morning, March 18.

Opening.—The Conference met at 8.30 o'clock with Bishop Walden in the chair, The Devotional services were conducted by H. S. Thompson. The Journal of the previous session was read and approved. The roll of absentees from yesterday's session was called and 17 members and probationers answered to their names. The Statistical Secretary announced delinquents and received additional reports.

M. L. Hutton.—The transfer of M. L. Hutton, from the Minnesota Conference, was announced and he was introduced.

Admission.—Bishop Walden called up the members of the class for Admission into Full Connection and gave them instructions concerning the questions to be asked.

13th Question.—The Thirteenth Question: "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was then taken up. L. E. Barrett, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, was called, his character passed and he read a report of his work. (See Reports.)

R. H. Adams, Presiding Elder of the Dover District, was called, his character passed, and he read a report of his district. (See Reports.)

Introductions.—N. B. Snowden, of the Delaware Conference; J. M. Gill, Pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church in this town, and D. W. C. McIntyre, of the New Jersey Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

Salisbury District.—The 13th Question was resumed; W. F. Corkran, Presiding Elder of the Salisbury District was called, his character passed and he read a report of his work. Bishop Walden, on behalf of the ministers of Salisbury District, presented to Dr. Corkran a beautiful gold watch as an expression of their appreciation of his faithful services during the past six years.

Alfred Smith, Presiding Elder of Easton District was called, his character passed and he read a report of his work.

Bishop Walden.—J. D. C. Hanna presented the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That we hereby express our very high appreciation of the efforts of Bishop Walden to impress upon the mind of the Church the need of the immediate salvation of Africa, as presented in his lecture on "Africa and its Evangelization."

Resolved, That we rejoice in the fact that when the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society could not appropriate the needed funds for the continuation of the work of the Missionary Training School at Central, Tennessee, Bishop Walden assumed the responsibility of the payment of the principal of over \$18,000 resting against this school, and thus aided greatly in the qualifying of Missionaries for Africa.

Resolved, That as no collection was taken last evening in the Methodist Protestant Church when Bishop Walden delivered his lecture on Africa and its Evangelization, that we now proceed to take a collection to assist our Bishop in this great work.

The collection agreed to in the resolution was then taken, amounting to \$28.63.

Introduced.—Dr. J. Benson Hamilton was introduced to the Conference and made a brief address.

F. B. Clegg, Agent of the Philadelphia Book Room, was introduced and made an announcement.

Appointments.—W. O. Bennett was appointed to solicit subscribers to "The Gospel in All Lands." T. B. Cooper was appointed to collect the accounts of the Western Book Concern. H. C. Turner was appointed to collect accounts due "The Gospel in All Lands." F. M. Dougherty was appointed to solicit subscribers to "The Methodist Review."

References.—Various letters and communications were presented and referred to the appropriate committees.

Order of Day.—Upon motion of T. E. Martindale, consideration of the Constitutional Questions was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Drafts.—Drafts on the Chartered Fund for \$22, and on the Book Concern for \$1,092, were presented by the Bishop and ordered in behalf of the Conference Board of Stewards.

Local Option.—T. E. Martindale presented the following resolution which was adopted unanimously by standing vote and directed to be sent to the State Constitutional Convention at Dover, engrossed and properly signed:

To the Hon. John Biggs, Chairman, and Members of the State Constitutional Convention, Dover, Del.;

The Wilmington Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session, consisting of 175 ministers, and representing 23,000 members in the State of Delaware, respectfully petition your Honorable Body to grant the citizens of the little Diamond State relief from the licensed liquor traffic by adopting the majority report submitted for your consideration by the Committee on Manufacture and Sale of Alcoholic Liquors, and now pending before your Honorable Body, and we will ever pray, &c.

Book Concern.—The annual exhibit of the Book Concern was presented and portions thereof read to the Conference by the Secretary.

Announcements.—The Committee on Public Worship announced I. L. Wood to lead the Pentecostal Service this afternoon with T. E. Terry in charge of the singing, and C. S. Baker to conduct the Devotional Services to-morrow morning with C. W. Prettyman in charge of the singing.

Excused.—Robt. Watt was excused from attendance on to-morrow's session on account of a call to attend a funeral.

Conference Relations.—The Committee on Conference Relations was announced and explained and upon motion the cases of the Superannuated and Supernumerary Ministers of the Conference were referred to that Committee. The special case of J. H. Beauchamp, Supt. at the Conference Academy, was also referred to the same committee.

E. C. Macnichol was appointed to preside at the called meeting of the Standing Committees this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Bishop Walden pronouncing the Benediction.

Friday Morning, March 19.

Opening.—Conference session was opened at 8.30 o'clock with Bishop Walden in the Chair. The devotional services were conducted by C. S. Baker. The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved. The Bishop addressed the Conference in valuable words of counsel.

Conference Trustees.—V. S. Collins presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That in accordance with page 69 of the Discipline, this Conference ought to be a body corporate.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be instructed to name to this body a committee of nine, to be elected by the Conference, who shall proceed as soon as possible after the adjournment of this Conference to secure the requisite charter or articles of incorporation.

Resolved, That the nine thus nominated by the Presiding Elders and elected by this Conference shall serve as Trustees of this Conference, three for a year, three for two years, and three for three years, or until their successors are elected.

The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer announced delinquents and defective reports.

Excused.—Adam Stengle and J. H. Goeghegan were excused to attend funerals. S. J. Morris was excused to visit his sick daughter, and Warren Burr to preach in Wilmington.

S. P. Shipman.—The transfer of S. P. Shipman of the Virginia Conference, was announced and he was introduced.

Introduced.—Drs. A. B. Leonard, J. A. Roche and G. E. Reed, were introduced to the Conference.

13th Question.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed, the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their work.

Dover District.—J. T. VanBurkalow, S. J. Morris, W. J. DuHadway, I. G. Fosnocht, G. E. Wood, G. W. Bowman, Z. H. Webster, W. E. Avery, F. J. Cochran, D. F. Waddell, T. A. H. O'Brien, W. R. McFarlane, C. A. Grise, J. A. Brewington, E. H. Miller, T. E. Terry, W. E. Tomkinson, T. F. Tabler, D. H. Corkran, T. S. Williams, E. H. Derrickson, T. E. Martindale, W. T. Valiant, G. R. Neese, J. M. Mitchell, R. K. Stephenson, D. H. Willis, J. D. Reese, J. E. Graham, J. R. Todd, E. L. Cross, P. H. Rawlins.

The case of W. E. Tomkinson was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Salisbury District.—The call was continued with the Elders on Salisbury District. C. T. Wyatt, E. C. Atkins, D. F. McFaul, Warren Burr, J. P. Otis, H. S. Dulany, G. W. Townsend, C. S. Baker, J. S. Wickline, H. C. Turner, M. D. Nutter, Robt. Watt, L. P. Corkran, W. F. Dawson, S. R. Maxwell, Edward Davis. On motion of the Presiding Elder the relation of Bro. Davis was changed from Effective to Superannuated and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards. The call was then continued: Aloycius Green, E. C. Macnichol, G. T. Alderson, M. R. Hackman, J. W. Gray, G. L. Hardesty, C. W. Prettyman, T. N. Given, T. F. Beauchamp, R. T. Coursey, W. B. Guthrie, C. P. Swain, G. W. Bounds, R. W. Todd.

Wilmington District.—T. H. Harding, G. P. Jones, Wilmer Jaggard, G. S. Conoway, H. S. Thompson, W. H. S. Loller, A. S. Mowbray, O. S. Walton, J. D. Kemp, C. H. Williams, F. C. McSorley, V. S. Collins, Julius Dodd, W. A. Wise, H. W. Ewing, O. W. DeVenish, W. G. Koons, J. O. Sypherd, V. P. Northrup, Ezra Tinker, Asbury Burke, John France, L. W. Layfield, F. B. Short, J. E. Amos. Bishop Walden announced the transfer of Bro. Amos to the Baltimore Conference. The call was then continued as follows: G. F. Hopkins, S. M. Morgan, W. L. S. Murray, S. N. Pilchard, M. L. Hutton, E. E. White, Fridolph Soderman, J. D. C. Hanna, W. W. Sharp, A. P. Prettyman. The case of S. N. Pilchard was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Easton District.—R. I. Watkins, J. W. Easley, J. W. Fogle, W. P. Compton, J. H. Goeghegan, W. O. Hurst, E. S. Mace, W. W. Chaires, C. A. Hill, Frank Fletcher, J. A. Arters, F. F. Carpenter, J. M. Collins, E. H. Hynson, J. T. Prouse, C. F. Sheppard, I. L. Wood, T. C. Smoot, E. P. Roberts, T. B. Cooper, James Carroll, Edwin Gardner, G. W. rke, Adam Stengle, W. R. Mowbray, E. H. Nelson, J. M. Lindale, J. F. Anderson, J. H. Wilson, Albert Chandler, Robt. Roe.

Dr. Leonard.—Dr. A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference. The time was extended.

Dr. Reed.—Dr. George E. Reed, President of Dickinson College, was introduced and spoke in the interest of that institution.

Conference Trustees.—The Presiding Elder presented the following nominations for Conference Trustees, in harmony with the resolution offered by V. S. Collins, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference: One year, V. S. Collins, C. P. Swain, Adam Stengle. Two years, T. E. Martindale, W. L. S. Murray, C. T. Wyatt. Three years, E. H. Nelson, P. H. Rawlins, C. W. Prettyman.

Cases Referred.—The names of the several Supernumerary and Superannuated ministers were presented, and on motion of the Presiding Elders their cases were referred to the Board of Stewards.

Ordination and Memorial.—On motion, it was ordered that a session of Conference be held at 2.30 o'clock on Sunday afternoon for an Ordination and Memorial Service.

Closing.—Ezra Tinker was appointed to conduct the Pentecostal Service this afternoon, with H. W. Ewing in charge of the singing, S. M. Morgan to lead the devotional service to-morrow morning.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Bishop Walden pronouncing the Benediction.

Saturday Morning, March 20.

Opening.—Conference session began at 8:30 A. M., with Bishop Walden in the chair. The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved. S. M. Morgan conducted the devotional services, which was followed by a brief and interesting address by Bishop Walden on the Relation of the Devotional Part of Public Worship to the Sermon.

Constitutional Questions.—The order of the day for yesterday at 10 o'clock, the Constitutional Questions, was taken up. On motion of T. E. Martindale the vote was directed to be taken by ballot. I. L. Wood, H. C. Turner, F. J. Cochran and W. W. Sharp were appointed tellers, the question on the eligibility of women to the General Conference as submitted by the General Conference was read by the Secretary as follows:

Amend by striking from paragraph 67, section 2, all that now follows the word "provided," in the fifth line of said section, and inserting instead thereof new clauses, so that the whole section shall read as follows, namely:

"Section 2. 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 forty-five; nor of more than two lay delegates for an Annual Conference; provided, that no person shall be chosen a delegate to the General Conference, or to an Electoral Conference, who shall be under twenty-five years of age, or who shall not have been a member of the Church in full connection for the five consecutive years preceding the election; and, provided, also, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one ministerial and one lay delegate; provided, nevertheless, that where there shall be in any Conference a fraction of

two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction."

The ballot was taken and the tellers retired.

The question on Equal Lay Representation, as submitted by the General Conference was announced as follows:

Resolved, That the General Conference hereby submits the following propositions to the Annual Conferences to be held in 1896 and 1897, to wit: To amend Section 2, Paragraph 67, of the Discipline, so that the section 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 forty-five; provided, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction; and provided, also, that there shall be from each Annual Conference lay delegates equal in number to the ministerial delegates; and provided, further, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one ministerial and one lay delegate."

V. S. Collins, J. T. Prouse, H. S. Dulany, D. F. Waddell were appointed tellers and directed to receive the vote of the tellers who had retired.

Petitions from the Official Boards of Middletown and Centerville charges concerning this question were presented and read by the Secretary, the ballot was then taken and the tellers retired.

Excused.—W. H. Benford, W. H. S. Loller, C. A. Grise, S. R. Maxwell, G. R. Neese, J. W. Fogle, G. F. Hopkins, L. W. Layfield, G. L. Hardesty were excused until Monday morning.

The tellers reported the ballot on Eligibility as follows: Whole number of votes, 133; Yes, 100; No, 33.

5th Question.—The 5th Question, "Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up. Clifford P. Futcher, Wm. G. Chance, Luther E. Poole, Clarence E. Hastings, Franklin M. Dougherty, and Daniel J. Givan were called, their characters passed, they reported their work and they retired. The Committee on Examinations reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and Clifford P. Futcher, Wm. G. Chance, Clarence E. Hastings, and Luther E. Poole were advanced to the studies of the second year. Franklin M. Dougherty was continued in the studies of the first year. D. J. Givan was passed to the second-years' studies and was conditioned on Scripture History.

7th Question.—The 7th Question, "Who have been admitted into full Membership?" Thomas R. VanDyke was called, his character passed, he made his report, but not having passed all his examinations, he was continued on trial in studies of the 3d year and conditioned on "Harman's Introduction." Edward H. Collins was called, his character passed and he reported his work. The Bishop made an appropriate address and propounded the usual Disciplinary Questions, and he then retired. The committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented and he was admitted into full Membership, and elected to Deacon's Orders.

10th Question.—The 10th Question, "What members have completed the course of study?" was taken up. Harry A. G. Westerfield, Clarence W. Strickland, William L. White, William S. H. Williams, Julius A. Brewington, William P. Taylor, William H. Benford were called, their character passed, they reported their work, and retired. The Presiding Elders represented, the committees reported and Harry A. G. Westerfield, Clarence W. Strickland, Julius A. Brewington and William P. Taylor were passed in their studies and elected to Elder's Orders. William L. White and William H. Benford were passed in their studies, being already Elders. William S. H. Williams was continued in class of the fourth year and given credit for studies passed.

Upon motion it was agreed that when Conference adjourned it be to meet at 2.30 this afternoon.

Introduced.—Dr. C. W. Reid, President of Washington College, was introduced and extended an invitation to the members of the Conference to visit the grounds and buildings of that institution. The following persons were also introduced: H. M. Thurlow, recently transferred from the Baltimore Conference, J. R. Cannon of the Blue Ridge Conference, Prof. W. W. Hooper of the U. S. Grant University, W. W. W. Wilson of the N. Y. E. Conference, Dr. J. L. Mills of the M. P. Church, and Dr. J. Edgar Wilson of the M. E. Church South.

Fourth Question.—The 4th Question, "Who have been received on trial?" was taken up. Thomas S. Holt was called, his credentials presented, the Committees reported, the Presiding Elder represented and he was admitted on trial. The Committee on Examinations also reported that Brother Holt had passed satisfactory examinations on the studies of the first and second year and he was passed to the studies of the third year and elected to Deacons' Orders under Par. 165, Sec. 2 of the Discipline.

Dr. Roche.—T. E. Martindale presented the following Resolution which was adopted by a rising vote:

It affords us great pleasure to have with us as a visitor our venerable father, Dr. John A. Roche, who a half century ago was a leader of our Methodist hosts on this Peninsula, and whose preaching of the Gospel to our fathers was occasion of great power and blessing. We congratulate him upon the physical and mental vigor which God has preserved to him, with his more than four score years, and the whitened crown that graces him in the way of righteousness, therefore,

Resolved, That as a Conference we request that, at the convenience of our presiding Bishop, Dr. Roche be presented to the Conference, and favor us with an address.

Dr. Roche then addressed the Conference in brief but tender words.

W. E. Tomkinson.—On motion of R. H. Adams the case of W. E. Tomkinson was referred to the Board of Stewards.

Adjournment.—The Committee on Public Worship announced that C. F. Sheppard would have charge of the opening Devotional services at this afternoon's session, W. L. S. Murray, the Pentecostal service at 4 o'clock and G. W. Townsend the Devotional services Monday morning.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Bishop Walden pronouncing the Benediction.

Saturday Afternoon, March 20.

Opening.—Conference opened at 2.30 p. m., with Bishop Walden in the chair, C. F. Sheppard conducting the devotional services.

12th Question.—The 12th Question, "What others have been elected and ordained Elders?" was taken up. William G. Strickland was called before the Conference, his credentials presented, the Bishop made an appropriate address and Bro. Strickland retired. The Committee on Examinations reported, the Presiding Elder and others represented, and he was elected to Elders' Orders.

9th Question.—The 9th Question, "What members are in studies of the fourth year?" was taken up. Willard E. West, John F. Beauchamp, Fred E. McKinsey, Henry G. Budd, John P. Outten were called, their characters passed and they reported their work. The committees reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were advanced to studies of the fourth year.

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

On motion of R. H. Adams the kind regards of the Conference were directed to be conveyed to absent Superannuates within the bounds of the Conference by their respective Pastors, and to those without, by a letter from the Committee on Conference Relations.

22d Question.—The 22d Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up. A. T. Scott, W. F. Talbot, J. B. Merritt, J. W. Poole, J. W. Hammersley, J. D. Rigg, W. L. P. Bowen, T. H. Haynes, W. M. Warner, N. McQuay, F. O. B. Wallin, W. M. Greene, were called, their characters passed and their relation continued. T. B. Hunter was called, his character passed, the Presiding Elder and others represented, Committee on Conference Relations reported and his relation was changed to Effective. W. E. England was called, his character passed and his relation was changed from Supernumerary to Superannuated. The name of William E. Tomkinson was called and upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations his character passed and his relation was changed from Effective to Supernumerary.

S. N. Pilchard.—S. N. Pilchard was called, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, his character passed, and upon motion the Conference requested the Bishop to appoint him as Chaplain in the United States Army.

Stewards.—Upon motion of P. H. Rawlins it was directed that the money from the one per cent. of Preacher's Salaries which came to the Board of Stewards last year too late for distribution be distributed by the Board this year.

Introduced.—Dr. H. A. Buttz, President of Drew Theological Seminary, and E. W. Burke of the Philadelphia Conference were introduced to the Conference.

Conference Academy.—On motion of T. E. Martindale the Report of Wm. Saulsbury President of the Board of Trustees of the Wilmington Conference Academy was made at this time, and after discussion the Conference proceeded to receive pledges for the amount of indebtedness immediately pressing. The effort resulted in the following subscription:

W. L. S. Murray, \$100; W. E. Avery, \$100; William Saulsbury, \$100; L. S. Melson, \$100; J. D. C. Hanna, \$50; W. J. DuHadway, \$30; J. T. Van Burkalow, \$50; A. P. Prettyman, \$20; C. W. Prettyman, \$50; W. B. Guthrie, \$10; G. P. Smith, \$10; I. L. Wood, \$50; G. L. Hardesty, \$30; F. E. Bloxton, \$50; S. M. Morgan, \$25; G. W. Townsend, \$25; H. S. Thompson, \$25; S. P. Shipman, \$25; H. C. Turner, \$25; J. W. Easley, \$25; J. P. Otis, \$25; F. F. Carpenter, \$20; G. W. Bounds and Junior League, \$50; J. H. Goeghegan, \$12; Geo. E. Wood, \$15; J. E. Graham, \$20; V. P. Northrup, \$10; F. E. McKinsey, \$10; W. R. Mowbray, \$10; A. S. Mowbray, \$35; O. W. DeVenish, \$25; C. T. Wyatt, \$25; E. H. Derrickson, \$12; H. G. Budd, \$10; W. A. Wise, \$10; W. G. Koons, \$15; R. I. Watkins, \$15; T. F. Beauchamp, \$15; Z. H. Webster, \$15; T. E. Martindale, \$35; Smyrna, \$50; W. F. Corkran, \$50; W. F. Dawson, \$25; E. C. Macnichol, \$25; W. L. White, J. M. Lindale and H. S. Dulany, \$50; J. T. Prouse, \$25; D. J. Givan, \$5; T. C. Smoot, \$10; E. H. Collins, \$10; W. P. Taylor, \$10; G. T. Alderson, \$10; J. A. Arters, \$10; C. E. Hastings, \$10; G. W. Burke and A. Burke, \$50; Wilmer Jaggard, \$10; W. S. H. Williams, \$20; D. H. Willis, \$10; J. A. Brewington, \$10; L. E. Poole, \$10; T. F. Tabler, \$10; W. E. West, \$12.50; R. Watt, \$25; F. C. McSorley, \$20; C. P. Swain, \$12; C. W. Strickland, \$12; O. S. Walton, \$10; E. H. Hynson, \$10; M. D. Nutter, \$10; A. Smith, \$25; Dr. Wagner, \$10; T. E. Terry, \$25; J. D. Reese, \$10; V. S. Collins, \$25; E. C. Atkins, \$10; D. F. McFaul, \$10; Warren Burr, \$10; J. S. Wickline, \$10; L. P. Corkran, \$10; S. R. Maxwell, \$25; J. W. Gray, \$10; R. T. Coursey, \$10; Aloysius Green, \$10; John Hutton, \$10; O. W. De Venish, \$10; J. W. Talley, \$5; A. T. Scott, \$5; J. W. Fogle, \$15; W. P. Compton, \$25; W. O. Hurst, \$10; E. S. Mace, \$10; W. W. Chaires, \$10; C. A. Hill, \$20; J. M. Collins, \$5; C. F. Sheppard, \$15; W. G. Chance, \$10; T. B. Cooper, \$10; James Carroll, \$5; E. H. Nelson, \$10; Albert Chandler, \$10; Robert Roe, \$10; W. H. Benford, \$10; G. P. Jones, \$10; H. A. G. Westerfield, \$10; G. S. Conaway, \$8; F. M. Dougherty, \$5; J. D. Kemp, \$14; C. H. Williams, \$15; Julius Dodd, \$10; H. W. Ewing, \$15; Dr. Tinker, \$25; John France, \$10; L. W. Layfield, \$20; F. B. Short, \$10; G. F. Hopkins, \$10; M. L. Hutton, \$10; E. E. White, \$10; I. G. Fosnacht, \$10; F. J. Cochran, \$15; T. A. H. O'Brien, \$10; W. R. McFarlane, \$5; C. A. Grise, \$25; D. H. Corkran, \$20; T. S. Williams, \$10; J. M. Mitchell, \$10; R. K. Stephenson, \$20.

Transfers.—J. D. C. Hanna presented the following Resolution which after discussion was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our Conference ranks are being crowded to the detriment of our own members with transfers from other Conferences, and whereas, when members of this body are invited to the pastorate of churches in other Conferences, they find the doors of those Conferences closed against them unless an exchange can be effected; therefore,

Resolved, That we respectfully but most earnestly request our Bishop to make no transfer into our Conference without a fair and equitable exchange.

The Bishop then addressed the Conference briefly upon the difficulties attending the subject of transfers.

Robt. Watt presented the following resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our Conference is crowded by the transfer of men into it during the interim of the Conference, and

WHEREAS, These transfers were made by the consent of the Presiding Elders of our Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That we respectfully and earnestly request our Presiding Elders to protect us in this matter and that they do not consent to the transfer of any man into our Conference without the authority of three-fourths of the Presiding Elders.

Academy Trustees.—T. E. Terry announced five vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Conference Academy, and moved the appointment S. M. Morgan, C. W. Prettyman and J. T. Van Burkalow as a committee on nominations to fill these vacancies, which was adopted.

E. H. Nelson presented the following resolution, which after discussion, was not adopted:

WHEREAS, The Missionary Society is laboring under the incubus of a heavy debt, and WHEREAS, The cost of missionary reports in our printed Minutes is met by the Missionary Society; therefore be it

Resolved, That our Conference secretaries be instructed to omit from our Minutes the report of the Conference treasurer, except the recapitulation by districts, and all statistics, except those given in the statistical tables.

Drs. Buttz and Wagner.—Dr. H. A. Buttz then addressed the Conference in the interests of Drew Seminary.

Dr. F. J. Wagner, president of Morgan College, Baltimore, was introduced to the Conference.

Solicitors.—On motion of S. M. Morgan the following were appointed to complete the canvass for pledges in behalf of the Conference Academy: Wilmington District, W. L. S. Murray, J. D. C. Hanna; Easton District, R. I. Watkins, I. L. Wood; Dover District, T. E. Martindale, W. E. Avery; Salisbury District, H. C. Turner, C. W. Prettyman.

On motion the Conference adjourned, Dr. H. A. Buttz pronouncing the Benediction.

Sunday Afternoon, March 21.

Ordination.—The special session of Conference for Ordination and Memorial services convened at 2.30 P. M. with Bishop Walden in the chair. T. E. Martindale conducted the devotional services. The Candidates for Deacons and Elders Orders were called before the Conference, and after a pertinent and forceful address Bishop Walden ordained Edward H. Collins and Thomas S. Holt as Deacons, and assisted by a number of Elders present ordained Harry A. G. Westerfield, Clarence W. Strickland, Julius A. Brewington, William P. Taylor and William G. Strickland as Elders.

Memorial.—The Conference then entered upon the Memorial services. The 990th

hymn was sung and C. P. Swain read the Memoir of James Connor after which remarks were made by W. F. Corkran, T. E. Terry and W. L. S. Murray.

The Memoir of Merritt Hulburd was read by Robert Watt and remarks were made by L. E. Barrett, H. F. Pickels and Bishop Walden.

The Memoir of Mrs. Willie G. Stengle was read by E. C. Atkins after which appropriate remarks were made by R. H. Adams.

The Conference joined in singing "I would not live away," and then adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Walden.

Monday Morning, March 22.

Opening.—Conference met at 8.30 A. M., Bishop Walden in the chair. G. W. Townsend conducted the Devotional Services. The Journals of the past three sessions were read and approved.

Ordination.—Bishop Walden presented the following Certificate of Ordination:

This certifies that at Chestertown, Md., on March 21st, 1897, I ordained, Edward H. Collins and Thomas S. Holt as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church; and that at the same place and on the same day, assisted by a number of Elders present, I ordained, Harry A. G. Westerfield, Clarence W. Strickland, Julius A. Brewington, William P. Taylor and William G. Strickland, as Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Given under my hand this 22nd day of March A. D. 1897.

JOHN M. WALDEN.

Memoirs.—On motion the memoirs read at yesterday's session were adopted and ordered printed in the Minutes.

Stewards' Report.—On motion it was agreed that the Board of Stewards present a preliminary report which should be held for further consideration and final adoption.

30th Question.—After a brief address by Bishop Walden, the Thirtieth Question "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken. D. H. Corkran presented the invitation of Lewes, Del., and it was unanimously accepted.

P. H. Rawlins then presented the report of the Board of Stewards which was held for further consideration.

Corrections.—The Secretary of the Board of Examinations presented certain corrections concerning conditions made in studies of brethren, which by common consent were made in the Journal.

T. E. Martindale.—Bishop Walden called T. E. Martindale to the chair and with the Presiding Elders retired to hold a session of the Cabinet.

Prof. Gooding.—Prof. W. L. Gooding, was then introduced and made an address concerning the Conference Academy.

Academy Trustees.—S. M. Morgan presented the following nominations to fill vacancies in the Conference Academy Board of Trustees: T. E. Martindale, John France, V. S.

Collins, R. H. Adams, W. E. Avery and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

Report.—R. W. Todd, presented the following report of the Committee on Change in the Constitution of the United States appointed last year which was adopted:

The two surviving members of the Committee appointed at the last session of this Conference with instructions to lay before Congress a petition asking for an amendment to the Federal Constitution now offer the following report:

Your Committee had no opportunity to visit Washington in person, and sent the petition to Hon. George Gray, of the U. S. Senate, and Representative J. S. Willis, both of whom promptly introduced it and had it referred to the Committee on Judiciary of each House.

The fifty-fourth Congress took no final action on the subject and in order to secure the attention required the petition must be renewed.

R. W. Todd moved the renewal of the action of last year in the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the inability of the committee appointed at our last session to secure the adoption of the proposition submitted in our memorial, Revs. T. E. Martindale, D. D., W. E. Avery, D. D., and Vaughn S. Collins, A. M., be appointed on the part of this Conference, and we request the co-operation of Judge Charles B. Lore, J. E. Ellegood, and Charles F. Richards, Esqs., on the part of the laity to represent our action before the Congress of the United States, and endeavor to secure favorable legislation.

H. G. Budd spoke in opposition to the resolution, during which remarks his time was extended. C. P. Swain, T. A. H. O'Brien, B. F. Price and R. W. Todd spoke upon the resolution, which was on motion of G. T. Alderson, laid on the table.

Freedman's Aid.—S. J. Morris presented the report of the Committee on Freedman's Aid, which after amendment was adopted.

Statistics.—W. R. Mowbray presented the Statistical Report, which was adopted. (See Statistics.)

On Thanks.—On motion of C. F. Sheppard, C. W. Prettyman, R. W. Todd and J. T. Van Burkalow were appointed a committee on thanks.

Sunday Schools and Tracts.—M. D. Nutter and F. J. Cochran presented the joint Reports of the Committee on Sunday Schools and after amendment they were adopted.

Episcopal Fund.—V. S. Collins presented the following Resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in accordance with the report of the Book Committee, that during the coming year our apportionment for the Episcopal Fund shall be $1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent of the amount apportioned for ministerial support, according to the discipline, viz: Salary apportioned, including house rent and Presiding Elders' apportionments.

Public Ledger.—G. W. Burke presented the following Resolution which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia Public Ledger is one of the few papers of our country that refused to publish the proceedings of the recent Corbett-Fitzsimmons prize fight; and,

WHEREAS, In its stead, said newspaper published a strong and manly editorial protest against the brutal affair; and,

WHEREAS, It is one of the few great papers which publish no Sunday edition. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the members of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

1. That we hereby record our strongest commendation of the course thus pursued by this great newspaper.

2. That in the selection of the fittest we remember said Public Ledger in our patronage of the secular press, in preference to those newspapers which gave the brutalizing affair such unseemly publicity.

3. That a copy of this paper be transmitted to the Public Ledger management.

Periodicals.—W. P. Taylor presented the Report of Committee on Periodicals, which was adopted.

Conference Paper.—V. S. Collins presented the following Report, which was adopted;

Your committee, appointed at Smyrna, for the purpose of attempting to secure the consolidation of the two weekly papers published in the name of this Conference, and which was obliged to report at our last session that it seemed impossible to bring about this desirable result, beg leave now to report, that what was impossible to accomplish as a Conference, has been effected by the private enterprise and liberality of some of the members of this Conference as individuals.

