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Conference Directory.

[The letters designate the present relation. P., Probation; D., Deacon; E., Elder; Sd., Superannuated; 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.	Easton, Md. 2
1888 Alderson, G. T. E.	Princess Anne, Md. 5
1888 Anderson, J. F. E.	Marion, Md. 1
1870 Arters, J. A. E.	Cecilton, Md. 3
1877 Atkins, E. C. E.	Centreville, Md. 2
1877 Avery, W. E. E.	Newport, Del. 1
1881 Baker, C. S. E.	Dover, Del. 2
1865 Baker, Henry E.	Wilmington, Del. 3
1876 Barrett, L. E. E.	Milford, Del. 2
1894 Beauchamp, J. H. E.	St. Michael's, Md. 1
1892 Beauchamp, T. F. E.	Williston, Md. 1
1897 Bennett, W. O. E.	Crisfield, Md. 1
1898 Bloxton, F. E. P.	Crumpton, Md. 1
1890 Bounds, G. W. E.	Deal's Island, Md. 4
1876 Bowen, W. L. P. Sy.	Newark, Md.
1885 Bowman, G. W. E.	Woodlawn, Md. 1
1890 Brewington, J. A. E.	Millsboro, Del. 1
1894 Budd, H. G. E.	Berlin, Md. 2
1886 Burke Asbury E.	Onancock, Va. 2
1865 Burke, G. W. E.	Booth's Corner, Pa. 1
1888 Burr, Warren Sy.	Ocean View, Va.
1899 Cantwell, E. N. D.	Hockessin, Del. 1
1888 Carpenter, F. F. E.	Frankford, Del. 1
1865 Carroll, James Sd.	
1888 Chaires, W. W. E.	Tilghman's Island, Md. 3
1876 Chandler, Albert E.	Hurlock, Md. 1
1881 Cochran, F. J. E.	Roxanna, Del. 1
1876 Collins, J. M. E.	Bethel, Del. 1
1883 Collins, V. S. E.	Dover, Del. 2
1895 Collins, E. H. E.	St. Georges, Del. 2
1888 Compton, W. P. E.	Newark, Del. 1
1862 Conaway, G. S. E.	Chesapeake City, Md. 2
1892 Cooper, T. B. E.	Oxford, Md. 2
1881 Corkran, L. P. E.	Fairmount, Md. 2
1876 Corkran, W. F. E.	Smyrna, Del. 3

1887	Coursey, R. T.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1899	Covey, A. H.	P.	Madison, N. J.	
1891	Cross, E. L.	Sy.	Carlisle, Pa.	
1884	Crowe, James	E.	Wilmington, Del.,	2
1860	Davis, A. D.	Sd.	Georgetown, Del.	
1869	Davis, Edward	Sd.	Newark, Md.	
1884	Dawson, W. F.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1899	Dawson, G. W.	D.	Perryville, Md.	1
1884	Derrickson, E. H.	E.	Bellevue, Del.	2
1893	De Venish, O. W.	E.	Clayton, Del.	2
1879	Dodd, Julius	E.	Chestertown, Md.	1
1871	Du Hadway, W. J.	E.	Milton, Del.	2
1886	Dulany, H. S.	E.	Whitesville, Del.	2
1885	Easley, J. W.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1898	Ellis, G. R.	D.	Kenton, Del.	1
1845	England, W. E.	Sd.	1018 Arch St., Phila., Pa.	
1866	Esgate, James	Sd.		
1889	Fogle, J. W.	E.	Seaford, Del.	2
1868	Fosnocht, I. G.	E.	Farmington, Del.	3
1856	France, John	Sy.	Wilmington, Del.	
1891	Gardner, Edwin	E.	Cheswold, Del.	2
1891	Geoghegan, J. H.	E.	Cherry Hill, Md.	1
1895	Givan, D. J.	D.	Gumboro, Del.	1
1884	Given, T. N.	E.	Burrsville, Md.	1
1889	Graham, J. E.	E.	Wyoming, Del.	4
1888	Gray, J. W.	E.	Crapo, Md.	3
1890	Green, Aloycius	E.	Greensboro, Md.	3
1873	Greene, W. M.	Sy.	Camden, Del.	
1879	Grise, C. A.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1883	Guthrie, W. B.	E.	Rock Hall, Md.	1
1851	Hammersley, J. W.	Sd.	Baltimore, Md.	
1882	Hammit, C. J.	Sd.	Kinsey, Ala.	
1874	Hanna, J. D. C.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	
1883	Hardesty, G. L.	E.	Oriole, Md.	
1871	Harding, T. H.	E.	Stanton, Del.	2
1890	Harris, F. P.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1896	Hastings, C. E.	D.	Madison, N. J.	
1843	Haynes, T. H.	Sy.	Smyrna, Del.	
1878	Hill, C. A.	E.	Smyrna, Del.	2
1897	Holt, T. S.	E.	Lewisville, Pa.	3
1885	Hopkins, G. F.	E.	Syracuse, N. Y.	
1869	Hunter, T. B.	E.	Colora, Md.	1

1892	Hurst, W. O.	E.	Odessa, Del.	3
1859	Hynson, E. H.	Sy.	Smyrna, Del.	
1884	Jaggard, Wilmer	E.	Albuquerque, N. M.	1
1899	Johnson, J. L.	P.	Galestown, Md.	2
1891	Jones, G. P.	E.	Townsend, Del.	1
1891	Jones, John	E.	Canterbury, Del.	1
1898	Jones, O. E.	P.	Ingleside, Md.	2
1898	Jones, J. W.	P.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1872	Kemp, J. D.	E.	Magnolia, Del.	2
1886	Koons, W. G.	E.	Bridgeville, Del.	3
1898	Kelso, H. B.	D.	Elliotts Island, Md.	1
1871	Layfield L. W.	E.	Smyrna, Del.,	3
1879	Lindale, J. M.	E.	Federalsburg, Md.	1
1892	Loller, W. H. S.	E.	Charlestown, Md.	1
1885	Mace, E. S.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1876	Macnichol, E. C.	E.	Cambridge, Md.	2
1864	Martindale, T. E.	E.	Salisbury, Md.	2
1868	McFarlane, W. R.	E.	Christiana, Del.	1
1884	McFaul, D. F.	E.	Ewell, Md.	1
1892	McKinsey, F. E.	E.	Royal Oak, Md.	1
1873	McSorley, F. C.	E.	Pocomoke, City, Md.	1
1853	Merritt, J. B.	Sy.	Fairlee, Md.	
1869	Miller, E. H.	E.	Sharptown, Md.	1
1885	Mitchell, J. M.	E.	Ellendale, Del.	1
1887	Morgan, S. M.	E.	Snow Hill, Md.	3
1858	Morris, S. J.	Sy.		
1883	Mowbray, A. S.	E.	Port Deposit, Md.	1
1886	Mowbray, W. R.	E.	Zion, Md.	2
1872	Murray, W. L. S.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	4
1898	Moore, F. X.	E.	Newark, Md.	1
1879	Neese, G. R.	E.	Chance, Md.	1
1880	Nelson, E. H.	E.	Nanticoke, Md.	2
1876	Nelson, J. L.	E.	Lincoln, Del.	1
1892	Northrup V. P.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1876	O'Brien, T. A. H.	E.	Hilisboro, Md.	1
1872	Otis, J. P.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1893	Outten, J. P.	E.	Nassau, Del.	1
1853	Phoebus, G. A.	Sd.	134 2d Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.	
1881	Pilchard, S. N.	E.	Fort Bayard, N. M.	
1870	Poole, J. W.	Sy.	Farmington, Del.	

1896 Poole, L. E.	D.	Chesapeake City, Md.	1
1882 Prettyman, A. P.	E.	Galena, Md.	2
1868 Prettyman, C. W.	E.	Salisbury, Md.	4
1897 Prettyman, J. W.	D.	Church Creek, Md.	1
1836 Price, B. F.	Sd.	Elkton, Md.	1
1886 Prouse, J. T.	E.	Red Lion, Del.	2
1869 Rawlins, P. H.	Sy.	Seaford, Del.	1
1858 Redman, W. W.	Sy.	Greenwood, Del.	1
1885 Reese, J. D.	E.	Widgeon, Md.	1
1867 Rigg, J. D.	Sy.	Chester, Pa.	1
1884 Roberts, E. P.	E.	Still Pond, Md.	1
1873 Roe, Robert	E.	Sudlersville, Md.	1
1845 Sanderson, Henry	Sd.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1858 Scott, A. T.	Sy.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1880 Senser, G. G.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	1
1891 Sidell, E. R.	E.	Marydel, Md.	1
1886 Sharp, W. W.	E.	Delmar, Del.	1
1859 Sheppard, C. F.	E.	Camden, Del.	3
1889 Shipman, S. P.	E.	Kent Island, Md.	2
1891 Short, F. B.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	3
1879 Smith, Alfred	E.	Dover, Del.	3
1896 Smith, G. P.	E.	Houston, Del.	2
1889 Smoot, T. C.	E.	Felton, Del.	2
1892 Soderman, Fridolph	E.	Wilmington, Del.	5
1870 Stengle, Adam	E.	Georgetown, Del.	2
1878 Stephenson, R. K.	E.	Seaford, Del.	4
1892 Strickland, C. W.	E.	Chincoteague, Va.	2
1888 Swain, C. P.	E.	Tangier, Va.	5
1860 Sypherd, J. O.	Sy.	Wilmington, Del.	1
1886 Tabler, T. F.	E.	Trappe, Md.	1
1897 Talley, J. W.	D.	Bozman, Md.	2
1857 Talbot, W. F.	Sd.	Dover, Del.	1
1889 Taylor, W. P.	E.	Cornersville, Md.	1
1897 Taylor, Harry	P.	Williamsburg, Md.	1
1876 Terry, T. E.	E.	Elkton, Md.	1
1858 Thompson, H. S.	E.	Delaware City, Del.	4
1889 Thurlow, H. M.	E.	East New Market, Md.	2
1888 Todd, J. R.	Sy.	Washington, D. C.	1
1853 Todd, R. W.	E.	Laurel, Del.	1
1871 Tomkinson, W. E.	Sd.	Harrisburg, Pa.	1
1876 Townsend, G. W.	E.	North East, Md.	1
1891 Turner, H. C.	E.	Girdle Tree, Md.	4
1859 Van Burkalow, J. T.	E.	Vienna, Md.	1
1895 Van Dyke, T. R.	D.	Cape Charles, Va.	1

1874 Waddell, D. F.	E.	Millington, Md.	2
1871 Wallin, F. O. B.	Sd.	. . . . .	. . . . .
1879 Walton, O. S.	E.	Preston, Md.	2
1853 Warner, W. M.	Sy.	Millington, Md. . . . .	. . . . .
1886 Watkins, R. I.	E.	New Castle, Del.	2
1885 Watt, Robt.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	2
1887 Webster, Z. H.	E.	Frederica, Del.	1
1893 Westerfield, H. A. G.	E.	Rising Sun, Md.	1
1866 White, E. E.	E.	Wilmington, Del.	4
1893 White, W. L.	E.	Lewes, Del.	2
1868 Wickline, J. S.	E.	Denton, Md.	1
1872 Wilcox, G. W.	Sy.	Onancock, Va. . . . .	. . . . .
1882 Williams, C. H.	E.	Greenwood, Del.	2
1857 Williams, T. S.	Sd.	North East, Md. . . . .	. . . . .
1892 Williams, W. S. H.	E.	Cordova, Md.	1
1885 Willis, D. H.	E.	Powellville, Md.	2
1887 Wilson, J. H.	E.	Georgetown, Del.	1
1884 Wise, W. A.	E.	Harrington, Del.	1
1886 Wood, G. E.	E.	Parsonsbury, Md.	2
1884 Wood, I. L.	E.	Middletown, Del.	5
1880 Woodall, G. W.	E.	Laurel, Del.	2
1899 Wright, W. E.	P.	Leipscic, Del.	1
1886 Wyatt, C. T.	E.	Crisfield, Md.	1

Rules of Order.

I. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT.

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

II. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY.

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

3. In an appendix prepared for that purpose, he shall record all reports and documents ordered upon record by the Conference, and all documents so recorded shall be referred to on the journal.

III. DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS.

1. Each member of the Conference will be expected and required to be present at the opening of each session to participate in the devotional exercises, unless unavoidably 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?**
James Crowe, Central New York; John L. Nelson, Troy; George W. Woodall, Troy; George G. Senser, New Jersey; Elmer R. Sidell, West Wisconsin.

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?**

(1) *In Studies of First Year.*

John L. Johnson, Andrew H. Covey, William E. Wright.

(b) *In Studies of Third Year.*

Edward N. Cantwell, George W. Dawson, John Jones.

5. **Who have been Continued on Trial?**

(a) *In Studies of First Year.*

None.

(b) *In Studies of Second Year.*

Omar E. Jones, Floyd E. Bloxton, Frederick X. Moore, John W. Jones, Harry Taylor.

(c) *In Studies of Third Year.*

None.

(d) *In Studies of Fourth Year.*

Hugh B. Kelso, George R. Ellis.

6. **Who have been Discontinued?**

None.

Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

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

None.

(b) *Elected and Ordained Deacons Previously.*

John W. Prettyman, James W. Talley, Thomas S. Holt, William O. Bennett.

8. **What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**

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

John W. Prettyman.

(b) *Admitted into Full Membership previously.*

Daniel J. Givan.

9. **What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**

Luther E. Poole, Clarence E. Hastings, James W. Talley, Thomas R. VanDyke.

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

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

Edward H. Collins, William O. Bennett, Thomas S. Holt.

(b) *Elected and Ordained Elders previously.*

None.

11. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**

(a) *As Local Preachers.*

George W. Dawson, William E. Matthews, William E. Stimmel, Edward N. Cantwell, Evert C. Wright, (elected by St. Louis Conference.)

(b) *Under Missionary Rule.*

None.

12. **What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
 (a) *As Local Deacons.*
 None.
 (b) *Under Missionary Rule.*
 None.
13. **Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**
 Done in open Conference.
14. **Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference?**
 Morris, R. Hackman, West Wisconsin, Frank Fletcher and David H. Corkran, Troy; Wm. T. Valiant, New Jersey; Melvin D. Nutter; West Va.; Wm. H. Benford, Central Penna.; Ezra Tinker, Central New York; Francis M. Dougherty, Minnesota.
15. **Who have Died?**
 William B. Walton, John B. Quigg, John H. Caldwell.
16. **Who have been Located at their own Request?**
 None.
17. **Who have been Located?**
 None.
18. **Who have Withdrawn?**
 Charles I. Stengle.
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?**
 J. W. Poole, J. D. Rigg, T. H. Haynes, G. W. Wilcox, E. H. Hynson, J. B. Merritt, A. T. Scott, W. M. Warner, W. L. P. Bowen, W. W. Redman, J. R. Todd, E. L. Cross, Warren Burr, P. H. Rawlins, John France, J. O. Sypherd, S. J. Morris, W. M. Greene.
23. **Who are the Superannuated Preachers?**
 B. F. Price, G. A. Phoebus, James Esgate, Henry Sanderson, C. J. Hammitt, A. D. Davis, W. E. England, Wm. F. Talbot, T. S. Williams, J. W. Hammersley, W. E. Tomkinson, F. O. B. Wallin, James Carroll, Edward Davis.
24. **Who are the Triers of Appeals?**
 H. S. Thompson, E. C. Macnichol, D. F. Waddell, J. P. Otis, L. W. Layfield, Z. H. Webster, S. M. Morgan.
25. **What is the Statistical Report for this year?**
 See Tables.
26. **What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?**
 \$35,399.
27. **What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?**
 \$14,601.
28. **What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?**
 \$7,110.
29. **Where are the Preachers Stationed?**
 See list of Appointments.
30. **Where shall the Next Conference be held?**
 Epworth Church, Wilmington, Del.

Appointments.

Dover District.

C. S. BAKER, Presiding Elder (P. O., Dover, Del.)

Beckwith, Md.,	W. P. Taylor	Houston, Del.,	G. P. Smith
Bridgeville, Del.,	W. G. Koons	Hurlock, Md.,	Albert Chandler
Burrsville, Md.,	T. N. Given	Lakesville, Md.,	Sup.—J. A. Buckson
Cambridge, Md.,	E. C. Macnichol	Leipsic, Del.,	W. E. Wright
Camden, Del.,	C. F. Sheppard	Lewes, Del.,	W. L. White
Cannon, Del.,	J. W. Fogle	Lincoln, Del.,	J. L. Nelson
Canterbury, Del.,	John Jones	Little Creek, Del.,	Sup.—Howard Davis
Church Creek, Md.,	J. W. Prettyman	Magnolia, Del.,	J. D. Kemp
Crapo, Md.,	J. W. Gray	Milford, Del.,	L. E. Barrett
Denton, Md.,	J. S. Wickline	Milton, Del.,	W. J. DuHadway
Dover, Wesley,	Alfred Smith	Nassua, Del.,	J. P. Outten
Dover, Armory,	Sup.—E. C. Wright	Preston, Md.,	O. S. Walton
East New Market, Md.,	H. M. Thurlow	Salem, Md.,	Sup.—H. E. Truitt
Ellendale, Del.,	J. M. Mitchell	Seaford, Del.,	R. K. Stephenson
Elliott's Is. Md.,	H. B. Kelso	Vienna, Md.,	J. T. Van Burkalow
Farmington, Del.,	I. G. Fosnocht	Williamsburg, Md.,	Harry Taylor
Federalsburg, Md.,	J. M. Lindale	Williston, Md.,	T. F. Beauchamp
Felton, Del.,	T. C. Smoot	Wyoming Del.,	J. E. Graham
Frederica, Del.,	Z. H. Webster	Zoar, Del.,	Sup.—L. T. McLain
Greenwood, Del.,	C. H. Williams	Galestown, Md.,	J. L. Johnson
Harrington, Del.,	W. A. Wise	Georgetown, Del.,	Adam Stengle
Hooper's Is. Md.,	Sup.—T. S. Barrett	Georgetown, Ct. Del.,	J. H. Wilson

V. S. Collins, Principal of Wilmington Conference Academy, member of Wesley, Dover, Quarterly Conference.

A. H. Covey left without appointment to attend one of our schools; member Little Creek Quarterly Conference.

C. E. Hastings left without appointment to attend one of our schools; member of Armory, Dover, Quarterly Conference.

S. N. Pilchard, Chaplain U. S. Army, member Scott, Wilmington, Quarterly Conference.

Wilmer Jaggard, Missionary to New Mexico.

Easton District.