In November last the brethren representing the Conference Herald Company purchased the subscription list and good will of the Peninsula Methodist, and organized as The Methodist Publishing Company, and have set themselves the task of furnishing the Methodists of this Peninsula with a Christian paper that shall represent the best brain and best interests and piety of the Methodist Conference.

We commend the Methodist Publishing Company in this holy endeavor, and request the co-operation of the members of this Conference that they may be enabled to make their paper the success and power for good that it ought to be.

W. H. M. S.—W. F. Dawson presented the Report of Woman's Home Missionary Society, which was adopted. The time was extended.

Education.—H. C. Turner presented the Report of the Committee on Education, which was adopted. The Committee also presented the nominations of persons to visit the educational institutions under our patronage, and they were confirmed.

Excused.—C. W. Prettyman was excused from further attendance upon the sessions of the Conference.

Epworth League.—C. P. Swain presented the Report of the Committee on Epworth League, which was adopted.

Adjournment.—V. S. Collins moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Dr. J. A. Roche pronouncing the Benediction.

Monday Afternoon, March 22.

Opening.—Conference opened at 3 P. M. with T. E. Martindale in the chair. J. T. Van Burkalow conducted the Devotional services. The Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

Audits.—Julius Dodd presented the report of the Auditing Committee which was adopted.

W. F. M. S.—W. G. Koons presented the Report of the Womans' Foreign Missionary Society, which was adopted.

Deaconess Board.—I. L. Wood presented the name of W. L. S. Murray to take the place of Merritt Hulburd, deceased, on the Board of Deaconess Work.

Collection.—On motion of S. M. Morgan a collection was taken for the Sextons of this and the Methodist Protestant Churches and for Minutes to be presented to the families who have entertained the Conference.

Stewards.—P. H. Rawlins presented the final Report of the Board of Stewards which was adopted and the moneys awarded were distributed privately.

E. H. Nelson, Trustee.—On nomination of the Board of Stewards E. H. Nelson was appointed to have charge of the funds given to Mrs. Annie D. Chatham.

Stewards' Resolution.—The Stewards presented the following resolution, which was adopted :

WHEREAS, Our Conference Claimants should be recognized as still in the Pastorate of the Church, and are therefore entitled to as liberal a support as their several needs demand.

Therefore Resolved, That the Board of Stewards of our several pastoral charges be requested, in recognition of this relation, to make a liberal apportionment for the support of these Veterans.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be requested to bring this matter to the attention of their several Quarterly Conferences and secure apportionment on the basis of \$9,000 for the Conference.

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

In view of the rapid growth of the vice of gambling and its increasingly baneful effects, it is with deep regret that we face the fact that the state of Maryland is in the grasp of the gang of race-track gamblers that once made the name of Gloucester infamous. The present law of the state legalizes all of the worst forms of race-track gambling practically all the year round, and anywhere in the commonwealth, in which respect Maryland stands, with California and Louisiana alone, among the States of this nation. The present point of acute attack from this demoralizing army of gamblers is found in Cecil county, where the people are already waging a war of desperate extermination against the invader. If success should crown this local fight it will be saddened by the fact that the gamblers will simply migrate to other Maryland territory ; therefore

1. Be it resolved by the Wilmington Conference that this is the fight not of Cecil county alone but of our whole State and Conference.

2. That we pledge our utmost endeavor to help the afflicted locality by laboring to secure a law forever prohibiting race-track gambling throughout the entire State.

3. That we urge all our ministers and people to see that only such legislative candidates as are in favor of such a law shall receive their votes,

4th Question.—Bishop Walden then resumed the chair. Fourth Question. "Who

are admitted on trial" was then taken. John W. Prettyman, Harry Taylor, John W. Talley, Theo. G. Eiswald, Wm. O. Bennett, Floyd E. Bloxton and John L. Sparklin were called.

The recommendations of Floyd E. Bloxton and John L. Sparklin were permitted to be withdrawn and permission given to the Presiding Elder to employ Floyd E. Bloxton as a supply. After representation by the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications and examinations and reports by the Presiding Elder, John W. Prettyman, Harry Taylor, John W. Talley and Wm. O. Bennett were admitted on trial. The case of Theo. G. Eiswald was referred to the Committee on Ministerial Qualification for further consideration.

C. I. Stengle.—Question 5, "Who have been continued on trial in studies of the second year?" was taken up. Chas. I. Stengle was called. The following report by the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications was presented :

While the Committee is not entirely clear with reference to the case of Brother C. I. Stengle it has decided in view of all the circumstances, to give him the benefit of the doubt, and not to recommend his discontinuance at this time. He was then continued on trial in the studies of the second year and given credit for examinations passed.

F. M. Dougherty.—The case of F. M. Dougherty was called up by V. S. Collins, and the Board of Examiners were instructed to correspond with the similar Board in the North Minnesota Conference and learn the facts concerning the examination of Bro. Dougherty.

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

Sabbath Observance.—S. M. Morgan presented the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, which was, on motion, divided. The first part was then adopted. Robert Watt moved to strike out the personal pledge, which was lost. The second part was then adopted.

W. F. Corkran spoke to a question of privilege.

Sabbath Legislation.—On motion of R. H. Adams, a committee was ordered, consisting of three persons for each State in our bounds, to memorialize the Legislatures of such States for the repeal of such laws as legalize the violation of the Sabbath at camp meetings.

Temperance.—C. T. Wyatt presented the Report of the Committee on Temperance, which was adopted.

Adjournment.—Committees on Public Worship made announcements, and Conference adjourned with singing, Bishop Walden pronouncing the Benediction.

Tuesday Morning, March 23.

Opening.—Conference met at 8:30 A. M. T. A. H. O'Brien conducted the Devotional Services. At 9:10 Bishop Walden took the chair. The Journal of the preceding session was read and approved.

24th Question.—Question 24, "Who are the Triers of Appeals." The following were

nominated and confirmed: J. A. Arters, S. J. Morris, T. B. Hunter, E. H. Nelson, F. C. McSorley, W. J. DuHadway, G. W. Burke.

Missionary Sermon.—I. L. Wood was appointed to preach Missionary Sermon, E. C. Macnichol, alternate.

Conference Examiners were nominated and confirmed. (See list)

Church Extension.—Nominations for Board of Church Extension were presented by L. E. Barrett and confirmed. (See list.)

Church Location.—Nominations for Board of Church Location were presented by L. E. Barrett and adopted. (See list.)

Cabinet.—Bishop Walden and the Presiding Elders retired to finish their work of appointments.

Stewards' Endowment.—T. E. Martindale presented the report of the Stewards' Endowment Committee which was adopted.

Treasurer.—C. A. Grise presented the Report of the Treasurer, which was adopted.

Missionary Secretaries.—C. F. Sheppard nominated as District Missionary Secretaries the following, and they were confirmed: Wilmington, J. D. C. Hanna; Dover, T. E. Martindale; Easton, I. L. Wood; Salisbury, G. T. Alderson.

J. B. Hamilton.—John France asked permission to print in the Minutes a brief report of the work of J. Benson Hamilton, which was granted.

Education Society.—Adam Stengle presented the nominations for Managers of the Conference Education Society, and they were confirmed. (See List.)

Domestic Missions.—Nominations for Board of Domestic Missions were presented and confirmed. (See List.)

Historical Society.—R. W. Todd presented Report of Historical Society, which was adopted, and the nominations for Managers confirmed.

Minutes.—On motion permission was given and the Secretary called the roll of the Conference and received subscriptions for Conference Minutes.

Conference Academy.—A supplementary report from the Trustees of the Conference Academy was made and the list of brethren who had not subscribed was called and subscriptions received.

June Examinations.—R. I. Watkins made announcements concerning the June examinations which was on motion of D. H. Corkran ordered printed in the Peninsula Methodist.

Bible.—James Carroll presented the report of the Committee on Bible Society, which was adopted.

Domestic Missions.—J. D. C. Hanna presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our churches contribute to the cause of Domestic Missions with the thought

that every dollar shall be applied to the salaries of those ministers whose support is inadequate.

Resolved, That there shall be no pro rata division of this fund between pastor and the Presiding Elders or Bishops.

Collection.—A supplementary collection was taken for the Sextons and Minutes which together with the previous collection amounted to \$68.

Thanks.—Committee on Thanks made a Report which was adopted.

Temperance.—C. T. Wyatt presented the following nominations for certain temperance conventions as follows, and they were confirmed. Anti-Saloon Convention held at Columbus, Ohio, January 11-13, 1898. Delegates, T. S. Williams, T. A. H. O'Brien. Eleventh National Temperance Convention held at Saratoga, N. Y., Wednesday, August 18, 1897. Bishop John M. Walden, A. S. Mowbray, Zack H. Webster, R. Irving Watkins, W. F. Corkran, D. D., C. T. Wyatt, F. B. Short.

T. S. Williams.—On request of T. S. Williams the Secretary was instructed to furnish certificate of his ordination to the Bishop for duplicate parchments. The same action was taken in the case of Robert Roe.

Bible.—The following Life Directors in the Maryland Bible Society were nominated and confirmed, the Committee on Bible Society was empowered to nominate others as opportunity is offered: C. W. Prettyman, W. E. Avery, S. R. Maxwell, W. J. DuHadway.

Dr. J. A. Roche addressed the brethren of the Conference.

On motion of Robt. Watt the report of the Committee on Thanks was requested to be printed in the Peninsula Methodist.

Presiding Elders nominated Committees on Sabbath Legislation and they were confirmed. Delaware, R. H. Adams, Alfred Smith, V. S. Collins; Maryland, W. J. DuHadway, C. A. Hill, C. W. Prettyman; Virginia, G. F. Hopkins, H. S. Dulaney, C. P. Swain.

The application of T. G. Eiswald was permitted to be withdrawn.

Missionary.—W. F. Corkran read appropriations of the Missionary Society and they were approved. Salisbury District, Cape Charles, \$175; Parksley, \$165; New Church and Exmore, \$50; otal, \$390. Dover District, \$100; Salem, \$80; Zoar, \$30; Total \$210; Total for Conference, \$600.

Closing.—On motion of T. E. Martindale it was directed that after the reading of the journal and the announcement of the appointments, Conference adjourn. Bishop Walden addressed the Conference, the appointments were read, Hymn 822 was sung and Conference adjourned Bishop Walden pronouncing the Benediction.

REPORTS.

PRESIDING ELDER'S REPORTS.

Dover District.

Dear Fathers and Brethren:—Thankful that we are yet alive and “see each others face,” I bring to you this annual report of our labors upon the Dover District. The unfortunate division which developed upon Houston Circuit, immediately after the adjournment of the last Conference, was happily overcome by a re-adjustment which restored peace and prosperity to the churches. W. E. Tomkinson found it necessary after a prolonged illness in the summer to ask a release from the responsibilities of his pastorate, and the A. C. Jones was appointed to supply in his stead. Whilst none of the preachers have died, the parsonage homes have not been without the shadows of bereavement. Mrs. Willie Stengle, the accomplished wife of C. I. Stengle, after an extended struggle with insidious disease, passed tranquilly into the rest of the saved in Christ. The infant son of J. P. Outten was suddenly smitten and called to join the family in the heavenly home.

Among the departed from the ranks of the laity are many of the most devoted and liberal of God's workmen, but we have the assurance that the loss to the kingdom of grace in the earth, has been a gain to the kingdom of glory.

The Sunday Schools in the agricultural sections, were re-organized early in the season under favorable conditions and continued until autumn. In a few instances they were maintained until the New Year with an occasional one sustained through the entire year, but two-thirds of the schools in the farming districts disband with the first appearance of frost. During the winter months there is a cessation of activity upon the farm, then the public school reaches the highest average attendance for the year. Frequently the public school building is located only a few yards from the church and while the public school is crowded with youth and children, the Sunday School is discontinued. We ask at the Quarterly Conferences, why the Sunday Schools should be discontinued during this season of leisure on the farm, and such a large increase at the public schools, the usual answer is, short days, bad roads and inclement weather. We ask again, why during the season of short days the public schools should be prosperous and the Sunday Schools closed? Impressive silence is our only answer.

It is my deliberate judgment that the cause is traceable to an indifference and sloth on the part of parents and officials that is but little less than criminal.

By encouragement and urgency this custom is being remedied and we anticipate better things in the future. The County Sunday School Conventions, held in three counties of the district were enthusiastic and quickened interest in every department of Sunday School work.

Childrens Day was generally observed and our educational interests were presented and met with a gratifying response.

The Epworth League, has made a decided growth. Many of the defects in organization have been remedied and the chapters have developed greater efficiency. Experience and study have led to a better conception of the real purpose of the League and resulted in a more intelligent and methodical management of the several departments. The study and discussion of scriptural topics at the Sabbath evening meetings have stimulated inquiry, fostered intelligent piety, and are preparing our youth to become a consecrated host for the conquest of the world for Christ. The Convention held at Harrington was the largest and most interesting gathering of League workers that has ever convened on the district.

The Class Meeting is still a great force in the spiritual life of the Church. It is not outgrown nor obsolete, but accomplishes the original design as a profitable means of grace and promotes the knowledge and love of God. Whilst the reports of the leaders show a decline to the low average of twelve per cent. in attendance in some localities, in others a larger number of classes have an average attendance of from fifty to eighty per cent. Without exception the feeble classes unerringly indicate an enfeebled and unaggressive church. Our most successful pastors are constant in their oversight of the classes.

The Salaries apportioned last year were re-apportioned this year with some apprehension on the part of the Stewards of ability to pay them, and we announce, with regret, these fears have been realized on many of the charges. The deficiency is the largest reported for several years. We have had one remarkable advance. The Stewards at Harrington increased the salary from \$800 to \$1000 for T. E. Terry and they propose to continue this liberal estimate. The union with Frederica of two of the churches formerly connected with Houston circuit, has resulted in placing Frederica in the grade of appointments paying \$1000 for ministerial support. From several charges we have received notice of lower estimates for next year, but encouragement, and the adoption of better financial methods may prevent this decline.

Camp Meetings were held in their usual season at Camden, Concord, Ennalls, Wheatly, Beckwith, Zoar, Sand Hill, and Rehoboth with some degree of success. The Summer school and camp at Rehoboth have assumed permanent form and should have the earnest co-operation of the Methodists of our Peninsula. With the coming of the new rail-road to Rehoboth, it will be necessary for a positive religious influence to dominate this resort, if we would protect ourselves from the baneful effects of the worldly and Sabbath desecrating classes.

The Benevolences have been the occasion of unusual concern and the pastors have been forced to extraordinary efforts to reach the apportionments. A dearth of money such as this generation has never before experienced would have been a sufficient obstacle, but with it has arisen official protests against the urgency of the preachers in behalf of these connectional interests, which have seriously embarrassed some of the brethren in the execution of their plans. From information received we have reason to expect a creditable advance. The charges reporting an increase for missions are Burrsville, Bridgeville, Cambridge, Cannon, Frederica, Hooper's Island, Georgetown Circuit, Milford, Harrington, Hurlock, Preston, Seaford, Vienna, Williamsburg, Zoar.

Those reporting a decrease are Crapo, Ellendale, Elliott's Island, Galeston, Georgetown, Lincoln, Denton and Church Creek. Those reporting the same as last year are Beckwith, Dover, East New Market, Farmington, Federalsburg, Felton, Greenwood, Lewes, Little Creek, Magnolia, Milton, Nassau, Salem, Woodside, Williston and Wyoming.

Improvements and the payment of church debts have progressed despite the monetary conditions. We have continued to advise against all enterprises likely to burden the con-

gregations, and have urged the payment of existing obligations. By this policy long standing mortgages and bonded debts are gradually paid, and improvements are approached with a caution which usually results in completing without debt what we have undertaken. The debt on the parsonage at Burrsville has been liquidated by the persistency of W. H. Kenney and his officials, and the mortgage burned amid songs and rejoicings. On the parsonage at Wyoming, J. E. Graham, pastor, \$90, has been expended in improvements and provision made for the payment of the debt on the Wyoming church. The debt against our fine property at Bridgeville has been decreased by a payment of \$200. The parsonage at Cambridge has been greatly improved in comfort and architectural appearance, rendering it one of the most attractive and ample homes in the district, at an expenditure of \$500, all of which has been paid. Cannon circuit having lost its parsonage by fire, the brethren, deciding after mature deliberation to change the location from Cannon to Seaford, purchased and re-furnished a property at an outlay of \$1400, on which they have placed a mortgage of \$550. This encumbrance will not embarrass that loyal and devoted people. The parsonage at Elliott's Island has been re-painted, newly-porched, a handsome fence placed around the yard and all old bills for church expenses have been gathered in by the diligent pastor, C. W. Clapham, and paid. The parsonage at Frederica has been re-painted and papered, a new organ provided for the Sunday School; the audience room of the church in Milford Neck handsomely frescoed at a total outlay of several hundred dollars, which has been promptly provided for under the superintendency of T. A. H. O'Brien. The debt of \$300 upon the grounds on Galestown Circuit, known as Wheatley, purchased and improved for special outdoor religious services, has been cancelled under the pastorate of W. R. McFarlane. Chaplain's chapel on Greenwood Circuit E. H. Miller pastor, has been re-painted, richly frescoed, and carpeted at a moderate expense, which was readily raised on the day of re-opening. Under the careful management of T. E. Terry the parsonage at Harrington has been enlarged, porched, tastefully painted, and given a supply of new furniture at an expenditure of \$800 of which \$200 remains unpaid. It is now a roomy and comfortable home. Masten's church connected with Harrington has also undergone a thorough renovation the cost of which was met by the congregation. T. F. Tabler of Hurlock Circuit is preparing to build a new church on the site of the time-honored McKendree, and we now indulge the hope it will be completed and dedicated in the early summer. Under the pastorate of C. P. Fitcher about \$100 have been paid on the debt of the church at Leipsie. The bonded debt of \$1,000 against our property at Magnolia has been fully liquidated. The subscription for this amount was made last year, one half having been paid in cash and the remaining half this year, thus relieving our people of a great burden. This deliverance should be the introduction of a prosperous era in the development of that church, which is under the pastoral care of E. H. Derrickson. The long cherished desire for a church equal to the needs and position of Methodism in Seaford is near its fruition. Plans have been prepared and approved for such a structure and a subscription of \$5,000 secured. Beginning under the pastorate of C. W. Prettyman the enterprise is likely to be completed under the pastorate of R. K. Stephenson. A new church at Seaford is not only desirable but it is a necessity. The hand of prosperity will go back on the dial of events if those brethren fail to go forward, and there will be a sad lapse in strength and position. Williamsburg, D. H. Willis pastor has made an additional payment of \$250 on the parsonage purchased last year, which reduces their indebtedness to \$175. The church at Woodside supplied by John L. Johnson has been repainted furnished with an excellent bell, without incurring any debt. Zoar Circuit supplied by J. W. Talley has decreased its indebtedness by the payment of \$150. The crowning achievement of the year is in the completion of the beauti-

ful church at Georgetown. It is a brick structure of the modern ground floor plan, the inner walls and the ceiling are finished in steel, the windows are handsome stained glass, the furniture is solid oak. The building is lighted and heated by the latest approved appliances and cost about \$10,000 of which \$9,000 have been raised in cash, and subscription, and \$1,000 assumed by the trustees which will be realized in the sale of the old property. The interest in the dedicatory services on March 7, was intensified by the presence of Bishop J. M. Walden and Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, Robt. Watt, P. H. Rawlins, John D. Rigg and A. D. Davis. The preaching was excellent, the spirit of abounding liberality characterized the giving and the church was consecrated with a prospect of release from debt at an early day. Dr. Grise merits the congratulations of his brethren, and the congregation the appreciation of all who seek the extension of the kingdom of Christ.

Revivals have been held in all the churches. Our people still believe in the altar, in the necessity of a public confession of sin and conscious pardon. The unusual agitation of National and State questions so thoroughly pre-occupied the public mind in some communities that the churches engaged in revival work during this period of excitement gathered but little fruit, while others were greatly blessed and about fourteen hundred souls have been added to the churches. Among the charges which have enjoyed special visitations of saving grace are Church Creek, Crapo, Armory, Elliott's Island, Felton, Frederica, Hooper's Island, Hurlock, Lewes, Magnolia, Milton, Nassau, Wyoming and Seaford. At Lewes there were eighty conversions, Bethel on Cannon Circuit eighty, Frederica Circuit ninety-three and at Seaford one hundred and fifty-three. The revival at Seaford was in every respect a great work, great in quickening believers, and great in the number saved.

Temperance as it relates to practical sobriety and the suppression of the liquor traffic is comprehended in the legitimate work of the church, and as such has received the attention of our pastors and people. Mainly through the efforts of our officials on Crapo Circuit the Maryland Legislature at its last session passed a law prohibiting license in Lakes district of Dorchester county, which places the whole county under local prohibition. In those parts of Sussex and Kent counties, Delaware, included within the bounds of Dover district there is an evident growth in prohibitory sentiment. The Constitutional Convention now in session in Dover is urged to incorporate an article in the new Constitution recognizing the principle of local option, and requiring the General Assembly to provide for the submission of license or no license to a vote of the people every four years. Our latest information is there is at this time a small majority in favor of its adoption, but the representatives of the liquor men are forming strong combinations throughout the State to defeat this article. This combination comprehends an alliance for the elevation of men to office who will vote against any recognition of this referendum. There is need at this time of a reassertion of the united Christian sentiment of the State to counteract the influence of this combination.

The Conference Academy maintains its high standard of excellence. The faculty is capable and efficient, the work performed is painstaking and thorough and the deportment of the students, with an occasional exception, is above criticism. The enrollment of last year was larger than previous years, and the enrollment of this year is larger than last. The appointment of John H. Beauchamp as the Steward and Purchasing Agent has proven a successful experiment, and the annual report of the Trustees will show that the saving in expenditures is fully equal to their expectations. Could the apportionment of \$1800, authorized by the Conference, be realized, the Academy would in a few years be placed in a healthy financial condition; but the failure of more than one-half of the pastors to raise the apportionments has entailed serious embarrassment, and if continued a few years more this splendid

institution will be a financial wreck, and pass out of the hands of the Wilmington Conference. And now, brethren, permit me to express the profound conviction that the approaching year will be a year of marvelous achievements on the District. With great faith in God and great humility of soul, let us seek all the gifts and all the power of the Holy Ghost. Thus endowed with the spirit of sacrifice of the world's Redeemer, not seeking our own, nor even counting our lives dear unto us, let us give ourselves to the great work of laboring together with God, the work of building up saints and saving lost souls. With perfect oneness let the command be given forward, men forward! Grateful to God for illuminating, sustaining and guiding grace, to the pastors for their earnest co-operation and to the laity for kindness, and the encouraging "God bless you," I submit this report.

R. H. ADAMS.

Easton District.

My Dear Brethren: In the name of the Great Head of the Church I again greet you, and beg to submit this my sixth and last annual report, of the work committed to my oversight, as Presiding Elder of the Easton District.

The working force on the District during the year has been about the same as last year; and while in a few instances the work has been somewhat hindered by the protracted illness of pastors, there has not occurred a single death and the work in the end has all resulted well. Among the laymen who have died during the year Bro. Thomas Mallalieu and wife are worthy of special mention. No more useful and loyal layman ever lived within the bound of this historic Peninsula than Thomas Mallalieu. For more than half a century he had been connected with the Methodist Church. He and his equally devoted and faithful wife received their discharge within a few hours of each other, were buried on the same day and together wait the resurrection of the just.

But while our working force has been about the same as in former years, the resistance which we have had to overcome has been greater than ever before. No year of all these six has presented so many difficulties to the advancement of the temporal and spiritual interests of the Church as the one now closing. If these results are anything like the equal of former years, we ought not to be entirely without encouragement.

Material Improvements.—But very little has been done this year in the way of building and improving churches and parsonages. This has doubtless been due, in a large measure, to the great scarcity of money. To this, however, we have one noted exception. At Piney Neck, Kent County, Md., W. G. Chance, Pastor, a beautiful and commodious new church has been built at a cost of about \$1200, nearly all of which is actually paid and the balance provided for. Six years ago this little society was a part of Rock Hall Circuit, promising to pay \$150 salary and worshipping in an old delapidated church. Now they have a beautiful new church, support a pastor of their own, have an Epworth League numbering more than one hundred, and report the largest number of subscribers to the Epworth Herald of any charge in the District. These magnificent results are due to the courageous and persistent efforts of the Pastor, assisted by a Spartan band of self-sacrificing people. It is a beautiful object-lesson to our wealthier and more influential churches. At several points, small amounts have been raised for the payment of old debts and the making of such repairs as were absolutely necessary. At Easton, an old debt of \$700 has been entirely wiped out. At Cordova, an additional \$319 has been paid on the beautiful new parsonage purchased there last year. Sudlersville has also reduced her debt on parsonage by the payment of \$200.

Salaries.—In a few instances salaries have been reduced and almost in every instance they have been raised with increasing difficulty. And worse than that, judging from the latest reports that have come to me in quite a number of instances they have not been raised in full. This means to the preacher directly affected by it, great hardship. And it is entirely unnecessary. After careful consideration of the subject I am firmly of the opinion, that there has not been, neither is there now, necessity for a reduction in salary or failure to pay salary in but few instances on the District. It is true, that there is almost unprecedented financial stringency, but even in spite of this salaries could be paid with comparative ease, if only our Stewards would adopt some good financial system and faithfully work it. In some of the churches where reductions have been made it is freely admitted that not more than one-half of the members of the church contribute anything to the church's support. Talbot Circuit, Bro. J. F. Anderson, pastor, is an illustration of what can be done along this line. Their financial condition is as unfavorable as any on the District; and yet instead of reducing salary they have increased it and paid it too with more ease than usual. How? By the adoption of a good financial system and then putting into it business methods. The question of ministerial support is at the present time one of the gravest importance. Our Stewards must improve their methods and put more business into their affairs. If they do not, and the present financial stringency continues, we will simply be driven to return to the old Circuit System, of a generation ago.

Epworth League.—We cannot speak too highly of this new agency for the increase of the spiritual and intellectual life of the church. It is everywhere a source of power and helpfulness. In several of the Leagues on the district the regular reading courses are being pursued thereby contributing to the intelligence as well as the piety of our young people. I am impressed with the importance of urging upon all the pastors the need of putting into the hands of our own young people the Epworth Herald. It is a marvel of cheapness and nothing could do more towards making them loyal and intelligent Methodists. What Bro. Chance has done at Piney Neck is an example of what every pastor on the district could do along this line.

The New Order of Service.—In not more than half of the churches on the District has the new order of service been introduced. This, as I see it, is disloyalty to the action of the General Conference. Certainly we ought to have uniformity in our services. As it is we make ourselves ridiculous in the eyes of our sister Churches. In one Church we stand while we sing and in another we sit down. In one we recite the Apostles Creed and in another we do not. We ought to conform rigidly to this General Conference order, so that a Methodist anywhere in a Methodist Church, would know how to conduct himself.

The Children and Public Worship.—Careful inquiry has revealed the fact that not more than one half of our Sunday School children are regularly attending our preaching services. In many places even where we have large and flourishing Sunday Schools there is a woeful lack of children at the preaching services. This is a fatal error. Absolutely nothing, no matter how excellent in itself, can be as productive of good as the habit formed in childhood, of being regularly present on the Sabbath day, where the Sacraments are administered, and the Word of God faithfully preached. What an inspiring and beautiful sight it would be, to see the children that now throng our Sunday Schools, also thronging our public preaching services.

Class and Prayer Meetings.—Those time-honored means of grace are not what they once were. How is this to be accounted for? I fear by the decline in the spiritual life of the church. I know that it is said, that these means of grace have simply been supplanted,

by others that are equally good. But the fact confronts us that even now, with all of our new appliances, whenever revival fires sweep through a church, the class meetings immediately go up to the numbers and power of the olden times. Say what you will, the class-meeting is the thermometer of the spiritual life of the church, and no church can maintain such a means of grace in the absence of the unmistakable witness of the Spirit, to adoption and worship upon the part of the rank and file of its members. No amount of scolding or coaxing can induce lukewarm christians to attend regularly the class-meetings. They must have the touch of Holy fire, and then it is that they "speak with other tongues." I am more and more impressed with the absolute necessity of class-meetings. And I am furthermore impressed that the only thing that can stay the tide of their decline is a deeper spiritual life in the church. When the people have something to tell, they will seek the class-meetings as a channel through which to tell it. When the people are thoroughly alive spiritually, they will as certainly seek the prayer meeting, as water seeks its level.

Revivals.—Revivals have not been so general or sweeping as they were last year. Good meetings have however been held in nearly all the charges and in quite a number of instances they have been of more than ordinary interest. At Millington, Queenstown, Townsend, Cordova, Oxford, Wye and Starr, Galena, Cecilton, there has been large ingathering. At Middletown while the revival did not result in the conversion of so many souls, it brought to the church the greatest quickening that has come to it for many years. Mrs. Ella A. Boole of New York assisted the pastor in the meeting. Her efforts were directed especially towards bringing the Church up to the New Testament standard of piety, in other words to the standard of Christian perfection. The fruits of her labors are already seen and will be found after many days. At Oxford also the Church is on a higher plane. The aggregate ingathering of souls for the District so far as I can ascertain is about 1,100 as against 1,800 one year ago, making a grand total for the six years of 7,500 conversions and 7,309 accessions to the church on probation. The actual increase to the membership of the church over and above all losses during the six years is I am sorry to say not half this number. What has become of the other several thousand probationers? The Church will do well to carefully inquire into this matter.

Benevolences.—From all the data that had come to me before finishing this report, the indications are that the collections will be about up to last year. The amount, however, that we bring represents more work and more sacrifice than ever before. Missionary Debt Paying Day was observed in the most of the charges on the District, and the following amounts have been reported: Chestertown, \$32; Oxford, \$25; Centreville, \$20; Smyrna, \$17; Cecilton, \$15; Kent Island, \$12; Still Pond, \$12; Sudlersville, \$12; Galena, \$10; Hillsboro, \$15; Cordova, \$8; Church Hill, \$4; Queenstown, \$2.50; Sassafras and Massey, \$6; Wye and Starr, \$3; Talbot Circuit, \$6; Greensboro, \$8; Clayton, \$3.50; Cheswold and Bethel, \$6; Smyrna Circuit, \$5; and Pomona, \$3.40. The aggregate of these contributions is \$225, and in most cases is in excess of the apportionment. A special appeal was also made for the Freedmen's Aid Society's debt, but only one collection has been reported, namely, at Cecilton. It is to me a source of painful regret that we cannot report larger contributions to all of these benevolent interests. When, however, it is remembered that our offering to Missions alone represents about 22,000 bushels of corn, it is not such a mean offering after all. But we could do better, if only the missionary spirit were thoroughly infused into all our Churches and Sunday Schools, we could, even in these times, easily raise twice as much as we do.

A Closing Word.—In closing this my last report, I desire to make grateful acknowledgment to God my Father, for the wonderful preservation of body, soul and spirit whereby I

have been enabled with a measure of success, to do the work committed to me. Since the first year of this term of years I have scarcely known what sickness was, and have scarcely failed in a single instance to meet my official engagements. I desire also to express my gratitude to all my brethren of the ministry and their wives with whom I have been associated in the work, for their uniform courtesy and kindness, as I have gone in and out amongst them. I do not see how they could have been kinder or more considerate. The people also in and out of the church have brought me under lasting obligations to them. Wherever I have gone their homes have been open to me, their horses and carriages have been at my disposal. Indeed nothing has been too much trouble to them if only it could help me as I have gone about my Master's business. I can never forget their kindness. May God keep and watch over the many homes that have opened their doors to me during these years and bring all their dear ones to glory at last. Finally my brethren "Pray without ceasing. Abstain from all appearance of evil and the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God that your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ."

ALFRED SMITH.

Salisbury District.

In presenting this my sixth and last annual report of the Salisbury District, I want first of all to give expression to my gratitude to God for His abounding goodness and manifold mercy to me and my co-laborers, both of the ministry and the laity, during another year. The homes are comparatively few upon which the shadows of affliction and death have fallen, yet they are none the less dark where they have fallen. It becomes my painful duty to record the death of one of the well-known members of our Conference, Bro. James Conner. Bro. Conner was appointed to Selbyville last spring, his services were highly appreciated, and it looked as though a year of prosperity had fully set in, when very early in the month of August he was stricken down with typhoid fever and after about six weeks of suffering he surrendered his spirit to God. He left behind a clear testimony that the way before him was all clear. After appropriate ceremonies his body was laid to rest in Barratt's Chapel cemetery.

An unusually sad affliction came to the Cape Charles parsonage in the midst of the year, when Harry, the elder son of Bro. and Sister Burr, was taken from them, just in the midst of a promising young manhood. But the cloud is rent by the assurance of a better life beyond.

The angel of death also entered the parsonages at Girdletree and Somerset, and in each case plucked a beautiful little flower of hope and planted it in the Paradise of God.

On December 21, in the Laurel Parsonage, there ceased to shine one of the bright lights of the Church militant, Sister Betsey V. Craly, Mrs. Watt's mother. She had been a devout Christian from childhood, and her death was a glorious dawning of a better day.

The Delmar Church suffers a great loss in the departure of John Michael Elliot, on Sunday morning, February 28, to his heavenly home. Bro. Elliott was one of the most vigorous, loyal, liberal, Christian men that it has ever been my privilege to know. I pray that his mantle may fall upon another.

P. A. Leatherberry, a well-known local preacher of Onancock, Va., died on the 13th inst. This is a sad loss to Accomac County Methodism, as well as to the local Church of which he was for many years a highly-honored member. Bro. Leatherberry was one of the few men in that region who stood by the mother Church during the dark days of the rebellion.

Thus here and there the Reaper has gathered a ripened sheaf. Here and there the

workmen fall, but, praise the Lord, the work goes on, as a review of the District will show.

Immediately after the adjournment of the last session of Conference, it was found that some re-adjustments in the appointments would be wise, and Bros. Dulany and Green were requested to remain in the respective charges they had served last year, and Bro. Bounds was sent to Deal's Island instead of Whitesville. These re adjustments have worked admirably in each case.

I am persuaded that the character of the service rendered the cause of God on the Salisbury District this year, both by preachers and laymen, is superior to that given any previous year of my administration, and if there shall be any falling off anywhere in visible results, it is more than offset by the multiplied invisible forces that shall manifest themselves in the years to come.

One of the things which always give some great concern and to which I bend my best endeavors during the first quarter of the year, is the fixing of the estimates of pastoral support and devising ways and means for realizing the same; because I am forcibly impressed that the financial support a pastor receives and the spirit in which it is given has a very vital bearing upon the life of the church. God says "The laborer is worthy of his hire," and if he is deprived of it, the church must suffer loss. Again He says "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver," which emphasizes the spirit of giving, therefore we need to regulate all our matters of church financiering so as to secure as far as possible the hire of the laborer and the spirit of cheerfulness in the giver. The results of the efforts at estimation and planning have been by no means disappointing. For five years in succession, the District has gone forward in her estimates for Pastoral support, and that too, when the financial conditions were continually growing harder; so we felt that if last year's record was maintained, it would be a creditable thing; but thanks to the liberal minded laymen, and the spirit which animates them we have more than held our own, and Berlin, Holland's Island, Millsboro, Onancock, Parksley, St. Peters and Whitesville have made advances ranging from \$25.00 at Onancock to \$200 at Berlin, and aggregating \$575. There was a falling off at two or three points; but we have a net gain of about \$300 for the year. No doubt the Minutes will show a deficiency as they do in all the years past, but in justice it should be said that a large proportion of these deficiencies are paid after Conference each year.

In building and improving church and parsonage property, we have continued the forward movement of other years.

On the Fruitland Circuit, near Salisbury, a new church has been built at a cost of \$800, \$200 of which remains unpaid, and while the church has not been dedicated, because better times are looked for, yet services are being held in it.

At Millsboro, a long felt want has been supplied in the building of a handsome new church of modern architecture and arrangement. It is now ready for dedication, and the entire cost of some \$3000 is satisfactorily provided for, except about \$500. This is a noble monument of a self-sacrificing people and an untiring pastor and wife.

At Asbury, on Mt. Vernon charge, there now stands a beautiful and commodious new church, where eight months ago stood an inadequate and dilapidated structure. Nothing is lacking but the furniture, and when that is supplied, the total cost will be about \$2000, a marvel of cheapness which was only possible by the special genius of the pastor, Bro. Dawson, for that kind of work and his undivided personal attention. The financial condition under which this enterprise has been carried so near completion, has been very hard, yet all costs thus far are more than covered.

At Walson Station on the B. C. & A. R. R., within the bounds of the Parsonburg

charge, a neat chapel 20x30 has been built at the cost of about \$600, all of which is cared for in a satisfactory manner. Bro. Strickland is the energetic pastor.

On Smith's Island, the days, when boats, winds and tides must be absolutely depended upon for the privileges of the Sanctuary, are past, as each of the three settlements now has its own church. Two of these—Drum Point and North End—have been built this year. In architecture, finish and furniture, they are both very much admired by all visitors.

The Drum Point Church cost \$2200 and there is not a dollar against it; that at North End cost \$2500 and only \$500 stands against it. The building of these two churches at this time and so nearly paying for them, only shows what people can do for God when they fully have a mind for the work. This is a glorious climax to the three years hearty co-operation of Bro. Beauchamp and his noble people.

In the town of Laurel, the Mt. Pleasant people have bought an excellent parsonage property, which is well located and possesses all necessary attachments for that purpose. Through the kindness and liberality of J. Dallis and Harvy Marvel, they were able to secure this property at a very low figure and have arranged to pay for it in annual installments. Bro. Williams, the pastor, has been an indispensable factor in this commendable movement, which helps very much to make Mt. Pleasant a very desirable Circuit.

Very many churches have done much in repairing church and parsonage property and in paying old debts. We have time to mention at length only a few of the more prominent.

Jones' Church, on Whitesville Circuit, was completely re-modelled, enlarged, beautified and re-furnished during the Summer. The cost, \$600, was raised on the day of the re-opening.

Asbury put in new heaters, at a cost of \$200. Berlin has expended \$130 for parsonage improvements. Synapuxent, on Bishopville Circuit, has been much improved within and without, at a cost of \$200. Cape Charles paid \$200 on her old debt and invested \$125 in improvements. Chincoteague paid \$150 on her old debt. Crisfield expended \$150 on debts and improvements. Deal's Island much improved the surroundings of church and parsonage, at a cost of \$150, and raised an indebtedness of \$150. Delmar paid off the last \$225 of her debt.

Fairmount has raised \$1030 on old debts and sets herself free for the first time in fourteen years. Also \$160 on improvements.

All hail to the Ladies' Aid at Frankford! Some fourteen years ago they assumed the debt of the new parsonage and have gradually reduced it until this year, when the last dollar was paid.

The Fruitland parsonage has been painted and fenced at a cost of \$80 and a small sum raised on indebtedness. Girdletree has paid \$380 on indebtedness. Laurel has reduced her indebtedness. Mt. Vernon has paid \$100 on improvements and \$200 on old debts. A new fence has been put about the Pittsville Church, New Church charge, cost unknown. Pocomoke City has expended \$200 on improvements. \$900 has been raised on the indebtedness against the church property at Princess Anne—which means splendid liberality—and only leaves them \$400 in debt. The Salisbury Church has been improved at a cost of \$850, which has been paid. Sharptown has expended \$70 on improvements. The first-class Ladies' Aid at Somerset expended \$100 on parsonage improvements. Tangier very greatly improved her parsonage at an expense of \$250. The Westover Circuit people have raised \$250 on their parsonage debt.

Much thought, time and effort have been given by the District, as a whole, to the Benevolences of the Church. Yet not too much, nor enough, for these great Benevolent

enterprises voice the cry of the world for the gospel of Jesus, and they are at the same time the avenues through which the light and peace of heaven comes into the darkened minds and troubled hearts of men, they also give the highest opportunities of life to transmute the perishable dust of earth into shining, immortal character. The contributions of the District to these enterprises has increased from year to year. We had feared that there might be a shrinking in these streams as there has been in all mere business enterprises under the pressure of hard times, but the splendid loyalty and liberality of our people, responding to the untiring zeal of the faithful pastors, has brought us larger returns this year than ever before. The final report will show a gain over last year on every cause about as follows: Missions, \$130; Church Extension, \$5; Freedman's Aid, \$75; Education, \$0; Conference Claimants, \$5; Bible, \$35; Tract, \$5; Sunday School, \$5.

I have not been able to determine exactly the extent of the observance of the Missionary "Debt Paying Day," but I am confident that nearly every charge, at some time during the year, took a collection for this purpose. I wish as much could be said in regard to the appeal of the Freedman's Aid and the Southern Education Society. Not more, perhaps, than ten or twelve charges took a collection for this purpose. It requires more courage to plead for the freedmen among our people than for any other one cause, because of the prejudices; yet the existence of this prejudice of itself makes the plain, faithful putting of the cause an imperative necessity, for we can't afford to have our people live in this spirit—it curses them, and faithful dealing will dissipate it and lead them to a better manhood. I faithfully presented the appeal of the Trustees of the Conference Academy without much response, because of the "hard times" cry. Yet these appeals are educational and are not wholly without fruit which will mature by and by.

The standing of the charges on their contributions to the Benevolences as compared with last year is as follows: On Missions, 22 advance, 10 report same and 9 report less; Church Extension, 13 advance, 21 same 7 less; Freedman's Aid, 21 increase, 15 same 4 decrease; Education, 20 report more, 12 same and 9 less; Sunday School, 7 more, 3 less 33 same; Tracts, 6 more, 3 less 34 same; Bible, 19 more, 5 less 19 same; Conference Claimants, 13 more, 9 less 19 same; Tangier Advances \$53 and Stockton \$40; The largest increase on Missions is at Fairmount and is \$125; The largest gain on Church Extension is at Roxana and is \$5; Freedman's Aid, \$15 and largest increase is at Fairmount; Education gains most at Crisfield \$26, though splendid advances were made at several points; Sunday School gains most at Fairmount \$3; On Tract, the best advance is at Fairmount \$3; Bible, gains most at Nanticoke \$11; Largest gain on Conference Claimants is \$20, at Fairmount; The greatest advance on the whole seven General Conference Collections is \$165 and was made at Fairmount.

Sunday School Work.—I have frequently urged the importance of this department of our work, for it is second to none, because it is that department in which the word of God is

Imparted to the minds and hearts of the young, constituting a basis for the operations of the Holy Ghost unto the salvation of the soul and the building up of Christian character, and I am persuaded that interest in this work is growing. "Children's Day" was universally observed and the program of our Society generally used. The financial results were good and the intellectual and moral the same.

The Epworth League of the District is growing in numbers and influence. The prejudices that arose against it in its early history have disappeared, and where it is wisely directed, it is a great power for good in many directions.

The District Chapter is ably officered with Bro. Swain as President and Bro. Green as

Secretary. The District convention which was held in Berlin last November was the best we have ever had, and from it went out an inspiration that gave an uplift to the whole District.

The Gospel still sounds with an inviting voice and more than 2000 sinners have bowed at our altars in the last twelve months and more than 1800 have professed saving faith in Christ. Some charges have had wonderful revivals both in scope and power. Tangier Island has had 238 conversions, the greatest revival in her history. Girdletree Circuit reports 210, while Frankford Circuit rejoices in 180, most of them at St. George's Church. Millsboro reports 83, Stockton reports 80, Fairmount 80, Roxanna 70, Pocomoke Circuit 67, Bishopville 64, and many other charges from 25 to 60, while in almost every charge some have been added to the church.

Surely the Gospel is still the power of God unto salvation. But the results of a revival are not, by any means, to be measured by the number of conversions. It quickens the spiritual life of believers, develops Christian character, unifies the church and opens up larger avenues of benevolence, thus stimulating to larger contributions for the salvation of the peoples beyond, so that while it is the harvest of a past sowing, it is at the same time a sowing for future harvests. In a word, it solves every problem committed to the church. All agencies combined cannot serve God's purposes in the earth without a revival church.

I have not greatly encouraged the employment of professional Evangelists. They have their place, and often glorious results attend their labors, but I fear there is a tendency among both pastors and people to depend upon the Evangelist and not to expect a revival unless he is on hand, which is the equivalent of depending upon the Evangelist rather than upon the Lord. Every preacher needs to have the gifts of the Apostle, the Prophet, the Evangelist and the Pastor and the Teacher, all combined, and in co-operation with his people to do all that the Church of God is sent to do.

Along Temperance lines we have continued the work of former years, to agitate and educate. And I am persuaded that we are multiplying a force and kindling a fire that in the next half century will break forth with such fury that every saloon and distillery will be overturned and burned out, and this, the right arm of hell, utterly paralyzed. I am impressed more and more with the adaptability of our church machinery to hasten this end. The committee known as the "Temperance Committee" has a great opportunity and may be made a great power backed as it is by the Church, and in alliance, as it may be, with other temperance organizations. Let this committee be wisely selected, and let it be understood that it stands for the right arm of the Church in holy warfare against the liquor traffic, and great good will be accomplished in enforcing the restrictive and prohibitive features of the laws now in existence, in securing the enactment of more favorable laws and in strengthening and focalizing public sentiment.

And now in conclusion, suffer a brief review of the work done and the progress made on the Salisbury District during the past six years. I need not recall the circumstances under which I was appointed to the administration of the affairs of the District. Suffice it to say, I found many things to encourage me and only a few to discourage. I found in the beginning a measure of devotion and loyalty to God, to Methodism and to the administration of the Church on the part of the laymen that was exceedingly stimulating. My brethren in the ministry greeted me with that warm-heartedness that only one Methodist preacher can extend to another.

The District, as a whole, was in such a condition as only a vigorous administration of many years could have placed it. Indeed, it had reached a point where outside critics said

"it is inflated and can not be sustained," but time has shown that they had not correctly estimated the mental, moral, financial Methodist fiber of which the District was made.

According to the Minutes (which were not always correct in those days) I found 8524 full members and 1812 probationers. I have insisted from year to year upon a careful pruning of the records, but shall leave about 10500 full members and 1800 probationers, a gain of 2000 full members. Of the 112 churches of the District 32 have been built in the last six years and a large proportion of the others have been repaired. Of the 40 parsonages 7 of them have been built and 2 others bought during my term. I found the District giving for Missions \$4799, which is the largest contribution ever made up to that time. This year we lay upon the missionary altar \$6560, a gain of \$1760. This puts the District on the \$1,900,000 Line. We were praying and working for the \$2,000,000. The Church Extension Collection was \$587 six years ago, now it is \$690, a gain of \$103. The Freedman's Aid offering was \$318 then, now it is \$490, a gain of \$172. The Education Collection in '91, aside from the special collection taken by eight charges for Ladies' Hall, was \$603. The same collection this year, aside from the special taken for Conference Academy Debt, is \$837, a gain of \$234. The aggregate contribution for Sunday School, Tract and Bible cause was then \$507, now it is \$460.

In '91, the District gave only \$981 for the support of the retired corps of the itinerant army, and I am sorry to say that it has only given \$1,266 this year, a gain of \$285.

The estimate for the support of the Pastors of the District during the Conference year ending March '91, was \$25,500. The estimate for the Conference year now closing is \$31,600, or a gain of \$6,100. Here is the key that unlocks one of the secrets of the success of the District. \$6,000 put into the heart and brain of 44 Methodist preachers, with all the concomitants of freedom from care as to their financial obligations and the support of their loved ones, and the "Rainy Day" to which we must all look forward, means more in service and success than an angel can compute.

Many a poor, timid Methodist preacher is there in unknown corners hounded by creditors who sometimes withhold half the pittance they promise to his support, digging his barren garden patch to keep his loved ones from want, who would become a giant in the church if you would give him salary enough to feed his body, fire his brain, unburden his heart and make him feel that he is a man among men. Let me say to the laymen who have not heard it that as long as we are human "poor pay will mean poor preach" as a rule.

I have thus indicated one of the secrets of the success of the District for the past six years. But back of the salaries are the men who pay them and the men who receive them. What shall I say of these? Bishop, when in your journeyings far and wide, or even in your famous "Lecture on Africa," you want an illustration of the best laymen of Methodism, outside the Germans, let me entreat you, in justice to all, to come to the Salisbury District. These laymen love the Church that has made them all they are, and have due regard for the vow that is upon them to "contribute of their earthly substance, according to their ability, to the support of the ministry and the various benevolent enterprises of the Church." Hence, in spite of the grinding hard times, such as we have never before suffered, they lay upon God's altar a contribution that grows with each succeeding year.

What shall I say of these Pastors? These forty and four men who do now, and those who have at various times, heretofore, during the six years, served as the captains of the Lord's hosts. You belong to the company which John saw, though your tribulations are not of persecution; they are of toil. You have garnered the harvests that I have reported from year to year. Shall I say reported? Nay, but in part; God only can report in full. If any

notice has come to me as a Presiding Elder, it is only because I have stood upon the pedestal that your sacrifice of muscle and brain and heart-force has builded, and that, too, of brick without straw. In taking leave of you, I can say nothing more appropriate, nothing more complimentary, nothing more true, than that which the Master and Bishop of us all will say to you in the final and great Conference, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

W. F. CORKRAN.

Wilmington District.

Dear Fathers and Brethren; With devout thanksgiving to the Great Head of the Church for past blessings and mercies, and an abiding faith in His future care, I make my fifth annual report to this body.

The past year has been one of faithful labor and sacrifice, both upon the part of the pastors and the people. The churches and preachers have keenly felt the financial pressure everywhere prevailing, and have not been without their cares and sufferings. This has been the most difficult and embarrassing year of my administration. Money has been scarce and hard to get. As a consequence, the total deficiency in pastors' salaries will be the largest, I fear, ever reported from the Wilmington District, where the rule has been to pay the preachers in full.

Death has entered our ranks and laid his chilling touch upon one of the ablest, most devout and useful men in Methodism. On the 10th of October, Dr. Merritt Hulburd, Pastor of Grace Church, Wilmington, exchanged the itinerant toils of earth for the permanent glories of Heaven. In the midst of life's activities, at the zenith of his powers and usefulness, his sun went down at noonday. God called him, and he ceased at once to work and live on earth, leaving behind him a stricken, bereaved family, a mourning Church and a sorrowing community.

Bro. Layfield has been called upon to mourn the death of his saintly mother, who, after a long, useful life in the Church militant of over half a century, entered the Church triumphant June 30th.

Among the laymen who have died during the year, I mention the names of J. T. Mullin and Eli Mendenhall, prominent members of Grace Church, Wilmington. Bro. Mullin died April 22d and Bro. Mendenhall March 14th. Truly, two noble, generous souls have been added to Heaven's hosts. Their names are as ointment poured forth in all the churches.

Wm. P. Taylor was stricken with severe illness in the Autumn, which held him in its grasp for about a month, but the Lord raised him up, and he has earnestly labored to make up for the lost time.

Transfers and Removals.—We have had somewhat of a "moving time" in the Wilmington District the past year. S. N. Pilchard, who was stationed at Scott Church, Wilmington, last March, and who made a fine impression in his new charge, in April received from President Cleveland an appointment as Chaplain in the U. S. Army, and in the latter part of May removed to his post of duty in Arizona. M. L. Hutton, of the Minnesota Conference, was transferred to this Conference and stationed at Scott.

M. L. Gates, who was returned to Asbury, Wilmington, last Spring, early in June was transferred to the New York Conference, and Ezra Tinker was transferred from the New York Conference to this Conference and stationed at Asbury. These appointments have given general satisfaction, and the Quarterly Conferences, without a dissenting vote, have requested the return of their pastors.

At the request of the official Board of Grace Church, I appointed Wesley C. Johnson, a supernumary member of the Philadelphia Conference residing in Wilmington, to the pastorate of that church, made vacant by the death of Dr. Hulburd. This appointment has given great satisfaction. Bro. Johnson has carefully attended to every interest.

J. H. Wiley, who served as a supply at East Lake, Wilmington, was compelled in the latter part of December, on account of impaired health, to relinquish his work. J. D. Rigg, one of our Supernumeraries was appointed to fill the vacancy. He has faithfully attended to the trust committed to him.

Two of the preachers have served their respective charges the full limit of five years, S. M. Morgan at Mt. Salem, and F. B. Short at Harrison Street. They come to the conclusion of their terms high in the appreciation and affection of the people. The only complaint heard at these churches is, that the time limit was not abolished by the last General Conference. There are two closing their fourth year; eleven their third year; fifteen their second year; and thirteen their first year.

I would like to speak in detail of the labors of every pastor in the District. They all deserve mention, for they have been in labors abundant. Their faith has been heroic and unswerving and their achievements glorious. But such a detailed statement would expand this report to an unseemly length, hence I must forbear.

Revivals.—Believing that the King's business demands haste, the preachers wasted no time in getting to their appointments; the most of them were in their pulpits the first Sabbath after Conference, and during all the year they lifted up Christ as the sinner's Friend and the sinner's Saviour. Their trumpets gave forth no uncertain sound. They had something to tell, and they were in a hurry to tell it. They are satisfied with the old Bible as it is. They believe it clear through, Jonah included, and preach it in its entirety as the Word of God. They refused to be deceived and led astray by those who, swallowed by the whale of their own conceit, have been spewed out upon the dry land of barren negation and misty agnosticism. God honored their faith, and gave them the answer of fire. Revival services have been held in every charge, and souls converted. At Marshallton, New Castle, Hopewell, North East, Delaware City, Elkton and Ebenezer, the windows of Heaven were opened, and the communities stirred by the power of the Holy Spirit, while Port Deposit, Rising Sun and Sylmar, Mt. Pleasant, Perryville, Charlestown Circuit, Zion Circuit, Newport, Bethel and Summit, Chester-Bethel, Cherry Hill, Chesapeake City, Christiana and Union, Salem, Claymont, Elk Neck, Mt. Lebanon, Newark and Wesley, Mt. Pleasant and Glasgow and St. Georges, all shared more or less in revival power. In the city, the pastors worked constantly and faithfully, but the results are far from being commensurate with their efforts. Here the world, the flesh and the devil mass their forces, and make a determined stand. Cards, theatres and Sabbath desecration, like a mighty flood, seethe and roar about us, drawing into the vortex old and young. The compromising attitude of many professed Christians, who either participate in, or excuse these evils, makes it hard for the faithful minister of Jesus to beat back these on-coming waves of evil and win souls for Christ. But our pulpits in Wilmington are filled with manly men, earnest, aggressive, true and faithful, contending for the faith once delivered to the Saints, sounding the note of warning and pointing sinners "to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." In every Church the battle against sin has been waged and souls captured for God. One thing urged during the year by the Presiding Elder, and cordially endorsed and reinforced by the pastors, was that we do not so much need more members as better members. "Quality, not quantity" has been our watchword. We have steadily tried to inculcate the principles of benevolence,

brotherly love, deep devotion to the cause of Christ, and a spirit of opposition to the world. I believe that throughout the District to-day there is a deeper piety, a more loyal devotion to the principles of Methodism, and a riper experience in the deep things of God than ever before.

Class-Meeting.—I have carefully inquired as to the proportion of our members attending class-meeting, and find the average to be about one-fourth. The largest average I found at Hopewell, where two-thirds of the members attend. In all our churches, the members are assigned to classes, and leaders appointed, but the attendance upon this time-honored means of grace is not nearly as large as it should be. One reason for this is found in the fact that a majority of our young people attend the Epworth League, and other kindred organizations, and think this is sufficient. I do not, however, believe that the time has yet come when the class-meeting can be dispensed with. When we cease to be a witnessing church, much of our influence and power will be gone.

Sunday Schools.—I am glad to report the Sunday School work to be in excellent shape. Our schools are well organized, and in nearly every charge in successful operation throughout the year. The old notion, that frost was as killing to a Sunday School in the country districts as to a peach, has been happily exploded, and our schools now throw their banners to the chilling blasts of January as well as to the gentle zephyrs of June. I have inquired as to the number of scholars attending preaching service, and find a general average in the District of about seven-tenths. Three charges, New Castle, Christiana and Red Lion, report all their scholars attend; St. Paul's and Union, Wilmington, report nine-tenths, and the pastors are formulating plans to secure the remaining tenth. This is a creditable showing, and negatives the assertion that our young people are drifting away from us. Whither can they go to find anything better? Our Church offers them as good and as substantial, spiritual, intellectual and social good as can be found anywhere.

Our Sunday School supplies are procured mainly from our Publishing House. In a few isolated cases, inferior and cheaper publications are used, on the score of economy. But when economy is exercised at the price of quality and loyalty, it is dearly bought. In some instances, the Superintendents have not been as enthusiastic in the cause of missions as they should, and the schools under their care have not responded to the call of a perishing world according to the measure of their ability. Our Sunday School Boards should elect no man to superintend our schools who is not true to this great cause.

Epworth League.—This young and noble organization is alive, and in many charges doing good and effective work. There are 35 chapters, with a total membership of about 1,250, with 5 Christian Endeavor Societies, with a membership of about 300. Wisely and persistently worked, the Epworth League may and will become an organization of spiritual and social power. It is an important factor in moulding the character of the Methodism of the 20th century. We may already hear the steady tread of the on-coming host of educated and indoctrinated young people, whose presence and influence will be felt with power in the church. Then we shall have in our Quarterly Conferences men and women with larger views, and better training for work. Every Methodist Church should have an Epworth League Chapter, in which our young people should be instructed in the history, doctrines and polity of our Methodism.

Benevolences.—Our preachers have stood by the benevolent institutions of the Church like men in battle. Some did not receive their salaries in full, but they earnestly contended for the full apportionment for benevolences. Nothing deterred them. The cry of "hard times," so depressing to interests and workers generally, the coldness or indifference of mem-

bers, did not halt them in their onward march. They made heroic efforts to find the last man and the last cent. A Methodist preacher has no business to become discouraged. It should be his trait to look on the bright side of things, and to keep his eyes toward the stars. He is engaged in a great work, which must succeed, and his reward is sure.

The reports will show the results of the year's work. It is to be regretted that the District does not reach last year's figures on Missions. Outside of the cities of Wilmington and New Castle, we have about held our own. There has been a substantial advance at Elkton, notwithstanding the obstacles encountered. At Perryville there has been an advance of over 41 per cent. Marshallton takes a step in advance. Port Deposit goes ahead. Hopewell and Asbury thought the apportionment a little high, but the charge flies the banner of victory with an increase of about 77 per cent. in the collections.

In the two cities we lose quite heavily on Missions. The conditions were such that no other result seemed possible. Asbury, Grace, St. Paul's, Mt. Salem and Scott fail to reach apportionments. Madeley, Wesley, Harrison Street and Kingswood advance on last year. Silverbrook, Eastlake, Cookman reach the apportionment. Brandywine, Union and Swedish Mission reach apportionment.

New Castle makes a good showing when the conditions surrounding her people are considered.

This shortage in the collections is not the fault of the preachers, who have striven, early and late, to reach the desired mark. Nor is it any fault of the loyal, true hearted members. Some have sacrificed that God's treasury might have the means to do His work. I have, by letter and personal solicitation, urged these collections.

Dedication and Improvements.—Church building and improvements have not been neglected during the year. June 28 the beautiful granite church at Perryville was dedicated. It is Gothic in style, seated with chairs, and is one of the neatest and best arranged churches in the District. The total cost is \$7,200. Dr. Geo. E. Reed, President of Dickinson College, Dr. Merritt Hubbard and the Presiding Elder, assisted the pastor, H. G. Budd, in the dedicatory services. Over \$5,000 has been raised and paid. Too much credit cannot be given to the noble, generous people, and the young and energetic pastor, who personally solicited and collected most of the funds, and assisted with his own hands, in erecting the building. Such a *Budd* as this cannot do otherwise than blossom into a first-class Methodist preacher.