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

Bayside, Md., Sup.—A. L. Gray
 Cecilton, Md., J. A. Arters
 Centreville, Md., E. C. Atkins
 Cheswold, Del., Edwin Gardner
 Chestertown, Md., Julius Dodd
 Church Hill, Md., To be supplied
 Clayton, Del., O. W. DeVenish
 Cordova, Md., W. S. H. Williams
 Crumpton, Md., F. E. Bloxton
 Easton, Md., R. H. Adams
 Fairlee, Md., Sup.—J. M. Arters
 Galena, Md., A. P. Prettyman
 Golts, Md., Sup.—Daniel Wilson
 Greensboro, Md., Aloysius Green
 Hillsboro, Md., T. A. H. O'Brian
 Ingleside, Md., O. E. Jones
 Kent Island, Md., S. P. Shipman
 Kenton, Del., G. R. Ellis
 Marydel, Md., E. R. Sidell
 Middletown, Del., I. L. Wood

Millington, Md., D. F. Waddell
 Odessa, Del., W. O. Hurst
 Oxford, Md., T. B. Cooper
 Piney Neck, Md., Sup.—C. K. Morris
 Pomona, Md., To be supplied
 Queenstown, Md., Sup.—O. T. Baynard
 Rock Hall, Md., W. B. Guthrie
 Royal Oak, Md., F. E. McKinsey
 St. Michael, Md., J. H. Beauchamp
 Smyrna, Del., C. A. Hill
 Smyrna Circuit, Del., L. W. Layfield
 Still Pond, Md., E. P. Roberts
 Sudlersville, Md., Robert Roe
 Talbot Circuit, Md., J. W. Talley
 Tilghman's Island, Md., W. W. Chaires
 Townsend, Del., G. P. Jones
 Trappe, Md., T. F. Fabler
 Tunis' Mills, Md., Sup.—W. C. Poole
 Wye & Starr, Md., Sup.—W. H. Kenney
 Worton, Md., Sup.—Clarence Jones

Salisbury District.

T. E. MARTINDALE, Presiding Elder, (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)

Annamesssex, Md., W. O. Bennett
 Asbury, Md., G. G. Senser
 Berlin, Md., H. G. Budd
 Bethel, Del., J. M. Collins
 Bishopville, Md., Sup.—W. R. Hirons
 Cape Charles, Va., T. R. VanDyke
 Chincoteague, Va., C. W. Strickland
 Crisfield, Md., C. T. Wyatt
 Delmar, Del., W. W. Sharp
 Deal's Island, Md., G. W. Bounds
 Fairmount, Md., L. P. Corkran
 Frankford, Del., F. F. Carpenter
 Fruitland, Md., Sup.—W. E. Matthews

Girdle Tree, Md., H. C. Turner
 Gumboro', Del., D. J. Givan
 Hallwood, Va., Sup.—J. S. Bozman
 Holland's Is., Md., Sup.—Baynard Wheatly
 Laurel, Del., G. W. Woodall
 Mardela Spgs, Md., Sup.—W. F. Atkinson
 Marion, Md., J. F. Anderson
 Millsboro', Del., J. A. Brewington
 Mt. Pleasant, Del., R. W. Todd
 Mt. Vernon, Md., J. D. Reese
 Nanticoke, Md., E. H. Nelson
 Newark, Md., F. X. Moore
 Onancock, Va., Asbury Burke

Parksley, Va., Sup.—L. B. Kirby
 Parsonsburg, Md., G. E. Wood
 Pocomoke City, Md., F. C. McSorley
 Pocomoke Ct., Md., Sup.—W. G. Strickland
 Powellville, Md., D. H. Willis
 Princess Anne, Md., G. T. Alderson
 Quantico, Md., Sup.—W. R. Gwinn
 Roxana, Del., F. J. Cochran
 St. Peter's, Md., G. L. Hardesty
 Salisbury, Md., C. W. Prettyman

Selbyville, Del., Sup.—F. N. Faulkner
 Sharptown, Md., E. H. Miller
 Smith's Island, Md., D. F. McFaul
 Snow Hill, Md., S. M. Morgan
 Somerset, Md., G. R. Neese
 Stockton, Md., Sup.—G. W. Hastings
 Tangier, Va., C. P. Swain
 Westover, Md., Sup.—T. G. Eiswald
 Whitesville, Del., H. S. Dulaney

Wilmington District.

ROBERT WATT, Presiding Elder, (P. O., Wilmington, Del.)

Bethel and Summit, G. S. Conaway
 Charlestown, Md., W. H. S. Loller
 Cherry Hill, Md., J. H. Geoghegan
 Chesapeake City, Md., L. E. Poole
 Chester, Del., G. W. Burke
 Christiana, Del., W. R. McFarlane
 Claymont, Del., Sup.—G. R. Tomkins
 Colora, Md., T. B. Hunter
 Delaware City, Del., H. S. Thompson
 Ebenezer, Del., Sup.—W. T. Hammond
 Elk Neck, Md., Sup.—W. E. Greenfield
 Elkton, Md., T. E. Terry
 Hockessin, Del., E. N. Cantwell
 Hopewell & Asbury, Md., G. W. Bowman
 Marshallton and Stanton, T. H. Harding
 Mt. Lebanon, Del., Sup.—E. H. Dashiell
 Mt. Pleasant and Union, E. H. Derrickson
 Newark and Wesley, Del., W. P. Compton
 New Castle, Del., R. I. Watkins
 Newport, Del., W. E. Avery
 North East, Md., G. W. Townsend
 Perryville, Md., G. W. Dawson
 Port Deposit, Md., A. S. Mowbray

Port Penn, Del., Sup.—Harry Mitchell
 Red Lion and Glasgow, Del., J. T. Prouse
 Rising Sun, Md., H. A. G. Westerfield
 St. George's Del., E. H. Collins
 St. John's, Md., T. S. Holt
 Wilmington:

Asbury, James Crowe
 Brandywine and Edgmoor, J. W. Easley
 Cookman, J. W. Jones
 Eastlake, Sup.—Moses Bullock
 Elsmere, Sup.—John France
 Epworth, F. B. Short
 Grace, Henry Baker
 Harrison Street, R. T. Coursey
 Kingswood, E. S. Mace
 Madeley, V. P. Northrup
 Mt. Salem, J. P. Otis
 St. Paul's, W. L. S. Murray
 Scott, F. P. Harris
 Silverbrook, E. E. White
 Swedish Mission, Friedolph Soderman
 Union, C. A. Grise
 Wesley, W. F. Dawson
 Zion, Md., W. R. Mowbray

J. D. C. Hanna, Conference Secretary of Twentieth Century Thank Offering, member Union, Wilmington, Quarterly Conference.

G. F. Hopkins, left without appointment to attend one of our schools, member Union, Wilmington, Quarterly Conference.

JOURNAL.

Opening.—The thirty-first session of the Wilmington Annual Conference convened in Zion Methodist Episcopal Church, Cambridge, Md., at 9 o'clock, Wednesday morning, March 22, 1899, Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, LL. D., presiding. After appropriate opening exercises Bishop Foss, assisted by the Presiding Elders and pastor of the church, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Secretary of the last session called the roll of the Conference and 132 members and probationers answered to their names.

Officers.—On motion of W. L. S. Murray, A. S. Mowbray was re-elected Secretary and named as his assistants W. A. Wise, Z. H. Webster, J. D. Rigg and E. H. Nelson, and they were confirmed.

On motion of W. W. Sharp, W. R. Mowbray was re-elected Statistical Secretary and named as his assistants H. A. G. Westerfield, W. W. Sharp, V. P. Northrup, G. P. Jones, G. P. Smith, J. H. Geogheghan, L. E. Poole, J. L. Johnson, and they were approved. R. I. Watkins nominated R. K. Stephenson as Conference Treasurer, C. A. Grise nominated J. M. Lindale, and J. D. C. Hanna nominated C. A. Grise. On motion of E. C. Macnichol a ballot was ordered. W. J. DuHadway, T. N. Givan, F. J. Cochran and W. G. Koons were appointed tellers. At his request J. M. Lindale was excused from the nomination. The vote was then taken, which resulted: C. A. Grise, 63; R. K. Stephenson, 56; J. M. Lindale, 1. C. A. Grise was declared elected.

On motion of T. E. Martindale the call of the Conference for report of statistics was made the order of the day at 11 o'clock.

The Conference Treasurer nominated as his assistants, R. K. Stephenson, H. G. Budd, Edwin Gardner, W. B. Copper, F. C. McSorley, J. M. Lindale, Julius Dodd, T. F. Beauchamp, Aloysius Green, E. C. Atkins, and they were confirmed.

Rules of Order.—The Rules of Order governing the last session were readopted.

Hours.—On motion of W. F. Corkran it was agreed that the Conference sessions begin at 8.30 A. M. and at 12 M., the first half hour to be given to devotional service.

On motion of E. C. Macnichol the bar of the Conference was fixed at the eighth line of pews from the front.

Committees.—C. S. Baker on behalf of the Presiding Elders presented the nominations for standing committees and they were confirmed. (See list.)

Twentieth Century Thank Offering.—On motion of T. E. Martindale a committee on the Twentieth Century Thank Offering was ordered, the committee was instructed to give special consideration to the interest of the Conference Academy, and to it was also referred a resolution presented by R. I. Watkins.

Conference Relations.—On motion of W. L. S. Murray it was decided that the Committee on Conference Relations should consider such cases as should be referred to it by any Presiding Elder, by vote of the Conference or the request of any brother on his own behalf.

Postmaster.—On motion of E. C. Macnichol, J. T. Prouse was appointed Conference Postmaster.

Business.—At the suggestion of Bishop Foss, and on motion of R. H. Adams, it was agreed that the regular minute business have the right of way each morning until 11 o'clock and that miscellaneous business be deferred until that hour.

The Presiding Elders were directed to nominate the committee on the Twentieth Century Thank Offering.

Conference Academy.—On motion of G. W. Bounds, W. E. Avery, R. I. Watkins, C. A. Hill, J. D. C. Hanna and C. A. Grise, were appointed a committee to nominate persons to fill vacancies in the Conference Academy Board of Trustees.

Missionary Debt.—Upon motion of Robert Watt it was decided that the report of the amounts paid to missionary debt be printed in a separate column and not included in the total of the regular missionary collection.

13th Question.—The Thirteenth Question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. The names of C. S. Baker, T. E. Martindale, W. F. Corkran and Robert Watt, Presiding Elders, were called, and their characters passed. C. S. Baker read the report of his work as Presiding Elder of Dover District.

Order of Day.—The Order of the Day, the collection of statistics and reports, was then taken up, and the Treasurer and Statistical Secretary, with their assistants, were allowed to retire. It was agreed that the reports of Pastors should include the amounts received for missionary, Conference claimants collections and whether all collections had been taken.

Effective Elders.—The following effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they made their reports:

E. H. Miller, W. G. Koons, E. C. Macnichol, C. F. Sheppard, J. W. Fogle, T. N. Givan, J. W. Gray, Z. H. Webster, Alfred Smith, H. M. Thurlow, F. E. McKinsey, I. G. Fosnocht, T. C. Smoot, T. A. H. O'Brien, Adam Stengle, J. T. VanBurkalow, C. H. Williams, T. E. Terry, G. P. Smith, T. F. Tabler, W. L. White, J. A. Brewington, J. D. Kemp, L. E. Barrett, W. J. DuHadway, J. D. Reese, O. S. Walton, R. K. Stephenson, J. H. Wilson, F. J. Cochran, W. M. Greene, J. E. Graham, V. S. Collins, J. H. Beauchamp, P. H. Rawlins, J. R. Todd, E. L. Cross. W. M. Greene made a statement and at the suggestion of his Presiding Elder, his case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Introductions.—Dr. M. S. Hard, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Dr. T. C. Iliff, superintendent of the Utah Mission, was also introduced.

Drafts.—Drafts on the Chartered Fund for \$22 and on the Book Concern for \$859 were ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

Episcopal Fund.—Bishop Foss presented a report from the Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund, showing a deficiency in the amount from the Conference to that fund of \$451 and announcing the apportionment of \$1760 for next year. This amount with all other apportionments authorized by the General Conference was referred to the Presiding Elders for assignment to the several charges.

Book Concern.—W. B. Guthrie was appointed to collect certain claims of the Western Book Concern.

Stewards.—The Presiding Elders nominated C. F. Sheppard, J. A. Arters, J. S. Wickline, John France as ministerial members of the Board of Conference Stewards, and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference. Upon motion of C. F. Sheppard, he was permitted to withdraw from the Board of Stewards in favor of P. H. Rawlins, who was elected in his place.

Credits.—On motion of R. H. Adams it was agreed that all Conference students be allowed credits for proper certificates presented from such church schools as are commended by the University Senate.

J. D. C. Hanna was appointed to conduct the devotional services to-morrow morning

The committees were called, notices were given, and Conference adjourned, Bishop Foss pronouncing the benediction.

Thursday Morning, March 23.

Opening.—Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, J. D. C. Hanna conducting the devotional services. At 9 o'clock Bishop Foss took the chair. The Journal was read and approved. The roll of absentees from yesterday's session was called and the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Reports.—The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer made announcements as to delinquents in reports and statistics.

13th Question.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed. W. F. Corkran made a report of his work as Presiding Elder of Easton District. The following Effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: J. A. Arters, E. C. Atkins, Edwin Gardner, C. A. Grise, J. H. Geogheghan, O. W. DeVenish, J. M. Mitchell, R. H. Adams, A. P. Prettyman, Aloycius Green, F. F. Carpenter, S. P. Shipman, Robert Roe, I. L. Wood, D. F. Waddell, W. O. Hurst, T. B. Cooper, J. P. Outten, James Carroll, G. W. Burke, C. A. Hill, L. W. Layfield, E. P. Roberts, J. M. Lindale, W. W. Chaires, Albert Chandler, J. L. Nelson.

Introductions.—The following Effective Elders transferred into the Conference during the past year were introduced; John T. Nelson, George G. Senser, G. W. Woodall, E. R. Sidell. L. T. Widerman, of the Baltimore Conference; J. L. Hurlbut, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday-School Union and Tract Society; J. R. Cannon, of the Blue Ridge Conference, and F. J. Wagner, President of Morgan College, were introduced.

13th Question.—The Thirteenth Question was resumed. T. E. Martindale read the report of his work as Presiding Elder of Salisbury District. The following Effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections: C. T. Wyatt, H. G. Budd, W. B. Guthrie, Warren Burr, C. W. Strickland, J. P. Otis, G. W. Bounds, G. W. Townsend, L. P. Corkran, J. S. Wickline, H. C. Turner, G. W. Bowman, J. M. Collins, G. W. Woodall, W. S. H. Williams, Wilmer Jaggard, T. F. Beauchamp, E. H. Nelson, Asbury Burke, G. F. Hopkins, G. E. Wood, G. G. Senser, D. H. Willis, G. T. Alderson, D. F. McFaul, G. L. Hardesty, C. W. Prettyman, W. E. Avery, W. R. McFarlain, G. R. Nease, S. M. Morgan, C. P. Swain, H. S. Dulany, R. W. Todd.

Robert Watt read a report of his work as Presiding Elder of Wilmington District. The following Effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they announced their collections: G. S. Conaway, G. P. Jones, H. A. G. Westerfield, W. F. Dawson, W. P. Taylor, H. S. Thompson, W. H. S. Loller, A. S. Mowbray, T. B. Hunter, J. F. Anderson, T. H. Harding, W. H. Benford, E. H. Derrickson, F. C. McSorley, R. I. Watkins, Julius Dodd, W. A. Wise, W. P. Compton, J. T. Prouse, S. J. Morris, James Crowe, J. W. Easley, John France, J. O. Sypherd, F. B. Short, Henry Baker, R. T. Coursey, E. S. Mace, V. P. Northrup, W. L. S. Murray, F. P. Harris, E. E. White, Fridolph Soderman, J. D. C. Hanna, W. W. Sharp, W. R. Mowbray, S. N. Pilchard.

Introductions.—J. F. Goucher, President of Woman's College of Baltimore, was introduced and addressed the Conference. J. L. Hurlbut, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Union, and J. W. Hamilton, Corresponding Secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Polygamy.—W. F. Corkran presented the following resolution;

WHEREAS, Brigham H. Roberts, Congressman-Elect from Utah, is an avowed polygamist, having at least three wives, and living with them in violation of law and solemn promises and the sense of morality; and

WHEREAS, He publicly and persistently justifies his course of unlawful and immoral conduct by the claim that he acts under the sanction of laws higher than those of the State or the United States; and

WHEREAS, The practice of polygamy is not only an offence to the morals of the nation, but has been the subject of special legislation and condemnation in connection with the State of Utah, by the pledges and assurances given by its people,

Resolved, That upon such a grave issue as is herein involved, every true American citizen will expect the House of Representatives to stand uncompromisingly for law, for morality and for the Christian home, by seeing to it that Brigham H. Roberts is promptly expelled from the Fifty-sixth Congress.

Resolved, That we earnestly call upon the Representatives of our Congressional Districts to use their utmost endeavors to secure action by the Fifty-sixth Congress proposing an amendment to the National Constitution and submitting the same to the State Legislatures, making polygamy, under whatever pretence, a crime against the United States, punishable by severe penalties, including disqualification to vote or to hold any office of honor or emolument under the United States or any State or Territory therein.

Pending the adoption of these resolutions, T. C. Iliff, superintendent of Utah Mission, was introduced and addressed the Conference. The resolutions were then adopted by rising vote, and the Secretary was instructed to send attested copies to the Congressmen representing the territory within the Conference.

Committee on Thank Offering.—C. S. Baker presented the report of the Presiding Elders, nominating the following a committee on Twentieth Century Thank Offering:

Wilmington District—Henry Baker, W. L. S. Murray, Julius Dodd, H. S. Goldy, S. H. Baynard. Easton District—C. A. Hill, E. C. Atkins, C. A. Grise, J. H. Hoffecker, A. G. Cox. Dover District—W. G. Koons, Alfred Smith, Adam Stengle, J. W. Fletcher, J. E. Holland. Salisbury District—S. M. Morgan, C. W. Prettyman, C. P. Swain, G. A. Cox, W. H. Jackson.

Methodist Review.—G. R. Ellis was appointed to solicit subscriptions to the Methodist Review.

W. M. Greene.—C. A. Hill made a partial report of the Committee on Conference Relations in the case of W. M. Greene. After explanations the report was recommitted.

James Carroll.—The relation of James Carroll was changed from Effective to Superannuated, at his own request, and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards. The time was extended. On motion of T. E. Martindale, J. D. C. Hanna, G. L. Hardesty and C. W. Prettyman were appointed a committee to prepare a suitable minute concerning the services of James Carroll.

W. E. West.—W. E. West, a Local Deacon, surrendered his parchments, and they were filed in the archives of the Conference.

C. I. Stengle.—C. I. Stengle, a probationer in the Conference presented his withdrawal from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church and he was entered as withdrawn.

Domestic Missions.—On motion of C. T. Wyatt, S. J. Morris, W. L. White, C. P. Swain, C. A. Grise and T. F. Beauchamp were made a committee to nominate members of the Board of Domestic Missions.

James Crowe was appointed to conduct the devotional service to-morrow morning.

G. P. Smith was excused from the Auditing Committee, and T. C. Smoot was named in his place.

F. O. B. Wallin.—The relation of F. O. B. Wallin was changed from supernumerary to superannuated at its own request, and his case was referred to the Board of Stewards.

G. W. Wilcox.—The case of G. W. Wilcox, a supernumerary member of the Conference was referred to the Board of Stewards.

Committees were called, notices were given and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Bishop Foss pronouncing the Benediction.

Friday Morning, March 24.