Riddle's Chapel, Wilmington, connected with Mt. Salem charge, has been removed a little distance from its former position to a mere eligible site, and completely remodeled and renovated. This chapel, founded by that godly and generous local preacher, the late James Riddle, has been used exclusively for Sunday School purposes. William M. Field, a prominent layman of Grace Church, assisted by his devoted wife, who is the daughter of Mr. Riddle, resolved, at their own expense, to make this a more desirable and useful building, by putting where it could be more easily reached. A handsome Lecture Room has been added, electric lights put in, and other modern improvements, at a cost of \$3000. Reopening exercises were held February 7th, and addresses delivered by Chief Justice Lore of Wilmington, Hon. John Field of Philadelphia, and Rev. Dr. A. T. Leonard of Philadelphia. In the evening F. C. McSorley of Newark preached.

St. Georges Church frescoed, recarpeted and relighted at a cost of \$300, was reopened September 20, Dr. Tinker of Wilmington, and Julius Dodd of Newport, assisting the pastor, J. O. Sypherd. The entire expenses met by the ladies.

Harrison Street Church, Wilmington, carpeted and seated with modern opera chairs, a

a cost of about \$1500. Reopening services November 1, Dr. Upham of Drew Seminary, assisting F. B. Short, the pastor. This the youngest child of Methodism in the city, has a phenomenal record. Within the last five years, this young society has raised and paid out for all purposes, over \$20000. When we take into consideration the fact that in the entire membership there is not a rich man or woman, this record shows self-sacrifice, hard work and good religion. Although Bro. Short, the popular pastor, must leave by expiration of time, it cannot be said that this Church has come *Short* in anything.

Brandywine Church has purchased the desirable property adjoining for a parsonage, at a cost of \$2500. The ladies are furnishing and beautifying it.

At Scott, Wilmington, Newark and Elk Neck new pipe organs have been purchased, at a cost of about \$1500, which has been paid.

Churches and parsonages have been improved during the year, as follows: Cherry Hill, \$240; Hopewell, \$622; Delaware City, \$230; New Castle, \$375; Rising Sun, \$35; St. John's, \$74; Asbury, Wilmington, \$250; Madeley, \$120; Cookman, \$60; Chester-Bethel, \$113; Brandywine, \$100; Mt. Pleasant, \$75. Total, \$2294.

Debts Paid.—Baldwins, \$159; Chesapeake City, \$300; Claymont, \$380; Marshallton, \$52; Mt. Lebanon, \$256; Glasgow, \$50; Mt. Pleasant, Md., \$80; Zion Circuit, \$230; Brandywine, Wilmington, \$700; Mt. Salem, \$1000; Cookman, \$75; Silverbrook, \$375; Swedish Mission, \$300; Union, \$700. Total, \$4757.

I regret that I cannot announce, in this connection, any reduction of the debt on Epworth, Wilmington. The debt remains about what was reported at the last session of our Conference, a little over \$15,000. The conditions are such, it was simply impossible to make any reduction this year. The pastor has stood at his post; the people, self-sacrificing and true, have stood by their pastor; various plans have been suggested, but such are the financial straits to which the members are reduced, with the manufacturing interests of the city paralyzed and scarcity of work in all departments of trade, that the plans could not be worked. Epworth has the sympathy of our Methodism, but each church in the city has felt that it could scarcely carry its own burdens, and hence unable to render help at this time. I am hopeful, however, that a brighter day is about to dawn, and that Epworth, together with Wesley, Kingswood, Cookman and Harrison Street will be delivered from their difficulties.

The marvel is that we have done as well as we have. We have raised and paid this year for church and parsonage improvements and debts, \$13,281, add to this about \$2500 paid for interest, and we have a grand total of \$15,676—all this in the face of unparalleled difficulties. If this was done in the green tree what could be done in the dry?

Woman's Work.—Woman's Foreign and Home Missionary Societies are well organized, and doing a good work. They have contributed to the needs of those in our own land and across the sea. The District will make a good showing in this respect. The amounts received by these godly women have not crippled the parent society, but many hearts and homes have been reached by their efforts and contributions that would otherwise have remained in ignorance, darkness and want.

Much attention has been given during the past year to Deaconess' work in Wilmington. A house was rented and a Deaconess procured. The ladies of the W. H. M. S. superintended the work, which was faithfully prosecuted until the Deaconess was summoned to a distant part of the country. The work will be resumed as soon as another Deaconess can be secured.

New Castle Church celebrated its 75th anniversary last year. The pastor, Bro. Collins, presented a delightful program, which was greatly enjoyed during the week, beginning May 31. Former pastors and others participated in the services.

Temperance and Prohibition.—A large part of the Wilmington District is under prohibitory law, which is a great blessing to that territory. But the portion lying in New Castle County, Del., is still ruled and blasted by the Rum power. Our church has been on the aggressive during the year. The pastors have preached and labored and voted to make temperance sentiment. The assembling of a convention to frame a new constitution for the State afforded an opportunity which we utilized. A mass convention was called, at which measures were taken to bring all legitimate influence to bear upon this convention, that we might at least secure local option. Sermons were preached in all our churches, urging action, and petitions numerously signed, which have been forwarded to the convention now in session at Dover. The Committee on Temperance has made a report, favoring what we prayed for, and we are trusting that when the vote is taken we shall have the principle of the Referendum in the organic law of the State. Then the time will come when we will vote this iniquity out of Delaware.

Cecil county, Md., is, however, made to suffer in another direction. The race-track gamblers and thieves, driven from nearly every State in the Union, have, under the operation of Maryland law, set up their nefarious business in that county. Time and language would fail me, were I to attempt to set forth the brutalizing, degrading and debauching operations of this iniquitous gang. Our ministers in that county are loyal to Christ, and stand up for decency and order. Their pulpits have thundered against this business, until public sentiment has become thoroughly aroused, and unless all signs fail, no man can be elected to the Legislature this coming fall, who will, in any way, show favor to these gamblers. The saloon has been banished from Cecil county, and these agents of the devil must share its fate.

Public Worship.—Of the 45 charges, comprising the Wilmington District, but 14 observe the order of public worship as recommended by the last General Conference. Whether this is attributable to the dread of innovation, or fear of too much Ritualism, I know not. I have recommended its use both for its uniformity and devotional spirit, and think in a little while it will come into more general use.

The year's record is made up. I have enjoyed the society of my brethren of the ministry and of the laity. It has been a pleasure to stand by you, to share with you in your success, and to sympathize with you in your trials. I could wish for no better company on earth, and expect to share with you in the joys of Heaven.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS E. BARRATT.

I.—Auditor's Report.

Your Auditing Committee presents the following report:

L. E. Barrett, P. E., Wilmington District, received from Foreign Missionary Society \$582. Paid to the Swedish Mission, \$582; received from Domestic Mission Fund, \$260, which was distributed as follows: Christiana, \$30; Mt. Lebanon, \$25; East Lake, \$40; Elk Neck, \$25; Mt. Pleasant and Rowlandville, \$30; Marshallton and Stanton, \$25; Red Lion and Glasgow, \$25; Claymont, \$20; Charlestown, \$25; Port Penn, \$15. Total, \$260.

Alfred Smith, P. E., Easton District, received from Domestic Mission Fund, \$172, paid out as follows: Pomona, \$25; Kenton, \$22; Crumpton, \$25; Royal Oak, \$25; Trappe, \$30; Ingleside, \$45. Total, \$172.

R. H. Adams, P. E., Dover District, received from Foreign Missionary Society, \$160, distributed as follows: Salem, \$90; Lakesville, \$70. Total, \$160.

Received from Domestic Mission Fund, \$165; balance from last year, \$9; total, \$174; distributed as follows: Zoar, \$45; Lakesville, \$30; Armory, \$30; Madison, \$25; Elliott's Island, \$15. Total, \$150; balance, \$24.

W. F. Corkran, P. E., Salisbury District, received from Foreign Missionary Society, \$340, distributed as follows: Parksley, \$165; Cape Charles, \$175. Total, \$340.

Received from Domestic Mission Fund, \$258, distributed as follows: New Church, \$40; Quantico, \$25; Parksley, \$82.50; Bethel, \$30; Westover, \$25; Sharptown, \$20; Exmore, \$60; Pocomoke Circuit, \$5; Powellville, \$25. Total, \$322.50; paid out in excess of receipts, \$64.50.

E. H. Nelson, Trustee for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham, received from Wilmington Conference, \$250; from Mrs. Carrow, \$166. Total, \$416.

Paid to Pennsylvania Hospital for board and medical attendance, \$416.

We have received vouchers for all the above accounts and find them correct.

Rev. C. A. Grise, Conference Treasurer, received \$38,601, and paid out by order of Conference, \$38,601. We have examined his account and find it correct.

II.—Bible.

In view of the fact that inimical criticisms have recently been made of the Book which has been, and is the standard of our faith, and the rule for our conduct, it behooves us to express ourselves as standing firmly upon the foundation laid by our Fathers in their acceptance and exposition of the Word of God, and that we see no reason in any facts of science or philosophy to change our base of belief, but rather to adhere to the ancestral faith and emulate their example in spreading Scriptural holiness as taught in the Word of God. The helpfulness of the Bible Society to our work on all lines at home and abroad ought to command our most earnest co-operation. But we are pained to learn that the foreign work of the American Bible Society is now seriously hampered for want of funds. Furthermore we regret to report that last year there were 51 charges of our Conference which gave but a nominal sum and 19 charges which contributed nothing, which however we are glad to say was a slight improvement over the preceding year.

Resolved, 1. That this Conference gives its hearty approval to the American Bible Society.

2. That we regard it as a strong bond between Evangelical Churches, doing the Bible work of all without denominational distinction.

3. That its great work in foreign lands commends it to our support as a most efficient aid in the prosecution of foreign missions.

4. That we urge on all pastors not to omit the collection for the American Bible Society from the list of collections which they are charged to take, but to present to their congregations the duty of giving liberally for the support of this most worthy and important cause.

5. That we appreciate the services of the Society agent. The Rev. R. W. Todd who has so frequently visited our territory during the last year in the interest of the Bible cause—and extend to him an invitation to be with us as often as possible. Rev. Dr. Moffett agent for Delaware has been very efficient. We earnestly recommend his re-election.

III.—Church Extension.

The Conference Board of Church Extension begs leave to present the following report of what has been accomplished in this special department within our bounds during the year just ended :

The regular meeting of the Board was held on June 16, 1896, at Fletcher Hall, Wilmington, with a full attendance of the members. The report of the Conference Treasurer showed that the sum of \$2071 had been paid during the early part of the current year, to James Long, Esq., Treasurer of the Parent Board.

Through the late Dr. Hulburt the Board was made acquainted with the embarrassed condition of the general treasury, owing to the prevailing depression in business conditions throughout the country.

The following cases were considered and recommended for donations, namely:—Piney Neck, Md., \$250; Corinth, Md., \$150; Union, Md., \$125; Millsboro, Del., \$400; McKendree, Del., \$200; Delmar, Del., \$75; also a loan of \$350 to Port Penn.

Grants as follows have been paid during the year from March 1, 1896, to March 1, 1897: Barrett Church, Virginia, donation, \$140; Armory Church, Dover, \$300; Delmar, Del., \$75; Union, Smith's Island, \$100.

Granted but not yet paid: Corinth, Md., \$100; Millsboro, Del., \$100 donation and \$300 loan.

Loans outstanding at the present date amount to \$3527.73. It is the judgment of the Board that the sums included in this aggregate ought to be as rapidly as possible returned to the general office so that they may go forth again upon similar errands of help.

The Board records with sorrow the loss by death during the year of one of its quiet but attentive and faithful members, Mr. J. M. Elliott of Delmar, and we hereby tender to his bereaved family our sincerest sympathy.

We would recommend for adoption the following resolution :

1. We heartily congratulate the Board of Church Extension, and the Church-at-large, on the remarkable success of this work through a period of thirty years.

2. That our country, being new, with rapidly increasing population and unlimited resources, will continue to need Church Extension, in the future as in the past, and that our Church by fostering and strengthening this work will increase its own power to promote all forms of Christian and benevolent activity.

3. That we, as a Conference, will not be content with anything less than a full response to the call of the General Committee for our proper share in Church Extension, until, everywhere, in communities now destitute, the people shall have opportunity to "enter His courts with praise."

4. That our Presiding Elders be requested to apportion, with care, the full amount asked for Church Extension, to the several Districts and pastoral charges for collection; and, that, availing ourselves of the helps provided by the Board, and especially Christianity in Earnest and Glad Tidings, we will present this cause in all our churches, and endeavor to secure, at least, the amount asked, in accordance with the plan of our Discipline.

IV.—Education.

The currents of this age are strong with learning. The men who are to be leaders in the Kingdom of God in this age must, therefore, be men of learning. Like the great Apos-

tle to the Gentiles they must go up to our educational Jerusalem, sit at the feet of our Gamaliels, and be able to quote not only from the Hebrew prophets, but also from the Greek poets.

In the opinion of your Committee the schools of Methodism are abundantly able to meet the demands of the age. Dickinson, Drew, Boston University, the Woman's College and Morgan College at Baltimore were never better equipped for the education of the young people of Methodism. With great pleasure we have listened to representatives from several of these institutions, and pledge them our cordial support in their work. We are sure that our educational institutions are the peers of the best institutions in the land; and we believe that they are the best for the sons and daughters of Methodists, for from the schools they will return to their homes not only educated, but educated Methodists, and this is not always true when they are educated in other institutions.

As we believe that the age imperatively demands an educated ministry, we would earnestly request our Presiding Elders not to rush young men into the work when it is at all possible for them to take a course in one of our institutions. We believe that this is possible to do for every young man of grit and grace.

Your Committee would call special attention to our Conference Academy at Dover. We believe that this one is the best preparatory in Methodism. Students prepared here can easily enter the sophomore class of any of our colleges, and this is not possible for the students of any other preparatory school within our knowledge. We call the attention of the laity to this fact, that by sending their boys and girls to our own academy they save the expense of one year in college. We regret the financial straits through which the academy is passing at this time, and we pledge to Dr. Gooding and to the Trustees our earnest support that the academy may, one year from this month, enter upon her third decade of usefulness unembarrassed by debt.

V.—Epworth League.

Being assured that the aim and object of the Epworth League are to promote a deeper and more intelligent piety among our young people and knowing that the results, where it has been faithfully and properly worked, show the adaptability of the means to the end sought, we rejoice in being justified in reporting an ever widening stream of Epworth League influence and power, which is equal to saying that a deeper work of grace is being done in the hearts and lives of the rising armies of the Church of Christ.

Every where are evidences of great good coming out of this the youngest organization of Methodism and every other department of work has felt the potency of utilized lay energy.

We congratulate the church on the fact that the work in the Junior department is on the increase there being 1608 children, lambs of the fold of Christ, under such instruction as will make them strong, well trained Methodists and laborers in the Kingdom of our Lord.

Our love for the doctrines of the Word of God as taught and believed in the Methodist Church has been greatly deepened and quickened by the splendid address delivered at the League Anniversary by Dr. Wm. Nast Brodbeck, and we sincerely pray that our League workers may receive such a baptism of power as will make them the exponents of vital Christianity to the 20th century that their fathers have been to the 19th.

We believe it possible to instill into the minds of the rising generations of young people through the efforts of the League, such a love for decency and civilization that wherever it is

found all wrong shall be rebuked and resisted whether in the individual or in the body politic; until it shall be such a power for God that it shall be a terror to evil doers. Stand for clean hands and pure hearts, tell our rising manhood, born in the Methodist Church, shall keep clear of the abominations and contaminations of all narcotic poisons and our young ladies living manifestations of holiness unto the Lord. We would send down a call to all the Chapters to stand so solidly for God and home and native land that all licensed iniquity shall feel the electric shock of their righteous indignation and let their very existence be a notice to race-track and all other gambling institutions, prize fights included, that there is no place on the earth for them or their abominations.

To these ends we pray God's blessings upon the Chapters throughout the world and pledge ourselves to lift up the fallen and to look up in daily expectancy to the Head of the Church from whom we are encouraged to expect these glorious results. We are reminded, however, that Christ brings his purposes to pass through human instrumentality and that in His hands consecrated common sense and well conserved energy are more potent than transient emotion and vaguely directed efforts. We therefore recommend to the attention of the several Chapters the importance of full and prompt attendance upon the District Conventions as a means of unifying and enthusing the Leagues on all lines of usefulness.

We strongly urge upon the officers of local Leagues and also upon District officers the need of subscribing for, recommending and reading the Epworth Herald as its faithful circulation can but stimulate greatly the vital forces of the chapters. We believe there are in this Society the elements of true Christian unity and interdenominational fraternity as well as a common endearment for all bodies of Methodism for the old homestead, the Epworth Rectory.

We have a strong desire to see every pastor interested in the League and sincerely trust that the time is not distant when there shall be an active League on each charge and at each church in the bounds of the Wilmington Conference. Our appreciation is of the strongest possible kind for the very great interest which our beloved Bishop, J. M. Walden, D. D., LL. D., has manifested in our League work and we believe his efforts have given a new life to it which will manifest its self in greater results in the near future. With gratification at the work done in the past, the vigorous condition at the present, and the glorious triumphs awaiting us in the future, we cheer the Epworth League, and, in solid front, face toward the dawning of the 20th century.

VI.—Fredman's Aid and Southern Education Society.

In view of the relation of the Church to the salvation of the world, the importance of this society—the lack of information on this subject, together with the prejudice existing in the minds of many, we, your committee deem it proper to report as follows:

We would recommend that the ministry and laity of the church carefully study this important subject, inasmuch as these people become assimilated into the body politic and so affect the whole nation, and more especially since they have the ballot.

The field for the operation of this society is large and the opportunities for usefulness increasing so. It comprises 16 states containing a population, according to the census of 1890 of 22,438,509 persons; 15,549,357 whites, and 6,889,152 blacks. There are 16,166,343 10 years of age and over, of whom 4,479,729 can neither read nor write. These males have the franchise and become citizens. From 1880 to 1890 the illiteracy was reduced among the whites from 36 to 27 per cent. and from 70 to 55 per cent. among the blacks. Nevertheless

there were 193,494 more white illiterates in the South in 1890 than in 1880, and 108,650 less among the blacks in 1890 than in 1880. Taken altogether there were 84,844 more illiterates in 1890 than in 1880. You can see the need of more work and more money. Patriotic motives should inspire great concern in the people of this country to educate these increasing multitudes if only for the safety and welfare of the nation—all this society asks is a fair chance to secure the means to carry on this great work. It is our candid conviction that this society is of as much or more importance than the Missionary Society since this is at our very doors, and working into the national social life. There are 2 Theological Schools, 13 Colleges, 30 Academies among the blacks and whites valued at \$1,978,800 having 362 teachers and 8341 students. These schools have educated 1400 teachers.

All the Society asks of this Conference this year is \$4000. In view of such a reasonable request for such an important work we cannot fail to respond most liberally. 7000 charges in the whole church took no collection last year for this cause.

We desire to return thanks to Almighty God for what has been accomplished during the year in this department of Christ's Kingdom, yet we feel as the days go by that new responsibilities are upon us and if we are to accomplish our mission, enlightening those who sit in darkness, and bringing these people to good citizenship and lifting them up to see the glorious cross of Christ and his salvation we must be aroused to a sense of our duty as we have never been. Let us not forget that the Divine Master stands beside us as we plead this cause, showing us his bleeding hands, feet, head and side, and says, "I suffered this for thee, what hast thou done for me?" "Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."

VII.—Historical Society.

The Wilmington Conference Historical Society held its anniversary on Wednesday, afternoon, March 17th, R. W. Todd President, presiding, and Z. H. Webster, Secretary pro tem. B. F. Price read some interesting reminiscences of his ministry of sixty years, and the secretary read a valuable paper from Bishop Jno. F. Hurst LL. D., on the Transplanted Fruit of Peninsula Methodism, both which papers were requested and given to the custody of the Society. G. A. Phoebus D. D., read a paper giving data concerning the early history of the Church of England in our territory.

The President presented, on behalf of the Salisbury District Preachers Association the Minute book of the old Snow Hill District Association of the Philadelphia Conference which was accepted with thanks for the Society Archives. The attendance of the ministers on this anniversary was meager on account of the Bishop's call for the Conference in the lecture room for committee purposes at the same hour.

A business meeting was held Saturday afternoon, at which the old officers were re-elected with the addition of W. Lambert Gooding, custodian of the archives which it was unanimously agreed, shall be removed to the Wilmington Conference Academy and W. H. Foulk, V. S. Collins and Prof. Gooding were appointed a committee to carry the resolution into effect.

VIII.—Periodicals.

We are thoroughly convinced that the importance of subscribing for and reading our Church periodicals is not sufficiently appreciated by our Methodist people. Every preacher

should read the Gospel in all Lands and World Wide Missions should have a wide circulation among our people. The Methodist Review should be taken by every Methodist preacher. The New York Christian Advocate should be read by at least every official member of the Church. The Epworth Herald should be in the home of every Epworth Leaguer, especially of every officer who would be loyal to his Church and to his League. Our Sunday Schools should patronize our own publishing houses exclusively. The Peninsula Methodist should be in the home of every Methodist on the Peninsula. These recommendations are made for the following reasons: First, to make a more intelligent Board of Officials. Second, to educate our young people in the doctrines and polity of the Church of their choice. Third, to help our publishing houses to report larger dividends to the Conference Claimants. We note the late improvements made in the Christian Advocate and regard the Epworth Herald as surpassed by no other paper of its kind; and are glad we have now only one Conference paper.

IX.—Sabbath Observance.

The proper observance of the Christian Sabbath is indispensable not only for the moral and spiritual welfare, but, as experience and reason both teach, for the physical, intellectual and general well-being of the people. Indeed, what is for the moral and spiritual interests of men is clearly promotive of all their best interests, and this not only for individual but for State and National life. We deprecate, therefore, noticeable tendencies of increasing laxity from many sources touching this most vital matter. The Sunday newspapers, both the publishing and the reading of them; the Sunday trains, street cars and steamboats, in fact all public carriages, both the running and using of them; the receiving and distributing of mail matter; the pleasure jaunts of some of our State and National public officials; the convening of the United States Senate for the transaction of business on the Sabbath day; the gathering of the politicians of the two great political parties before and on the Sabbath day for their National conventions, that meet in the week following, which has now become habitual, with all the attendant lobbying, drinking and carousing, are all evidences of this deplorable tendency and in respect to which we call upon all Christian people everywhere to pronounce their disapproval and enter their solemn protest.

Regarding the Sabbath camp meeting, which no longer, in these days of many churches, is necessary to give the Gospel to the people, but which, on the contrary, seriously decimates and demoralizes the congregations of the churches and is certainly the scene and occasion of much Sabbath desecration—of traffic, of mere pleasure-seeking and of dreadful, blighting worldliness—we believe the time has come when it is imperative that we should declare our unqualified disapproval and should urge upon camp meeting management one of these important reforms: (1) An entire elimination of the Sabbath as one of the days of the camp meeting; or (2) the holding of services for that day purely for the benefit of the tent-holders, but discouraging attendance of visitors, the ministers setting the example by being in the pulpits of their respective charges, the minister in charge of the camp meeting supplying that pulpit; or (3) the building of an enclosure about every camp ground, with gates tightly shut, like Jerusalem under Nehemiah's rule, from Saturday night till Monday morning, disallowing in every instance traffic of all sort for that day. To this end we pledge ourselves that we will not give our presence and services to any camp meeting on the Sabbath day that refuses to adopt this needed reform.

X.—Stewards' Endowment Fund.

Our Conference Agent Bro. P. H. Rawlins, has been working among the Churches during the past year, as his health would allow, and has made strong and convincing appeals to our people to take early and definite action with regard to increasing our Endowment Fund. But little financial response has thus far been made, but we are sure that his work has been educational to such a degree that the fruit of it will appear at some later day, and that it will be for the further interest of the Fund that he shall be continued as our agent.

The general object sought to be served by this Fund will no doubt, be greatly assisted by the recent formation of the Permanent Fund organization of this Conference, which looks toward the same purpose.

We shall be obliged at no distant day to consider the entire matter of the re-organization of our Endowment Fund Methods so as to secure large results.

We feel that our wealthy laymen ought to be frequently reminded of the needs of this Fund—and to devise liberal things for the men who are or shall be upon the honor-roll of the church.

XI.—Sunday Schools.

Never before in the history of our church have there been so many Sunday Schools with so many officers and teachers and so many scholars. We now have 31121 schools, an increase of 862 over last year; 360,600 teachers and officers, an increase of 8,600; 2,600,000 scholars, an increase of 19,650. Of this number there have been converted this year more than 132,000.

In these facts we see the great importance of the Sunday School work of the Church. Its value cannot be overestimated. The schools are truly the training schools of the Church. Your committee therefore would recommend great care in the choice of officers and teachers for these schools. They should be men and women earnest in spirit, godly in life, intelligent in mind and apt to teach.

The literature and helps also for these schools should be of no doubtful character. A compromise for anything less than the very best for numerous reasons ought to be considered little less than criminal. As members of the Conference we would therefore pledge ourselves to use all possible diligence to bring every school under our care into line with our own publishing interests.

We note with pleasure the great service done the poor this past year in the aid rendered 3000 schools of our Church by the Sunday School Union.

XII.—Temperance.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, from the beginning of its history to the present time, has occupied high ground upon the temperance question, and both by Conference action as well as in strenuous efforts to secure temperance legislation, has shown its unabated hostility to the legalized saloon, which is recognized by all lovers of virtue and sobriety as a monstrous iniquity, whose blighting and corrupting influence is felt in every department of our national life, whether social, political or religious. True to the Scriptures, our Church has declared that drunkenness is a deadly vice, that moderate drinking is dangerous in its fascinating ten-

dencies and that, therefore, it is the bounden duty of all our people to refrain from intoxicating beverages and to assist in the suppression of the saloon.

It is apparent to all that never before was the liquor traffic so defiant in its attitude, aggressive in its operations, or so well organized to execute its plans as now. Entrenched, as it is in politics, it seeks to control legislation demanding from our law-making bodies larger freedom than is granted to any other business, though there is abundance of incontestible evidence to prove that the saloon is a most fruitful source of lunacy, pauperism and crime, and does more to hinder the coming of Christ's kingdom than any other agency of Satan. This irrepressible conflict between this great evil and our Christian civilization calls for a federation of all lovers of humanity and religion and for concert of action, without which we cannot hope for its overthrow. The supreme need of the hour is an enlightened judgment and quickened conscience, which means death to the saloon.

As a Conference, we would reiterate the language of the late Episcopal Address: "All members of the Methodist Episcopal Church who enjoy the elective franchise should so use that solemn trust as to promote the rescue of our country from the guilt and dishonor which have been brought upon it by a criminal complicity with the liquor traffic."

Never before was there so deep and strong a public sentiment against the saloon as at the present time. Thousands are signing the pledge. Our Chief Magistrate and his noble wife have given notice that no wines are to be served at their table during the administration—an example which can not fail to exercise a most salutary influence upon the public morals; while strenuous efforts are also being made to remove the saloon from the Capitol buildings. We also trust that the Committee on the manufacture and sale of ardent spirits appointed by the Delaware Constitutional Convention may report favorably upon the principle of local option and we most fervently pray that the principle of the referendum may be incorporated in the organic law of the State, thereby giving to the people of this commonwealth an opportunity to settle this issue at the ballot box. These are a few of the encouraging signs and we believe are a bright prophecy of future victory.

We recognize the W. C. T. U., as a potent agency in educating the people and advancing the cause of Temperance, and bid our sisters God-speed in their work of faith and labor of love.

We hail with delight the coming of the Eleventh National Temperance Convention to be held at Saratoga, N. Y., August the 18th, to be composed of delegates from delegative bodies, and are requested as a Conference to elect seven delegates, of which the presiding officer and secretary shall be two.

The Anti-Saloon League Convention will also be held in Columbus, Ohio, in January, 1898, from the 11th to the 13th, inclusive and this body is entitled to two delegates to that Convention. As your Committee, we recommend that a Temperance Committee be appointed in each School, and that such committee be allowed fifteen (15) minutes, if practicable, each month to present truths bearing upon the evils of intemperance, to solicit signers to the pledge, to distribute temperance papers and tracts and to supply the School Library with good temperance books. And further, we would recommend that temperance sermons be preached in all our churches at such times as the preachers deem most expedient and that we also have a more rigid enforcement of the prohibitory laws already enacted.

XIII.—Tracts.

In the economy of the Methodist Episcopal Church one of the efficient agencies of carry-

ing on the work is the Tract Society. In the mission fields of the Church the great want is to reach the people and give instruction. Before the missionary learns the language, the Tract, in the language of the people, is needed and is used to do just this work. In fact nearly one-third of the Tract Society receipts are thus spent in the mission fields of the Church.

Everywhere we find great need for larger contributions to the benevolences of the Church. Many people are indisposed thereto largely because of their lack of knowledge. They will not read large treatises on these varied subjects, but here the Tract may do much good and being short many will read, think, inwardly digest and the desired end is accomplished—namely, information which will lead to right action on this important subject. In revival work the Tract may be judiciously and largely used, supplementing the work of the pastor and reaching those whom he cannot otherwise reach. Quite a number of pastors of this Conference have so used Tracts and have great results therefrom.

We wish again to call attention to the fact that each pastor of a charge may secure tracts to one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) the amount of the charge's previous year's collection and thus be greatly helped in his work—in fact they will select the tracts for him if he but indicate the purposes for which he desires their use. In view of its inexpensiveness, its adaption to almost every variety of need, its convenience and ease in circulation and its brevity, it is an arm of great power and may be used efficiently.

We are glad to report that while many of the great benevolences are falling behind in this time of financial stringency, the Tract Collection in this Conference is up to that of last year, namely, \$407. There were, however, 13 charges last year in this Conference that gave absolutely nothing for this cause. It is desirable that there be not one blank for this collection in the whole Church, but especially in the Wilmington Conference.

XIV.—Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

In the ever-enlarging sphere of woman's activity and usefulness in the Kingdom of Christ, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society stands in the foremost. Its Christ-like ministrations in foreign mission fields sustain a very important relation to the great forward movement of the Church for the conquering of heathen lands. Doors of usefulness open to no other agency of the Church, are open to these godly women. Last year the sum of \$286000 was raised and expended for this work. This large sum ought to be greatly increased.

We urge upon our pastors a lively interest in these societies, encouraging them where they exist and forming them as speedily as possible where they do not. Interest the women of the Church in the salvation of the women of heathen lands and the results will be glorious, not only in the salvation of their benighted sisters but in the quickening of their own spiritual life.

XV.—Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society continues to merit the interest and co-operation of the ministers and laymen of the Wilmington Conference, achieving as it does, glorious results in supplementing as far as the funds and supplies at its command will permit, the inadequate salaries of the noble men who preach the gospel on our frontiers, and in promoting the social, intellectual and moral reforms so essential to the safety and happiness of both Church and State.

The importance of this intelligent self-sacrificing and earnest endeavor to obey the scriptural injunction to "Do good unto all men" can not be too highly commended. No field would probably yield a more bountiful harvest in return for a good seed sowing.

By referring to the Society's report for the year we learn that the following amount has been collected and disbursed: Cash, \$140,151.34; Supplies, \$70,684.50; Total, \$210,835.84, to which our Conference Society has contributed as follows: For a General Fund, \$726.12; Beneficiary, \$120; Special, \$199.90; Local Work, \$357.48; Supplies, \$1051.55; Total, \$2455.05. We are glad to know that an advance of \$492 has been made this year in Class Collections.

We are delighted to see the prominence given to this benevolence of our beloved Methodism at this session of our Conference in the public reports of funds collected in the several charges for this worthy cause, and hope that this will establish a precedent that will not be departed from in the future.

In connection herewith we submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the Pastors, will give this work our generous support and welcome our Conference President, Sister C. C. Brown to our charges that this good work may be advanced to the extent of our ability.



Pastoral Record.

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

- Adams, R. H.** 1872, Denton; 73-4, Church Hill; 75-7, Trappe; 78-80, St. Michael's; 81-2, Millington; 83-5, St. Paul's; 86-9, Middletown; 90-1, Easton; 92-7, P. E. Dover Dist.
- Alderson, G. T.** 1888-9, Queenstown; 90-2, Bishopville; 93-4, Federalburg; 95-7, Princess Anne.
- Anderson, J. F.** 1888-9, Westover; 90, Parsonsburg; 91, Parksley; 92, Crumpton; 93-4, Pomona; 95-7, Talbot.
- Arters, J. A.** 1870-1, Gumboro; 72-4, Roxanna; 75-6, Berlin; 77-8, Deal's Island; 79-80, Annapessex; 81-2, Stockton; 83-4, Kent Island; 85-6, Centreville; 87-91, Church Hill; 92-6, Greensboro; 97, Cecilton.
- 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; 95-7, 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; 97, Salisbury District.
- Baker, C. S.** 1881-2, Pocomoke Circuit; 83-5, Tangier; 86-9, Delmar; 90, Deal's Island; 91-5, Asbury, Md.; 96-7, 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; 92-7, P. E. Wilmington Dist.
- Beauchamp, T. F.** 1892-3, Selbyville; 94-6, Smith's Is.; 97, Mt. Vernon.
- Beauchamp, J. H.** 1894, Pocomoke Ct.; 95-6, Chincoteague; 97, Agt. Conf. Academy.
- Benford, W. H.** 1892, Vienna; 93, Woodside; 94-5, Royal Oak; 96-7, Bethel and Smt.
- Bennett, W. O.** 97, Queenstown.

- Bounds, G. W.** 1890, Taylor's Island; 91, Church Creek; 92, Dover; 93-5, Cape Charles; 96-7, Deals Island.
- 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.; 93-7, 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; 97, E. N. Market.
- Brewington, J. A.** 1890, Read's Whf.; 91-2, Gumboro; 93, Vienna; 94, Conf. Acad; 95, Hurlock; 96, Georgetown, Ct.; 97, Lincoln.
- Burke, Asbury.** 1886, Elk Neck; 87-8, Bethel and Summit; 89-90, Crapo; 91-3, E. N. Market; 94-7, 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; 96-7, St. Michael's.
- Burr, Warren.** 1888-9, Girdle Tree; 90-4, St. Peter's; 95, Kingswood; 96-7, Cape Charles.
- Budd, H. G.** 1894-7, 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.; 94-7, Sd.
- Carpenter, F. F.** 1888-9, Bishopville; 90, Cape Charles; 91, Little Creek; 92, Leipsic; 93-4, Townsend; 95-7, 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; 97, Crumpton.
- Chaires, W. W.** 1888, Shortley; 89-90, Somerset; 91, Smith's Is.; 92-3, Crapo; 94, Williston; 95, Sy.; 96, Crumpton; 97, Tilghman.
- Chance, W. G.** 96, Piney Neck; 97, Quantico.
- Chandler, Albert.** 1876, Hillsboro; 77, Sudlersville; 78, Woodlandtown; 79-81, Parsonsburg; 82, Annapessex; 83, Sy.; 84-5, Delmar; 86-7, Sy.; 88-9, Ingleside; 90-1, Kenton; 92-4, Marydel; 95-7, 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; 97, Williston.
- Collins, E. H.** 1895, Claymont; 96-7, Stanton.
- 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; 95-7, Ingleside.
- Collins, V. S.** 1883, Dover and Cambridge; 84-5, Vienna; 86-7, Felton; 88-90, Scott; 91-3, Centreville; 94-6, New Castle; 97, Georgetown.
- Compton, W. P.** 1888-90, Princess Anne; 91, Greenwood; 92-3, Bridgeville; 94-6, Chestertown; 97, Port Deposit.
- 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. 97, Mt. Lebanon.
- Cooper, T. B.** 1892, Salem; 93-4, Hurlock; 95-7, Pomona.
- Corkran, D. H.** 1885, Townsend; 86-90, Epworth; 91-2, Hockessin; 93-4, Cecilton; 95-7, Lewes.
- Corkran, L. P.** 1881, Sudlersville; 82-3, King's Creek; 84, Queenstown; 85-6, Oxford; 87-8, Preston; 89-90, Greenwood; 91, Lincoln; 92-3, Delmar; 94-6, Marion; 97, N. East.
- 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.; 97, Easton Dist.
- Coursey, R. T.** 1887-8, Hurlock; 89-90, Cannon; 91-2, Harrington; 93-6, Snow Hill. 97, Harrison St.
- Cross, E. L.** 1891-5, Prof. in W. C. Academy; 96-7, Flushing, N. Y.
- 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.; 96-7, 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; 97, Sd.
- Dawson, W. F.** 1884-5, Houston; 86-7, Vienna; 88-9, Millsboro; 90-2, Beckwith; 93-5, Magnolia; 96, Mt. Vernon; 97, Whitesville.
- Derrickson, E. H.** 1884-5, Pocomoke Ct.; 86-7, Newark, Md.; 88-9, Sharptown; 90-2, Girdle Tree; 93-5, Mt. Vernon; 96-7, Magnolia.
- DeVenish, O. W.** 1893, Royal Oak; 94, Burrsville; 95-6, Red Lion and Glasgow; 97, Selbyville.
- Dodd, Julius.** 1879, Federalsburg; 80, Harrington; 81, Vienna; 82-4, Red Lion; 85-6; Hockessin; 87, Mt. Pleasant; 88-90, Hockessin; 91, N. Y. Conf.; 92, Federalsburg; 93-94, St. George's; 95-7, Newport.
- Dougherty, F. M.** 95, N. Minn. Conf.; 96-7, Claymont.
- 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.; 96-7, Cambridge.
- Dulany, H. S.** 1886-7, Holland's Is.; 88-90, Parkley; 91-4, Kingswood; 95, Onancock; 96-7, Onancock.
- Easley, J. W.** 1885-6, Girdle Tree; 87-8, Onancock; 89-91, Federalsburg; 92-3, Chestertown; 94-7, Centreville.
- England, W. E.** 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.; 97, Sd.
- Esgate, Jas.** 1866, Bridgeville; 67, Annessex; 68, Bethesda; 69, Quantico; 70, Chesapeake City; 71-85, Sy.; 86-97, Sd.
- Ewing, H. W.** 1887-9, Madeley; 90-2, Crisfield; 93-6, Port Deposit; 97, Mt. Salem.
- Fletcher, Frank.** 1887-9, West Va. Conf.; 90, Vienna; 91-2, Townsend; 93-4, Kent Island; 95-7, Galena.
- Fogle, J. W.** 1889, Burrsville; 90-2, Queenstown; 93-94, Oxford; 95-7, 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; 97, Farmington.
- 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; 96-7, Cookman.
- Gardner, Edwin.** 1891-3, Elk Neck; 94-5, Marshallton; 96-7, Royal Oak.
- Geoghegan, J. H.** 1891, Cordova; 92, Wye; 93, Armory; 94-5, Hopewell; 96-7, 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; 97, Newark, Md.
- Graham, J. E.** 1889, New Church; 90, Pocomoke Ct.; 91, Powellville; 92-3, Burrsville; 94-5, Galestown; 96-7, Wyoming.
- Gray, J. W.** 1888, Pocomoke Ct.; 89, Powellville; 90-1, Fruitland; 92-3, Smith's Is.; 94, Somerset; 95-6, Roxanna; 97, Crapo.
- Green, A.** 1890-1, Wyoming; 92-4, Greenwood; 95, Whitesville; 96, Onancock; 97, Greensboro.
- 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; 95-7, Sy.
- Grise, C. A.** 1879, Harrington; 80, Annessex; 81, Smith's Is.; 82-4, Berlin; 85-6, Onancock; 87-91, Brandywine; 92-6, Georgetown; 97, Chestertown.

- Guthrie, W. B.** 1883, Pocomoke Ct.; 84-5, Westover; 86-7, Fruitland; 88-90, Holland's Is.; 90-2, Houston; 93-4, Gumboro; 95-7, Somerset.
- Givan, D. J.** 1895-7, Parksley, Va.
- Hackman, M. R.** 1884-95, So. Dakota and other Conf's; 96, Quantico; 97, Church Creek.
- Hammersley, J. W.** 1851, Laurel; 52, Princess Anne; 53, Salisbury; 54, Snow Hill; 55, Annessex; 56-7, Northampton; 58-9, Berlin; 60-1, Quantico; 62-3, Lewes; 64, Tremont, Pa.; 65-6, Camden; 67, Hillsboro; 68-70, Denton; 71-2, Cecilton; 73-4, Millington; 75-7, Kent Is.; 78-9, Georgetown; 80, Chesapeake City; 81-3, Charles-town; 84-6, Mt. Pleasant; 87-8, Chester; 89-90, Ch. Creek; 91-7, 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.); 95-7, Union.
- Hardesty, G. L.** 1883-4, Woodlandtown; 85-7, Magnolia; 88, Tangier; 89-90, Gales-town; 91-2, St. Georges; 93-4, Roxanna; 95-7, 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; 97, St. George's.
- Hastings, C. E.** 1896, Westover; 97, Armory, Dover.
- 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; 94-7, Sy.
- Hill, C. A.** 1878, Bridgeville. 79, Princess Anne; 80-1, King's Creek; 82, Sassafras; 83, Epworth; 84-86, Cherry Hill; 87-90, Centreville; 91-5, Salisbury; 96-7, Easton.
- Holt, T. S.** 97, St. John's.
- Hopkins, G. F.** 1885-6, Hurlock; 87, Dorchester; 88-93, Missionary to India; 94-5, Williston; 96, Madeley; 97, Chincoteague.
- 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.; 97, Westover.
- Hurst, W. O.** 1892, Cape Charles; 93, Queenstown; 94-6, Clayton; 97, Odessa.
- Hutton, M. L.** 91-95, Minnesota Conf.; 96-7, Scott.
- 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; 95-7, Kent Is.
- Jaggard, Wilmer.** 1884, Shortley; 85-6, Ellendale; 87-8, Galestown; 89-90, Smith's Island; 91, Bethel; 92, Berlin; 93-4, Chesapeake City; 95, Silverbrook; 96-7, Bethel.
- Jones, G. P.** 1891-3, Chincoteague; 94, Selbyville; 95-7, 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.; 96-7, Hopewell.
- Koons, W. G.** 1886, Westover; 87-91, Wesley; 92-4, North East; 95, Cookman; 96, Rising Sun; 97, Bridgeville.
- 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; 97, Smyrna, Ct.
- Lindale, J. M.** 1879, Bridgeville; 80, Denton; 81-2, Woodlandtown; 83-4, Fruitland; 85-7, Pomona; 88-91, Bayside and Tilghman; 92-4, Cordova; 95-7, Sudlersville.
- Loller, W. H. S.** 1892, Rowlandville; 93-4, Wye; 95, Crumpton; 96-7, Elk Neck.
- Mace E. S.** 1885, Quantico; 86, Selbyville; 87-9, St. Peter's; 90, Preston; 91, Frankford; 92-4, Chester; 95-6, Cordova; 97, Kingswood.
- 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; 93-7, 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; 94-7, Milford.
- Maxwell, S. R.** 1889-90, Leipsic; 91, Vienna; 92-3, Frederica; 94-6, Nanticoke; 97, Smith's Is.

- 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, Annapessex; 91, Trappe; 92, Magnolia; 93-4, Berlin; 95, Georgetown Ct.; 96, Galestown; 97, Sharptown.
- 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; 95-7, 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; 96-7, Newark.
- 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; 97, Roxana.
- McKinsey, F. E.** 1892, Massey; 93-4, Bayside; 95, Exmore; 96, Little Creek; 97, Elliott's Is.
- 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.; 85-97, 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; 95-7, Greenwood.
- Mitchell, J. M.** 1885, Bridgeville; 86-87, Houston; 88-9, Vienna; 90, Woodside; 91-3, Quantico; 94-5, Parsonsburg; 96, Preston; 97, Cordova.
- Morgan, S. M.** 1887-89, Townsend; 90-1, Hillsboro; 92-6, Mt. Salem; 97, New Castle.
- Morris, S. J.** 1858-86, in other Conferences; 87, Tangier; 88, Harrington; 89 Greensboro; 90-93, St. Michael's, 94, Lewes; 95-6, Bridgeville; 97, Rising Sun.
- Mowbray, A. S.** 1883-4, Oxford; 85-6, Marydel; 87-90, Pocomoke City; 91-4, Newport; 95-7, Elkton.
- Mowbray, W. E.** 1886, Sassafras; 87-8, Royal Oak; 89-92, Pomona; 93-6, Smyrna Ct.; 97, Nanticoke.
- 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; 96-7, St. Paul's.
- Neese, G. R.** 1879-93, in M. E. Church, South; 94, Houston; 95-6, Nassau; 97, Gumboro.
- Nelson, E. H.** 1870, Annapessex; 71, E. N. Market; 72-3, Kent; 74, Mt. Lebanon; 75-6, Chester; 77, St. Georges; 78-80, Frankford; 81-3, Federalburg; 84-6, Newport; 87-9, Chesapeake City; 90-4, Galena; 95-7, Still Pond.
- Northrup, Van P.** 1892-3, Quindocqua; 94, Bishopville; 95-6, St. John's; 97, Madeley.
- Nutter, M. D.** 1890-92, Hurlock; 93-4, Beckwith; 95-6, Gumboro; 97, Marydel.
- 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; 96-7, 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; 96-7, Crisfield.
- Outten, J. P.** 1893-4, Williamsburg; 95-6, E. N. Market; 97, Rock Hall.
- 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.; 85-97, Sd.
- Pilchard, S. N.** 1881-82, Wyoming; 83-4, Magnolia; 85, Stockton; 86-8, Frankford; 89-90, Del. City; 91-5, Laurel; 96, Scott; 97, Chaplain U. S. Army.
- Poole, J. W.** 1870, Bridgeville; 71-2, Harrington; 73, Federalburg; 74, Snow Hill; 75-6, Fruitland; 77-9, Holland's Island; 80, Woodlandtown; 81-2, Church Creek; 83-4, Farmington; 85-7, Queenstown; 88-97, Sy.
- Poole, L. E.** 1896, Queenstown; 97, Charlestown.
- Prettyman, A. P.** 1882-3, Millsboro'; 84-5, Bayside; 86-8, Trappe; 89-91, Chester; 92-3, Del. City; 94-7, 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; 96-7, Salisbury.
- Prettyman, J. W.** 97, Piney Neck.
- Price, B. F.** 1836, Denton; 37, Kent; 38, Centreville; 39, Dover; 40, Asbury, Phila.; 41-2, Middletown; 43-4, Millington; 45-6, Easton; 47-8, Centreville; 49-50, Dorchester; 51-2, Princess Anne; 53-4, Talbot; 55, Newark; 56, Sy.; 57-8, Delaware City; 59, Minersville; 60, Mauch Chunk, Pa.; 61-2, Norristown, Pa.; 63-4, Central, Phila.; 65-6, Easton; 67-8, Milford; 69-70, Elkton; 71-2, North East; 73-4, Cecilton; 75-6, Greensboro; 77-9, Delaware City; 80-2, Kent Island; 83, Queenstown; 84-6, Madeley, 87-91; Christiana; 92-3, Hopewell; 94-5, Stockton; 96-7, Sd.
- Prouse, J. T.** 1886, Quantico; 87, Ellendale; 88, Church Creek; 89-90, Nassau; 91, Annapessex; 92, Mt. Vernon; 93-4, Talbot; 95-6, Kenton; 97, Trappe.
- 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; 96-7, Sd.
- Rawlins, P. H.** 1869-71, Berlin; 72-3, Annapessex; 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; 96-7, 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; 91-7, 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; 97, Nassau.
- 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; 91-7, Sy.
- Roberts, E. P.** 1884, Roxanna; 85, Bishopville; 86, Townsend; 87-90, Oxford; 91, Preston; 92-4, Milton; 95-6, Odessa; 97, Bethel.
- 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; 97, Kenton.
- 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, Annapessex; 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.; 86-97, Sd.
- Sharp, W. W.** 1886-7, Ingleside; 88-9, Kenton; 90-2, Kent Is.; 93-4, Hillsboro'; 95-7, 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; 81-97, 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; 97, Camden.
- Shipman, S. P.** Va. Conf. 97, Beckwith.
- Short F. B.** 1891, Rowlandville; 92-6, Harrison Street; 97, Epworth.
- Smith, Alfred.** 1879-80, E. N. Market; 81-2, Oxford; 83-5, Greensboro'; 86-9, Cambridge; 90, Middletown; 91-6, P. E. Easton Dist.; 97, Dover.
- Smith, G. P.** 1896, Lakesville; 97, Ellendale.
- Smoot, T. C.** 1889, Stanton; 90, Mt. Lebanon; 91, Berlin; 92, Sharptown; 93, Leipsic; 94-5, Wyoming; 96-7, Millington.
- Soderman, Fridolph.** 92, N. Y. E. Conf.; 96-7, Swedish Mission.
- 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; 93-7, Smyrna.
- Stengle, C. L.** 1895-6, Armory, Dover; 97, Leipsic.

- 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; 96-7, Seaford.
- Strickland, C. W.** 1892, Little Creek; 93-4, Elliott's Island; 95, Pocomoke Ct.; 96-7, Parsonsburg.
- Swain, C. P.** 1888-90, Hooper's Island; 91, Crapo; 92-4, Frankford; 95-7, 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; 97, East Lake.
- Tabler, T. F.** 1886-89, Cincinnati Conf.; 90-1, Burrsville; 92-3, Williston; 94-5, Girdle Tree; 96-7, 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; 84-97, Sy.
- Talley, J. W.** 97, Zoar.
- Taylor, Harry.** 97, Little Creek.
- Taylor, W. P.** 1886-92, at School; 93, Perryville; 94, St. John's; 95-6, Mt. Lebanon; 97, Christiana.
- 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; 96-7, 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; 96-7, Del. City.
- Thurlow, H. M.** 89-96, Balt. Conf.; 97, Clayton.
- Tinker, Ezra.** 62-95, New York and other Conferences; 96-7, Asbury.
- Todd, J. R.** 1887-9, At school; 90-7, 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; 95-7, 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; 97, Sy.
- 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; 94-7, Delmar.
- Turner, H. C.** 1891-2, Oxford; 93, Clayton; 94-5, Frederica; 96-7, 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; 95-7, Milton.
- Van Burkhalow, 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; 97, Georgetown Ct.
- VanDyke, T. R.,** 1895-7, 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; 96-7, 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; 94-7, Hockessin.
- Walton, W. B.** 1848, Stoddartsville; 49, Schnykill 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, George-

- town; 78-80, Federalsburg; 81-3, Church Hill; 84-6, Salisbury; 87-9, St. Michael's; 90, Snow Hill; 91-2, Sy.; 92-7, Sd.
- Wallin, F. O. B.** 1871-92, in Swedish work; 93-4, Swedish Mission, Wilmington; 95-7, Sy.
- 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; 95-7, Sy.
- Watkins, R. I.** 1886, Bishopville; 87-8, Chincoteague; 89, Kingswood; 90-1, Chestertown; 92, Church Hill; 93-4, Odessa; 95-6, Cecilton; 97, Marion.
- Watt, Robert.** 1885-7, Princess Anne; 88-9, Snow Hill; 90-3, Milford; 94-5, Scott; 96-7, Laurel.
- Webster, Z. H.** 1887, Quantico; 88, Fruitland; 89-91, Whitesville; 92-3, Tangier; 94-7, Denton.
- West, W. E.** Blue Ridge Conf.; 96, Church Creek; 97, Preston.
- Westerfield, H. A. G.** 1893-4, at school; 95-7, Chesapeake City.
- 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; 96-7, Silverbrook.
- White, W. L.** 1893-4, Cookman; 95-7, Federalsburg.
- Wickline, J. S.** 1868-90, Virginia Conf.; 91-3, Nassau; 94, Bridgeville; 95-7, 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; 92-7, Sy.
- Williams, C. H.** 1882, Bridgeville; 83, East New Market; 84-6, Church Creek; 87-9, Stockton; 90, Sharptown; 91-3, Marshallton; 94-7, 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; 97, Red Lion.
- Williams, W. S. H.** 1892, Holland's Is.; 93-7, Mt. Pleasant (Laurel.)
- Willis, D. H.** 1885-91, Va. Conf.; 92, Hooper's Is.; 93-4, Ch. Creek; 95-6, Williamsburg; 97, Galestown.
- Wilson, J. H.** 1886-91, Va. Conf.; 92, Parksley; 93, Preston; 94, Hooper's Island; 95-6, Tilgham; 97, 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; 97, Snow Hill.
- Wood, I. L.** 1884, King's Creek; 85-86, Royal Oak; 87-9, Lincoln; 90-1, Zion; 92-4, Elkton; 95-7, Middletown.
- Wood, Geo. E.** 1886, Crumpton; 87, King's Creek; 88-9, Hallwood; 90, Chincoteague; 91-4, Claymont; 95, Bishopville; 96-7, Cannon.
- Wyatt, C. T.** 1886, Chincoteague; 87, Westover; 88-9, Berlin; 90-2, Roxanna; 93-5, Deal's Island; 96-7, Asbury, Md.

Local Preachers' Directory.

LOCAL ELDERS.

Booth, M. A. Newport, Del.
 Conway, W. N. Golt's, Md.
 Dill, Jas. R. Wilmington, Del.
 Donoho, S. M. Cambridge, Md.
 Harris, John W. Wilmington, Del.
 Hazzard, R. B. Hurlock, Md.
 Hodson, Jabez, Wilmington, Del.
 Roberts, Jno. B. Townsend, Del.
 Simms, J. H. Wilmington, Del.
 Willis, J. S. Milford, Del.

LOCAL DEACONS.

Devereux, J. J. Snow Hill, Md.
 Galloway, W. K. Salisbury, Md.
 Green, Daniel, Newport, Del.
 Hamilton, Wm. Wilmington, Del.
 Harris, Wm. Bridgeville, Del.
 Kenney, J. L. Hynson, Md.
 McLain, L. T. Vienna, Md.
 Morris, C. K. Wye Mills, Md.
 Northrup, C. L. Hurlock, Md.
 Numbers, Thos. Millington, Md.
 Rodgers, R. L. Wilmington, Del.
 Strickland, W. G. Klej Grange, Md.
 Tindall, Wm. J. Sycamore, Del.
 Welch, E. Salem, Md.

LICENTIATES.

Atkinson, W. F. Westover, Md.
 Ayres, J. Frank, Leemont, Va.
 Barrett, T. S. Jamesville, Va.
 Beauchamp, J. H. Sr., Upper Fairmount, Md.
 Betts, W. H. Millsboro, Del.

Betts, J. M. Dover, Del.
 Biddle, Isaiah, North East, Md.
 Boyd, William, Cheswold, Del.
 Brown, Amos R. Sylmar, Md.
 Bullock, Moses B. Wilmington, Del.
 Cathers, A. W. Blue Ball, Md.
 Campbell, J. R.
 Clarke, David S. Kenton, Del.
 Collison, Geo. W. Oxford, Md.
 Conaway, Jas. B. Bethel, Del.
 Connaway, Wm. C. Wilmington, Del.
 Conway, R. H. Harrison, Md.
 Cookman, Charles H. Wilmington, Del.
 Covey, A. H. Federalsburg, Md.
 Covey, Frank P. Federalsburg, Md.
 Clapham, C. W.
 Daniel, James T. Wenona, Md.
 Davis, Alonza, Wilmington, Del.
 Dawson, G. W. Madison, N. J.
 Derrickson, J. L. Roxana, Md.
 Dougherty, Geo. M. Wilmington, Del.
 Dunbracco, J. M. Wilmington, Del.
 Ellegood, J. A. Ellendale, Del.
 Faries, William, Smyrna, Del.
 Fisher, Dr. G. M. Denton, Md.
 Ford, Walter, Golts, Md.
 Fryer, Thomas, Cherry Hill, Md.
 Gallogher, J. E. Dover, Del.
 Garder, Jas. H. Dover, Del.
 Gray, H. F. Marshallton, Del.
 Hammond, W. T. North East, Md.
 Hancock, J. B. Franklin, Va.
 Harper, J. W. Still Pond, Md.

Hill, M. M. Delmar, Del.
 Hirons, Wm. Dover, Del.
 Johnson, W. W. Ford's Store, Md.
 Jones, Jeremiah, Gumboro, Del.
 Jones, A. C. Houston, Del.
 Jones, Clarence N.
 Jones, Omar E. Canterbury, Del.
 Jones, George, Galestown, Md.
 Jones, E. Preston, Elliott's Island, Md.
 Kane, J. F. Summitt Bridge, Del.
 Kelso, Hugh B. Madison, N. J.
 Kenny, W. H. Burrsville, Md.
 Lewis, Edward, Dover, Del.
 McCann, Milton, Dover, Del.
 McCoy, James, Wilmington, Del.
 McLaughlin, Jno. F. Wilmington, Del.
 McNatt, W. J. Georgetown, Del.
 Miller, Wm. T., Mechanicsville Valley, Md.
 Milman, J. Houston, Del.
 Minner, Samuel, Masten Corner, Del.
 Mitchell, J. Harry, Wilmington, Del.
 Nelson, Alonzo, Lawsonia, Md.
 Nichols, E. J. Bishopville, Md.
 Nicholson, W. G. Powellville, Md.
 Purnell, James, Millington, Md.
 Pusey, S. B. Seaford, Del.
 Scott, J. S. Victors, Md.
 Sharpless, Charles D. Wilmington, Del.

Scholl, Chas. Wilmington, Del.
 Simonson, J. N. Crisfield, Md.
 Steadman, Wm. East New Market, Md.
 Stimmel, Wm. E. Wilmington, Del.
 Talley, Nelson L. Wilmington, Del.
 Terry, G. R. New Church, Va.
 Todd, Noah L. Toddville, Md.
 Todd, Lewis, Wilmington, Del.
 Tomer, Hugh, Wilmington, Del.
 Watts, Wm. M. Still Pond, Md.
 Welch, F. Burrsville, Md.
 Welch, Jas. F. Dover, Del.
 Weldin, Geo. W. Wilmington, Del.
 Wheatley, B. Powellville, Md.
 White, H. P. Dames Quarter, Md.
 White, John, Wilmington, Del.
 White, Jas. M. Fairmount, Md.
 Whiteley, Seth, Wilmington, Del.
 White, J. M. Chestertown, Md.
 Wilkinkson, J. W. Kimblesville, Pa.
 Williams, J. W. Dover, Del.
 Wilson, W. D. Nassau, Del.
 Wilson, Geo. W. Georgetown, Del.
 Winder, E. J. Onancock, Va.
 Wise, James M. New Castle, Del.
 Wright, Everet C. Dover, Del.
 Wright, Zed, Dover, 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.,	1896	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. Tart,	1833	Jan. 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
Isalah 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	32
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	38
Nicholas M. Browne,	1860	Feb. 4, 1895,	Middletown, Del.	53	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	28
James Conner,	1868	Sep. 10, 1896,	Selbyville, Del.	59	34
Merritt Hulburd, S. T. D.	1862	Oct. 10, 1896	Wilmington, Del.	54	34

Memoirs.

REV. MERRITT HULBURD, S. T. D.

As the shadows of night were melting into the gold of day, the spirit of our great-hearted friend, Merritt Hulburd, entered the presence of the King. Sorrow's fingers tightened their grip on our heart strings when the sad intelligence reached us, and our communion to-day is marred because his cheery, whole-souled, brotherly presence is missing. The brave, sweet words of Lowell flashed through my memory as I read the crushing message which announced our brother's departure:

"Into the eternal shadow that girds our life around,
 Into the infinite silence wherewith death's shore is bound,
 Thou hast gone forth beloved! And I were mean to weep
 That thou hast left life's shallows and dost possess the deep."

So great was my love and admiration for this man, whom I had known by reputation from my boyhood, that I doubt my ability to give a dispassionate analysis of his character. I can at least bring a loving tribute to his memory. To attempt a fulsome eulogy were to insult his memory, for to none would it be more distasteful than to himself could he voice his opinion to-day. But heart and inclination alike dictate that a fitting tribute be attempted.

Merritt Hulburd entered on his earthly career in Monkton, Vt., October 15, 1842, in a humble Methodist parsonage, and died October 10, 1896, in Wilmington, Delaware. His father, Rev. David Porter Hulburd, was a devoted, faithful itinerant, a man of rugged strength of character, from whom the son derived many of the traits which made him a tower of strength in the Church. His mother was a woman of deepest piety, full of faith and good works. Born of such parents, reared amid such surroundings, it was not strange that they should produce the sturdy, sterling Character we knew and loved.