Opening.—Conference met at 8.30 o'clock, James Crowe conducting the devotions. At

9 o'clock Bishop Foss took the chair. The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

22d Question.—The Twenty-second Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers," was taken up. J. W. Poole, J. D. Rigg, T. H. Haynes, G. W. Wilcox, E. H. Hynson, J. B. Merritt, W. M. Warner, A. T. Scott, and W. L. P. Bowen, were called, their characters passed and their relation was continued.

J. W. Hammersley and W. E. Thompkinson were called, their characters passed and their relation changed from supernumerary to superannuated at their own request.

23d Question.—The Twenty-third Question, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers," was taken up. B. F. Price, G. A. Phoebus, James Esgate, Henry Sanderson, C. J. Hammett, A. D. Davis, W. E. England, Edward Davis, W. F. Talbot, T. S. Williams, were called, their characters passed and their relation was continued.

W. W. Redman was called, his character passed and at his request his relation was changed from superannuated to supernumerary.

Lay Representation.—A proposition from the Baltimore Annual Conference relating to equal ministerial and lay representation in the General Conference of 1900, was presented by Bishop Foss and adopted by a count vote 131 to 0 as follows:

AN ENABLING ACT.

The Committee to whom was referred the question of Equal Ministerial and Lay Representation in the General Conference of 1900, beg leave to report that as the Rock River Conference proposition made no provision for the seating of such Lay Delegates, if they should be selected, respectfully recommend the adoption of the following:

RESOLVED I. That the Baltimore Annual Conference at its session, held in Baltimore, Maryland, beginning March 1, 1899, hereby requests the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church to submit to the several Annual Conferences, at the first regular session of each Conference held after the present date, the following proposition to amend the discipline, to wit:

FIRST—Amend ¶ 60 of the Book of Discipline by striking out all the words after "The Lay Delegates shall consist of" and inserting the words "one Layman for each Annual Conference, except such Conference as have more than one Ministerial Delegate, which Conferences shall each be entitled to as many Lay Delegates as Ministerial Delegates;" so that ¶ 50 as amended shall read:

"¶ 60. The Lay Delegates shall consist of one Layman for each Annual Conference, except such Conferences as have more than one Ministerial Delegate, which Conferences shall each be entitled to as many Lay Delegates as Ministerial Delegates."

SECOND—Amend Section 2 of ¶ 67 of the Book of Discipline by striking out the words "nor of more Lay Delegates from any Annual Conference than there are Ministerial Delegates from such Annual Conference;" so that the Section as amended shall read:

"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 Lay Delegates from any Annual Conference than there are Ministerial Delegates from such Annual Conference; 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 no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one Ministerial and of one Lay Delegate."

RESOLVED 11. That, if three-fourths of the members of the Annual Conferences present, and voting during 1899 and 1900, shall approve of this amendment, and it shall also receive the concurrence of two-thirds of the General Conference of 1900, and the Electoral Conferences of 1899 and 1900 shall have selected provisional representatives, having the qualifications and selected in the manner now determining the election of Lay Delegates, so that the whole number of Lay Delegates and provisional representatives selected for any conference shall equal the number of Ministerial Delegates for said conference, the General Conference of 1900 may provide for their admission as Lay Delegates.

10th Question.—The Tenth Question, "What members have completed the Conference course of study?" was taken up.

Edward H. Collins and Thomas R. VanDyke were called, their characters passed, they reported their collections and retired. The committee reported and upon motion of the Presiding Elders, E. H. Collins was discharged from the course of study and elected to Elder's Orders. J. R. VanDyke was continued in the fourth year.

9th Question.—The Ninth Question, "What members are in studies of fourth year?" was taken up. Luther E. Poole, a member in studies of third year, was called, his character passed and he made his report. The committee and Presiding Elder represented and he was advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

Clarence E. Hastings, a member in studies of third year, was called and his character passed. After representation by the committee and Presiding Elder he was advanced to studies of the fourth year, he was also given credit for studies of the fourth year.

Daniel J. Givan, a member in studies of the third year, was called, his character passed and he reported his collections. The committee reported, the Presiding Elder represented, he was given credit for books passed and continued in studies of the third year.

James W. Talley, a probationer in the studies of third year, was called, his character passed and he reported his collections. The committee reported, the Presiding Elder represented and he was advanced to studies of the fourth year and also given credits for studies of the same.

William O. Bennett, a probationer in studies of third year, was called, his character passed, and he reported his collections. The committee reported, the Presiding Elder represented, and he was advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

5th Question.—The Fifth Question, "Who have been continued on trial?" was taken up. Hugh B. Kelso was called, his character passed, the Committee and Presiding Elder represented, and he was continued on trial. He was given credit for the studies of the third and fourth year and advanced to fourth year studies.

Omar E. Jones, Floyd E. Bloxton, F. X. Moore and J. W. Jones were called, their characters passed, and they reported their collections. The Committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented, and they were continued on trial and advanced to studies of the second year.

George R. Ellis was called, his character passed, and he reported his collections. The Committee and Presiding Elder reported, and he was advanced to the studies of the fourth year.

Introductions.—F. J. Wagner, President of Morgan College; W. L. Gooding, of Dickinson College; G. P. Mains, agent of the New York Book Concern, and A. J. Palmer, Secretary of Missionary Society, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Bishop Foss.—Bishop Foss followed the remarks of Dr. Palmer with an impressive address concerning his observation of missionary work in India.

Prof. Gooding.—G. W. Bounds presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, We have heard the excellent speech of Prof. W. L. Gooding as the representative of Dickinson College; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we assure him of our continued loyalty to Dickinson College and our pleasure in greeting him as a worthy representative of this time honored institution.

W. M. Greene.—C. A. Hill presented a report of the Committee on Conference Relations recommending the passage of character of William M. Greene, the change of his relations from effective to supernumerary and the reference of his case to the Board of Stewards, which was adopted.

V. S. Collins was appointed to conduct the devotions to-morrow morning.

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

Saturday Morning, March 25.

Opening.—The opening devotional services were conducted by V. S. Collins. At 9 o'clock Bishop Foss took the chair. The Journal was read and approved.

W. W. Johnson.—W. F. Corkran presented the request of Queenstown Quarterly Conference recommending the restoration of the parchments of Willard W. Johnson. The case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Reports.—Reports of the Committees on Bible Society, Sunday Schools and Tracts were presented and adopted.

30th Question.—The Thirtieth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" F. B. Short presented the invitation of Epworth Church, Wilmington, which was unanimously accepted by a rising vote.

Methodist Hospital.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, W. L. White, E. C. Atkins, G. L. Hardesty, W. L. S. Murray were appointed a Committee on the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia; J. A. Lippincott, Corresponding Secretary of the hospital was then introduced and addressed the Conference.

11th Question.—The Eleventh Question, "What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?" was taken up. George W. Dawson and Edward N. Cantwell were called, their recommendations were read, the committee reported, the Presiding Elders represented and

they were admitted on trial and elected to Deacons orders under Paragraph 165, Section 2, of the discipline. William E. Matthews and William E. Stimmel were called, their recommendations presented, the Committees reported, the Presiding Elders represented and they were elected to Deacons orders.

In the case of William E. Greenfield the Presiding Elder was permitted to withdraw his recommendation, because of failure to pass upon three books, but the Board of Examiners was instructed to give him credits for books passed.

Bishop Foss presented the certificate of Evert C. Wright from the St. Louis Conference announcing that he is a probationer in the first year of that Conference and has been elected to Deacons orders.

12th Question.—The Twelfth Question, "What others have been elected and ordained Elders?" was taken up. No credentials were presented.

7th Question. The Seventh Question, "Who have been admitted into full connection?" was taken up. John W. Prettyman, Harry Taylor, James W. Talley, William O. Bennett, and Thomas S. Holt, were called before the Conference, and Bishop Foss, after an appropriate address, propounded the usual disciplinary questions. The names of the class were then called, their characters passed, they reported their collections, the committees and Presiding Elders represented and John W. Prettyman was admitted into full connection, he being a Deacon.

Harry Taylor, because of certain conditions in studies, was continued on trial in studies of the second year. J. W. Talley was admitted into full connection, given special credits in books and advanced to studies of the fourth year, he being already a Deacon.

William J. Bennett and Thomas S. Holt were admitted into full connection, discharged from the course of study and elected to Elders orders.

Paragraph 149.—Bishop Foss propounded the question introduced in Paragraph 149 of Discipline, and requested the members admitted into full connection to convey to him their answers in writing.

Afternoon Session.—On motion of T. E. Martindale it was agreed to hold a session of Conference this afternoon at 2.30 for the purpose of hearing the reports of committees and the presentation of various causes of interest. W. L. S. Murray was appointed to preside at the afternoon session.

Stewards.—P. H. Rawlins presented a preliminary report of the Board of Stewards. Robert Watt moved that the appropriations to conference claimants by the stewards be final and be not reported in open conference. R. H. Adams moved to substitute by having them reported in executive session. After discussion, and on motion of C. P. Swain, both substitute and motion were laid on the table.

Thank Offering.—W. L. S. Murray presented the report of the Committee on Thank Offering. The Conference considered the final recommendation for the appointment of a Secretary to the fund. After discussion W. F. Corkran moved the previous question, the vote

was taken and the recommendation adopted. Upon motion the Bishop was requested to appoint J. D. C. Hanna to the position. The rest of the report was deferred.

Bishop Foss.—On motion of T. E. Martindale, Bishop Foss was requested to give a missionary sermon in the place of the usual sermon on Sabbath morning.

Trustees.—On motion of C. W. Prettyman, C. A. Hill, T. A. H. O'Brien, and C. A. Grise were appointed a committee to nominate Conference Trustees.

Thanks.—On motion of W. G. Koons, a committee of thanks was appointed with R. W. Todd as chairman. The other members appointed were W. G. Koons and H. G. Budd.

Bishop Foss gave notice that the ordination of Deacons and Elders would take place at the beginning of the service to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

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

Saturday Afternoon.

Opening.—Conference session opened at 2.30 o'clock with W. L. S. Murray in the chair. T. E. Terry led the devotional services. The Journal of this morning's session was read and approved.

On motion of V. S. Collins, the deferred report of the Committee on Thank Offering was adopted.

Memorial Service.—On motion of C. W. Prettyman, the Memorial Service was introduced. The name of William B. Walton was called. His memoir was read by C. W. Prettyman; also a personal tribute by J. A. B. Wilson, of the California Conference, was read by G. W. Townsend. Remarks were made by B. F. Price, Henry Sanderson and W. W. Chaires. The memoir was then adopted and ordered to be printed.

T. E. Martindale prepared the memoir of John B. Quigg, which was read by W. L. S. Murray. Remarks were made by G. A. Phoebus and B. F. Price. The memoir was then adopted and ordered printed.

The memoir of John H. Caldwell was read by J. D. Rigg. T. E. Terry, W. P. Taylor, Alfred Smith and J. T. Van Burkalow made remarks. On motion the memoir was adopted and ordered printed.

The memoir of Mrs. Elizabeth Brewington Webster was read by J. D. C. Hanna. Adopted and ordered printed.

The memoir of Mrs. Eva Nutter was read by Alfred Smith, and it was adopted and ordered printed.

On motion of J. H. Beauchamp the personal tribute of Dr. Wilson to William B. Walton was ordered printed in the Minutes, the expense to be met by the proffered courtesy of L. S. Melson.

Permanent Committee.—W. L. S. Murray presented the nominations of the Permanent Committee on the Twentieth Century Thank Offering as follows: Presiding Elders,

C. A. Grise, John France, V. S. Collins, L. S. Melson, William Saulsbury, H. P. Cannon, W. H. Jackson, G. W. Todd, J. H. Hoffecker, and they were elected.

Nominations.—The Secretary announced the nominations for the Conference Board of Education and they were approved. (See list.)

T. A. H. O'Brien presented the report of the committee to nominate Conference trustees as follows: V. S. Collins, C. P. Swain, C. W. Prettyman, and it was adopted.

Introductions.—J. F. Berry, editor of the Epworth Herald, E. M. Mills, secretary of Twentieth Century Thank Offering, and S. W. Thomas, editor of the Philadelphia Methodist, were introduced and addressed the Conference.

Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the doxology. Alfred Smith pronouncing the benediction.

Monday Morning, March 27.

Opening.—Conference met at 8.30 o'clock with John France in the chair. G. W. Townsend led the devotional services. The Journal was read and approved.

Stewards.—P. H. Rawlins presented a supplementary report of the Board of Stewards, which was adopted. E. H. Nelson was appointed Trustee for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham.

Domestic Missions.—S. J. Morris presented the report of the Committee to Nominate Conference Board of Domestic Missions. They were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference. (See list.)

W. W. Johnson.—C. A. Hill presented a report of the Committee on Conference Relations in the case of W. W. Johnson, recommending that his credentials be not restored. The report was adopted.

Reports.—Reports of the Conference Treasurer, Statistical Secretary and of Committees on Education, Endowment Fund, Freedman's Aid, Methodist Hospital, Church Extension, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Epworth League, Thank Offering, Temperance, Woman's Home Missionary Society, Periodicals, to Audit Accounts, on Thanks, were presented and they were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was recommitted. The second report was laid on the table and the first report adopted.

Credits.—R. I. Watkins presented the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we deem it unwise hereafter to accept certificates of standing in English Branches, but will require all candidates to appear before our own Board of Examiners.

Collection.—On motion of W. L. S. Murray a collection was taken to purchase Minutes for the hosts of the Conference, to pay the Sexton and the expenses of the Board of Examiners. The collection amounted to \$70.28, distributed as follows: For Minutes, \$30.14; for Sexton, \$30.14, and for Register, \$10.00.

4th Question.—The Fourth Question, "Who have been admitted on trial?" The recommendation of John L. Johnson was presented, the Committees and Presiding Elders

represented, and he was admitted on trial. The recommendation of Andrew H. Covey was announced, committees and Presiding Elders represented, and he was admitted on trial and requested to be left without appointment to attend one of our schools. The recommendation of William E. Wright was announced, Committees and Presiding Elders represented, and he was admitted on trial.

Bishop Foss announced the members of the Board of Examiners. See list.

Ordinations.—Bishop Foss presented the following Certificate of Ordination:

This is to certify that on Sunday, March 26, 1899, in Cambridge, Md., I ordained George W. Dawson, William E. Matthews, William E. Stimmel, Edward N. Cantwell and Evert C. Wright as Deacons, and that on the same day and in the same place, assisted by several Elders, I also ordained Edward H. Collins, William O. Bennett and Thomas S. Holt as Elders.
CYRUS D. FOSS.

Relations.—G. F. Hopkins was requested to be left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

The cases of J. R. Todd and E. L. Cross were taken up, they were entered in the supernumerary list, and the Secretary instructed to communicate with them. C. E. Hastings was left without appointment to attend one of our schools; John Jones was called, introduced, answered appropriate questions. His orders were recognized and he was admitted on trial and given credit for first two years of the course of study; Warren Burr was granted supernumerary relation at his own request.

P. H. Rawlins made a statement, and at his own request he was granted a change of relation from effective to supernumerary. At his own request John France was granted a change of relation from effective to supernumerary. J. O. Sypherd was granted a change of relation from effective to supernumerary at his own request. S. J. Morris was granted a change of relation from effective to supernumerary at his own request.

V. S. Collins.—On motion of W. F. Corkran, the Conference requested the appointment of V. S. Collins as principal of the Conference Academy.

Committee to nominate Trustees of Conference Academy presented the following names: J. T. Van Burkalow, A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, L. E. Barrett, Robert Watt, C. S. Baker, C. A. Hill, Julius Dodd.

R. I. Watkins, C. S. Baker, J. D. C. Hanna, T. E. Terry, were appointed tellers, the vote was taken, and the tellers retired. The time was extended. M. D. Buell of Boston Theological Seminary was introduced and addressed the Conference.

James Carroll.—G. L. Hardesty presented the report of the committee to prepare a minute in the case of James Carroll, which was adopted, as follows:

WHEREAS, Our beloved brother, James Carroll, after rendering so many years of faithful and successful service within the bounds of this Conference, going in and out among the people of the various charges he has served, with a spirit which has carried richest blessing, and with a pure life, which has uniformly exalted the ministerial profession; and

WHEREAS, Passing years and failing physical powers are interpreted by him as a voice

saying, "Watchmen, let thy wandering cease," and leading him to ask his fellow-workers to grant him a superannuated relation; therefore

Be it resolved, That as a Conference, we hereby express our appreciation of Brother Carroll's life work, and of his unsullied Christian character, praying that his remaining days may be many and full of "Sweet content," and his passing full of peace.

Conference Academy.—W. L. S. Murray presented the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of the Conference Academy, which was accepted and placed on file.

V. S. Collins, principal of the Conference Academy, addressed the Conference concerning that institution.

Bishop Foss presented the result of the ballot announcing J. T. Van Burkalow, A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, C. A. Hill elected trustees of the Conference Academy.

Nominations.—W. F. Corkran presented nominations of the Triers of Appeals, the Board of Church Location and the Board of Church Extension, and they were confirmed. (See list.)

J. H. Beauchamp, C. F. Sheppard and O. W. DeVenish were elected life directors in Maryland Bible Society.

Missionary Appropriation.—The following report of the distribution of missionary money was announced and approved by Bishop Foss, Dover District: Salem, \$100; Lakesville, \$111. Salisbury District: Cape Charles, \$170; Parksley, \$160; Hallwood, \$50. Wilmington District: Swedish Mission, \$394.

Tobacco.—G. W. Bounds presented the following Resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Paragraph 146, of the Discipline makes it obligatory upon the Bishop, presiding at any Annual Conference, to assure himself that each candidate seeking admission on trial, or advancement into full membership, has promised over his own signature to wholly abstain from the use of tobacco, and

WHEREAS, We believe that God would have all our ministry measure up to the same standard of physical cleanliness, and

WHEREAS, Many men are employed as supplies, who are never brought under the legal requirements of the discipline in this particular, because they hold no official relation to this Conference, therefore be it resolved,

1. That it is the sense of this Conference that no man who uses tobacco should be employed as a supply pastor, unless he will first sign his name to a written pledge to wholly abstain from the use of this linen-soiling, body-defiling, spirit dampening weed.

2. That the Presiding Elders be and are hereby instructed to demand such a written pledge from each man who may seek work as a supply at the next session of our Conference, and in event any one of said candidates shall refuse to give such pledges, then the Presiding Elders shall not be at liberty to employ him.

Bishop Foss then addressed the Conference, read the appointments and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Bishop Foss pronouncing the Benediction.

Dover District.

In presenting this report of the work done on the Dover District for the year now closing I wish to gratefully acknowledge the mercies of God "whose I am and whom I serve."

Within the limits of this District our Methodism has forty four charges, which has been served the past year by thirty-five Conference members and nine supplies.

None of our effective preachers or their families have been visited by death or even serious illness during the year. In the closing days of our last annual session Sister Webster, wife of Z. H. Webster, was called from her home in Denton, Md., to her home in Heaven. She was a saintly woman, a devoted wife and mother, and her praises are spoken by all who knew her.

In the early part of the year impaired health compelled Alfred Smith of Wesley Church, Dover, to rest for awhile.

Many pastors suffered from the grip epidemic during the winter, but no serious consequences followed.