No analysis of his character would approach completeness which did not deal with him as a preacher, a brother, a man, and a broad-minded citizen.

Dr. Hulburd began his ministerial life in the Troy Conference. From the first he gave promise of unusual talents. When but twenty-four years of age he became pastor of Hudson Avenue, then the most commanding church in the Conference. From this appointment he went to Trinity Church, Massachusetts, one of the strongest churches in the N. E. Conference. In his new Conference relations his predominant qualities soon gave him a large place in the affections of the great body of which he was a member. After several brilliant pastorates in the N. E. Conference he was transferred to St. Paul, Minn. While in the West he more than sustained the reputation which had preceded him. After a few years of distinguished service in the West he was called, in the maturity of his powers, to a commanding pulpit in New York City. He at once impressed himself on that great centre. While there his audiences were quadrupled, and a large percentage came from the University of New York. During his pastorates in New York he made a lasting impression on the Methodism

of that great city. Strong pressure was brought to bear upon him to induce him to remain in New York or vicinity, but he felt called to sever his pleasant relations, and enter the Philadelphia Conference. For five years Spring Garden Street Church, in the city of Philadelphia, enjoyed the ministry of this prince of men. How large was the place he made in their hearts, and in the esteem and love of Philadelphia Methodism, we know. His entrance among us is too recent to require even passing notice. How he at once threw his great life into the work of his Church. How he endeared himself to the city of Wilmington and the Methodism of our entire Peninsula, is a matter of recent history.

Merritt Hulburd was the ideal orator. There was in all his pulpit and platform efforts a most delightful blending of brain and heart power. And yet this very fact not seldom exposed him to the indiscriminate criticisms of some men upon whose narrow, stunted nature everything that is not purely intellectual and perfectly free from the semblance of emotion, falls without appreciable effect. His best efforts were characterized by a rush and impetuosity that swept all before him. At such times his emotions while not untamed were yet untrammelled by mere artificial conventionalism. His big heart pushed itself toward his lips, and his manhood was strong enough to yield the right of way. But it was not the rant of unrestrained exhortation, nor the artful manipulation of the skilled declaimer; it was the perfect abandon of genuine oratory. It was this heart element that made his eloquence so marvellously effective. A competent authority says of true eloquence, "It is having more feeling than attitude, intonation, emphasis, articulation, inflexion or anything mere art can express." Or as Goethe quaintly says,

"Persuasion friend, comes not by toil or art,
Hard study never made the matter clearer,
'Tis the live fountain in the speaker's heart,
Sends forth the streams that melt the ravished hearer.
Would you, then, touch the heart? the only method known,
My worthy friend, is first to have one of your own,"

Judged by this standard Merritt Hulburd, had the basis of genuine eloquence, a big heart.

His gift of oratory was made subservient always to his one great work of preaching the gospel. As a preacher he possessed a rare combination of gifts. He had the logic of the reasoner with the overmastering sweep of the orator's emotion. He could be as informal and direct as rugged Lyman Beecher, and as gentle in spirit and beautiful in expression as the sainted Summerfield. But that which lent to his preaching its abiding charm was his genuine honesty, transparent sincerity, and hearty, manly sympathy. He longed to do men and women good. He craved the souls of his auditors rather than their praise. To know that his sermons comforted in sorrow, strengthened in adversity, and aided in the grip and grapple of life's struggle, was to him an unction from on high.

As a preacher he was cast in a heroic mold. No pew commanded money enough to shield its occupant from the naked truth. "He had not respect to the person of any man."

Boldly, faithfully, fearlessly did he utter his convictions. Witness a passage from his last morning sermon in Grace Church. Speaking of the effect of environment on the judgment to be passed upon human conduct he said, "I do not hesitate to declare that judged by our antecedent and present opportunities, I would rather rush into the presence of God a red-handed Kaffir fresh from the bloody rites of his religious sacrifices, than as many of us would appear if hurried now into the presence of the unseen." Brave, noble words, fresh from a heart aglow with a love too honest and faithful to permit of gloss or deception. Yet he never

dealt in personalities in the pulpit. He was above that. If personal rebuke was needed, he was tactful and brotherly enough to administer it in private.

Then too he was intensely loyal to the church of his choice. Several times in his ministry he could have entered the ranks of another brotherhood without sacrificing a single religious or theological conviction, with large pecuniary and social advantage, but he resisted all temptations in that direction, and remained a plain Methodist preacher. Speaking to the writer one day of this matter he said, "I do not chide any of my brethren who have left us, but as for myself, I am sure the feeling of strangeness would cripple me. I would have a sense of constant suffocation. I'm a Methodist, I can't be anything else, and I don't believe I care to." We who knew him will have no difficulty in understanding how he felt.

No one could be more kindly in his criticisms of his brethren than he. Given faith in the sincerity and purpose of the preacher, the sermon found in him a sympathetic and enthusiastic listener. He was above the little, petty, jealous criticisms that some preachers utter. It was an indisputable evidence of his own greatness that he could see so much merit in others. He was intolerant of meanness or sham in a preacher especially. Flourish and display for the mere sake of effect were distasteful to him whether in bishop or exhorter. Nor could he brook harsh criticism of his brother ministers. There are several here who will recall the magnificence of his indignation when a luckless and ill-advised remark in the Preachers' Meeting one day, seemed to reflect on the character of the ministry. He was on his feet in a moment. His great face was luminous, and his voice tremulous with grief. I hear his brave, true words now, "I believe before God that the ranks of the Methodist ministry are crowded with as goodly and noble a set of men as the Lord lets live. I was born in an itinerant's parsonage, I have been in constant touch with them since boyhood, and have good ground for the faith that is in me." It was not strange that he was admired and loved, his life compelled both admiration and love.

As a man he possessed most of the finer qualities that go to make up real manhood. He was manly, ingenuous, genuine and true hearted. He was a man among men, yet when necessity called it forth, his tenderness was as abundant as his strength. His was not the sympathy of mere sentimentalism, but the outflow of a great tender heart toward hearts in need. He was a large-hearted, broad-minded, brotherly man. Never were these qualities more fully illustrated than in his attitude toward his fellow delegates in the late General Conference. It was feared by some that so wide and varied was his circle of friends, that his time would be monopolized. But such was not the case as these our brethren will bear witness. He lost no possible opportunity to introduce his brethren to all the distinguished men of his acquaintance. "I want you to know my brethren from the Wilmington Conference," was the kindly, brotherly formula of introduction. There was no attempt at exclusiveness, no assumption of superiority, he was one with them.

Dr. Hulburd was a leader of men. Not that he ambitiously aspired to leadership for its own sake, but because his aptitudes for leadership were evident at a glance. His native modesty often held him in leash, until his burning convictions of the righteousness and justice of the question fired his heart and brain, and at such times he became a moral whirlwind that leaped forth with overwhelming, irresistible power. As a leader he was capable, determined, enthusiastic, fearless, and of large faith. In the presence of the most formidable difficulties he stood undaunted and undismayed. Obstacles but served to nerve his hope and inflame his zeal.

His domestic and ministerial life need no eulogium. It was in the broadest sense ideal.

In the house he was loving, tender, thoughtful, companionable. His image is enshrined in the hearts he loved. With them his memory is imperishable. In his pastoral relations he thoroughly identified himself with the members of his flock. None could be "Sick or sorry" without evoking from his heart a thrill of sympathy. To comfort in sorrow and bereavement; to steady the storm bestead life; to silver the dark clouds that overhung some human sky—these were to him the crowning work of his ministry. How well that work was performed a cloud of eager witnesses bear willing testimony.

The high esteem in which he was held as a man and a citizen was evidenced by the city of Wilmington when the sad words, "Doctor Hulburd is dead" passed from lip to lip. The whole city was in mourning. While his body lay in state, thousands sorrowfully viewed the fallen leader silent in death's mysterious thrall. To even the casual observer it must have been evident that the tenantless tabernacle had in life won all classes, for old men and little children, rich and poor formed the vast crowd which for hours sought to view the kindly face so reposeful in its last, long sleep. Representatives from all the Protestant denominations and most of the fraternal orders of the city, gathered to do honor to a brother's memory. Grace Church was not spacious enough to hold the throng that sought admittance. All felt that the departure of this prince of men was a blow not to his own church simply, but to the entire city. His was too catholic a spirit to belong to one sect exclusively, he belonged to all. He was the servant, the brother of all, and common delicacy directed that the mourning for his death should be universal.

Many have asked, "Why the sudden taking off of this great and good man?" To me his death was as ideal as his life. With him there was no slow gathering of the ever-lengthening shadows, no long deepening twilight preceding the day's decline, his sun went down while it was yet day. There was no lingering illness, filled with dreary days and weary nights, because the inevitable messenger delayed his coming. He ceased at once to work and live. From the vanguard of the Lord's hosts, out of the midst of the battle, while mist and smoke hung the horizon round, and while he, eager and anxious for the fray, pressed hard after the form of his beloved Master, the summons came: "It is enough, come up higher." Nor did the summons find him unprepared. In obedience to that call, he leaped from the trampled field of earthly battle to "fields beyond the swelling flood, all dressed in living green." He has not ceased to be the brave, intrepid leader we loved and admired, he has exchanged a limited for a limitless sphere commensurate with his enlarged powers. Do our hearts to-day press the question, "Why this seemingly untimely call?" We must postpone the answer 'till "the day dawn and the shadows flee away." Could his familiar voice speak to us to-day from out the eternal spaces, it would echo the sweet lines of Tennyson, repeated to the writer a few weeks before our brother's final departure.

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me;
And may there be no moaning of the bar
When I put out to sea.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell
When I embark.

His last word conveyed to that grief-stricken little company that gathered around him that fateful morning, a world of comfort. Welcome! His hearing grown acute with spiritual discernment heard the call, clear and sweet, and he bade it welcome. He saw his "pilot

face to face" for he had "crossed the bar." His work is well done. He did a vast amount of it. He was prodigal in the expenditure of his energy. He worked up to the full measure of his powers. He worked thus because he loved God supremely" and his neighbor as himself." May God inspire the Conference he loved so well to carry forward its work until one by one we shall exchange an earthly for a heavenly crown, and see our missing brother face to face.

REV. JAMES CONNOR.

On a beautiful island in the waters of Lough Erne, in the town of Ennis Killin, county seat of Fermaugh, 89 miles N. W. of Dublin, a town made historic by its strong Protestant proclivities, and by a victory by Protestant volunteers in 1689 over a detachment of James II., the Rev. James Connor first saw the things of this world in November, 1837; and ended his earthly career at Selbyville, Delaware, September 10, 1896, 11 A. M., in his 59th year. Bro. Connor's boyhood was spent in the Emerald Isle. While still a boy he was apprenticed to a tailor, of whom he learned a valuable trade, which occupied several of his early years in this country and stood him in good stead all his life.

From the too strict government of his teacher, he broke away and came to America in 1856 when about 19 years of age, and took up his abode in Philadelphia, where for some years he resided, following for a livelihood the trade obtained beyond the sea. His parents, George and Jennie Connor, were life long Protestants, and for several years members of the Methodist Church in Ireland; and their prayers, together with a train of religious influence into which he was drawn soon after arriving in this country resulted in his conversion when about 20 years of age.

He soon showed to those conversant with him evidence of gifts and graces and was urged forward in various departments of Church work till at last it was deemed wise to give him and he consented to accept Local Preacher's License in one of the Methodist Churches in Philadelphia. When the Wilmington Conference was organized in 1868, Bro. Connor was one of those who knocked at its doors for, and obtained admittance to its ranks on trial, and was given as his first charge, Denton, Md. His subsequent appointments were 1869, Camden, Del.; 1870, Lincoln City; 1871-72, Galestown; 1873, Ellendale; 1874, Delmar; 1875-76, Roxana; 1877-79, Quantico; 1880-81, Sharptown; 1882-83, Parsonsburg; 1884-85, Beckwith; 1886, Burrsville; 1887-88, Leipsic; 1889-91, Tangier; 1892-93, Mt. Lebanon; 1894, Parksley; 1895, Fruitland; 1896, Selbyville.

In 1869, while stationed at Camden, Delaware, Bro. Connor was united to an estimable young lady, Miss Julia Stout, of Magnolia, Del. This happy union God blessed in the gift of three boys and three girls all of whom survive both parents, Sister Connor having preceded her husband by some years to the better land, April 13, 1892, while Bro. Connor was pastor at Mt. Lebanon.

In April, 1894, Bro. Connor was again married to Miss Mary Baker, of Chincoteague Island, Va. This union is represented by two children, James and Florence. The pastoral record of Bro. Connor shows that he did not mistake his call, inasmuch as it is one of conversion of souls, church repairing and building, and advanced benevolences. The Presiding Elder of Dover District, 1887, the Rev. T. O. Ayres, said of his pastorate at Bursville, "The Church has been put beyond the million-dollar line for Missions." Rev. W. F. Corkran, in his annual report for Salisbury District, 1892, said of his pastorate on Tangier Island, Va.: "He leads the District in conversions." The Rev. L. E. Barret, P. E. Wil-

Wilmington District, in his report to the Conference of 1893 spoke of his charge, Mt. Lebanon, as being among those stirred by revival fires.

Bro. Connor was a good preacher, frequently getting in the spirit which moved his hearers to fervency and praise. We remember hearing him in June, 1873, in Cokesbury Church, then on Ellendale Circuit, on the theme of training children, when we received some impressions which have ever remained. He was a firm advocate and lover of total abstinence, both from tobacco and alcoholic liquors, and a hater of that which every good man hates—the liquor traffic.

He has been heard to remark that he did not want alcohol in any form administered to him, even though it might be as medicine. When in his last illness, finding that efforts were being made to beguile him into taking brandy he earnestly protested. The illness of which he died was typhoid aggravated by a bronchial affection. His illness really dates from August 5th, when visiting friends on Chincoteague Island, but was greatly intensified by his generous nature allowing him to preach for the people of the Island on August 3d. Immediately prior to his attack he seemed possessed of unusual vigor. On August 2d, he and the writer were the preachers for Lamb's Campmeeting and long will we remember how earnestly he preached from Jude 3, and pleaded for the ancient land-marks of Christianity as taught in Methodism.

From the beginning of his illness he seemed to have premonitions of death and persisted in telling his friends that his end was near. He was visited during his sickness by C. A. Grise, J. A. Bloxam, J. W. Gray, J. S. Wickline, W. F. Corkran and J. F. Anderson. To these brethren he gave strong assurance of faith. To Bro. Wickline's inquiry he replied that he was resigned to the will of the Lord, when the inevitable came he was peaceful, saying a few minutes before his departure. "It is hard to part, but meet me." Becoming funeral services were held in Selbyville M. E. Church, Sept. 11, in which, J. W. Gray, J. A. Bloxam and W. F. Corkran D. D., participated. On Sept. 12, his remains were taken to the historic spot, the yard of Barrett's Chapel, where suitable services were performed by W. F. Corkran, D. D., Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, Dr. C. A. Grise, pastor M. E. Church Georgetown, Del., T. A. H. O'Brian, pastor Frederica, Del., and E. H. Derrickson, pastor Magnolia, Del. After which his body was laid to rest beside the wife of other days to wait the morning of the resurrection.

Thus, death lays its hands on the most sacred calling,
And, one, by one, God's ministers are falling,
Some, like withered leaves, by many a tempest shaken,
While others in the midst of life are taken,
Thus, step, by step, our ranks are onward moving,
The grave's dark mouth above their bodies closing;
But God is true, as every day is proving;
Therefore our faith in Him is still reposing.

C. P. SWAIN.

MRS. WILLIE G. STENGLE.

The subject of this Memoir was born near Jamesville, Northampton County, Va., October 23, 1872, and fell "asleep in Jesus," at 11.30 o'clock, on the morning of the 25th of February, 1897. She was the only child of Thomas and Annie Roberts, of Accomack County, Va. After the death of her father, which occurred when Willie was two years old, her widowed mother moved to Onancock, Va., where they resided for a number of years.

During her early life, Mrs. Stengle attended the public and private schools of the town, and also took a special course in vocal and instrumental music, and was awarded the annual Gold Medal prize in 1888, for superior merit. In 1889 Sister Stengle entered the State Normal School of Virginia, and prepared for teaching. A year after her graduation she was placed in charge of the school at Chesconnessex, Va., where she remained teaching until her marriage. In 1891, Bro. Stengle came to Onancock, and purchasing the Onancock Weekly Review' began its publication.

Here he again met this friend and associate of his childhood, and the friendship of former days soon ripened into love, and on April 13, 1892, they were married at the home of the bride's mother, now Mrs. John L. Ward. At the time of her marriage Mrs. Stengle was a member of the Baptist Church at Anancock, Va., while Bro. Stengle was an official member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of that place. The marriage was solemnized by her pastor, J. B. Pruitt, assisted by the writer.

Mrs. Stengle, true to her perception of right, although held in the highest esteem by the church of which she was a member and loving the church in which she had been reared, converted and baptized, withdrew from its communion, and was received into the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1893 Bro. Stengle announced the fact that he felt called to preach the Gospel, and being recommended by the Onancock Quar. Conf., he was appointed by the P. E., of Salisbury Dist. as preacher in charge of Fruitland, Md., where he remained for two years.

From the first Sister Stengle proved herself a true help-mate to her companion, and a powerful factor in the work of the Church. Wherever she went she gathered about her hosts of friends. In 1895 Bishop John F. Hurst appointed Bro. Stengle pastor of Armory Church, Dover.

During the last session of our Conference Sister Stengle was taken ill, and soon after she was admitted to the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in the city of Philadelphia, where for six weeks she hovered between life and death. A successful surgical operation improved her condition for a time, and she was again restored to her family; but it was soon apparent that the improvement was only temporary, for during the Christmas holidays she grew worse and was not again able to leave her home. In February her physicians decided that another surgical operation would be necessary. This too was successfully accomplished, but in a few days the hopes of recovery which had again been raised were banished. Blood poisoning set in, and in three days she exchanged the sufferings of earthly life for the bliss of that land where the "inhabitants never say I am sick." Sister Stengle was a devoted and consistent Christian, a faithful and loving wife, a true mother and a sincere friend.

Her funeral services were conducted at the Armory Methodist Episcopal Church, in Dover, of which her husband is pastor, at 3 P. M., Feb. 26. The memorial services were conducted by the Presiding Elder, of Dover, District, R. H. Adams, assisted by Walter E. Avery D. D., pastor of Wesley M. E. Church Dover, I. G. Fosnocht, Camden, J. B. Turner, pastor of the Presbyterian, and J. H. Pierce, pastor of the Baptist Church of Dover. Services were also conducted by H. S. Dulaney in the M. E. Church at Onancock, Va., near which the remains were taken for interment.

In the translation of this saint of God to the land of the "un-setting sun," the church militant has lost, not only one of its most loyal, devoted, and purest spirits, but one of its most accomplished, intelligent, and useful members. The stricken husband bows in uncomplaining submission to the will of God, comforted by the blessed assurance that she is, "not dead but sleeping," says:

"Sleep sweetly there; since God decrees,
That friends on earth must sever;
His pitying eye, our sorrow sees,
And says, 'tis not forever."

As we look upon this stricken home, and the two bright little boys, who smile to-day, unconscious of their early loss, we feel to exclaim:

"O what could heal the griefs we feel,
For hopes that come no more;
Had we not heard the Scripture word:
Not lost, but gone before."

Unto Him who wept at the grave of Lazarus, and sympathizes with all the woes and heartaches of human life, we commend our stricken brother and his motherless children.



Report of Rev. J. Benson Hamilton.

To the Members of the Wilmington Conference:

During the past year, I preached six times and lectured fourteen times in the bounds of your Conference. The proceeds of the fourteen lectures, which were in the interest of your Permanent Fund, were \$98. This amount has been paid to the Treasurer of the Wilmington Conference Permanent Fund Association. The report in detail is as follows: Wilmington—Scott Church, \$5; Asbury, \$8; Union, \$11; Wesley, \$18. Delaware City, \$5; Salisbury, \$1; Seaford, \$5; Cape Charles, \$7; Georgetown, \$9; Pocomoke City, \$11; Farmington, \$4; Onancock, \$3; New Castle, \$5; Millington, \$6. Total, \$98.

Respectfully submitted,

JAY BENSON HAMILTON.

Report of the Board of Stewards.

Your Board of Stewards, after a most careful and prayerful consideration of the claims presented to them, have distributed the funds placed in their hands in the most equitable manner, according to their best judgment, from all the information which they have received and would make the following report of their work:

Receipts—Interest on Riddle Legacy, \$95; interest on Bates Legacy, \$141; interest on Reynolds Legacy, \$8; interest on Academy Bonds, \$90; interest on Smyrna Sewer Bonds, \$50. From Centenary Fund, \$120; Chartered Fund, \$22; Book-Room Dividend, \$1092; Conference Treasurer from Collections, \$5665; Public Collection at Anniversary, \$25; from money in hands of Treasurer of Board of Stewards paid in since last Conference for distribution, \$337. Total amount distributed, \$7645. Decrease in Collections from Districts, \$75; in Book-Room Dividend, \$288; in Public Collection at Conference, \$262.50. Total decrease from above-named sources, \$625.50.

The total amount distributed last year was \$7939.50. Total amount this year from all sources, \$7645. Decrease in amount for distribution, \$294.50.

This sum we have distributed as follows: To twelve Superannuated preachers, \$2130; to twelve Supernumerary preachers, \$1665; to thirty-two widows of preachers, \$3850.

It has been a source of great grief to us to be compelled to reduce the amount allowed to the most of these worthy claimants, but there was nothing else we could do. We have done the best we could with the money at our disposal. We would appeal to all of our pastors and urge them to observe Veterans' Day, and present the claims of these worthy men and women, and endeavor to secure the most liberal contributions possible. The Church is under obligation to provide for those who have given their lives to the work of the Christian ministry. The Endowment Fund should be largely increased at once and every possible effort made to that end. We have not deemed it best to make any material change in the amount apportioned to the different charge, believing that the most of our pastors will do the best they can to secure as liberal collections as possible.

Distribution of Conference Funds.

Date of Claim.	Term of Service.	NAME OF CLAIMANT.	POST OFFICE.	Estimates of Quarterly Conference.	Amount received by each Claimant.
SUPERANNUATED.					
1878	31 y'rs.	Geo. A. Phoebus.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	\$ 250 00	\$175 00
1871	15 "	James Esgate.....	Wilmington, Del.....	325 00	175 00
1875	34 "	Henry Sanderson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	350 00	100 00
1890	8 "	C. J. Hammitt.....	Kinsey, Ala.....	350 00	150 00
1891	33 "	W. W. Redman.....	Farmington, Del.....	300 00	165 00
1892	47 "	John H. Caldwell.....	Dover, Del.....	600 00	300 00
1894	44 "	Wm. B. Walton.....	Salisbury, Md.....	200 00	75 00
1896	60 "	B. F. Price.....	Elkton, Md.....	400 00	200 00
1895	35 "	A. D. Davis.....	Georgetown, Del.....	400 00	200 00
1897	40 "	J. B. Quigg.....	Wilmington, Del.....	400 00	200 00
1897	28 "	Edward Davis.....	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.....		190 00
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1885	28 y'rs.	Wm. F. Talbot.....	Dover, Del.....	300 00	95 00
1889	19 "	J. W. Poole.....	Farmington, Kent Co., Del.....	300 00	95 00
1891	40 "	James W. Hammersley.....	Baltimore, Md.....	500 00	200 00
1892	24 "	J. D. Rigg.....	Chester, Pa.....	400 00	200 00
1893	48 "	William E. England.....	1018 Arch St., Phila.....	600 00	200 00
1893	21 "	George W. Wilcox.....	Carlisle, Pa.....	400 00	150 00
1893	17 "	Wm. L. P. Bowen.....	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.....	200 00	75 00
1894	50 "	T. H. Haynes.....	Smyrna, Del.....	400 00	200 00
1895	42 "	W. M. Warner.....	Felton, Del.....	350 00	175 00
1895	22 "	N. McQuay.....	Crumpton, Md.....	350 00	200 00
1895	22 "	W. M. Green.....	Sharptown, Md.....	250 00	125 00
1896	27 "	T. B. Hunter.....	Rehoboth, Del.....	250 00	25 00
1897		W. E. Tomkinson.....	109 Locust St., Harrisburg, Pa.....		125 00
WIDOWS.					
1846	4 y'rs.	Hester A. Henderson.....	800 W. 9th St., Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	120 00
1865	10 "	Carrie B. Dennison.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	90 00
1873	14 "	Rebecca M. Brandreth.....	4336 N. 18th St., Phila.....	100 00	90 00
1878	15 "	Laura E. Weston.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150 00	100 00
1879	21 "	Mary S. Thomas.....	406 W. 18th St., Wilm'gton, Del.....	300 00	150 00
1879	10 "	Annie H. Irwin.....	Wilmington, Del.....	500 00	250 00
1879	22 "	Annie D. Chatham.....	Smyrna, Del.....	250 00	100 00
1881	11 "	Sadie B. Bain.....	Kepple, Blair Co., Penna.....	250 00	100 00
1882	45 "	Eliza Pierson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	225 00	175 00
1882	8 "	Emma A. Prettyman.....	East Market, Dorchest'r Co., Md.....	250 00	110 00
1884	33 "	Rebecca E. Hough.....	Smyrna, Del.....	250 00	100 00
1884	43 "	Roberta H. Matlack.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150 00	90 00
1884	15 "	Emma L. Shilling.....	1110 West St., Wilmington, Del.....	150 00	65 00
1887	37 "	Mary F. Way.....	4220 Broom St., Phila., Pa.....	200 00	90 00
1887	6 "	Mollie P. Johnson.....	Milford, Del.....	200 00	150 00
1887	28 "	Mary A. O'Neil.....	1012 Hopkins Ave., Balto., Md.....	400 00	150 00
1887	48 "	Sarah D. Gray.....	Gap, Lancaster Co., Penna.....	200 00	100 00
1891	35 "	Louisa A. Gardner.....	Royal Oak, Md.....		90 00
1891	18 "	Mary A. Foreman.....	1011 Pine St., Wilmington, Del.....	300 00	100 00
1891	50 "	Henrietta M. Allen.....	490 Second St., Brooklyn, N. Y.....	200 00	120 00
1892	19 "	S. Jennie Creamer.....	Wilmington, Del.....	250 00	200 00
1893	35 "	G. Annie Gregg.....	Wyoming, Del.....	400 00	135 00
1893	47 "	Susan S. Hill.....	Wilmington, Del.....	225 00	190 00
1893	26 "	M. R. Robinson.....	Perryman's, Harford Co., Md.....	250 00	100 00
1893	27 "	Marian F. Melvin.....	415 E. Huntington Av. Balt., Md.....	250 00	150 00
1893	23 "	Ruth B. Fisher.....	Bridgeville, Sussex Co., Del.....	200 00	125 00
1895	48 "	Ellen Brindle.....	Greensboro Caroline, Md.....	200 00	90 00
1896	4 "	Lizzie M. Lecates.....	2218 Orleans St., Baltimore, Md.....	400 00	175 00
1896	39 "	Annie D. Bryan.....	Odessa, Del.....	200 00	110 00
1897		Mary J. Conner.....	Chincoteague Co., Va.....	300 00	175 00

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CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Collections and Apportionments.

DOVER 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
Beckwith	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	\$ 25 00	Cecilton	\$ 50 00	\$ 45 00	\$ 50 00
Bridgeville	25 00	25 00	25 00	Centreville	60 00	60 00	60 00
Burrsville	20 00	9 00	20 00	Chestertown	35 00	30 00	35 00
Cambridge	80 00	80 00	80 00	Cheswold & Bethel	85 00	95 00	85 00
Camden	45 00	40 00	40 00	Church Hill	35 00	20 00	35 00
Cannon's	30 00	30 00	30 00	Clayton	25 00	20 00	25 00
Church Creek	10 00	5 00	10 00	Cordova	25 00	20 00	25 00
Crapo	30 00	30 00	30 00	Crumpton	10 00	10 00	10 00
Denton	35 00	25 00	35 00	Easton	80 00	80 00	80 00
Dover, Wesley	150 00	151 00	151 00	Galena	40 00	35 00	40 00
" Armory	20 00	12 00	20 00	Greensboro	35 00	35 00	35 00
East New Market	25 00	10 00	20 00	Hillsboro	30 00	30 00	30 00
Ellendale	15 00	3 00	15 00	Ingleside	15 00	12 00	15 00
Elliot's Island	5 00	5 00	5 00	Kent Island	40 00	20 00	30 00
Farmington	20 00	20 00	20 00	Kenton	25 00	16 00	25 00
Federalsburg	30 00	30 00	30 00	Marydel	22 00	22 00	22 00
Felton	40 00	35 00	40 00	Middletown	100 00	100 00	100 00
Frederica	50 00	66 00	65 00	Millington	40 00	40 00	40 00
Galestown	20 00	15 00	20 00	Morgan Creek			
Georgetown	40 00	30 00	40 00	Odessa	45 00	36 00	45 00
Georgetown Circuit	10 00	10 00	10 00	Oxford	20 00	20 00	20 00
Greenwood	30 00	30 00	30 00	Piney Neck	5 00	5 00	5 00
Harrington	35 00	40 00	35 00	Pomona	30 00	25 00	30 00
Hooper's Island	10 00	4 00	10 00	Queenstown	20 00	15 00	20 00
Houston	30 00	6 00	20 00	Rock Hall	25 00	25 00	25 00
Hurlock	25 00	25 00	25 00	Royal Oak	20 00	15 00	18 00
Lakeville				St. Michael's	55 00	50 00	55 00
Leipsic	15 00	15 00	15 00	Salem & Union	20 00	9 00	15 00
Lewes	60 00	60 00	60 00	Sassafras & Masseys	10 00	2 00	10 00
Lincoln	25 00	20 00	25 00	Smyrna	150 00	150 00	150 00
Little Creek	10 00	7 00	10 00	Smyrna Circuit	35 00	30 00	35 00
Magnolia	30 00	30 00	30 00	Still Pond	70 00	70 00	60 00
Milford	85 00	80 00	85 00	Sudlersville	50 00	41 00	50 00
Milton	35 00	30 00	35 00	Talbot Ct.	15 00	17 00	15 00
Nassau	25 00	25 00	25 00	Tilghman & B'side	35 00	6 00	25 00
Preston	15 00	12 00	15 00	Townsend	35 00	25 00	30 00
Salem	10 00	5 00	10 00	Trappe	25 00	25 00	25 00
Seaford & Bladesville	40 00	50 00	40 00	Wye and Starr	10 00	10 00	10 00
Vienna	20 00	6 00	15 00				
Williamsburg	10 00	15 00	10 00				
Williston	25 00	25 00	25 00				
Woodside	10 00	5 00	10 00				
Wyoming	25 00	20 00	25 00				
Zoar	10 00	10 00	10 00				

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Collections and Apportionments.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.				WILMINGTON 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
Asbury	\$ 75 00	\$ 90 00	\$ 75 00	Bethel and Summit	\$ 25 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 25 00
Berlin	20 00	25 00	25 00	Charlestown	18 00	10 00	18 00
Bethel	21 00	21 00	21 00	Cherry Hill	55 00	30 00	55 00
Bishopville	20 00	15 00	20 00	Chesapeake City	30 00	18 00	20 00
Cape Charles City	10 00	12 00	10 00	Chester-Bethel	30 00	32 00	30 00
Chincoteague	10 00	10 00	10 00	Christiana	25 00	15 00	25 00
Crisfield	75 00	97 00	75 00	Claymont	15 00	15 00	15 00
Deal's Island	70 00	70 00	70 00	Delaware City	30 00	30 00	30 00
Dealmar	35 00	35 00	35 00	Elk Neck	10 00	2 00	10 00
Exmore	10 00	1 00	10 00	Elkton	75 00	75 00	75 00
Fairmount	75 00	95 00	75 00	Hockessin & Ebenezer	30 00	10 00	25 00
Frankford	35 00	32 00	35 00	Hopewell and Asbury	20 00	20 00	20 00
Fruitland	10 00	10 00	10 00	Marshallton & Stanton	15 00	15 00	15 00
Girdle Tree	20 00	20 00	20 00	Mt. Lebanon	20 00	10 00	20 00
Gumboro	20 00	25 00	20 00	Mt. Pleasant & Union	35 00	41 00	35 00
Holland's Island	20 00	15 00	20 00	Newark and Wesley	40 00	40 00	40 00
Laurel	70 00	70 00	70 00	New Castle	60 00	60 00	60 00
Marlon	50 00	26 00	50 00	Newport	30 00	25 00	30 00
Millsboro	20 00	12 00	20 00	North East & Boulden	45 00	45 00	45 00
Mt. Pleasant	10 00	12 00	10 00	Perryville	10 00	10 00	10 00
Mt. Vernon	20 00	20 00	20 00	Port Deposit	70 00	70 00	70 00
Nanticoke	30 00	30 00	30 00	Port Penn	5 00	2 00	5 00
Newark	10 00	13 00	10 00	Red Lion & Glasgow	20 00	10 00	20 00
New Church	5 00	1 00	5 00	Rising Sun & Sylmar	30 00	30 00	30 00
Onancock	40 00	30 00	35 00	Rowlandville & Mt. P.	5 00	10 00	10 00
Parkley	10 00	4 00	10 00	St. Georges	30 00	15 00	25 00
Parsonsburg	15 00	15 00	15 00	St. Johns	15 00	12 00	15 00
Pocomoke City	30 00	30 00	30 00	Wilmington, Asbury	150 00	150 00	150 00
Pocomoke Circuit	12 00	12 00	12 00	Brandywe & EdgeMo	45 00	45 00	45 00
Powellsville	5 00	.....	5 00	Cookman	15 00	20 00	15 00
Princess Ann	20 00	20 00	20 00	East Lake & Elsemere	5 00	4 00	5 00
Roanna	30 00	25 00	30 00	Epworth	15 00	5 00	15 00
St. Peter's	45 00	42 00	45 00	Grace	250 00	500 00	250 00
Salisbury	75 00	75 00	75 00	Harrison Street	20 00	20 00	25 00
Selbyville	10 00	3 00	10 00	Kingswd & Edgemoor	15 00	8 00	15 00
Sharptown	20 00	22 00	20 00	Madeley	15 00	15 00	15 00
Smith's Island	35 00	40 00	35 00	Mt. Salem	50 00	50 00	50 00
Snow Hill	40 00	40 00	40 00	St. Paul's	150 00	200 00	150 00
Somerset	15 00	15 00	15 00	Scott	55 00	50 00	55 00
Stockton	45 00	56 00	50 00	Silverbrook	15 00	15 00	20 00
Tangier	10 00	10 00	10 00	Swedish Mission	5 00	2 00	5 00
Westover	25 00	25 00	25 00	Union	150 00	150 00	150 00
Whitesville	25 00	25 00	25 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 (No. of Probationers, No. of Full Members, No. of Local Preachers, No. of Deaths), Baptisms (No. of Child'n baptized, No. of Adults Baptized), SUNDAY SCHOOLS (No. of Schools, No. of Officers and Teachers, No. of Scholars), CHURCH PROPERTY (No. of Churches, Probable Value, No. of Parsonages, Probable Value).

STATISTICAL
Dover District, No. 2.

Table with columns: CHURCH PROPERTY (Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages, Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property, Present Indebtedness on Church Property), SUNDAY SCHOOLS (No. of Schools, No. of Officers and Teachers, No. of Scholars of all Grades, Average Attendance, No. of members in the Home Department, No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers, No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members Home Dept who are Church Members or Probationers, No. of Members of Sunday School Converted during the year, Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc., No. Ep. League, No. Ep. L. Mem.).

STATISTICAL
Easton District, No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership				Bap- tisms		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY				
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Child'r'n baptized.	No. of Adults baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.
1 Bayside.....	80	1	12	2	20	50	2	\$ 3000	1	\$ 3000			
2 Cecilton.....	40	215	5	7	2	37	268	17000	1	3000			
3 Centreville.....	29	339	5	12	2	40	296	18000	1	3500			
4 Cheswold and Bethel.....	22	165	2	18	3	41	178	7400	2				
5 Chestertown.....	52	298	4	9	3	53	285	16000	1	3500			
6 Church Hill.....	27	130	3	8	4	49	230	5300	1	1500			
7 Clayton.....	10	176	8	6	1	21	190	1	5800				
8 Cordova.....	49	165	2	16	2	26	197	4	2800	1	1200		
9 Crumpton.....	32	98	2	11	1	27	142	2	5500	1	1000		
10 Easton.....	14	309	2	4	1	28	202	1	15000	1	4500		
11 Galena.....	19	147	3	9	2	21	130	2	8000	1	2000		
12 Greensboro.....	26	210	1	26	3	37	260	1	2500	1	1500		
13 Hillsboro.....	35	274	1	9	2	30	175	2	10000	1	1200		
14 Ingleside.....	30	195	1	13	1	44	200	5	4000	1	800		
15 Kent Island.....	70	218	1	9	27	33	36	3	5000	1	2000		
16 Kenton.....	36	198	1	13	3	30	90	3	3500	1	1900		
17 Maryland.....	34	339	3	7	4	59	304	4	7000	1	1300		
18 Middletown.....	19	335	4	12	8	38	263	1	10000	1	3000		
19 Millington.....	82	155	1	5	19	6	27	138	2	10500	1	2000	
20 Morgan's Creek.....	(2)	(26)	1	10	1	10	40	1	(500)	1			
21 Odessa.....	12	162	2	15	1	25	160	1	6000	1	2500		
22 Oxford.....	30	185	1	8	1	27	250	1	3000	1			
23 Piney Neck.....	16	51	1	8	1	21	175	1	1200	1			
24 Pomona.....	20	86	1	7	4	22	95	2	5000	1	2000		
25 Queenstown.....	75	210	1	3	8	35	225	3	6000	1			
26 Rock Hall.....	15	95	1	30	1	35	165	1	2000	1	1000		
27 Royal Oak.....	3	76	1	3	2	20	110	2	2000	1	2800		
28 St. Michael's.....	12	340	3	17	5	35	405	1	15000	1	2000		
29 Salem and Union.....	10	267	1	5	10	2	104	2	3000	1			
30 Sassafras and Massey's.....	40	90	2	5	30	2	44	4	4400	1			
31 Smyrna.....	33	455	1	8	5	1	46	340	1	25000	1	8500	
32 Smyrna Circuit.....	12	210	1	24	1	5	72	431	4	6400	2	2400	
33 Still Pond.....	14	200	2	7	9	2	33	245	2	7500	1	1500	
34 Sudlersville.....	10	165	4	6	3	34	192	3	7500	1	2500		
35 Talbot Ct.....	10	116	1	14	2	41	170	2	2500	1	1300		
36 Tighman.....	9	120	1	12	1	27	190	2	3000	1	1000		
37 Townsend.....	75	229	1	1	5	4	3	27	230	2	4400	1	2000
38 Trappe.....	24	151	1	26	3	32	160	3	6000	1	1200		
39 Wye and Starr.....	40	120	1	1	36	5	3	32	136	3	4000		
Total.....	1088	7400	14	98	510	67	83	1285	7796	85	\$265200	30	\$59600

TABLES.
Easton District, No. 2.

	CHURCH PROPERTY.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.										
	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in the Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dept who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of members of Sunday School Converted during the year.	Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	No. Epworth Leagues.	No. Ep. L. Members.
1				2	20	50	40	20		25	25			
2	\$ 66			2	37	268	165	30		62	125		1	59
3	45			2	40	293		40		183	127		1	123
4	75			2	41	178	150	41		100	110		2	100
5	10	12		2	53	285	204	53		122	158		2	103
6	115	150	\$ 250	1	49	230	125	39		56	57		2	75
7	317	626		3	21	190	84	20		120	100			
8	60	317		3	26	197	100	26		60	20		1	60
9	75	175	50	2	27	142	115	27		(45)	6		40	1 48
10	468			1	26	202	145	150		25	70		5	90 1 90
11	50	25	575	2	21	130	85	23		(30)	16		26	2 70
12				2	37	260	112	60		37	30		75	1 80
13	110	2000		2	30	175	125	30		(80)	10		90	1 112
14	75	40		4	45	200	150	40		30	20		30	1
15			660	3	36	280	135	30		125	6		50	2 100
16	50	184	800	3	30	90	70	30		60	13			
17	98	60	200	4	59	304	180	53		154	35		65	1 97
18	165			1	38	268	168	195		146	3		115	1 153
19	60		175	2	27	138	92	27		72	43		51	1 50
20				1	10	40	20	(8)			7			
21	34	500		1	25	160	120	25		60	7		60	
22	100	100		1	27	250	142	27		110	15		66	1 45
23	950		250	1	21	175	110	20		18	7		30	1 125
24	20			2	22	95	50	20		40	20			
25				3	35	225	150	35		(70)	30		35	1 45
26				1	35	165	130	34		(12)	20		45	
27	15	196		2	20	110	90	20		50	2		45	1 45
28	190		2838	1	35	405	350	35		(163)	3		58	1 163
29				2	24	104	76	24			45			
30				2	24	90	70	24			35			
31				2	46	340	180	45		158	3		23	
32	140		600	5	72	431	226	12		115	11		73	1 30
33	160	77	107	2	33	245	151	158		59	2		115	2 118
34	200	600		3	34	192	100	30		53	1		42	1 90
35	192	25	75	2	41	170	115	40		35	6		25	1 50
36	95		40	2	27	190	100	27			20		25	
37				3	27	230	112	24		125	30		60	1 60
38	125		25	3	32	160	80	31		42	20		40	3 95
39				3	32	136	102	32		(65)	20		30	1 50
Total	\$ 2681	\$ 2165	\$ 11107	83	1285	7796	4719	575	1181	2780	420	2294	35	2236

STATISTICAL

Salisbury District, No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.		Bap- tisms		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Childr'n baptized.	No. of Adults baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.
1 Asbury.....	40	320	1	6	23	3	1	29	400	1	\$ 10000	1	\$ 2000
2 Berlin.....	36	209	1	5	19	1	1	20	270	1	3500	1	1000
3 Bethel.....	33	248	1	5	22	1	3	38	270	3	4300	1	1000
4 Bishopville.....	64	249	1	1	10	4	4	40	240	4	4200	1	1800
5 Cape Charles City.....	12	82	1	1	2	1	1	17	122	1	4300	1	1600
6 Chincoteague.....	8	95	1	1	2	2	2	20	150	2	3000	1	2000
7 Crisfield.....	36	388	1	8	51	7	1	32	370	1	10000	1	6000
8 Deal's Island.....	23	265	1	8	48	1	2	50	350	2	6000	1	1500
9 Delmar.....	21	287	1	1	6	4	1	31	281	1	5000	1	2000
10 Exmore.....	13	84	1	1	1	2	2	16	45	2	2500	1	2000
11 Fairmount.....	75	490	2	2	20	3	3	36	388	2	11850	1	1200
12 Frankford.....	144	415	2	7	40	7	3	54	475	3	6000	1	1000
13 Fruitland.....	45	210	1	2	40	4	4	55	300	4	3000	1	800
14 Girdle Tree.....	155	320	1	8	10	12	4	50	200	4	6000	1	800
15 Gumboro.....	37	312	1	5	47	4	4	40	375	3	3000	1	800
16 Holland's Island.....	84	319	1	2	9	1	1	13	90	1	2100	1	800
17 Laurel.....	24	190	1	6	12	3	3	44	265	3	7000	1	2000
18 Marion.....	150	321	1	10	8	5	7	70	475	4	9500	1	1000
19 Millsboro.....	71	297	1	8	19	12	3	62	495	3	3500	1	1000
20 Mt. Pleasant.....	10	216	1	1	13	2	2	24	200	2	6800	1	1000
21 Mt. Vernon.....	40	280	1	5	15	5	5	55	550	5	11000	1	1000
22 Nanticoke.....	132	1	11	2	20	130	3	3000	1	1000	1	1000	
23 Newark.....	5	25	1	2	16	86	2	2100	1	1000	1	1000	
24 New Church.....	45	330	2	4	22	13	3	8400	1	3000	1	700	
25 Onancock.....	10	120	1	7	14	2	2	190	2	1500	1	600	
26 Parksley.....	50	345	3	6	4	46	4	405	4	4200	1	600	
27 Parsonsburg.....	10	192	2	7	1	25	1	219	1	5000	1	2500	
28 Pocomoke City.....	60	116	2	8	20	4	4	32	230	4	3300	1	600
29 Pocomoke Circuit.....	15	215	2	8	41	4	4	31	227	4	4000	1	550
30 Powellville.....	14	107	1	4	4	40	1	14	105	1	4500	1	1500
31 Princess Anne.....	8	125	3	3	67	572	3	67	572	3	5300	1	800
32 Quantico.....	94	475	1	5	12	3	3	41	385	3	5500	1	1200
33 Roxanna.....	40	356	2	14	3	1	28	277	1	29000	1	6000	
34 St. Peter's.....	28	230	1	1	18	3	2	21	(330)	2	3000	1	800
35 Salisbury.....	3	296	1	3	3	44	240	3	3400	1	3400	1	950
36 Selbyville.....	17	307	1	2	3	3	300	3	5000	1	1200	1	2500
37 Sharptown.....	8	218	1	4	25	1	1	25	195	1	6500	1	2000
38 Smith's Island.....	15	258	1	8	12	2	2	25	300	2	3000	1	1500
39 Snow Hill.....	80	145	1	2	15	3	3	302	3	2000	1	100	
40 Somerset.....	71	119	1	2	4	2	2	40	2400	2	2400	1	1000
41 Stockton.....	172	514	1	11	47	2	2	49	440	2	4500	1	800
42 Tangier.....	31	180	1	1	4	3	2	20	140	4	4500	1	800
43 Westover.....	33	368	2	45	6	4	60	575	4	5000	1	1200	
44 Whitesville.....													
Total.....	1875	10596	25	163	733	89	112	1556	12714	112	\$ 248150	40	\$ 57200

TABLES.

Salisbury District, No. 2.

CHURCH PROPERTY	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.													
	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in the Home Department	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Mem- bers in Home Dept. who are Church Mem- bers or Probationers	No. of Members of Sun- day School Converted during the year.	Current Expenses—Les- son Leaves, Books, etc.	No. Ep. Leagues.	No. Ep. Ig. Mem.
1	\$ 240	\$ 75	\$ 85	1	29	400	275	125	25	(125)	25	50	1	70
2	126	.....	624	1	20	200	150	.....	20	.....	188	1	1	75
3	100	.....	.....	3	38	270	183	.....	33	30	15	70	1	22
4	200	.....	.....	4	40	240	162	.....	34	87	26	45	1	29
5	150	220	1140	1	17	122	107	.....	17	(100)	3	25	2	92
6	30	150	600	2	20	150	125	.....	16	11	8	75	.....	.....
7	125	35	45	1	32	370	275	.....	32	175	25	125	1	55
8	150	150	.....	2	50	350	150	.....	38	150	25	100	4	270
9	21	225	198	1	31	281	181	.....	30	165	10	110	.....	.....
10	.....	285	.....	2	16	45	(50)	45	32	.....	3	11	.....	.....
11	160	1038	.....	3	36	388	202	.....	36	222	24	66	1	125
12	50	140	38	3	54	475	250	87	53	221	73	89	1	40
13	350	40	275	4	55	300	175	125	55	(40)	25	75	.....	.....
14	.....	300	150	4	50	200	125	.....	50	125	40	80	1	35
15	25	.....	.....	4	40	375	180	.....	40	.....	23	50	1	40
16	14	.....	.....	1	13	90	60	.....	13	(50)	29	30	1	30
17	40	282	1310	1	26	300	160	.....	26	191	41	82	2	187
18	.....	200	2200	3	44	265	190	.....	40	110	20	70	1	25
19	2400	128	700	5	70	475	275	.....	54	150	83	56	2	200
20	21	.....	950	3	62	495	247	.....	57	.....	31	138	1	57
21	1600	2	200	2	24	200	165	.....	24	25	65	1	70	.....
22	.....	800	55	5	55	550	380	.....	48	(142)	25	150	1	40
23	.....	.....	.....	2	20	130	90	12	23	5	.....	39	.....	.....
24	.....	.....	.....	2	16	36	25	36	16	(12)	2	5	.....	.....
25	.....	42	.....	3	43	325	195	.....	42	200	18	76	2	110
26	30	600	.....	2	24	190	150	.....	24	.....	5	45	.....	.....
27	550	29	100	4	46	405	240	.....	46	191	20	95	1	53
28	200	.....	.....	1	25	219	130	.....	25	95	4	100	1	60
29	49	.....	.....	4	32	230	160	.....	32	(75)	30	30	.....	.....
30	.....	.....	.....	4	31	227	150	31	51	93	6	21	3	100
31	900	450	.....	1	14	105	56	.....	14	30	6	50	1	41
32	100	75	.....	4	40	250	170	.....	40	180	6	.....	.....	.....
33	15	340	250	3	67	572	300	.....	66	181	20	120	.....	.....
34	124	232	161	3	41	385	205	.....	38	(150)	32	83	.....	.....
35	850	.....	.....	1	28	277	165	.....	28	(165)	20	65	1	70
36	.....	425	(2)	(21)	(330)	(180)	.....	(20)	.....	(48)	.....	.....	.....	.....
37	71	557	.....	3	44	240	177	.....	44	80	7	40	1	100
38	3090	.....	.....	3	30	300	225	.....	30	175	22	60	1	110
39	.....	.....	.....	1	25	195	150	40	25	125	8	70	1	45
40	95	.....	.....	2	25	300	175	.....	25	55	15	90	2	25
41	150	.....	.....	3	33	302	200	.....	28	(46)	28	90	.....	.....
42	244	.....	.....	2	49	440	351	.....	49	335	110	66	2	204
43	.....	250	400	2	20	140	110	.....	20	90	5	35	2	90
44	1000	250	4	60	575	470	.....	.....	60	240	15	75	3	95
Total.....	\$13270	\$ 4238	\$12508	112	1556	12714	8141	501	1519	4690	928	3005	45	2565

STATISTICAL
Wilmington District, No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership			Baptisms		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	No. of Probationers.	No. of full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Child'n Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.
1 Bethel and Summit.....	18	102	1	2	6	2	20	98	2	5000	1	\$ 2500	
2 Charlestown.....	10	100	2	2	6	1	28	80	2	5000	1	1200	
3 Cherry Hill.....	15	211	1	4	25	3	40	225	3	7000	1	3000	
4 Chesapeake City.....	28	180	3	3	31	3	88	263	2	10800	.....	.....
5 Chester.....	11	168	2	2	2	1	17	190	1	12000	1	1500	
6 Christiana.....	14	123	2	13	4	2	32	187	2	3000	1	1200	
7 Claymont.....	7	38	1	1	3	1	9	100	1	6000	1	1000	
8 Delaware City.....	35	114	4	2	9	1	23	144	1	11000	1	2000	
9 Elk Neck.....	8	48	9	2	20	125	2	3000	1	1000	.....	.....
10 Elkton.....	44	320	2	31	1	6	70	650	1	10000	1	5000	
11 Hockessin and Ebenezer.....	38	114	12	12	17	2	32	229	2	4000	1	1200	
12 Hopewell.....	54	124	3	8	3	2	35	217	2	4500	1	1500	
13 Marshallton and Stanton.....	50	154	1	9	5	5	43	347	2	6000	.....	.....
14 Mt. Lebanon.....	20	75	2	2	1	1	12	85	1	4000	.....	.....
15 Mt. Pleasant and Union.....	14	113	2	5	7	3	26	207	2	4000	1	3000	
16 Newark and Wesley.....	8	189	1	5	2	50	300	2	10000	1	2500		
17 New Castle.....	66	263	1	34	8	1	43	342	1	18000	1	3500	
18 Newport.....	5	142	1	1	1	1	27	219	1	4500	1	2100	
19 North East and Boulden.....	34	300	2	6	10	9	40	225	3	9000	1	2000	
20 Perryville.....	14	112	1	14	1	1	15	138	1	7200	.....	.....
21 Port Deposit.....	9	236	2	14	1	1	42	413	1	30000	1	2500	
22 Port Penn.....	22	20	12	6	1	8	35	1	2000	.....	.....	.....
23 Red Lion and Glasgow.....	4	100	1	15	2	35	150	2	9230	1	1200		
24 Rising Sun and Sylmar.....	4	188	1	2	6	7	37	258	2	10000	1	2000	
25 Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant.....	14	86	2	16	3	1	12	100	2	4500	.....	.....
26 St. Georges'.....	6	113	1	11	1	1	18	120	1	5000	1	2100	
27 St. Johns.....	21	173	2	5	6	3	17	154	1	4000	.....	.....
28 Wilmington-Asbury.....	100	750	1	8	15	7	50	600	1	50000	1	5000	
29 Brandywine.....	77	425	1	10	25	2	61	650	1	23000	1	2500	
30 Cookman.....	10	90	2	10	1	20	175	1	9570	.....	.....	.....
31 East Lake and Elsmere.....	50	5	5	6	2	13	175	2	3200	.....	.....	.....
32 Epworth.....	14	200	1	2	40	5	1	31	291	1	25000	1	3000
33 Grace.....	5	580	3	6	14	2	1	73	605	1	225000	1	25000
34 Harrison St.....	27	270	3	15	15	1	48	466	1	24000	.....	.....
35 Kingswood and Edgemoor.....	38	172	2	2	15	1	2	46	376	2	18350
36 Madeley.....	23	212	2	6	77	7	1	36	300	1	4000
37 Mt. Salem.....	10	256	2	8	38	4	2	52	540	1	25000	1	2000
38 St. Paul's.....	30	475	2	5	20	3	1	76	440	1	60000	1	4000
39 Scott.....	14	300	1	5	32	3	1	35	500	1	20000	1	2600
40 Silverbrook.....	19	100	.....	7	.....	1	33	198	1	24000	.....	.....
41 Swedish Mission.....	4	40	.....	8	.....	1	9	50	1	3800	.....	.....
42 Union.....	57	690	3	13	52	8	2	99	800	1	3500	2	11000
43 Wesley.....	24	200	3	1	32	5	1	33	275	1	12000	1	2000
44 Zion Circuit.....	6	300	2	4	14	4	4	79	477	4	12000	1	1600
Total.....	1081	9016	89	183	721	130	72	1583	12469	66	\$782650	81	100700
Conference Total.....	5569	37093	118	542	2437	339	391	6140	44546	390	1578800	138	278700

TABLES.
Wilmington District, No. 2.

CHURCH PROPERTY.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.													
	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Church Property.	Present indebtedness on Church Property.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in the Home Department.	No. of Officers and Teachers, who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars, whether Attendants or Members in Home Dep't., who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Members of Sunday School Converted during the year.	Current Expenses--Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	No. Epworth Leagues.	No. Ep. Lg. Members.
1.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	98	60	.....	15	18	12	15	2	35
2.....	.....	400	.....	2	28	80	14	.....	14	12	2	25	1	.....
3.....	\$ 250	\$ 160	130	3	40	225	150	.....	38	60	13	70	.....	.....
4.....	.....	300	1200	3	38	263	174	.....	32	31	11	62	1	60
5.....	41	1511	1	17	190	65	16	.....	16	60	10	22	1	92
6.....	.....	500	2	32	137	75	31	.....	31	(41)	4	40	1	25
7.....	9	380	1	9	100	65	9	.....	9	(16)	11	53	1	30
8.....	160	75	1182	1	23	144	100	.....	22	(21)	25	80	2	100
9.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	125	90	.....	20	20	5	15	.....	.....
10.....	.....	.....	.....	6	70	650	332	.....	63	177	27	300	1	114
11.....	19	.....	.....	2	32	229	99	.....	26	26	23	60	.....	.....
12.....	199	450	2	35	217	110	26	.....	26	51	25	68	1	83
13.....	52	70	2	43	347	200	40	.....	20	300	40	144	.....	.....
14.....	256	.....	1	12	85	58	10	.....	10	13	5	34	2	92
15.....	75	.....	2	26	207	70	25	.....	25	63	1	105	1	60
16.....	440	150	2	50	300	200	47	.....	47	(100)	1	80	.....	.....
17.....	384	1358	1	43	342	194	43	.....	43	119	52	147	1	45
18.....	.....	.....	1	27	219	107	25	.....	25	30	2	125	.....	.....
19.....	.....	.....	1	40	225	150	39	.....	39	90	23	115	1	110
20.....	3200	1650	1	15	138	78	14	.....	14	35	.....	50	2	55
21.....	2835	42	413	178	248	40	160	.....	160	5	343	1	160	.....
22.....	300	1	8	35	28	8	(6)	.....	(6)	19	5	1	35	.....
23.....	50	1150	2	35	150	60	35	.....	35	40	.....	60	.....	.....
24.....	25	.....	2	37	258	125	35	.....	35	60	2	55	3	160
25.....	20	59	1	12	100	45	12	.....	12	(30)	5	7	2	75
26.....	200	.....	1	18	120	70	14	.....	14	18	4	81	.....	.....
27.....	74	.....	1	17	154	68	17	.....	17	89	16	23	2	126
28.....	300	.....	1	50	600	375	50	.....	50	(180)	25	540	.....	.....
29.....	125	700	4400	2	61	650	425	.....	61	150	12	275	2	50
30.....	100	.....	5300	1	20	175	120	.....	20	(20)	10	70	1	50
31.....	.....	1200	2	13	175	125	13	.....	13	20	.....	70	1	30
32.....	500	15000	1	31	291	250	31	.....	31	75	15	225	1	85
33.....	500	6500	1	73	605	450	70	.....	70	149	4	580	1	115
34.....	1600	8500	1	48	468	224	48	.....	48	175	15	105	1	73
35.....	4500	4500	2	46	376	228	262	.....	36	50	2	130	1	60
36.....	245	.....	1	36	300	225	75	.....	35	125	18	198	1	88
37.....	100	1100	1800	2	52	540	330	150	50	100	15	332	.....	.....
38.....	.....	.....	1	76	440	375	75	.....	75	210	25	325	.....	.....
39.....	1150	.....	100	1	35	500	350	.....	34	150	.....	260	1	90
40.....	.....	375	1125	1	33	198	110	.....	33	.....	5	25	.....	.....
41.....	30	300	800	1	9	50	45	.....	9	(10)	.....	35	.....	.....
42.....	.....	1108	8130	2	99	800	600	.....	98	(275)	3	150	2	257
43.....	.....	5500	1	33	275	155	30	.....	30	32	7	103	2	80
44.....	225	420	4	79	477	243	90	.....	79	(145)	.....	115	2	75
Total.....	9234	5640	\$75936	72	1583	12469	7641	825	1488	3452	531	5722	42	2510
Conference Total.....	\$38884	\$14686	110877	391	6140	44546	27786	2307	5822	15000	2795	13808	162	9558

Summary of Statistical Report for 1897.

	THIS YEAR.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1 Church Membership.			
Number of Probationers	5,569	. . .	590
Number of Full Members	37,093	517	. . .
Number of Local Preachers	118	. . .	3
Number of Deaths	542	20	. . .
2 Baptisms.			
Number of Children	2,437	. . .	67
Number of Adults	339	61	. . .
3 Sunday Schools.			
Number of Schools	391	. . .	1
Number of Officers and Teachers	6,140	. . .	202
Number of Scholars	44,546	149	. . .
4 Church Property.			
Number of Churches	390	. . .	. . .
Probable Value	\$1,578,800	\$550	. . .
Number of Parsonages	138	4	. . .
Probable Value	\$278,700	\$4,450	. . .
Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages	38,884	2,594	. . .
Paid on Old Indebtedness Church Property .	\$14,686	. . .	\$6,741
Present Indebtedness on Church Property .	\$110,877	\$1,829	. . .
5 Ministerial Support.			
Paid Pastor and House Rent	\$131,283	. . .	\$1,071
Deficiency	4,081	433	. . .
Paid Presiding Elders	7,023	26	. . .
Paid Bishops	1,411	. . .	57
Paid Conference Claimants	5,665	. . .	258
6 Benevolent Collections.			
Missions	\$23,137	. . .	834
Church Extension	2,005	. . .	62
Sunday School Union	418	2	. . .
Tract Society	407	. . .	2
Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society	1,275	20	. . .
Conference Academy	1,216	192	. . .
Children's Fund	1,039	. . .	113
American Bible Society	591	. . .	8
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society . . .	1,587	184	. . .
Woman's Home Missionary Society . . .	2,343	492	. . .
Conference Education Society	346	. . .	75
Philadelphia Hospital	90	. . .	18
Domestic Missions	871	. . .	78

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29th Annual Report

OF THE

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church, within the bounds of the
Wilmington Conference, for the Promotion of
Foreign and Domestic Missions.