J. A. Buckson, our supply at Lakesville, was stricken with typhoid fever July 1st, and for four or five weeks his life was hanging in the balance. He was compelled to relinquish his work three months, but his devoted wife faithfully took care of the work.

Declining health compelled Eben Welch, our supply for Zoar Circuit, to resign his charge at the end of the third quarter. He removed to Barclay, Md., where, on February 1st, he peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. He was a good man and had given the church a number of years of faithful service.

On March 11th, 1899, after years of disability and much suffering, the Rev. J. H. Caldwell, D. D., a Superannuate, peacefully passed away. Dr. Caldwell's was a busy and eventful life. He had superior intellectual powers and attainments and was recognized as a mighty man of God. A suitable memoir will be presented to the Conference.

Z. H. Webster is the only pastor on the District completing the full term of five years.

Federalburg was among the appointments left to be supplied at our last Conference. E. R. Sidell, a supernumerary member of the West Wisconsin Conference, was secured to fill the vacancy. Later his relation was changed to effective and he was transferred by Bishops Newman and Ninde to this Conference. M. R. Hackman going to that Conference in exchange.

It seemed best early in the year to transfer W. M. Greene from Woodside to Hooper's Island, which, with the approval of Bishop Newman, was done.

C. I. Stengle, a probationer of the second year, on August 1st resigned his charge at Lepsic and at the same time withdrew from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For the rest of the year J. H. Gardner served as supply.

A. H. Covey was released from Little Creek in September to attend Drew Seminary, J. H. Beauchamp and others filling out the year.

Camp meetings are not a thing of the past on the Dover District. There were eight of these annual gatherings during the year; namely, Camden, Rehoboth, Concord, Sand Hills, James' Woods, Zoar, Wheatley's and Ennalls. At all these camps there were large crowds, a high order of preaching, and in the main but meagre spiritual results, at least as to the conversion of sinners. However, at Zoar, more than 40 conversions were reported, and at Wheatley's nearly 60, while at Ennalls there was a strong current of sanctifying power manifest. Another effect of these camps was the wide spread breaking up of our congregations, and regular order of service and disaster to Sunday school work, for all of which up to the present no remedy seems to have been found.

It is safe to say that this has been the most difficult year our pastors and people have ever experienced to successfully carry forward church work.

In farming districts the crops were almost a total failure, and, coupled with this, the almost incessant rain and snow storms of the past winter have combined to produce difficulties well nigh insurmountable. It is much to be feared that pastors' salaries have suffered seriously, and the benevolent collections will doubtless share in the disaster.

The experiences of the stormy winter should teach preachers and people the importance of not putting off their financial and revival work till the winter season comes.

In mentioning the work among the charges we note that Cambridge has had a year of peace and prosperity. E. C. Macnichol has nobly led his people in every good work. The salary was advanced \$100 and paid. Improvements to church property amount to \$700, an increase in the benevolent collections, and \$150 raised by the church for the local hospital established.

J. W. Gray has had 35 conversions at Crapo, improvements \$50, and salary increase of \$50; missionary collection up to last year.

At Lakesville a new parsonage has been built at a cost of \$800, nearly all of which has been paid. A new organ has been put in Bound's Church and 13 conversions are reported. The salary was advanced \$50.

Elliott's Island has had a better year. Pastor's salary paid in full, a few conversions and an advance in benevolences.

Hooper's Island has been sustained under the pastorate of W. N. Connaway as supply, who reports 10 conversions.

At Church Creek Brother Given has done a faithful year's work, 8 conversions and an increase of about 13 per cent. in the collections. No conversions are reported from Beckwith, but the collections are up to last year's standard.

Galestown has had a wonderful year. Pastoral support was increased \$80. There have been paid \$275 on improvements, 218 conversions, missionary collection advanced more than one-third and all apportionments met. J. L. Johnson is the popular pastor.

Salem charge is on the advance line. A small advance on benevolences, 40 conversions and \$341 paid on improvements.

Harry Taylor has given Vienna a year of hard work and reports \$25 for improvements.

H. M. Thurlow reports 87 conversions at East New Market, the salary was increased \$100 and a slight decrease in collections.

Hurlock has had a year of varied success. The collections about up to last year, \$50 paid on an old debt and 10 conversions.

The work on Williamsburg charge has been faithfully done by Harry Wilson; \$202 paid on improvements, \$38 on old debts, and 6 conversions. At Preston O, S. Walton has been the popular pastor and the work shows the collections to be in advance of last year. Williston Circuit increased the pastor's salary \$109, loses on the collections and reports 4 conversions. Federalsburg has had a somewhat checkered year. E. R. Sidell has given the charge faithful service. The missionary collections has been kept up in the face of strenuous efforts to cut it down and 35 conversions have been reported.

Brother Webster is closing the full five years term at Denton in a halo of success. A room for Sunday-School purposes has been built, a steam heating plant for the whole church put in, the old gallery torn out, handsome memorial windows replace the old ones, new pews,

pulpit furniture and carpet, at a cost of \$3,200, \$2,300 of which has been paid. The benevolent collections are not quite up to last year's figures.

Burrsville reports a splendid advance in the benevolent collections and 39 conversions, together with an increase of \$100 on pastor's salary.

R. K. Stephenson has had another prosperous year at Seaford; salary increased \$100, an increase in the missionary collections \$100 and all collections; \$43 for improvements, \$425 for old debts, and 12 conversions.

On Cannon's Circuit the work has been pushed with vigor by the pastor, J. W. Fogle. The collections have been sustained; improvements, \$105, \$348 on old debts, and 20 conversions have marked the year.

Bridgeville Methodism has experienced another year of rising tide of prosperity. The notable feature has been the putting in of stamped metal walls and ceiling, with tasteful decorations, on the entire interior of the audience room, the exterior repainted, all at a cost of \$725 and paid, an increase in missionary collection and 4 conversions. Much credit is due Brother Koons, the pastor, for this work, and his salary was increased \$100.

Brother Fosnocht has had a successful year at Farmington where a small increase is reported in benevolence, \$40 on improvements, \$80 on debts and 8 conversions.

Greenwood, C. H. Williams, pastor, has about held their own. A new church is an imperative necessity here. The collections are nearly up to last year, \$80 have been spent for improvements and 10 conversions are reported.

Brother Terry has sustained the work at Harrington, and paid more than \$200 on old debts, and reports 3 conversions.

Felton has experienced a good year under the leadership of T. C. Smoot. The collections have been advanced over last year's figures, \$155 spent for improvements and 16 conversions.

Woodside Circuit has kept up her good name by an increase in her collections, advanced the pastor's salary and promises still better things for the days to come.

J. E. Graham is completing his third year at Wyoming with a loss on the benevolent collections, but has 83 conversions, and spent \$100 for improvements.

For another year C. F. Sheppard has done splendid service at Camden. Collections up, \$200 paid in improvements, and 16 conversions.

Brother Kemp has worked hard with some discouraging environments at Magnolia, but the work has been well sustained and \$125 paid in improvements.

Leipsic reports no blanks on the required benevolences and 20 conversions. Little Creek reports a handsome increase of \$23 for benevolences, \$50 increase in pastoral support, and 42 conversions.

Wisley Church, Dover, has had a successful year and all collections are up; \$1,600 have been paid on old debt, and 2 conversions.

Armory Church, Dover, had a decrease on pastor's salary, but partially recovers by increasing the benevolent collections 100 per cent. and reporting 10 conversions, with \$100 paid on old debt.

Brother O'Brien closes his third year at Fredrica with an increase in his missionary collection, \$151 on improvements, \$43 on debts, and 35 added to the church by conversion.

Our church and parsonage at Houston were consumed by fire early in February, and the former was a total loss, there being no insurance on the same. It is almost unpardonable culpability for Trustee Boards to fail to keep our church property insured. The people have resolved to rebuild as soon as possible. Despite this reverse the collections will show a

splendid increase, Laws and Williamsville churches have been repaired to the extent of \$675, and 5 converts reported. L. E. Barrett has successfully guided the interests of Methodism at Milford during the year, \$1,100 have been paid on old debts, \$200 for improvements, 20 conversions, and an increase in the benevolent collections.

Lincoln has paid \$125 for improvements, paid \$15 on old debts and reports .5 conversions.

W. H. Kenney our supply at Ellendale reports a splendid increase on collections and a small amount for improvement to church property.

This has been a great year for Milton Methodism. The pastor's salary was increased \$100, and \$1,300 have been spent in transforming and beautifying the church, and it has been paid. The collections have been well sustained.

The currents of prosperity are running strong in Georgetown Methodism. The pastor's salary is paid in full every week. This is done by the use of a comprehensive financial system, which is backed up by energetic business men to make it a success. Brother Stengle reports an advance of \$25 on missions and \$1,000 paid on old debts. Georgetown Circuit is slow to move and the financial reports show that there is great need of an awakening along this line. While there is a decline in benevolences, the pastor has been faithful and 18 conversions are reported.

Zoar Circuit reports \$170 on improvements, \$40 on old debts, and 10 conversions.

On Nassau Circuit \$800 have been spent in completing the new church enterprise begun last year, and 40 conversions.

W. L. White has had a successful year at Lewes, where the missionary collection has increased \$25 over apportionments, all others met, \$109 for improvements, \$400 on old debts, and 9 conversions. The pastor's salary was increased \$100. Total number of conversions this year on the district about 1,000. There has been a total increase in salary estimates for the year of \$1,400. Eight charges only have made payments on missionary debt aggregating \$65, and 17 report General Conference expenses in full or in part. Eighteen charges have increased the missionary collection, 8 have decreased, eighteen charges are same as last year.

The Delaware State Sunday School Convention was held in Dover in June. This organization seems to be exerting a widening influence for good upon Sunday School work. It nevertheless still remains true that far too many of our schools are closed up for four or five months of the year.

I have called attention to our own church literature for the Sunday Schools and I am happy to state that most of the trashy and unreliable publications of irresponsible concerns have been eliminated.

Epworth League interest and work shows progress. Several new chapters of both the Senior and Junior League have been organized. The Epworth Herald has an increasing circulation among League workers, but it is yet far below what it should have. The District Convention was held at Seaford in October, and was more largely attended than any previous sessions. Brother Thos. N. Rawlins was re-elected President for the third year. There are now about 55 Senior and Junior Chapters on the District with 3000 members.

More than the usual attention has been given to the great temperance reform movement. In Cambridge last June the people voted on license or no license, and the official board of this church, led by Dr. Macnichol, took the initiative and valiantly fought for local option. The result was that no license won again by a respectable majority.

Under the new Constitution of Delaware the temperance people had taken courage and

thought that they would at least be accorded the privilege of expressing their sentiments in a non-partisan way at the ballot box. Hence more than the usual activity and interest have been taken in the matter lately. But for "ways that are dark and tricks that are vain" the Delaware Legislature takes pre-eminence. Carefully prepared local option bills were placed by that body at its late session in the hands of saloon men and brewers, to be killed in committee or in the House. Legislators were intimidated by public threats of party managers. The saloon men were defiant. The result is that the rum king still rules in Delaware, in spite of Christian Churches and citizenship.

I am thankful to the Heavenly Father for the gracious preservation of my own health during the year. But one Sunday's engagement has been missed because of my own indisposition.

To my brethren of the ministry and laity I wish to express my deepest gratitude for their uniform courtesy and kindness. To the laity at least I can say, "I was a stranger and ye took me in."

Peace and harmony have prevailed in our midst, and that there are grand possibilities for development on the District I am fully persuaded.

C. S. BAKER, P. E.

Easton District.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

One year ago the Easton District toilers went forth to their fields with mingled emotions of joy and sorrow, of hope and fear. They have toiled through sunshine and shadow, with restless devotion, in sowing, cultivating and reaping. Now they come, with songs, to count the sheaves, lay them at the Master's feet and gather new inspiration for the tasks that lie before.

Infinite mercy in its manifold expressions has graciously preserved us in life and health during the year, so not a single captain of the Lord's host is missing. For this we are devoutly thankful, and death has entered but one parsonage home during the year, that at Hillsboro, from which he plucked two tender buds and planted them to bloom and fruit in the paradise of God. This dispensation seems specially sad, since they were the only children of Brother and Sister Carpenter, and since their taking away was in such quick succession, only one day intervening.

An epidemic of the grip swept over the District in December and January and a large per cent. of the people were its temporary victims, yet I am persuaded that the death roll of our laity is comparatively short this year, although some of the few who have fallen were giants in Israel. Cheswold is sorely bereaved by the death of Dr. J. W. Smith, who was a broadminded, loyal, liberal, aggressive leader in every good work. Brother W. S. Jones was the centre of the spiritual life of Kenton Church and his sad death is a great loss.

Early in the year the family of C. A. Grise sustained severe losses in the death of the father of Brother Grise and the mother of Sister Grise, both devoted members of our Church.

There have been three changes in the pastoral appointments as announced one year ago. A few days after the adjournment of our last session Frank Fletcher was transferred to the Troy Conference, and J. L. Nelson, of that Conference, was transferred to Trappe. J. W. Prettyman returned to Drew in the spring, a course I heartily endorsed, and Crumpton was supplied by John Jones, a Primitive Methodist minister, who desires to unite with us. Owing to the continued illness of his wife, M. D. Nutter asked for and secured a transfer to the

West Virginia Conference in October, and Daniel Wilson, a local preacher of Oxford, was assigned to Marydel.

The utmost harmony has prevailed throughout the year in every charge, but the weather and the financial conditions under which the work has been prosecuted have been the hardest that I have ever known. The summer was unusually hot, long continued rains were frequent in the fall, while during the winter stormy Sabbaths and impassable roads closed many of our country churches for weeks at a time and greatly depleted the congregations in the towns and thus paralyzed every form of church work. The extreme scarcity of money, due to the failure of all kinds of fruit and grain crops, has made it exceedingly difficult to gather funds for debts, improvements and benevolences, so that if the returns, material and spiritual, are comparatively meagre, it must be attributed to these extremely hard conditions rather than to any lack of zeal on the part of the workmen. However, I am happy to report that the year has not been barren of visible results, as we shall proceed to show.

One year ago I reported a new church as under construction in Pea Neck, St. Michael's charge, that was completed in the early summer. In this enterprise Brother Burke has built for himself a material monument of which he will never be ashamed.

At Jumptown, Wye and Starr charge a small but neat chapel has been built at a cost of \$600 and it has been paid for. In his departure from this charge Brother Morris will leave a handsome new parsonage and church.

A new church is nearing completion at Blackbird, Townsend charge. The cost will be about \$1,500. Brother Chandler has been the inspiration of this enterprise seconded by a liberal band of workers.

The Clayton people have much desired for years better accommodations for their pastor. This sentiment recently crystalized in the trustees purchasing a very desirable property at a cost of \$1,400. The Ladies' Aid Society assumed the whole cost and are now raising the second hundred dollars. The pastor took possession March 1st.

Several churches and parsonages have been improved during the year. The most extensive work of this kind has been done at Easton. The brethren here much desired to build a new church, but it seemed impossible to secure a suitable location, so they were shut up to the necessity of renovating their present building, and this was thoroughly done. The exterior was painted and repainted. A metal ceiling of handsome design was put in the audience room, the walls were modernized with plastic and beautifully decorated, the pulpit platform was extended and the altar readjusted, the floor was newly carpeted, and in the midst of it all hangs the golden chandelier. The lecture and class rooms were repainted and recarpeted. Altogether Easton has a beautiful church. The improvements cost \$2,600, the whole of which was provided for before the day of reopening.

Middletown has treated herself to a new pipe organ at a cost of \$1,250 and paid off an old debt of \$350.

Proportionately the most extensive church improvement of the District is at Bolingbroke, Trappe charge, where the little church was completely remodeled and refurnished at a cost of \$500.

At Piney Neck a Board of Women Trustees was duly elected and incorporated, after which they proceeded to try and build a property for a parsonage.

The payment of the \$2,000 debt on the Ridgeley Church is worthy of special mention, because it meant great sacrifice to do it this year, when their chief dependence, the small fruits, was an entire failure.

Chestertown has expended \$200 in improving church and parsonage. The lower,

Tilghman's Island Church, has been painted within and without, the same at Tunis' Mills. Galena expended \$100 on parsonage. Crumpton has raised \$200 for church and parsonage improvements. Talbot \$100 on old debts, also Cecilton the same amount. Oxford raised \$100 for a new church carpet.

Massey's has put in a new organ. A handsome new organ and choir chairs was presented to the Queenstown church by Brother J. H. Bernard, a member of the official board; \$150 raised for improvements.

The matter of pastoral support has had my special attention this year both in seeking to have the best estimates made and in urging a systematic method of raising the same. Methodism cannot maintain her prestige unless she shall keep her strongest and most cultured sons in her pulpits, and this can only be done by offering a support equal to that offered by other fields. As the matter now stands multitudes of men in other pursuits, with no more ability and less toil lay up an abundance for sickness and old age, but not a Methodist preacher since the organization of the church, by the savings of his salary, if he has furnished himself with the necessary implements of success, has accumulated enough for the comfort of himself and family for a long evening of life, and if this has not been done where the support is more much less has it ever been done here where the support is less; never have we retired a member of our Conference whose sole dependence was his salary, that we didn't have to put him at once upon the pension list. This condition of things has burned itself into my bones during these eight years of my official position and I have tried to obviate this sad condition by urging a better support for the pastors, and yet I am pained that so little has been accomplished. After two years of effort I have seen the average salary of the Easton District advance only \$39. This year advances have been secured as follows: Kent Island, Still Pond and Pomona \$200 each. The last by the addition of a church. Millington, \$150, by the extension of circuit lines. St. Michaels \$125. Trappe and Tilghman's Island \$100 each. Bayside, Centreville, Crumpton, Galena, Oxford and Sudlersville, \$50 each. Thirteen charges in all increased their estimates aggregating \$1,300. While two charges promised \$50 and \$25 respectively, less, leaving a net gain of \$1,225. I fear the deficiency column will make a bad showing owing to the neglect of stewards early in the year and many hindrances to the success of their work later.

For the great connectional enterprises of the church we planed broadly and entertained high hopes of liberal advances. These hopes were greatly encouraged by the reports of those who began early, but for the last two months we have awaited information from the rear column with great anxiety. Some of the brethren in charge of Circuits work their collections early and in every case they advanced. If all had been thus wise we should have been hundreds of dollars ahead of last year.

For missions 15 charges gave more this year than last, and 12 gave less. 11 charges gave more for church extension this year than last, and 7 gave less. 7 charges increased their offering for Freedman's Aid, and 8 gave less. For education, 12 charges report more, and 10 less. For Sunday School Union Tract and Bible, we have a little less than last year. For all other causes we shall have a slight increase. For the debt of the Missionary Society about \$600 was subscribed last year, and this whilst I haven't the definite date, I am persuaded that it is nearly all paid.

Special evangelistic services have been held in all the churches of the District, but the health and weather conditions combined, made it very difficult to prosecute this kind of work; not a few very promising meetings were suddenly closed by a protracted storm. Yet we are happy to report a few wide-spread revivals, and that with two or three exceptions, every

charge has had some conversions. Golts leads the District with 96 conversions; Rock Hall, 90; Ingleside, 80; Talbot, 42, and Worton, 36; while Crumpton, Kent Island, Church Hill, Bayside, Cecilton, Centreville, report from 20 to 30. The total number for the year is about 725. This shows conclusively that Zion is not forsaken by her Lord.