IN ACCOUNT WITH ALFRED G. COX, TREASURER.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., March 17th, 1897.

Dover District.

Beckwith	J. T. Van Burkalow	\$ 55
Bridgeville	S. J. Morris	110
Burrsville	W. H. Kenney	36
Cambridge	W. J. DuHadway	230
Camden	I. G. Fosnocht	100
Cannon	G. E. Wood	141
Church Creek	W. E. West	35
Crapo	G. W. Bowman	150
Denton	Z. H. Webster	150
Dover, Wesley	W. E. Avery	500
Dover, Armory	C. I. Stengle	35
East New Market	J. P. Outten	40
Ellendale	J. R. Campbell	20
Elliott's Island	C. W. Clapham	25
Farmington	F. J. Cochran	90
Federalburg	W. L. White	125
Felton	D. F. Waddell	80
Frederica	T. A. H. O'Brien	200

Galestown	W. R. McFarlane	70
Georgetown	C. A. Grise	100
Georgetown Ct	J. A. Brewington	70
Greenwood	E. H. Miller	140
Harrington	T. E. Terry	143
Hooper's Island	H. E. Truitt	40
Houston	A. C. Jones	78
Hurlock	T. B. Tabler	102
Lakesville	G. P. Smith	20
Leipsic	C. P. Futcher	30
Lewis	D. H. Corkran	250
Lincoln	T. S. Williams	40
Little Creek	F. E. McKinsey	45
Magnolia	E. H. Derrickson	100
Milford	T. E. Martindale	472
Milton	W. T. Valiant	140
Nassau	G. R. Neese	90
Preston	J. M. Mitchell	30
Salem	Eben Welch	25
Seaford and Bladesville	R. K. Stephenson	175
Vienna	L. T. McLain	43
Williamsburg	D. H. Willis	89
Williston	J. D. Reese	121
Woodside	J. L. Johnson	62
Wyoming	J. E. Graham	60
Zoar	J. W. Talley	32

Easton District.

Bayside	J. C. Stevens	\$ 20
Cecilton	R. I. Watkins	190
Centreville	J. W. Easley	270
Cheswold and Bethel	J. W. Fogle	126
Chestertown	W. P. Compton	280
Church Hill	J. H. Geoghegan	75
Clayton	W. O. Hurst	64
Cordova	E. S. Mace	73
Crumpton	W. W. Chaires	30
Easton	C. A. Hill	250
Galena	Frank Fletcher	135
Greensboro	J. A. Arters	103
Hillsboro	F. F. Carpenter	150
Ingleside	J. M. Collins	15
Kent Island	E. H. Hynson	77
Kenton	J. T. Prouse	50
Marydel	C. F. Sheppard	90
Middletown	I. L. Wood	460

Millington	T. C. Smoot	100
Odessa	E. P. Roberts	125
Oxford	T. R. Van Dyke	105
Piney Neck	W. G. Chance	25
Pomona	T. B. Cooper	63
Queenstown	L. E. Poole	60
Rock Hall	James Carroll	60
Royal Oak	Edwin Gardner	30
St. Michaels	G. W. Burke	175
Salem and Union	J. B. Merritt	61
Sassafras and Masseys	W. N. Conway	25
Smyrna	Adam Stengle	500
Smyrna Circuit	W. R. Mowbray	108
Still Pond	E. H. Nelson	143
Sudlersville	J. M. Lindale	91
Talbot Circuit	J. F. Anderson	56
Tilghman's	J. H. Wilson	30
Townsend	Albert Chandler	105
Trappe	Robert Roe	62
Wye and Starr	C. K. Morris	40

Salisbury District.

Asbury	C. T. Wyatt	\$410
Berlin	E. C. Atkins	85
Bethel	D. F. McFaul	80
Bishopville	F. E. Bloxton	65
Cape Charles	Warren Burr	80
Chincoteague	W. G. Strickland	75
Crisfield	J. P. Otis	285
Deal's Island	Geo. W. Bounds	300
Delmar	G. W. Townsend	233
Exmore	B. J. Gibbons	15
Fairmount	C. S. Baker	525
Frankford	J. S. Wickline	155
Fruitland	W. E. Matthews	36
Girdletree	H. C. Turner	164
Gumboro	M. D. Nutter	110
Holland's Island	G. W. Hastings	122
Laurel	Robert Watt	262
Marion	L. P. Corkran	152
Millsboro	E. G. Eiswald	36
Mt. Pleasant	W. H. S. Williams	85
Mt. Vernon	W. F. Dawson	100
Nanticoke	S. R. Maxwell	160
Newark	Edward Davis	44
New Church	T. S. Barrett	6

Onancock	H. S. Dulaney	150
Parksley	D. J. Given	25
Parsonburg	C. W. Strickland	100
Pocomoke City	E. C. Macnichol	110
Pocomoke Ct.	L. B. Kirby	55
Powellville	B. Wheatly	25
Princess Anne	G. T. Alderson	90
Quantico	M. R. Hackman	80
Roxana	J. W. Gray	125
St. Peter's	G. L. Hardesty	265
Salisbury	C. W. Prettyman	475
Selbyville	G. W. Stalling	30
Sharptown	T. N. Given	100
Smith's Island	T. F. Beauchamp	293
Snow Hill	R. T. Coursey	190
Somerset	W. B. Guthrie	130
Stockton	John W. Jones	125
Tangier	C. P. Swain	453
Westover	C. E. Hastings	45
Whitesville	A. Green	160

Wilmington District.

Bethel and Summit	W. H. Benford	\$ 65
Charlestown	T. H. Harding	40
Cherry Hill	G. P. Jones	125
Chesapeake City	H. A. G. Westerfield	52
Chester	Wilmer Jaggard | . . . . .	125
Christiana	G. S. Conaway	44
Claymont	F. M. Dougherty	40
Delaware City	H. S. Thompson	120
Elk Neck	W. H. S. Loller	40
Elkton	A. S. Mowbray	332
Hockessin and Ebenezer	O. S. Walton	75
Hopewell and Asbury	J. D. Kemp	77
Marshallton and Stanton	E. H. Collins	60
Mt. Lebanon	W. P. Taylor	46
Mt. Pleasant and Union	C. H. Williams	116
Newark and Wesley	F. C. McSorley	140
New Castle	V. S. Collins	169
Newport	Julius Dodd	125
North East and Boulden	W. A. Wise	150
Perryville	H. G. Budd	64
Port Deposit	H. W. Ewing	210
Port Penn	S. O. Gibbons	10
Red Lion and Glasgow	O. W. DeVenish	66
Rising Sun and Sylmar	W. G. Koons	140

Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant	W. E. Greenfield	22
St. George's	J. O. Sypherd	35
St. John's	V. P. Northrup	70
Wilmington—Asbury	Ezra Tinker	621
Brandywine	Asbury Burke	150
Cookman	John France	35
East Lake and Elsmere	J. D. Rigg	20
Epworth	L. W. Layfield	45
Grace	W. C. Johnson	1610
Harrison Street	F. B. Short	75
Kingswood and Edgemoore	J. E. Amos	100
Madely	G. F. Hopkins	70
Mt. Salem	S. M. Morgan	373
St. Paul	W. L. S. Murray	650
Scott	M. L. Hutton	200
Silverbrook	E. E. White	35
Swedish Mission	F. Soderman	48
Union	J. D. C. Hanna	620
Wesley	W. W. Sharp	50
Zion	A. P. Prettyman	165

Recapitulation.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Raised last year	\$ 4800
Raised this year	4689
Decrease	\$ 111

EASTON DISTRICT.

Raised last year	\$ 4551
Raised this year	4422
Decrease	\$ 129

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Raised last year	\$ 6432
Raised this year	6601
Increase	\$ 169

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Raised last year	\$ 8164
Raised this year	7425
Decrease	\$ 739

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Raised last year on all the districts,	\$23947
Raised last year on public collection,	24
	<u>\$ 23971</u>
Raised this year on all the districts	23137
	<u>834</u>
Decrease	\$ 834

MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith—J. T. VanBurkalow, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	\$ 3
Churches	42
Churches on debt	10
	<u>\$ 55</u>

Bridgeville—S. J. Morris, Pastor.

Church	\$ 90
Sunday School	20
	<u>\$110</u>

Burrsville—W. H. Kenney, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 36
	<u>\$ 36</u>

Cambridge—W. J. DuHadway, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$186
Church	44
	<u>\$230</u>

Camden—I. G. Fosnacht, Pastor.

Camden Church	\$ 32
Camden Sunday School	28
Lebanon Church	9
Lebanon Sunday School	12
St. Jones Church	7
St. Jones Sunday School	12
	<u>\$100</u>

Cannon—Geo. Emmet Wood, Pastor.

Bethel Church	\$ 30
Bethel Sunday School	13
Wesley Church	29
Wesley Sunday School	8
Concord Church	11
Concord Sunday School	3
Brown's Church	14
Brown's Sunday School	6
Pastor and Family	12
Debt Paying Collection	15
	<u>\$141</u>

Crapo—G. W. Bowman.

Zion Church	\$ 5
Zion Sunday School	4
Ebenezer Church	25
Ebenezer Sunday School	20
St. Thomas Church	40
St. Thomas Sunday School	10
Wesley Church	26
Bethany Church	15
Bethany Sunday School	5
	<u>\$150</u>

Denton—Zack H. Webster, Pastor.

Denton Church	\$109
Denton Sunday School	11
Central Church	5
Central Sunday School	11
Harris Church	14
	<u>\$150</u>

Dover, Armory—Charles I. Stengle, Pastor.

Church	\$ 15
Sunday School	20
	<u>35</u>

Dover, Wesley—W. E. Avery, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$342
Church	158
	<u>\$500</u>

East New Market—J. P. Outten, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 29
Sunday Schools	11
Total	\$ 40

Ellendale—J. R. Campbell, Pastor.

Church	\$ 20
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Elliott's Island—C. W. Clapham, Pastor.

Church and School	\$ 25
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Farmington—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Farmington Church	\$ 10
Farmington Sunday School	30
Todd's Church	10
Todd's Sunday School	15
Prospect Church	5
Prospect Sunday School	10
Staytonville Church	5
Staytonville Sunday School	5
Total	\$ 90

Federalsburg—Wm. L. White, Pastor.

Missionary Society	\$125
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Felton—D. F. Waddell, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 57
Church	23
Total	\$ 80

Frederica—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.

Frederica Church	\$ 61
Frederica Sunday School	60
Millford Neck Church and Sunday School	46
Millwood Church and Sunday School	23
For the debt.	10
Total	\$200

Galestown—Wm. R. McFarlane, Pastor.

Wesley Sunday School	\$ 5
Wesley Church	26
Galestown Sunday School	5
Galestown Church	6
Cokesbury Church	12

Wood Pond Church	6
Pastor and family	10
Total	\$ 70

Georgetown—C. A. Grise, Pastor.

Church	\$ 30
Sunday School	70
Total	\$100

Georgetown Circuit—J. A. Brewington, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 64
St. John's Sunday School	4
Cokesbury Sunday School	2
Total	\$ 70

Greenwood—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Greenwood Church	\$ 30
Greenwood Sunday School	10
Trinity Church	55
Trinity Sunday School	5
Chaplain's Church	25
St. Johnstown Church	\$ 15
Total	\$140

Harrington—Thos. E. Terry, Pastor.

Harrington Church	\$ 25
Harrington Sunday School	111
Masten's	7
Total	\$143

Hooper's Island—H. E. Truitt, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 40
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Houston—A. C. Jones, Pastor.

Churches and Schools	\$ 62
Epworth League	16
Total	\$ 78

Hurlock—T. F. Tabler, Pastor.

Washington Church	\$ 62
Washington Sunday School	20
St. Paul's Church	17

St. Paul's Sunday School	3
Total	\$102

Lakesville—G. P. Smith, Pastor.

Churches	20
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Leipsic—C. P. Fitcher, Pastor.

Leipsic Church	10
Leipsic Sunday School	10
Raymond's Church	10
Total	\$ 30

Lewes—D. H. Corkran, Pastor.

Church	\$125
Sunday School	125
Total	\$250

Lincoln—T S. Williams, Pastor.

Church	\$ 40
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Little Creek—Fred E. McKinsey, Pastor.

Church	\$ 31
Little Creek School	12
Cowgill's School	2
Total	\$ 45

Magnolia—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.

Magnolia	\$ 75
Barratt's Chapel	20
Saxton	5
Total	\$100

Milford—T. E. Martindale, Pastor.

Church	\$106
Avenue Sunday School	324
Chapel Sunday School	10
Total	\$472

Milton—W. T. Valiant, Pastor.

Church	\$ 75
Sunday School	65
Total	\$140

Nassau—G. R. Neese, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	\$ 27
Churches	63
Total	\$ 90

Preston—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 24
Sunday Schools	6
Total	\$ 30

Salem—E. Welch, Pastor.

Linkwood Sunday School	\$ 12
Salem Church	6
Sunday School	4
Griffin Church	3
Total	\$ 25

Seaford—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor.

Seaford Church	\$ 82
Seaford Sunday School	82
Blades Church	11
Blades Sunday School	—
Total	\$175

Vienna—L. T. McLain, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	\$ 23
Churches	20
Total	43

Williamsburg—D. H. Willis, Pastor.

Williamsburg Church	\$ 6
Williamsburg Sunday School	24
Hynson Church	12
Hynson Sunday School	7
Friendship Church	17
Friendship Sunday School	13
Nichols Church	5
Nichols Sunday School	5
Total	\$ 89

Williston—J. D. Reese, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 25
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Sunday Schools	75
Total	\$100

Woodside—John L. Johnson, Pastor.

Canterbury Sunday School	\$ 28
Canterbury Congregation	13
Woodside Sunday School	5
Woodside Congregation	7
Viola Sunday School	5
Viola Congregation	4
Total	\$ 62

Wyoming—I. E. Graham, Pastor.

Wyoming Church	\$ 22
Wyoming Sunday School	15
Union Church	10
Union Sunday School	6
Willow Grove Church	5
Willow Grove Sunday School	2
Total	\$ 60

Zoar—I. W. Talley, Pastor.

Asbury Church	\$ 13
St. Thomas' Church	9
Pepper's Church	6
Zoar Church	3
Total	\$ 32

EASTON DISTRICT.

Cecilton—R. Irving Watkins, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 22
Zion Sunday School	90
St. Paul's Sunday School	64
Missionary Debt	14
Total	\$190

Centreville—J. W. Easley, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 95
Sunday Schools	175
Total	\$270

Cheswold and Bethel—J. W. Fogle, Pastor.

Cheswold Church and Sunday School	\$ 75
Bethel Church and Sunday School	45
For the Debt	6
Total	\$126

Chestertown—W. P. Compton, Pastor.

Church	\$150
Sunday School	130
Total	\$280

Church Hill—I. H. Geoghegan, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 10
Sunday Schools	65
Total	\$ 75

Clayton—William O. Hurst, Pastor.

Clayton School	\$ 64
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Cordova—Edgar S. Mace, Pastor.

Cordova Church	\$ 23
Cordova School	6
King's Creek Church	\$ 29
King's Creek School	5
Chapel	6
Tunis Mills	4
Total	73

Crumpton—W. W. Chaires, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 13
Sunday Schools	17
Total	\$ 30

Easton—Charles A. Hill, Pastor.

Church	\$100
Sunday School	150
Total	\$250

Galena and Locust Grove—Frank Fletcher, Pastor.

Galena Church	\$ 65
Sunday School	37
Locust Grove Church	18

Sunday School	15
Total	\$135

Greensboro—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Church	\$ 20
Sunday School	83
Total	\$103

Hillsboro—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.

Churches	\$100
Sunday Schools	50
Total	\$150

Ingleside—J. M. Collins, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 12
Sunday Schools	3
Total	\$ 15

Kent Island—E. H. Hynson, Pastor.

Stevensville Church	\$ 27
Stevensville Sunday School	27
Kingsley Church	13
Kingsley Sunday School	6
Trinity Church	4
Total	\$ 77

Kenton—James T. Prouse, Pastor.

Kenton Church	\$ 22
Kenton Sunday School	12
Blackiston's Church	12
Central Church	4
Total	\$ 50

Marydel—Charles F. Sheppard, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 6
Collections	2
Church	6
Thomas' Chapel—Sunday School	1
Collections	11
Church	6
Templeville—Sunday School	2
Collections	4
Church	21

Hartley—Sunday School	8
Collections	16
Church	7

Total \$ 90

Middletown—Isaac L. Wood, Pastor.

Church	\$100
Sunday School	360

Total \$460

Millington—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.

Millington Church	\$ 11
Millington Sunday School	72
Holden's Church	5
Holden's School	12

Total \$100

Odessa—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.

Church	\$ 39
Sunday School	86

Total \$125

Oxford—Thomas R. Van Dyke, Pastor.

Church	\$ 17
Sunday School	88

Total \$105

Pomona—T. B. Cooper, Pastor.

Church	\$ 20
Sunday School	43

Total \$ 63

Piney Neck—William G. Chance, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 25
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Queenstown—L. E. Pool, Pastor.

Queenstown Church	\$ 10
Queenstown Sunday School	4
Perry's Cor. Church	6
Perry's Cor. Sunday School	3
Winchester Church	28
Winchester Sunday School	9

Total \$ 60

Rock Hall—James Carroll, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 37
Church	23
Total	\$ 60

Royal Oak—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.

Church	\$ 10
Sunday School	20
Total	\$ 30

St. Michael's—Geo. W. Burke, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$175
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Sassafras and Massey—W. N. Conway, Pastor.

Massey Church	\$ 10
Golt's Church	10
Total	\$ 20

Smyrna—Adam Stengle, Pastor.

Church	\$235
Sabbath School	240
Christian Endeavor Society	25
Total	\$500

Smyrna Circuit—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 23
Friendship	30
Severson	12
Jerman Chapel	18
Smyrna Landing	7
Bay View	1
Friendship Epworth League	17
Total	\$108

Still Pond—Edwin H. Nelson, Pastor.

Still Pond Church	\$ 22
Still Pond Sunday School	100
Betterton Church	16
Betterton Sunday School	5
Total	\$143

Sudlersville—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

Sudlersville Sunday School	\$ 47
Dudley's Sunday School	19
Barclay Sunday School	9
Missionary debt	16
Total	\$ 91

Talbot Circuit—J. F. Anderson, Pastor

Broad Creek Sunday School	\$ 22
Broad Creek Church	8
Chatham's Sunday School and Church	20
On debt	6
Total	\$ 56

Tilghman—J. H. Wilson, Pastor.

Chesapeake Church	\$ 15
Chesapeake Sunday School	5
Choptank Church	8
Choptank Sunday School	2
Total	\$ 30

Townsend—Albert Chandler, Pastor.

Townsend Church	\$ 55
Townsend Sunday School	40
Union Church	4
Union Sunday School	1
Blackbird Sunday School	5
Total	\$105

Trappe—Robert Roe, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 44
Schools	18
Total	\$ 62

Wye and Starr—C. K. Morris, Pastor.

Wye Church	\$ 10
Wye Sunday School	10
Starr Church	10
Starr Sunday School	5
Jump Church	5
Total	\$ 40

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Asbury—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.

Asbury Church	\$234
Asbury Sunday School	176
Total	\$410

Berlin—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

Church	\$ 24
Sunday School	61
Total	\$ 85

Bethel—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 35
Sunday Schools	45
Total	\$ 80

Bishopville—F. E. Bloxton, Pastor.

Bishopville Sunday School	\$ 30
Bishopville Church	12
St. Martin's Church	8
St. Martin's Sunday School	2
Friendship Church	3
Synepuxent Sunday School	10
Total	\$ 65

Cape Charles—Warren Burr, Pastor.

Church	\$ 13
Sunday School	62
Junior Epworth League	5
Total	\$ 80

Chincoteague—W. G. Strickland, Pastor.

Christ Church	\$ 39
Christ Church Sunday School	25
Goodwill Church	6
Goodwill Sunday School	5
Total	\$ 75

Crisfield—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Sanford Hunt Debt Fund	\$ 14
Sunday School	212

Congregation	59
Total	\$285

Deals' Island—Geo. W. Bounds, Pastor.

Deals' Island Church	\$ 90
Deals' Island Sunday School	175
Wenona Chapel Congregation	20
Wenona Chapel Sunday School	15
Total	\$300

Delmar—Geo. W. Townsend, Pastor.

Delmar Church	\$147
Delmar Sunday School	86
Total	\$233

Exmore—T. S. Barrett, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 15
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Fairmount—C. S. Baker, Pastor.

Christ Church	\$110
Christ Sunday School	315
Union Church	20
Union Sunday School	80
Total	\$525

Frankford—J. S. Wickline, Pastor.

Frankford	\$ 35
Sunday School	11
St. George's	23
Sunday School	52
Houston	10
A friend	24
Total	\$155

Fruitland—W. E. Matthews, Pastor.

Church	\$ 31
Sunday School	5
Total	\$ 36

Girdle Tree—H. Clay Turner, Pastor.

Churches	\$100
Sunday Schools	64
Total	\$164

Gumboro—M. D. Nutter, Pastor.

Carey's	\$ 20
West Woods	20
Bethel	20
Gumboro	40
Otherwise	5
Missionary Debt	5
Total	\$110

Hollands Island—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.

Church	\$ 89
Sunday School	33
Total	\$122

Laurel—R. Watt, Pastor.

Church	\$ 16
Sunday School	246
Total	\$262

Marion—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

Schools	\$ 77
Churches	75
Total	\$ 152

Millsboro—T. G. Eiswald, Pastor.

Church	\$ 36
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Mt. Pleasant—W. S. H. Williams, Pastor.

Church	\$ 60
Sunday School	25
Total	\$ 85

Mt. Vernon—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.

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

Nanticoke—S. R. Maxwell, Pastor.

Churches	\$160
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Newark—E. Davis, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 23
Sunday Schools	21
Total	\$ 44

New Church—T. S. Barrett, Pastor.

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

Churches	\$117
Sunday Schools	33
Total	\$150

Parksley—D. J. Givan, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 15
Sunday Schools	10
Total	\$ 25

Parsonsburg—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.

Parsonsburg Church	\$ 28
Parsonsburg Sunday School	22
Zion Church	25
Zion Sunday School	7
Pittsville Church	14
Pittsville Sunday School	4
Total	\$100

Pocomoke City—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$100
Missionary Debt	10
Total	\$110

Pocomoke Circuit—L. B. Kirby, Pastor.

Emanuel Church and Sunday School	\$ 25
Cokesbury Church and Sunday School	21
Holland's Church and Sunday School	4
Williams Church and Sunday School	5
Total	\$ 55

Powellville—B. Wheatly, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 25
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Princess Anne—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.

Church	\$ 30
Sunday School	60
Total	\$ 90

Quantico—M. R. Hackman, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 70
Sunday Schools	10
Total	\$ 80

Roxana—J. W. Gray, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 82
Sunday Schools	43
Total	\$125

St. Peter's—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor.

St. Peter's Church	\$ 50
St. Peter's School	100
St. Stephen's Church	30
St. Stephen's School	50
Bethel Church	10
Bethel School	25
Total	\$165

Salisbury—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church	\$156
Sunday School	319
Total	\$475

Selbyville—G. W. Stalling, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 30
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Sharptown—Thomas N. Given, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 50
Epworth League	10
Sunday School	40
Total	\$100

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

Calvary Sunday School	\$ 29
Calvary Church	45
Union Sunday School	68

Union Church	35
Corinth Sunday School	70
Corinth Church	46
Total	\$293

Snow Hill—R. T. Coursey, Pastor.

Church	\$ 22
Sunday School	168
Total	\$190

Somerset—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.

Rock Creek Church	\$ 37
Sunday School	25
Dame's Quarter Church	50
Sunday School	13
On Debt	5
Total	\$130

Stockton—J. W. Jones, Pastor.

Schools	\$ 66
Churches	59
Total	\$125

Tangier—C. P. Swain, Pastor.

Church	\$ 49
Sunday School, No. 1	336
Sunday School, No. 2	68
Total	\$453

Westover—C. E. Hastings, Pastor.

Westover Sunday School	\$ 15
Mt. Olive Sunday School	20
Rehoboth Church	10
Total	\$ 45

Whitesville—Aloycius Green, Pastor.

Line Church	\$ 60
Line Sunday School	6
Jones' Church	24
Jones' Sunday School	6

Bethesda Church	20
Melson's Sunday School	34
Line Epworth League	10
Total	\$160

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Bethel and Summit—W. H. Benford, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 50
Sunday Schools	15
Total	\$ 65

Charlestown—T. H. Harding, Pastor.

Churches and Schools	\$ 40
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Cherry Hill—G. P. Jones, Pastor.

Church	\$ 70
Sunday School	55
Total	\$125

Chesapeake City—H. A. G. Westerfield, Pastor.

Church	\$ 22
Sunday School	30
Total	\$ 52

Christiana—G. S. Conaway, Pastor.

Christiana Church	\$ 5
Christiana Sunday School	19
Salem Church	7
Salem Sunday School	13
Total	\$ 44

Claymont—F. M. Dougherty, Pastor.

Church General Collection	\$ 5
Church Debt Collection	2
A. S. Ottey's Class	3
F. M. Dougherty's Class	8

Miss E. L. Vernon's Class	12
Mrs. Jas. Casey's Class	2
Mrs. M. H. Lloyd's Class	4
Wm. Hoopes'	4
Total	\$ 40

Delaware City—Henry S. Thompson, Pastor.

Church	\$ 38
Sunday School	82
Total	\$120

Elk Neck—W. H. S. Loller, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 10
Church	30
Total	\$ 40

Elkton—A. S. Mowbray, Pastor.

Church	\$ 50
Elkton Sunday School	191
Crouch's " "	10
Jones' " "	12
Wilna " "	32
West End " "	7
West Amwell " "	30
Debt Paying Day	
Total	\$332

Hockessin—O. S. Walton, Pastor.

Hockessin Sunday School	\$ 40
Ebenezer Sunday School	5
Ebenezer Church	30
Total	75

Hopewell and Asbury—Jno. D. Kemp, Pastor.

Church	\$ 15
Sunday School	62
Total	\$ 77

Marshallton and Stanton—E. H. Collins, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 10
Sunday Schools	50
Total	\$ 60

Mt. Lebanon—Wm. P. Taylor, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 28
Junior Epworth League	2
Church	16
Total	\$ 46

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

Churches	\$ 53
Sunday Schools	63
Total	\$116

Newark and Wesley—F. C. MacSorley, Pastor.

Newark—Sunday School	\$107
Congregation	19
Y. P. S. C. E.	6
Wesley—Congregation	8
Total	\$140

New Castle—Vaughan S. Collins, Pastor.

Church	\$ 3
Sunday School	166
Total	\$169

Newport—Julius Dodd, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$100
Church	25
Total	\$125

North East—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$110
Church	30
Epworth League	10
Total	\$150

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

Church	\$ 18
Offering to debt.	5
Sunday School	41
Total	\$ 64

Port Deposit—H. W. Ewing, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$168
Church	32
Total	\$200

Port Penn—S. O. Gibbons, Pastor.

Church	\$ 4
Sunday School	6
Total	\$ 10

Red Lion and Glasgow—O. W. DeVenish, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 51
Sunday Schools	15
Total	\$ 66

Rising Sun and Sylmar—W. G. Koons, Pastor.

Rising Sun Church	\$ 64
Rising Sun Sunday School	60
Sylmar Church	10
Sylmar Sunday School	6
Total	\$140

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

Sunday School	8
Epworth League	7
Church	6
Total	22

St. Georges—J. Owen Sypherd, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 35
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St. John's—Van P. Northrup, Pastor.

Church	\$ 40
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Sunday School	27
Junior League	3
Total	\$ 70

Asbury Church—Ezra Tinker, Pastor.

Church	\$300
Sunday School	321
Total	\$621

Brandywine—Asbury Burke, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$150
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Cookman—John France, Pastor.

Church	\$ 5
Sabbath School	30
Total	\$ 35

Eastlake and Elsmere—Jno. D. Rigg, Pastor.

Eastlake School	\$ 18
Elsmere Church	2
Total	\$ 20

Epworth—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 45
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Grace—W. C. Johnson, Asst. Pastor.

Church	\$652
Sunday School	958
Total	1610

Harrison Street—F. Burgette Short, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 50
Church	25
Total	\$ 75

Kingswood and Edge Moor—J. Edwin Amos, Pastor.

Kingswood Church	\$ 22
Kingswood Sunday School	70
Edge Moor Sunday School	8
Total	\$100

Madeley—G. F. Hopkins, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 35
Missionary dollars	32
Missionary debt	2
Public collection	1
Total	\$ 70

Mt. Salem—S. M. Morgan, Pastor.

Church	\$110
Mt. Salem Sunday School	153
Riddle's Memorial Chapel Sunday School	110
Total	\$373

St. Paul's—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.

Church	\$298
Sunday School	352
Total	\$650

Scott—M. L. Hutton, Pastor.

Church	\$ 75
Sunday School	125
Total	\$200

Silverbrook—E. E. White, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 35
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Swedish Mission—F. Soderman, Pastor.

Church	\$ 31
Sunday School	14
Young Peoples' Society	3

Union—John D. C. Hanna, Pastor.

Church	\$102
Sunday School	518
Total	\$620

Wesley—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.

Church	\$ 18
Sunday School	32
Total	\$ 50

Zion—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 79
Ebenezer Sunday School	27
Zion Sunday School	12
Union Sunday School	20
Rosebank Sunday School	27
Total	\$165

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