God gives to every truly converted soul a testimony, and the class meeting affords a most favorable opportunity for the expression, hence, it is reasonable to suppose that true believers would find themselves where those that fear the Lord speak often one to another; but if this be a fair test, then many of our members were either never converted or they have lost their first love, for not more than one-half of them never attended class, and the average attendance is less than one-fourth. The only remedy for this is an old fashioned revival in which our membership shall return to their first love.

The Epworth League of the District grows in numbers and effectiveness. As a training school its fruits are very apparent, but as a fighting army its greatest laurels are won. It has made itself a necessity to every department of church work. It is the best solution to date of the problem to how we shall hold, make Christians and Methodists of our young people. We have 44 Senior and 17 Junior Chapters.

The District Convention held at Middletown in November maintained the excellent reputation made by the Conventions of other years. The subjects presented were treated in an able manner, and the evening addresses of Drs. Ramsey and Neeley, of Philadelphia, were instructive and inspiring.

With a profound conviction of the vital relation between the Sunday School of to-day and the Church of to-morrow as to magnitude and power, and with a consuming yet laudable ambition that when the angel shall announce that the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of our God and of His Christ our Church shall be the first of the militant host to raise the shout, "Alleluia, the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth," I have given much attention to this department of our work, attending its sessions whenever practicable and making diligent inquiry and frequent suggestions as to officers, methods and literature when I could not attend. I think the interest of our people is growing in this, yet there is much room for improvement. Every member and friend of the Church ought to be a member of the Sunday School in some capacity. Reckoning from the proposition that the Sunday School is the Church in embryo the outlook for Methodism on the Easton District is not as assuring as we could desire. The full membership of our District is 7,109 and the Sunday School army numbers only 7,863, which gives but little room for the enlargement of the Church in the next 30 years. Hence it behooves all lovers of Methodism to bestir themselves, for the very existence of our Church is at stake. Children's Day was generally observed, with good results, educationally and financially.

In temperance work we have done but little this year; indeed, if we judge by appearances, we have lost rather than gained. Cecil County has gone back to license, though the saloon was kept out of Cecilton. We thought to profit by the new license law for Chapel District, Talbot County, and close all the saloons there, but when the new law was applied by a rum-ruled grand jury it increased rather than diminished the number of saloons. An earnest effort was made by a few parties to have the late Legislature of Delaware pass a Local Option bill, but the lash of the rum power stampeded enough of the members to insure defeat, and Delaware is in the grip of the license system for four years more at least. In Delaware there is a deplorable lack of temperance sentiment and what does exist has no power of concentration.

And now in conclusion I want to express my appreciation of the hearty co-operation

given me by the pastors in all my plans for the promotion of the work, also of the uniform courtesy and kindness shown me by both pastors and people. My prayer for Easton District is that a multiplied spiritual vitality may come to every pulpit and to every pew.

W. F. CORKRAN, P. E.

Salisbury District.

DEAR BRETHERN: In presenting this formal report of the year's labors wrought on the Salisbury District, it is fitting first of all that reverent and thankful acknowledgment be made to our Heavenly Father for His directing grace and inspiring love. Surely the Great Head of the church has guided the hands of the church, and sustained their manifold activities.

Early in the year it became necessary to make some readjustment of the ministerial force on the District. As a result, D. H. Corkran was transferred to the Troy Conference and G. W. Woodall was transferred from that Conference to our own, and stationed at Laurel. W. T. Valiant was also transferred to the New Jersey Conference, and G. G. Senser from that Conference to ours, and appointed to Pocomoke City. W. E. Avery, named as assistant pastor at Salisbury, was assigned to Perryville. Later in the year, M. R. Hackman, at Selbyville, was transferred to the West Wisconsin Conference, and the charge supplied by F. N. Faulkner, a local preacher. In December, G. F. Hopkins, was obliged, on account of ill health, to resign his work at Parksley, Va., L. B. Kirby being assigned to the vacancy.

The touch of affliction has not been entirely absent from our parsonages. The esteemed mother of C. T. Wyatt, has been a sufferer for a large part of the year in consequence of an accident, and is now in a feeble state of health. In June last the Good Shepherd bore away the young child of Dr. and Mrs. Woodall, to the upper fold. On the 21st day of the same month, William B. Walton, one of the elect superannuates of the Conference, passed to his reward from his home in Salisbury, Md. He had given forty-four years of rare service to the church, in the effective relation, retiring from the pastorate in 1891. The closing years of his life were ripe with peace, and found him like St. John, moving about the church, with the old benediction for everybody—"Little children love one another." May His mantle fall on us!

The special services of Children's Day were unusually widely observed and well sustained. We are expecting good returns, especially for the Conference Academy. Too much praise cannot be given to the framers of our last programme. The felicitous service of the large pictures portraying certain striking scenes in our early Methodist history, has made an impression which will not soon be forgotten. They have been permanently framed and hung up in some of our churches and Sunday school rooms as a continual stimulus to self-denial, educational zeal, and loyalty to the memory of our heroic fathers. The object lesson which one of them presents, of the irate Barbara Heck throwing a pack of cards into the fire, may well be kept constantly before the youth of the church.

The Sunday Schools, these storage batteries of the future church, have this year had a fluctuating career. While for the most part, well conducted and organized for effective Bible and missionary training, many of them were virtually closed for nearly two months last summer, and their membership demoralized by the numerous camp-meetings held on the District. This result is to be greatly deplored, and the doubtful fruits of the camps are no compensation for the loss. When there is added the further fact of a winter of almost constantly stormy Sabbaths, it is gratifying that they have been able to accomplish anything.

The District has repeated its fine record of past years in the matter of church building

and improvements already completed, and in the inspiring prospect of some new and important enterprises.

At Chincoteague Island our entire property has been renewed and beautified. The lower church and the parsonage have been painted and the church frescoed; the artist pastor, C. W. Strickland, doing most of the fine work. The church at the upper end of the Island, once occupied by the people known as the "Lynchites," being for sale, was purchased by us for a small sum and put into thorough repair. It is a valuable property, worth \$1,000, and our occupancy of it will no doubt relieve the Island of any probable recurrence of the old heresy. The cost of these improvements is \$750, which has been paid.

A new society has been organized at Willard's Station, a growing village on the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic Railroad, and a new church is in process of erection. It is a frame building, 26x37, with recess pulpit, and will be completed as soon as spring opens.

A commodious auditorium for summer services, seating 1,200 persons, has been erected in the camp-meeting grove on Deal's Island and nearly paid for. It is a model of comfort and convenience. Several artistic memorial windows have also been added to the church, one of which bears the name of the Island's patron saint, Joshua Thomas. The outlay has been \$900.

The lecture and class rooms of the church at Laurel have undergone an entire transformation. Handsome memorial windows, modern seating with chairs, new carpets and freshly adorned walls have added greatly to the charm of the property. The expense incurred and met was \$800.

The ladies of the Mite Society at Crisfield have built a church hall, 75x40 feet, in the rear of the church building, for social purposes, and with the view of helping the young people of the congregation in their work. It will cost about \$1,000.

Our new church at Ocean View is a trophy to rejoice over. It is a most commodious and convenient frame structure, 38x65 feet, with a shapely spire, arched ceiling, stained glass windows and modern seating—an ornament to the village. Its cost is about \$3,000, of which \$2,000 have been paid. It is to be dedicated soon.

The Hallwood Church in Virginia has been renewed with paint, paper and a new enclosure, while a new bell now calls the people to worship. The Modestown Church, in the same charge, has also been repaired; expenditure, \$150.

At Berlin the church has been greatly changed and improved by a new and more convenient entrance, outside painting and the complete renovation of the lecture room, for which \$350 have been expended.

A deed for a valuable piece of land, long used as parsonage property at Fairmount, has been given to the trustees by R. H. Jones without cost. The lower church on this charge has spent \$130 in needed interior painting.

The Selbyville Church has been greatly changed in appearance by a tasteful hard wood ceiling and general refurnishing at a cost of \$185.

A new spire and a bell have been added to the Hebron property, costing \$350; paid.

At Salisbury a new concrete pavement with coping has been laid in front of the entire church property at an expense of \$370.

Other improvements have been made as follows: The lecture and class rooms of the Asbury (Md.) Church have been refrescoed and painted, \$125; Frankford Church, \$175; Zion and Bethel, on Parsonsburg Circuit, \$106; Delmar, \$158; White Haven, \$100; John Wesley Church, Mt. Vernon charge, \$125; Holland's Island, injured by lightning, \$92; Princess Anne, \$60; Unity and Central, Millsboro Circuit, \$115; Bethel, Del., \$50, and Sharptown, \$12.

An addition to the Church at Franklin City is contemplated, and \$1,000 are in hand already. The crowning achievement of the year is the completion of the church on Tangier Island. It is a noble sanctuary, with all the modern appointments. It has a shapely tower, with a fine bell; is furnished with rich memorial windows, metal ceiling and walls, circular pews and special apartments for graded Sunday School work (the roller partitions being used). The whole building is lighted by acetylene gas and heated by steam. It is like a friendly beacon, as seen for miles away on the waters of the Tangier Sound. It is indeed beautiful devotion on the part of our people there to have put \$10,000 into a house of worship and to have paid already nearly \$6,000 of that amount.

The most important of the projected enterprises is that of the erection of a large and attractive church at Snow Hill. A fine lot, 110x130 feet, has been secured for \$1,100. This adjoins the parsonage grounds, and gives us the southern side of an entire square for our property. Nine thousand dollars have already been subscribed, George L. Townsend, one our of honored laymen, heading the list with the goodly sum of \$5,000. The work is to go forward at the earliest convenient day.

Changes and additions have also been made to many of the parsonages. At Gumboro the dwelling has been removed from a low and unhealthy location to a high lot in the center of the village, which was provided, through the liberality of outside friends, by the efforts of the pastor. Provision was made for the removal of the church at some future time to the same lot.

New back buildings have been added to the parsonages at Powellville, Pocomoke Circuit and Whitesville, which, with some refurnishing, have cost respectively \$200, \$210 and \$80, mostly paid. The following sums additional have been expended in various needed items: Deal's Island \$105; Pocomoke City, \$100; Laurel, \$100; Mt. Pleasant, \$90; Parsonsburg, Bethel, Fruitland, Somerset Quantico and Westover, \$50 each, and St. Peter's, \$32.

In addition to all this the good work of liquidating old indebtedness on church property has gone steadily on. Fairmount has paid \$600; Mt. Pleasant, \$585; Smith's Island, \$270; Nanticoke, \$200; Millsboro, \$157; Stockton, \$163; Fruitland, \$162; Asbury, Mt. Vernon, \$125; Pocomoke City and Emmanuel, on Pocomoke Circuit, \$100 each; Dame's Quarter, \$72; Berlin, Klej Grange, Laurel and Marion, \$50 each. New organs have been secured and paid for at Ayre's, Deal's Island, Stockton, Millsboro and Mills' Chapel. The lot at Ocean City, valued at \$90, has been paid for.

The total amount raised this year for all the foregoing purposes is \$17,000.

I have sought at every point to urge the insuring of our Church property and have recommended the Trustees to make application to our own Board of Insurance, authorized by the General Conference.

Careful inquiry has been made concerning the condition of our Class Meetings. In many places there is a well maintained interest, while in others the too great size of the Classes, the life tenure of the leaders and the large emphasis laid on the emotional element in communion have combined to weaken their influence. I believe that a deliberate return to the former well nigh universal attendance on this means of grace would result in a great spiritual awakening. Let our people once begin to come together in private meetings before God and break the long silence with contrite confession and downright repentance in the presence of their Church associates, and there will follow a mighty upheaval of the tides which are now so low and sluggish in much of our Church life. A new authority on this subject has spoken. The good Queen Victoria has said to one of her palace attendants: "Never forget your Class Meetings." We need to be exhorted "lest we forget."

The matter of pastoral support has received careful consideration, and while local considerations have of necessity modified a few estimates the general standard has been maintained; 27 charges have continued the figures of last year and 10 have increased them. There are, however, a few localities where our brethren have been unduly burdened by reason of inadequate provision. Payments have been few and small, and but little proper appreciation of the pastor's great work has been evinced. I cannot refrain from saying in this connection that I have never been more impressed with the value of the labors of my brethren than during the past few months. No mere money paid can ever be reckoned as an equivalent for them. I think of the patient, loving, personal service that is never passed in review before an Annual Conference and that no statistics can chronicle; of the tender, shepherdly dealing with souls astray, of the lifting of unworldly standards before cold and carnal professors, of the superb endurance of exposures, of scanty living and often the deep discouragement of misinterpreted motives—all this, yet pushing on, for Christ's sake, with a smile and a shout. This is what has touched me. Poor they may be in salaries, but they are rich in the esteem and honor which come down from heaven.

The great benevolences have received earnest and persistent consideration. In common with the whole Church we sing Doxologies over the raising of the Missionary debt. Salisbury District has contributed \$630, and of this amount the District Epworth League paid \$50. In addition to an early appeal accompanying the sending out of apportionments we have sought to make this a year of instruction in various ways and have urged the circulation of our periodicals—especially the *World Wide Missions*—with the gratifying result that there are 1,700 copies of this inspiring paper now going into our homes.

With a propitious winter we should have had a very gratifying report for this session. Such severe weather conditions, however, as never confronted the brethren in all their ministry before have suspended Church services and activities for much of the time since Christmas. Unprecedented storms, impassible roads and zero temperatures have not only closed the churches but paralyzed the chief industries of many of our people and reduced them to extremities. The Pastors have thrown themselves into the breach and labored up to the last hour. Some will be up to apportionment and a few beyond. Fruitland bears the Missionary palm, having given \$59 last year and \$115 this year. In spite of all I feel assured that we probably shall reach our apportionment of the \$1,500,000. It is to be feared that salaries also will suffer in the general shrinkage. There is a growing conviction that as far as possible we must plan to have all collections in hand or provided for before the 1st of January of each year. Special preparation is being made for the Easter Missionary effort and we hope to get a vigorous start for the coming year.

The will of Miss Willie T. Hooper, who died at Salisbury last Autumn, bequeaths to the Missionary and Church Extension Boards, and the Board of Stewards of our Conference a three-eighths share in the annual rental of certain properties in that city. The validity of the will, however, is being contested by relatives. Conference Counsel has been employed to defend our interest, and the case will be heard at the April term of the County Court.

There is no diminution of interest in the blessed ministry of the Epworth League on the District. The juniors are with their elders in enthusiasm and good works. Indeed there is an evident broadening of the scope of the several departments almost everywhere. Our chapters are holding open-air meetings, paying church debts, pastors' salaries, and house rent for the destitute, as well as providing food, fuel, medicine and flowers in their season for the sick and poor, and watching at nights by beds of pain. These are the signs of a true Christ life for the church of to-morrow. Our Convention held at Princess Anne was largely attended,

and a veritable feast of fat things for both heart and brain. The outlook is very encouraging. Number of Senior Chapters, 39; number of Senior members, 2,270; number of Junior Chapters, 17; number of Junior members, 1,026; number of Epworth Heralds, 160.

The present year has not been signalized by general revival victories as we could have wished; the storms interfering in many cases with meetings which gave large promise in their beginning. The brethren have not been less earnest than in the past, nor have they lost faith in the old methods of conquest. They have not found anything to take the place of the time honored "mourners' bench," believing that men need to go mourn in utter consecration before God with that stoop of the soul which in bending upraises it. We have had a few phenomenal outpourings of the Spirit. Whitesville Charge leads the sacred column with 150 conversions. Crisfield has had a most remarkable work of grace with 85 conversions. Deals Island has gathered in 71 souls, Gumbero, 78; Somerset, 60; Millsboro, 50; Onancock, 40; Fruitland, 35; and Marion 34. While God has given some souls to every pastor the total number is 1000.

In conclusion, I desire to make thankful mention of God's loving kindness to me during the year. I have been enabled to devote my entire time to the business of the District, and have earnestly sought, by all proper means, to advance its manifold interests. Gentle courtesy and genuine co-operation have met me at every point and sweetened my toils. I pray that the district may steadfastly set her face to go up into the twentieth century, full-powered for her great opportunity; and that like Moses, "her hands may be steady until the going down of the sun."

THOS. E. MARTINDALE, P. E.

Wilmington District.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: In presenting this report of the work done on Wilmington District, during the year, it seem fitting, first of all that I render grateful thanks to the Heavenly Father for special grace in the hour of need. About the middle of December I was prostrated by a severe attack of acute gastritis. For a few days I was very ill, but prayer was unceasingly made to God and the disease was rebuked and my health completely restored. The multiplied tokens of interest and esteem from my brethren of the ministry and laity, were exceedingly touching. Apart from this illness my health has never been as good as during the past year.

During the past summer, Rev. John B. Quigg, entered on his eternal reward. He was ailing for several months, and at times suffered intensely, but not for a moment did his resignation or patience fail. And while this is not the place to attempt an analysis of his character or a summary of the work he did, I cannot refrain from saying that in his death our Conference sustains a severe loss. To his influence more than to any other man, the Wilmington Conference owes its individual existence. During the year following its separation from the Philadelphia Conference, the influence of John B. Quigg was a potent factor in moulding and guiding its affairs. An appropriate tribute to his memory will be read at the memorial session by W. L. S. Murray. In the death of J. Taylor Gause, Esq., the city of Wilmington as well as Grace Church and Wilmington Methodism lose a tried friend. Mr. Gause was in the best sense a self made man. Beginning life a poor boy he advanced steadily from one position of honor and trust to another until he stood at the head of one of the largest ship and car building establishments in the country. He was one of the founders of Grace Church, and his gifts to it and to various benevolent institutions were princely. His was no narrow or meagre spirit, but he was a broad minded, princely man.

The following pastoral changes have occurred since our last Conference. Early in June Ezra Tinker, was transferred to the Central New York Conference, and James Crowe was transferred to the Wilmington Conference and stationed at Asbury Church. In September H. W. Ewing, was transferred to the Kentucky Conference, and E. H. Dashiell, formerly of the Church South was at the earnest request of the Mt. Salem official board appointed as supply until spring. These changes in the midst of the year have greatly interfered with the benevolences in the appointments named.

Early in the year, because of failing health, W. H. Benford, pastor of Mt. Lebanon, was released from his work, and W. K. Galloway, a local deacon in our church, has proved an acceptable supply. Brother Benford's health has been restored and he will be able to do full work again. Claymont has been supplied by G. R. Tompkins, a local elder in the Philadelphia Conference. Under his ministry the church has enjoyed a year of great prosperity. The audience room and the exterior of the church were improved at a cost of \$1,000. This much needed improvement was made possible through the kindness of Miss Margaret H. Zant of Boston, an intimate friend of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Baker. For the most of the year Port Penn has been cared for by J. B. McKay, a local preacher. He has done splendid service in this difficult field. A few days after the close of our last session W. E. Avery, who had been in poor health, decided to take work, and was at his own request stationed at Perryville. We will all be rejoiced to learn that our dear brother is entirely restored to health. Brother Avery has done his work this year with all his former vigor and ability.

Three camp-meetings were held within the bounds of the District—Leslie, Brandywine Summit and Woodlawn. W. T. Hammond, preacher in charge of Leslie, reports 41 conversions and meetings of great power. Dr. Murray, who had charge of Brandywine Summit, had the joy of seeing 34 souls brought into the light of the new life. It was my privilege as the guest of the St. Paul's Association to tent at Brandywine during the progress of the camp. Candor compels the statement that it was one of the most spiritual camp-meetings the writer ever attended. The preaching was pre-eminently spiritual, and all the services were seasons of great grace. W. R. Mowbray, who led the hosts at Woodlawn, felt greatly handicapped because of the lack of warm-hearted practical spirituality on the part of a considerable number of those who tented on the grounds. The social life of Woodlawn can scarcely be excelled and the music was superb, but it ought to be, as it is its privilege to be more evangelistic and spiritual.

One of the most hopeful signs to be noted in connection with the Sunday School work of the District is the increasing number of country schools that remain open during the winter. This is a step in the right direction. It has been a pleasure to perceive that in most instances the Superintendents throughout the District co-operate loyally and enthusiastically with the pastors in keeping our great missionary interests before the schools. There are a few who are a little over jealous of purely local interests, but the majority are broadminded enough to see that there is no conflict between local interests and this great cause. Not only so, but I do not know of a school that does not receive supplies from our own publishing house. We ought resolutely to set our face against the cheap, trashy, so-called helps that are constantly brought to our attention, and be loyal as well as sensible by patronizing the best, which bears the imprint of our own great book concern.

The work of the Epworth Leagues, and of the Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor in the churches of the district is of every increasing value. One of the most hopeful features of this work is the substantial reports made to the Quarterly Conferences. The District Convention which met in Epworth Church, Wilmington, last May was one of unusual

profit, and very enthusiastic. The papers and discussions were practical and helpful. Too much credit cannot be given to the wise and consecrated leadership of the District President, H. A. G. Westerfield. It is especially gratifying to know that there is not only perfect harmony between the League and the pastor, but the pastor's bear grateful testimony to the efficiency of these young people's organizations in promoting the interests of the church with which these societies are connected.

The work being done throughout our territory by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union merits attention. Never were these agencies for good more earnestly active than during the past year. Conventions were held in Wilmington and New Castle. The Woman's Home Missionary Society which met in New Castle was presided over by Mrs. N. M. Browne, whose whole heart is in the work, and whose leadership is a constant inspiration. The Wilmington Auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary which convened in Harrison Street Church, was under the direction of its president, Mrs. Annie Irwin. The presence of Mrs. Roberta Matlack, president of the Conference Auxiliary was helpful and inspiring. These Conventions were of a high order. The reports of the year's work showed substantial progress. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is doing good service in the cause of sobriety and social purity.

The notable Christ-like service rendered by the King's Daughters connected with St. Paul's Church deserves special mention. They have secured a place for an aged member of the church in the home for aged persons, and saved from grievous hardship two other aged members; the total outlay being \$150. In addition to this they gave a treat Christmas Eve in the City Hall to 150 children.

It is humiliating to confess that Cecil County, Md., is again under the domination of the rum power. The chief cause of the success of the license party last fall was apathy on the part of those who were opposed to the traffic. It is, however, gratifying to know that our ministers did royal service all through the license campaign. The writer aided in the good work the friends of temperance were trying to perform to the fullest extent of his time and ability. It ought to be said that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union stood shoulder to shoulder with the foes of the saloon, and it is needless to add that it was through neither lack of energy nor interest on their part that the movement for local option failed. But the case is far from hopeless. Already the better sentiment of the county is aroused, and were the opportunity afforded to-morrow the rum business would be driven out. The Anti-Saloon League idea as a practical temperance agency grows in favor with our people, and the outlook in Delaware, in spite of seeming discouragements, is growing brighter.

Revival work has not been neglected, for it is true to say that the brethren were never more earnest and untiring in their zeal to promote a genuine revival in their respective charges than during this year. No labor has been spared, no sacrifice deemed too great by these faithful ministers, anxious to witness an ingathering of souls. Yet the material disadvantages have been so extraordinary that in many instances the success has only been partial. L. E. Poole, from Charlestown, reports 17 conversions. W. T. Hammond, of Ebenezer, rejoices in a well-earned victory and reports 31 conversions. E. H. Collins, of St. George's, reports 38, and H. A. G. Westerfield, of Chesapeake City, reports 12; S. J. Morris, of Rising Sun, 8; G. P. Jones, of Cherry Hill, 12; T. H. Harding, of Marshallton and Stanton, 8; J. T. Prouse, of Red Lion and Glasgow, 38; W. A. Wise, of North East, 6; T. S. Holt, of St. John's, 37; Bethel and Summit, 12.

The city of Wilmington has been greatly stirred by the power of God. So evident has this been that conservative ministers and laymen give it as their deliberate opinion based on

years of observation in the city that not for a decade has there been such marked and general interest among all the Protestant churches as during the past winter. In the early fall Miss Jennie Smith, the Railroad Evangelist, held a ten days' meeting in St. Paul's Church. All the services were characterized by intense spirituality and genuine enthusiasm. A large number of railroad men were reached through the mid-day meetings held in the various shops. These places of toil were transformed. Instead of oaths and profane conversation there was heard the voice of prayer and song and testimony. These meetings have become a fixture being carried on by the men who were brought under the saving power of the gospel. Later in the fall a series of meetings were held in Grace Church. For months the pastor's heart had yearned for more positive spiritual results in his church. With the consent and co-operation of the officials, Andrew Scott and daughter, the Scotch evangelists, were engaged to assist Dr. Baker in holding special services. Notwithstanding the fact that fully one-half of the time devoted to the meetings was exceedingly stormy, the attendance was remarkable and the results gracious. The church was greatly quickened and 23 persons united with the church on probation.

But the most remarkable series of meetings that have been held in Wilmington for many years were those conducted by Dr. J. Wilber Chapman, under the auspices of Grace and St. Paul's Methodist Churches and Central and West Presbyterian Churches. The seating capacity of these churches was taxed to their utmost. Untoward material conditions were unavailing to stem the rising tide of spiritual power. A most delightful spirit of harmony pervaded all the services, and was a matter of joyful comment. Dr. Chapman is one of the Lord's elect. Simple and unassuming in manner, direct and specific in method, evangelical in doctrine, and withal, revealing the mind of his Master. The number of conversions was large, running into the hundreds. In addition to these special services, faithful efforts were put forth in all the Methodist Churches of the city with the following visible results: Dr. Crowe reports over 100 conversions at Asbury; F. B. Short of Epworth, 40; V. P. Northrup of Madely, 77; R. T. Coursey of Harrison Street, 30; E. S. Mace of Kingswood, 20; E. E. White of Silverbrook, 28; W. L. S. Murray of St. Paul's, 50; J. D. C. Hanna of Union, 35.

There has been a marked advance in the matter of ministerial support. The laymen have shown commendable zeal in their efforts to give to their ministers a comfortable living. In most instances where the support has been increased, it needed but a judicious suggestion, and a little wise planning to bring the answer, and in all cases of advance in pastoral support the most perfect good feeling was manifested. The following charges have advanced: Port Penn, \$200; Chesapeake City, St. George's, Harrison Street, Wesley, Ebenezer, Christiana and Kingswood, \$100 each; Madeley, Mt. Pleasant and Rowlandville, Red Lion and Glasgow, and Stanton, \$50 each; Swedish Mission, \$75. When we remember that the price of farm products have fallen 50 per cent., and that the industrial depression has not yet entirely disappeared the above showing is very creditable to the laymen whose broad-minded generosity made it possible. It is a fact that should not be lost sight of during the long season of financial distress when cut after cut was made in the income of the wage earners, and the price of produce was far below normal that of the Districts affected most, perhaps, by these untoward conditions, there has been no reductions in the salaries. On the other hand as already noted, there has been a substantial increase. Such a showing should excite our admiration and lead to an appreciation of the high esteem in which the ministry is held by the laity. From the information now at hand it looks as though the deficiency column, so far as Wilmington District is concerned, will be blank. The District has a pride in paying what it promises.

Careful and painstaking work has been given towards increasing the interest of the people in our great benevolences. Early in the year the usual circular letter containing the apportionments was sent to the various charges and this was followed at intervals by four additional letters. In addition to this we have talked freely with the brethren concerning these important interests of the church, and have found other sympathetic and loyal co-workers. It will be found, I think, that every charge on this District has contributed toward the missionary debt, and quite a goodly number have responded for the second and third time to the appeals made by the missionary secretaries. An increasing number of the brethren have induced their people to observe self-denial week, and a few gave their people an opportunity to contribute toward new work. From the data now in hand the indications are a substantial increase in the benevolences. There would have been a large gain in the missionary collection had it not been for the blunder made last year in reporting missionary debt money through the regular collection and an unexpected falling off at one or two points. A word of explanation is due here. By careful inquiry it has been learned that the District paid last year on the missionary debt about \$400. This was reported through the ordinary channel, the results have been most unfortunate, the mistake ought not to be made again this year. One of the results of this blunder is the information from the missionary secretaries in New York that the money thus reported having gone into the regular collection and as such having been already appropriated cannot now be used to redeem the debt pledge. Our Conference claimants and domestic missionary collections have also received special consideration. The Church cannot and does not desire to do less than care well for her honored servants who have given themselves unreservedly to the work of the ministry. The hope is indulged that at this session of the Conference some definite step will be taken to greatly augment this fund. The domestic missionary collection, when conscientiously looked after, means better support and happier homes for many faithful, hard worked ministers in our own Conference. But no connectional interest has been neglected. It is safe to say, however, that whatever the outcome may prove to be a little more tact and better methods on the part of some of our brethren would have largely contributed toward much better results.

In this connection it is but just to note the serious obstacles that have proved serious hindrances to the work of the District, namely, postponing the taking of the collections until toward the close of the year. Some of the brethren though kindly cautioned in this respect have repeated the mistakes of past years. Failure in no case has been heard of where this work was attended to early in the year.

Another cause that has increased the difficulties against which the brethren have struggled was the distressing weather. Not for half a century has it been paralleled. There was an almost uninterrupted succession of blizzards. For over two months the work was practically at a standstill. In the country the roads were simply impassible and in some instances positively dangerous. More than one man who has never failed heretofore to reach his apportionments has faced seeming defeat. And yet the brethren who followed the brotherly counsel already referred to had their collections in hand by the middle of December and will equal and in some cases excel the record of previous years. Success under the conditions just named speaks well for the grit and grace of the average Methodist preacher.

Elkton, though greatly weakened by deaths and removals equals last year's record besides contributing \$22 to Philadelphia Hospital. The Epworth League of this church surprised our youthful Brother Price on the evening of his 84th birth day by presenting him with a purse of \$55, and many other good things, as a token of their high regard and appreciation.

Rising Sun, also maintains last years record as do Silverbrook, Ebenezer, Elk Neck, North East, St. Johns.

Stanton reaches last year's record on Missions, and Cherry Hill hold firm on all the collections, though it has met with a great loss in the failure of the Singerly works and the removal of the Baldwin locomotive plant. Its courageous pastor and loyal self sacrificing people have not learned the meaning of the word defeat.

The following charges have excelled last years excellent record. St. George's increases the benevolences 89 per cent., Harrison street, 34; Red Lion, 81; Zion, 14; Port Deposit, 7; Chesapeake City, 18; Charlestown, 8; Madeley, 12; while Perryville, New Castle, Cookman, Bethel and Summit, Christiana, Hockessin, Brandywine, Epworth, Silverbrook make decided gains.

The spirit of church improvements during the year seems to have been contagious. The following amounts have been expended in building and improvement by the respective charges named: Asbury, Wilmington, \$6,000; Brandywine, \$1,400; Elkton, \$750; Port Deposit, \$2,500; Zion Circuit, \$377; St. Paul's, Wilmington, \$300; Ebenezer, \$360; Hopewell, \$140; Harrison Street, \$100; Perryville, \$30; Mt. Pleasant, \$50; Rising Sun, \$50; Epworth, \$50; St. George's, \$100; Chesapeake City, \$40; Chester Bethel, \$140; Red Lion, \$80; St. John's, \$300; North East, \$100; Cherry Hill, \$275; Bethel and Summit, \$170; New Castle, \$100. When we remember the financial distress which New Castle has suffered for the past six years, and a consequent depletion in membership, it must be admitted that this people have done heroic work. Brother Watkins has made full proof of his ministry, for to his unremitting zeal much of the credit is due. At Delaware City, Mrs. Julia Brewer has deeded a magnificent property valued at \$7,000 to the trustees of our church to be used as a parsonage. There is not a more commodious or beautiful parsonage in the Conference. Mr. and Mrs. William M. Field of Wilmington have added to the already long list of their benefactions, still another in the form of a beautiful pipe organ worth \$1,200 presented to the trustees of Riddle Memorial Chapel, which is connected with Mt. Salem charge.

At Kirkwood a new church enterprise has been started through the labors of S. O. Gibbons, a local preacher. Brother Gibbons was authorized by me to take charge at this point. A revival was held in the early fall, in which 66 souls were saved, every family in the town being reached except the hotel keeper's. A lot has been selected on which a neat church will be erected at a cost of \$1,200. The church is a necessity, as few of the residents attended any place of worship before the present organization was begun.

In Wilmington, despite increasingly difficult circumstances, there has been gratifying success. The tide of worldliness, Sabbath desecration and industrial prostration have presented problems not easy of solution. But our brethren have tarried by the stuff, and the results are better than could have been expected. Epworth, Cookman, Wesley and Kingswood are still heavily burdened with debt, but wise plans faithfully executed have visibly lightened these burdens, and better conditions gladden the hearts of both pastors and people. W. W. Sharp has labored at Wesley in season and out of season and has succeeded in paying on the debt \$500. At Cookman John France has toiled with a hopeful, courageous spirit that would do credit to a much younger man, and he rejoices in improved conditions and a brighter outlook for the coming year. No man in the conference could have excelled him in hard, faithful, persistent work. The outcome in part is a reduction in the debt resting on the church to the amount of \$780. Late in November the church celebrated its silver anniversary, and a fund of \$1,000 toward the further reduction of the debt was subscribed. The

superb success of F. B. Short at Epworth is the admiration of Wilmington Methodism. From a discouraged, hopeless people the entire membership, officials included, have become jubilantly hopeful, and are planning large things for the ensuing year. The amount paid on the debt this year is \$2,540. This does not include the interest. It is a wonderful achievement and merits its full meed of praise. The church has raised for all purposes this year \$5,500. And I do not hesitate to say that our Conference should co-operate in the effort about to be made to raise \$5,000 toward the debt that still rests on the church.

Mention should also be made of the transformation which mother Asbury has undergone, under the leadership of its pastor James Crowe. This transformation has permeated every department of the church spiritual and material. The church and parsonage property have been completely remodeled at a cost of over \$6,000 for which \$6,600 were raised on the day of the reopening. The improvements consist of a remodeled and beautified audience room, the addition of a large pipe organ placed back of the pulpit, new entrance doors, and a broad concrete pavement in front of the church, and the exterior of the church repainted. The parsonage has been greatly improved and the comforts of its inmates increased by the addition of a large double porch and a new heater. It is now one of the finest church properties in the city. The results mentioned were by the timid and faint hearted declared to be impossible, but success in every particular convinced the most skeptical, and all rejoiced in the changed conditions and admit that this time honored church is beginning to appreciate its possibilities. Dr. Crowe and his board of trustees, who co-operated so fully with him in the needed repairs deserve high praise. The stewards are already planning an increase in pastoral support far beyond anything ever paid by this church. Brandywine under the manly, judicious management of J. W. Easley, has enjoyed a year of great success. The policy of the church has been revolutionized, and for the better. The church building has been improved and beautified at a cost of \$1,400 and a floating debt of \$250 has been paid. Brother Easley's appointment to this church was peculiarly providential. Grace Church, in the opinion of the writer, has never had wiser or abler leadership, or a more faithful proclamation of the gospel than it has enjoyed during the ministry of its present pastor, Dr. Henry Baker. The trustees have formulated plans looking toward the liquidation of a troublesome debt which has rested on the church for several years.

Harrison Street, R. T. Coursey, pastor, has pushed the battle with vigor, and reports a large increase in collections, 30 conversions, and \$425 in hand for the debt. V. P. Northrup, Madeley, has successfully led his forces and reports \$100 paid on floating debts, and \$200 on church improvement. A revival of unusual power visited the charge during the early winter resulting in 77 conversions. Brother Northrup was his own evangelist. In the estimation of conservative men St. Paul's Church, under the ministry of W. L. S. Murray, is experiencing its red letter days. A spirit of delightful harmony pervades the entire church. Its policy is both progressive and aggressive. Dr. Murray reports 50 conversions and \$300 on improvements. Scott Church keeps well in the fore front under the effective leadership of F. P. Harris. This church has needed for years an administration such as Broth Harris is giving it. There have been 20 conversions and every department of the church well cared for. Silverbrook considers itself singularly favored in having as its pastor E. E. White. The church has made substantial progress in all respects having paid on its debt \$675 and the pastor reports 28 conversions. This in the near future is destined to be one of the most desirable appointments in the city. J. O. Sypherd has labored with diligence and patience at Eastlake, and the blame cannot lie at his door if large success has not been achieved. Swedish Mission,

during the pastorate of F. Soderman has made decided gains. Brother Soderman has shown himself to be a wise leader, and as a result the Church has greatly prospered.

J. D. C. Hanna is closing five years of ardent, faithful service at Union Church. During Dr. Hanna's pastorate the membership has been largely increased, and a sensible financial system has been adopted and worked, and the Church thoroughly organized. In the line of material improvements the Sunday School was beautified at a cost of \$3,000. It has been a year of debt paying as well as Church improvements. In Wilmington the following amounts have been paid by the respective charges: Epworth, \$2,550; Kingswood, \$786; Wesley, \$200; Grace Church, through the Ladies' Aid Society on Parsonage, \$500. Harrison Street has placed \$425 in the Sinking Fund to be used in reducing the mortgage, which is \$7,500. Silverbrook has achieved a signal triumph in clearing its beautiful and commodious church of the last dollar of indebtedness. Brother White reports that the \$675 paid this year cancels the entire debt. East Lake has paid \$50, which leaves only a small balance on the church lot. Chesapeake City has paid \$125, Port Deposit \$500, Red Lion \$300, Madeley, \$170, Cherry Hill \$25, Perryville \$125, Zion \$50, New Castle \$175, making a total for church improvements and debts of \$28,055.

As to my personal relations to the work of the District, I have only the most pleasant recollections. While it has been a year of arduous toil, the toil was made heartsome through the uniform consideration and kindness of my brethren of the ministry and laity. More loyal companionable men one could not hope to find. Their interest in the work and in me personally has been one of the brightest spots in the record of the year's labors. "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The following may be taken as a brief summary of my personal labors on the District: Number of sermons preached, 150; number of lectures delivered, 25, besides special addresses.

I cannot but feel conscious that the tabulations in our Conference minutes are not the highest expression always of the faithful pastors' labors. There are many factors and influences which cannot be registered in the statistical tables. The secret prayers that have entered into the ear of our God, the tears shed when only his eye was watching, the good deed quietly performed, the darkened lives radiated with his light shining through our life, and the tenderness of his heart vibrating in our words of sympathy—these are recorded on high. It must be remembered also that many who have striven eagerly and loyally to reach the goal, have been hindered by obstacles they have no power to overcome. What a comfort to know that our reward is on high. If we are conscious that our stewardship has the divine approval our hearts may rest in peace.

In closing this report we would render thanks to the Giver of all good for his multiplied mercies and to the preachers and their families, and to the laymen for their many and continued kindnesses, we feel profoundly grateful.

ROBERT WATT, P. E.

Plan of Examination.

EXCERPT FROM RULES OF EXAMINATION.

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 examination 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."

RESOLUTION ADOPTED MARCH 27, 1899.

Resolved, That we deem it unwise hereafter to accept certificates of standing in English branches, but will require all candidates to appear before our own Board of Examiners.

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. DuHadway.

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

(b) Short history of the English People.

3. Belle Letters.—Examiner, J. P. Otis.

(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 the 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, R. K. Stephenson.

(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, C. T. Wyatt.

(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, H. G. Budd.
(a) All Studies in Exegesis, Biblical Hermeneutics.
(b) Higher Criticism.
12. Systematic Theology.—Examiner, W. O. Hurst.
(a) Miley's Systematic Theology; Raymond's Systematic Theology.
(b) Historic Episcopate.
13. Doctrinal Theology.—Examiner, L. E. Barrett.
(a) Larger Catechism, Christian Baptism.
(b) The Tongue of Fire, The Modern Sunday School.
14. Homiletical Theology.—Examiner, W. G. Koons.
(a) Extemporaneous Oratory. Preparation and Delivery of Sermons, and all Sermons,
(b) Wesley's Sermons.
15. Practical Theology.—Examiner, Adam Stengle.
(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 Examination.

PLAN FOR THE JUNE EXAMINATION.

- First Year.—(a) Extemporaneous Oratory, 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, The General Conference and Episcopacy.

- 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, Smaller Scripture History, 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.—(a) 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.

I.—Auditor's Report.

Robert Watt, P. E., Wilmington District, received from the Missionary Society \$400, which was paid as follows: To Swedish Mission, \$400. Received from Domestic Mission Fund, \$268, which was disbursed as follows: St. George's, \$20; East Lake, \$30; Bethel and Summit, \$15; Elk Neck, \$20; Christiana, \$50; Red Lion and Glasgow, \$33; Mt. Lebanon, \$25; Cherry Hill, \$10; Hockessin, \$15; Mt. Pleasant and Rowlandville, \$30; Marshallton and Stanton, \$20. Total, \$268.

W. F. Corkran, P. E., of Easton District, received from Domestic Mission Fund \$183.50, which was paid out as follows: Ingleside, \$45; Crumpton, \$30; Worten, \$25; Cordova, \$25; Clayton, \$25; Royal Oak, 20; Wye Mills, \$10; Tunis Mills, \$35. Total, \$183.50.

C. S. Baker, P. E., Dover, Dover District, received of Missionary Society \$210. Paid to Zoar, \$30; Lakesville, \$80; Salem, \$100. Total, \$210. Received from Domestic Mission Fund, \$175, which was distributed to Zoar, \$43; Armory, \$24; Church Creek, \$34; Lakesville, \$40; Woodside, \$10; Williamsburg, \$24. Total, \$175.

T. E. Martindale, P. E., Salisbury District, received of Missionary Society \$390. Paid to Cape Charles, \$175; Parkesley, \$165; Hallwood, \$150. Total, \$390. Received of Domestic Mission Fund, \$207. Disbursed to Mardela Springs, \$55; Selbyville, \$10; Parksley, \$15; Habnab, \$10; Bethel, \$20; Powellville, \$35; Marion, \$20; Pocomoke Circuit, \$25; Holland's Island, \$17. Total, \$207.

C. A. Grise, Conference Treasurer, received \$36,947 and paid out \$36,950.30. Due Brother Grise, \$3.30.

E. H. Nelson, Trustee for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham, received from Wilmington Conference, \$240; from Mrs. Carrow, \$176; total, \$416; and paid to Pennsylvania Hospital \$416.

II.—Bible Society.

The distribution of the Bible has always been, and will always be, one of the most important missions of the Church. We need not be reminded that our organizations are but means to this end.

In the work of sending the Word of God to all nations the American Bible Society has been a potent factor and our own branch societies very efficient helpers. The Maryland Bible Society during its existence has paid to the General Society \$80,000, and at the same time has thoroughly supplied its own territory. In the past three years the whole State of Maryland has been carefully canvassed and strong effort has been made to put the Bible in every home. Needy Sunday Schools have been supplied, copies in different tongues have been distributed to sailors and immigrants coming to Baltimore. Thousands of volumes have been sent to our soldiers in the late war, and the affairs of the Society so economically and wisely administered as to realize to a very great degree its ideal that the Scriptures should be placed in the hands of every one. The work of R. W. Todd, Agent of the Society, deserves especial mention in this connection. To his tireless labors are due in large measure the steady increase in Conference collections for the Society and its excellent administration.

The American Bible Society, however, is at present hampered in its work by embarrassment from two causes. 1st. A falling off in receipts, which ought rather to have largely increased. 2d. The opportunities opening before it, of which it is unable to take advantage. The war with Spain has brought under our influence about 15,000,000 people who have been drinking at corrupted and stagnant pools of doctrine and now are thirsting for the living water. Japan is looking our way. The mission fields at home and abroad need larger appropriations, and it is a source of much regret that in the past two years the Society has been compelled to withhold its help in some cases.

In view of this state of affairs we would earnestly recommend: 1st. That our Conference give more attention to the collection for American Bible Society. 2d. That as few requests as possible for aid in the home work be made of the Society, in order that it may have greater means for work in foreign fields.

The people who sat in darkness are crying "Send the light." The voice of God in this new Genesis of the world is saying, "Let there be light." May the church flash back the answer from the dynamo of the press, with the mighty voltage of the electric word of God, "In all the world there shall be light."

III.—Church Extension.

We heartily congratulate the Board of Church Extension and the church at large upon the remarkable success of this work through a period of thirty-two years, and return to the Board our sincere thanks for having helped 127 churches within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference.

Recognizing in this cause a most valuable helper in advancing the Redeemer's kingdom, we earnestly commend it to our people and recommend that our Presiding Elders apportion with care the full amount asked for Church Extension to the various charges, and promise as pastors to use all proper means and diligence to secure the same. We desire to record our sincere gratitude for, and hearty appreciation of, the long and faithful services of

Dr. A. J. Kynett, in the difficult and responsible position as Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension.

IV.—Conference Claimant Endowment Fund.

WHEREAS, The number of Conference claimants increases and the demands made upon the funds of the Board of Stewards constantly become greater, and those funds do not increase from year to year proportionately, but rather diminish. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That for speedy relief the apportionments for Conference claimants should be readjusted and made to yield at least 40 per cent. more than at present. 2. That an endowment fund should be built up for the relief of the Conference claimants, and for the accomplishment of this some energetic and devoted member of the Conference should be appointed to travel at large through the Conference territory to devote time, strength and heart to the noble work of building up such fund. 3. That in the prospective Twentieth Century Fund the Stewards' Endowment Fund should share with the Conference Academy.

V.—Education.

As the twentieth century dawns no more important duty presents itself to our church than the thorough education of our youth. And as the church has lost, and is losing, by the practice of many of our people of sending their children to schools of other denominations, and to schools where infidelity and rationalism are dominant, we urge our people to patronize schools that teach and foster the doctrines and belief of our own beloved Methodism.

Children's Day is the great day for presenting the educational interests of our church to our people. Let us reiterate the advice that this day be carefully observed, and that we use the programme prepared by Dr. Payne, Secretary of the Board of Education. Let the collection on that day be as large as possible. We deprecate the practice of costly display in these services, especially when the cost is paid out of the collection. Last year the General Board of Education, from this fund, assisted 31 students in this Conference to the amount of \$1,228.50. Of this amount \$307.50 was loaned to students of our Conference Academy.

We urge the Conference Academy upon the consideration of our people. Its faculty has been enlarged and improvements have been made to the building to the amount of \$3,197. A department of short-hand and type-writing has been added, giving advantages which our people often seek in business colleges. Systematic study of the English Bible is required of all students, and the Christian life is held up as the ideal for teachers and students. We urge the necessity of the reduction of the debt upon the Academy, and commend the appointment of an agent to canvass our territory with that in view.

Morgan College and Princess Anne Academy for the education of colored youth, should have our attention and support.

Dickinson College was never stronger nor more worthy of our confidence. We urge all pastors and parents desiring college training for their children to patronize this honored institution, the alma mater of so many of our ministers and laymen.

When the higher education of women is receiving, so justly, such great consideration, the Woman's College of Baltimore is urged upon our people with pride and confidence as the very best. Its faculty and equipment are unsurpassed, and is of the highest grade. The moral and religious atmosphere of this college challenges our confidence. Every student is pledged to refrain from dancing, card playing and theatre going, prohibited by our discipline, and expulsion promptly follows a violation of such pledge.

It would be an inspiration to advanced study and of great assistance to our young women, if in some way a permanent scholarship could be secured for the Wilmington Conference Academy, and awarded annually, securing to the recipient four years of free tuition in the Woman's College of Baltimore.

We call attention to Boston University and Drew Theological Seminary. Let all our ministers, and especially our Presiding Elders, urge upon all our young men who feel called to preach the gospel, the necessity of attending one of these institutions, and of tarrying there until they have mastered the course of study. The twentieth century must have a prepared ministry, and may the Wilmington Conference be alert to the urgent need of a cultured, as well as a consecrated, ministry.

We bespeak for the cause of education your most careful and prayerful consideration. Preach upon the subject, urge our people to educate their children to the extent of their ability and to educate them in Methodist schools from Dover to Dickinson, the Woman's College, and in due time to the American University at Washington, and they will return to swell the ranks of a consecrated, cultured laity and ministry that will bring to our beloved Methodism the glorious triumphs that we are praying and planning for in the early days of the twentieth century.

VI.—Epworth League.

We express our continued and growing appreciation of the Epworth League. The Presiding Elders reports at this Conference show that this splendid organization is winning golden trophies in every field where it has fair opportunity. We desire to emphasize:

1. The necessity of zealous, intelligent co-operation, if not leadership, on the part of the pastors.
2. The importance of enlarging the circulation of that magnificent compound of wisdom, fervor and power called the *Epworth Herald*. We rejoice in the wide circulation of this paper among us and we hope that one result of Dr. J. F. Berry's visit to us will be a doubling of our own diligence in its behalf.
3. We emphasize the wisdom of forming in every chapter a class for systematic Bible study. There are many things to be done in Epworth League work, but this is of supreme importance.
4. We advise all our Chapters to teach our young people Methodist history, doctrine and discipline. This was the chief purpose in organizing our Denominational Society, and yet it is being too largely neglected. Let the pastors see to it that under the Literary Department of the Senior Chapter, in the Junior League or in special classes practical steps are taken to teach these important subjects.

5. We cannot overrate the importance of the Junior Epworth League. Wherever a Sunday School is possible a Junior League is possible. Let all the pastors give this organization their earnest help, study its work, and if no other suitable person can be found enter into its work as superintendent, and thus make success of this great converting and training agency of our Church.

VII.—Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society.

No work makes more gratifying returns to the Church than that entrusted to this Society. With its fifty schools and colleges in the South, it is facing the twentieth century in the front ranks of God's aggressive people. Five hundred teachers are employed in these schools and

ten thousand students are under regular instruction. More than two thousand of these students are preparing for teachers and a like number are being trained in the industrial schools. The schools are for both black and white and include on their student rolls seventy-five hundred of the former and twenty-five hundred of the latter.

One school of medicine has educated more than one-half of all the black physicians in the South, and many of the graduates have received recognition in their practice in the Southern States by the white physicians, who very cheerfully consult them in difficult cases.

The needs of the Society are as urgent as the results of its work are encouraging, for the Society is two hundred thousand dollars in debt. But the expenditures have been so reduced that any increase in the sum total of the regular collection can be paid directly on this debt.

The *Christian Educator*, the able organ of the schools, has a circulation of twenty-five thousand and is commended to all our people for information concerning the work of this Society.

Our Conference is especially interested in this society for the work it is doing within the bounds of this and adjoining Conferences.

Morgan College at Baltimore and its branches at Princess Ann, Md., and Lynchburg, Va., receive the Freedman's Aid Collections from four patronizing Conferences, namely Baltimore and Wilmington white, and Washington and Delaware, colored. These schools are a part of the Freedman's Aid work under the control of a local Board of Trustees rendering to the Freedman's Aid Board an annual account of receipts and disbursements. Morgan College at Baltimore is of high grade, furnishing the very best facilities for an advanced education. Besides the Normal College preparatory and college college courses, a first grade theological department is maintained with a three year's course, and there are fourteen young men of large promise in this department. The religious life of the school is clear and strong. The school, located at Princess Anne, Md., has a fine normal course, and maintains an Industrial Department, where five trades and the science of agriculture are taught the girls. This school deserves the most liberal considerations, and will repay our most generous gifts.

The Virginia Collegiate and The Industrial Institute is located at Lynchburg, Va., and is destined to be a fine school and a great help to our colored people in that State under the present local management this school is giving evidence of life and growth. It has heavy and influential rivalry of a most determined character, but this kind of treatment helps rather than hinders our work and good results are assured.

The Conference was greatly privileged in its anniversary of this society by able addresses of Secretary J. W. Hamilton, D. D., and of President F. J. Wagner, D. D. Your committee regret the fact that the collection of our Conference for the F. A. & S. E. for the year now closing falls below that of last Conference year by the sum of \$218, a falling off of about 20 per cent, and urge that we see to it that the increase of the coming year shall more than compensate for this loss.

VIII.—Periodicals.

When God wanted a man to spread "Scriptural Holiness" over all lands he raised up John Wesley. One of the means of accomplishing this work was through periodicals, consisting of books, tracts and leaflets of various kinds. These leaves of the tree of life became the efficient measure of doing untold good. The Methodist Episcopal Church, believing in this means, early organized the Book Concern, has ever since sent out her periodicals. When we remember the great mass of impure literature that is sent everywhere, and in addition to this the improper teaching of many, if not most, of the secular newspapers, espec-

ially along political lines, there is very great need for good, wholesome periodicals. We, as a church, have periodicals second to none, and these ought to be taken by our people thereby informing the mind as to the work of the church and the kingdom of Christ, enabling them to grow in all things which go to make up strong Christian character.

There is the strong meat found in the *Methodist Review*, edited by the polished Christian scholar, Dr. William V. Kelly. There is also the more varied diet found in *The Christian Advocate* for the home and fireside, edited by that peerless man, Dr. James M. Buckley. Then we have that first-rate paper, the *Epworth Herald*, which ought to be taken by every Epworthian at least, edited by the versatile Dr. J. F. Berry. The *World-Wide Missions* is also doing a greatly needed work by informing our people of the work done in our mission fields, edited by our efficient missionary secretaries. And last, but not least, we have our own Conference paper *The Peninsula Methodist*, edited by our own beloved brother, J. D. Rigg, which seeks to inform us weekly of the doings within our own Conference borders as well as to give a peep outside. Above all, it seeks to give us a harmonious, loving, Christian paper, which our boys and girls in our homes may read with profit. We therefore recommend the following:

WHEREAS, We believe that the Wilmington Conference needs a weekly paper to go into all the homes of our people carrying our Conference news, and helping to keep up a connective interest in our garden of Methodism; and

WHEREAS, We believe the publishers of the *Peninsula Methodist* are earnestly striving to circulate such a paper, and,

WHEREAS, desired good which may come from such a paper can be brought about only by a cordial support of one Conference paper, and that our Conference should so put itself on record, and publish, therefore;

Resolved, That without assuming any financial risk, or responsibility, we make the *Peninsula Methodist* the recognized organ of the Wilmington Conference, and pledge ourselves to its moral and brotherly support, as such.

Resolved, That we will welcome, and commend it to the people in our charges, as the Conference paper, and will encourage its agents in extending the circulation of the *Peninsula Methodist* within our borders.

IX.—Philadelphia Hospital.

In sending His disciples out into the world the Lord Jesus gave them no sealed orders. Their instructions were clear and full even to the method of procedure. While their commission to publish the gospel of the coming King seemed a magnificent employment, that general commission was glorified by this specialization—"Heal the Sick."

When the world looked upon that great congress of religions in Chicago; and while their doctrines presented the claims of these religions upon human credence and acceptance, Christianity stood pre-eminent as the one religion that touches humanity where sin had left its deepest wounds upon soul and body. It not only tells of a country whose inhabitants are never sick, but brings "the healing of the seamless dress to our beds of pain" right here in this world, that men may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sin. His representative must be able and willing to help the sick.

This is the inspiration to organized effort for the amelioration of human suffering through the institutions known as hospitals. One of these institutions having special claims upon our Conference, is the *Methodist Hospital of Philadelphia*. Twenty-three patients from our ter-

ritory have received treatment during the last year, 411 days of such treatment being gratuitous, while our Conference contributed only \$109.57.

We earnestly commend this institution to the favor of this Conference, and hope that the collections in our charges will be equal at least, to the expenditures of the institutions for our sick and suffering. We earnestly recommend that our Presiding Elders put this worthy cause among the collection to be asked of our people, without making a definite apportionment.

X.—Sabbath Observance.

We note with painful apprehension the disposition upon the part of many corporations, as well as individuals, to disregard and break down the Christian Sabbath. We believe the divine command, "Remember the Sabbath to keep it holy," is just as imperative now as when given to the ancient people of God; and we furthermore believe that in the observance and rigid enforcement of this command lies the safety of both the individual and the nation.

Therefore we, as a Conference, enter our earnest protest against any attempted violation of our existing Sabbath laws. We also feel it incumbent upon us, as well as a pleasant Christian duty, to do all in our power to protect the sanctity of the Lord's Day.

We recommend that a sermon on the importance of this subject be preached from every pulpit at least once during the year.

XI.—Sunday Schools and Tracts.

The Sunday School is one of the most important organizations in the Christian Church. It has for its object the religious instruction of childhood by a systematic study of the Holy Scriptures. In the United States there are over 31,000 Methodist Episcopal Sunday Schools, 350,000 officers and teachers, and nearly 3,000,000 scholars. And there are in our own Conference, as reported in the Minutes of last year, 395 Sunday Schools, 6,135 officers and teachers, and 44,887 scholars of all grades.

Your Committee recommends the exercise of great care in selecting Sunday School teachers. They should be men and women of earnest Christian character, who know and believe the Bible, and are apt to teach. We believe that every teacher in our schools should be a follower of Jesus Christ and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The literature in many of our Sunday School libraries should be carefully examined and all books not suitable for Sunday reading should be removed and their places filled with the latest and best religious books. The literature published by our own Book Concern we believe to be the best and urge all pastors to see that it is used in all our Schools.

We recommend the establishment of the Home Department whenever practicable in connection with the Sunday schools. This will bind the home and school together in the study of the word of God. All necessary information and literature for such organization will be furnished by the Book Concern.

Our Sunday School Union furnishes annually about 3,500 needy schools with suitable literature and its only resource is the annual collection. We therefore recommend that Christmas Sunday be set apart in all our Sunday Schools for a contribution to the Sunday School Union of our church.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, from its organization to the present time, has been active in the circulation of religious literature in the form of tracts. This literature is printed in at least twelve languages in the United States, and more than twenty foreign languages abroad, for the extension of Christ's kingdom.

The Tract Society annually devotes 11,000,000 pages in the United States and sends \$10,000 every year to our mission stations to aid in the publication and circulation of religious literature, and has during the Spanish-American war distributed tracts to our soldiers in camp, and to the marines wherever access could be obtained, and to prisons and public institutions throughout the country. So extensive is the generosity of the Tract Society that it offers every preacher who will make application one half of the collection of the charge for the society in tracts, "without money and without price." And if more is needed by a weak church it will be generously donated by the society. Every pastor should send at once to the Book Concern for the free catalogue of tracts, and be convinced of the abundant variety of topics presented through our tract literature. These tracts are sold at the uniform rate of 16 pages for one cent, or 1,600 pages for one dollar. These leaves from the tree of life should be scattered in every direction.

The Tract Society requires \$50,000 annually to carry on its great work throughout the world. We urge, therefore, that a liberal offering be secured for the society in all our churches during the year for the spread of religious literature at home and abroad.

XII.—Temperance.

Reaffirming our position on this subject, we unhesitatingly pronounce the liquor traffic one of the greatest evils that the Church has to confront, and, being a business destructive to the morals of our people and antagonistic to every interest of the Church of God, we believe it to be the duty of our people not only to abstain from the use of alcoholic liquors, but also to wage unceasing warfare against the traffic in every possible form.

We condemn the license system in every form by which money is accepted for the legal protection of this immoral traffic, and greatly deplore the fact that it has regained a foothold in a section of our Peninsula that was for a season free from it.

While we hail with gratitude every effort to suppress the vile traffic, we are forced to the conclusion that the weak point in our warfare against this monster is that our forces are not united as they should be. In order that there may be this concert of action, we need to use every possible means of instructing and informing our people on this great subject.

We congratulate the people of Cambridge and rejoice with them in the splendid no-license victory recently achieved by them. This was the third time that the license forces had secured a resubmission of this question to the people of this community and a third time defeated. Thank God for these repeated victories. Prohibition does prohibit in Cambridge, and we predict that prohibition has come here to stay.

We deeply regret the failure of the effort to secure from the General Assembly of Delaware local option for the people of that rum-cursed State, and while commending most highly all the members of the General Assembly who gave their names, votes and influence to secure the desired end, we condemn most severely all who either refused to sign the request, or having done so, took their names from the petitions, thereby defeating the measure. It is especially to be regretted that some of those who figured in this last role are members of our own Church. Such subserviency to political bosses and the rum power is utterly unworthy of the name of Methodist or Christian and deserves the contempt of all good people. To be denied this right is to say to the people of Delaware, "You shall have no chance to harm the saloon." This policy of protection to the saloon in Delaware has been tolerated as long as it ought to be endured, and any political party or candidates in the future that do not stand for so reasonable a measure as local option ought to be defeated.

XIII.—Twentieth Century Thank Offering.

I. PRELIMINARY REPORT.

We are nearing the close of the most wonderful century the church has ever known. The triumph of the truth and the victories of the cross have been marvelous and unparalleled. At the beginning of this century we were but a fable folk. But what hath God wrought! Our influence is world wide, our growth phenomenal, our communicants numbered by the million. Surely the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad. It is, therefore, fitting that we should in a very substantial way, give expression of gratitude to Almighty God for His goodness. We most earnestly commend Episcopal action in reference to the Twentieth Century Thank Offering. The church ought to lay upon the altar of her Lord the \$20,000,000, for which our chief pastors ask.

While we would call attention to Dickinson College as worthy of the large liberality of its many friends, we name as the special objects of our peoples' benefactions, the Conference Academy, the Conference Claimants Endowment Fund and the burdensome debts upon our local churches. We therefore recommend,

1. That a permanent organization be formed to bring the Thank Offering to the attention of our people, to receive reports of church debts paid, and other interests remembered, and to distribute equally between the Conference Academy and the Conference Claimant Endowment Fund, all moneys coming into their hands not otherwise designated by the donors.

2. That a committee of three be appointed by the Quarterly Conference of each charge to promote the interests of the Thank Offering in the charge, and report results to the permanent organization.

3. That a Secretary be appointed to collect funds for the Conference Academy and the Conference Claimants Endowment, whose salary shall be estimated by the permanent committee.

2. REPORT OF PERMANENT COMMITTEE.

The committee on the 20th Century Thank Offering met on Saturday evening and effected a permanent organization by electing John France, chairman; John D. C. Hanna, secretary; and William Saulsbury, treasurer. After as careful study of the situation as the circumstances would permit, your committee sees nothing but light ahead and is sure that great results are to follow if ministers and laymen will co-operate with our Secretary in his responsible duties. To insure the largest success the committee presents the following recommendations for adoption by the Conference.

1. That we will heartily co-operate with the Secretary in gathering a great Thank Offering, and give him an opportunity to present his cause to our congregations.

2. That the committee shall make a report to the Conference of all gifts received, and that this report shall be published in the minutes so that each charge shall have full credit for all amounts given.

3. That the directors and editor of the Peninsula Methodist be requested to put its columns at the disposal of the secretary, and to assist in every possible manner in pressing the merits of this great movement and in awakening the interest and enthusiasm of the people in its support.

4. That the Secretary be made a member of the committee.

XIV.—Resolutions of Thanks.

In closing one of the most enjoyable Conference sessions in our history, it is fitting that we should give some expression to our sense of obligation for the many favors incidental to our assembling.

To the managers of the various lines of travel who have so courteously arranged for our safe, speedy and economical conveyance to and from the seat of Conference, we hereby vote our assurance of grateful appreciation.

The Rev. E. C. Macnichol, D. D., the pastor, has prepared our way for a cordial welcome and has been ever alert in his devotion to our comfort. He merits and has our abiding gratitude.

We thank the trustees of this church and those of other churches and edifices, who, by opening unto us their doors, have so largely contributed to our comfort and convenience in our Conference work.

The Secretaries, the Treasurer, the Committee of Examination and the various other committees entrusted with the preparation of our Conference business, have been diligent, patient and kind, meriting more of thanks than our words can express.

The sexton has our thanks and deserves a good collection.

To the press reporters we give thanks for full and correct reports of our proceedings.

In this connection it gives us pleasure to recognize the courtesy of Hon. Phillips Lee Goldsborough, editor of the Dorchester Standard, and in devoting so much space to a recital of local Methodist history.

We count ourselves fortunate in the presidency of our beloved Bishop Foss in the present session. His rulings have been wise, his decisions impartial, his demeanor considerate and courteous and his addresses an inspiration that should give new emphasis to all our future endeavors. We thank God for the restoration of his health, enabling him to meet his engagement with our Conference. We pray that he may be granted strength for yet many years of effective episcopal service.

We greatly appreciate the inspiring music furnished by the choir and orchestra of this church in all the services of our session.

Esteemed hosts of '99: sixteen years with their records have passed away, since last we met in your beautiful and hospitable little city. We are gratified that the remembrance of our depredations of '83 did not deter you from extending your invitation and opening your doors and hearts to our return. Sincere regret is occasioned by the consciousness of our insolvency in the presence of such obligations as your kindness has imposed.

Your various denominations have vied with each other in coveting the privilege of caring for our comfort and happiness. We assure you, brother and sister Christians of Cambridge, of our sincerest prayers that some sweet day we may all meet and mingle where there "shall be one fold and one Shepherd." As a trifling souvenir of our sojourn and doings we hereby direct that a copy of our annual minutes be presented to each household represented in our entertainment.

XV.—Woman's Home Missionary Society.

In the absence of any special data we are glad to report that the Woman's Home Missionary Society is doing a praiseworthy work by distributing supplies in the homes of the needy, exhibiting the fact that Christians believe in the brotherhood of mankind. This Society has the open doors in our large cities and is making effort to bring the strangers from

foreign lands to Him who has guided us to our glorious Christian civilization and our peaceful, happy homes. With its 100 missions and its 300 employed workers its potency is felt in the Church everywhere, and it is destined to be a factor in solving some of the problems which exist in our government. The increase in the number of its organizations is cheering. The Society merits the sincere co-operation of all lovers of good order, as well as all Christians.

Your Committee realizes the fact that there ought to be an organization of this Society in every charge and Church in Methodism. We recommend the passage of the following:

Resolved, That this Conference does hereby extend to the Conference President of the Society a hearty invitation visit our Churches.

XVI.—Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Your Committee beg leave to express their high appreciation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. We believe it to be a much needed organization and to be doing a work that could not be done so efficiently by any other organized body now in the field of Christian evangelization.

All honor to the noble and ever-increasing band of heroic woman who pioneer their way into the very heart of darkest heathenism and superstition, enduring hardship and oftentimes persecution for the Cross of Jesus. We thank God for such noble souls as Mary Reed, who literally leave all for the sake of shedding a beam of heavenly light on the dreary life of the wretched lepers of India. We congratulate the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and return thanks to God that this last year shows great growth in numbers and national strength, and that they have been enabled to send reinforcements to India, Africa, China and Japan. In their path of progress they have the bright light of Christianity gleaming from schools, dispensaries, hospitals and orphanages. We recommend that, if possible, each pastoral charge in the bounds of our conference organize an auxiliary, and greatly desire that their wholesome and instructive literature, such as the "Heathen Woman's Friend," might be more widely circulated. Thanking God for their work in the past, we pledge to them our hearty support in the future.

XVII.—Stewards' Report.

The claims upon the conference funds amounts to \$14,601, and the following amounts have been received for distribution: From Conference Treasurer, Collection, \$5,725; Book-Room Dividends, \$859; Centenary Fund, \$120; Chartered Fund, \$22; 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; Total, \$7,110. A decrease in collections of \$89. Decrease in amount for distribution, \$320—of this amount, \$210 was collection taken in Conference last year. We have distributed this to 13 superannuated and 10 supernumerary preachers, 33 widows of deceased preachers and expenses, \$10. We recommend that the third Sunday in September be observed as veterans' day in all our churches, when collections shall be taken for our worthy claimants.

It is painful to us to be compelled to make these small allowances, knowing the great need of many of the claimants, but we have done the best we could with the funds placed in our hands for distribution.

An increase in the apportionments has become an imperative necessity on account of the great increase in the amount of Quarterly Conference estimates. We believe, when it is

clearly stated to our people, they will see the necessity of our action in making this increase and respond to the call. The laymen of the Quarterly Conference Committee make the estimates, and to them we look for the funds to meet them. We have revised the list of apportionments. We find that in 1898 one charge in our Conference gave \$97.97 cents per member and probation of this cause. Six charges between 30 and 40 cents, sixteen between 20 and 30 cents.

It is true a number of these charges are financially very weak and have many demands made upon them, yet some charges giving over \$700 for pastoral support and over \$100 for missions have not given over five cents per member and probationers for the support of our worthy claimants. We ask for these men and women only that which is their due. Many of them were successful workers in the Ohurch for many years, and thousands were helped to a better life, and now when they are compelled by age and feebleness, or the loss of the companions of their youth, to retire from the field and leave it to other hands, it is but right that those who have been so greatly benefited by their labor of faith and love should smooth their way to the end and give to them a comfortable support. Some pastors and charges have done nobly in the past. Let them not do less in the future.

The increased amount for distribution in 1898 over 1888 was but 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent, more than one-third of this being the increase in the Book Room dividends. During the same period claimants have increased about 75 per cent in number, while the Quarterly Conference estimates for the support of claimants have increased over 105 per cent.

The legacy left by the late Curtis S. Watson, of Milford, Delaware, for the benefit of our Conference claimants will likely be put into the hands of our Treasurer shortly for investment.

As reported by the Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, the legacy left us by Miss Willis Hooper, of Salisburys Md., is in litigation, as her will is contested. Our interest in the case is represented by an able lawyer of that town.

Local Preachers' Directory.

LOCAL ELDERS.

Conway, W. N.	Fairmount, Md.
Donoho, S. M.	Dover, Del.
Hodson, Jabez	Millsboro, Del.
Harris, J. W.	Christiana, Del.
Hastings, G. W.	Sylmar, Md.
Hazzard, R. B.	Golden Hill, Md.
Kenny, J. L.	Wilmington, Del.
Roberts, J. B.	Dover, Del.
Simms, J. H.	Blue Ball, Md.
Stedman, George .	Roxana, Del.
Strckland, W. G.	Kenton, Del.
Willis, J. S.	Westover, Md.
	Delmar, Del.
	Sharptown, Md.
	Madison, N. J.
	Harrison, Md.
	Carlisle, Pa.
	Bethel, Del.
	Wilmington, Del.
	Wenona, Md.
	Wilmington, Del.
	Roxana, Del.
	Westminister, Md.
	Wilmington, Del.
	Rock Hall, Md.
	Ellendale, Del.
	Wilmington, Del.
	Ellendale, Del.
	Dover, Del.
	Smyrna, Del.
	Denton, Md.
	St. Charles, Va.
	Clayton, Del.

LOCAL DEACONS.

Green, Daniel	Newport, Del.
Hamilton, Wm.	Wilmington, Del.
Harris, Wm.	Bridgeville, Del.
Jones, E. E.	Madison, N. J.
McLain, L. T.	Burrsville, Md.
Morris, C. K.	Rock Hall, Md.
Northrup, C. L.	Hurlock, Md.
Rodgers, R. L.	Wilmington, Del.
Simmons, E.	Wilmington, Del.
Stimmel, W. E.	Wilmington, Del.
Tindal, Wm.	Sycamore, Del.
Wheatly, Baynard . .	Holland's Is., Md.
Wiley, J. H.	Delmar, Del.

LICENTIATES.

Arters, J. M.	Fairlee, Md.
Atwell, Alexander . . .	Wilmington, Del.
Ayres, J. F.	Leemont, Va.
Barrett, T. S.	Hooper's Is., Md.

Foster Chas.	Wilmington, Del.	Minner, Samuel	Master's, Del.
Fryer, Thomas	Cherry Hill, Md.	Pardee, Thos.	Lebanon, Del.
Gray, Henry	Marshallton, Del.	Pool, W. C.	Chestertown, Md.
Gray, Frank	Marshallton, Del.	Pennell, Jas.	Millington, Md.
Habbord, Wm.	Grubb's, Del.	Pusey, S. B.	Seaford, Del.
Hammond, W. T.	Pleasant Hill, Del.	Rosser, John	Smithsville, Md.
Hancock, J. B.	Franklin City, Va.	Scott, J. H.	Mt. Vernon, Md.
Harris, W. V.	Wilmington, Del.	Scholl, Charles	Wilmington, Del.
Hill, M. M.	Delmar, Del.	Spade, A. R.	Highlands, Del.
Hirons, W. R.	Bishopville, Md.	Simmonson, J. N.	Crisfield, Md.
Harper, J. W.	Still Pond, Md.	Stephens, R. S.	Dover, Del.
Ironfield, Alfred	Wilmington, Del.	Talley Nelson	Wilmington, Del.
Janney, N. C.	Wilmington, Del.	Terry, G. R.	Hallwood, Va.
Johnson, W. W.	Ford's Store, Md.	Thornton, J. H.	Wilmington, Del.
Jones, Jeremiah	Trinity, Del.	Truitt, H. E.	Salem, Md.
Jones, A. C.	Ingleside, Md.	Todd, Lewis	Wilmington, Del.
Jones, G. W.	Calestown, Md.	Todd, Noah	Toddville, Md.
Jones, C. N.	Trinity, Del.	Tomer, Hugh	Wilmington, Del.
Jones, A. C.	Ingleside, Md.	Watts, W. N.	Round Lake, N. Y.
Jones, E. P.	Elliotts, Md.	Webster, C. O.	Deal's Island, Md.
Kane, J. F.	Summit, Del.	Welch, J. F.	Burrsville, Md.
Kirby, L. B.	Parksley, Va.	White, John	Wilmington, Del.
Lewis, Edward	Dover, Del.	Wilmot, A. A.	Wilmington, Del.
McCann, Milton	Carlisle, Pa.	Whiteley, S. F.	Wilmington, Del.
William, Jesse	Ellendale, Del.	Wilkinson, J. W.	Kimbleville, Pa.
Mitchell, G. W.	Lewis, Del.	Wilson, G. W.	Georgetown, Del.
Nicholson, G. W.	Powellsville, Md.	Winder, E. J.	Onancock, Va.
Nicholson, E. J.	Berlin, Md.	Wise, J. M.	New Castle, Del.
Mitchell, J. H.	Wilmington, Del.	Wilson, W. D.	Lewes, Del.
Miller, W. T.	Mechanics Valley, Md.	Weldin, G. W.	Wilmington, Del.

In Memoriam.

Names.	Entd. Min.	Time of Death.	Place of Death.	Age.	Years Effective.
John E. Elliott,	1859	Nov. 8th, 1868,	Snow Hill, Md.	30	10
Thos. J. Quigley, D. D.,	1836	Oct. 19th, 1870,	Laurel, Del.	65	44
Daniel Titlow,	1850	Feb. 7th, 1871,	Philadelphia, Pa.	48	4
Amos A. Ewing,	1867	Jan. 19th, 1872,	Cecil County, Md.	30	4
Alfred Cookman,	1848	Nov. 13th, 1872,	Newark, N. J.	43	23
Jas. Augustus Massey,	1827	July 9th, 1891,	Royal Oak, Md.	64	38
James Brandreth,	1859	Oct. 3d, 1872,	Frankford, Del.	34	13
T. J. Thompson, D. D.,	1825	Nov. 29th, 1874,	Wilmington, Del.	71	49
Robert E. Kemp,	1828	March 6th, 1875,	Greensboro, Md.	73	32
Wesley Kenney, D. D.,	1832	June 24th, 1875,	Smyrna, Del.	67	43
Henry Sutton,	1835	March 23d, 1876,	Philadelphia, Pa.	68	23
George A. Campbell,	1871	Sept. 7th, 1876,	Frankford, Del.	30	4
John W. Weston,	1862	April 23d, 1877,	Wilmington, Del.	38	15
John D. Curtis,	1837	July 25th, 1877,	Wilmington, Del.	61	40
David R. Thomas,	1845	Feb. 13th, 1878,	Wilmington, Del.	58	30
Andrew J. Crozier,	1870	Jan. 21st, 1879,	Wilmington, Del.	41	7
Joshua Humphriss,	1829	Jan. 23d, 1879,	Salisbury, Md.	78	41
Francis M. Chatham,	1868	May 29th, 1878,	Berlin, Md.	41	8
Edward G. Irwin,	1857	March 12th, 1879,	Wilmington, Del.	50	21
John Hough,	1848	March 27th, 1879,	near Trenton, N. J.	58	31
Thomas J. Williams,	1857	March 29th, 1879,	New Castle, Del.	53	22
Wm. I. Bain,	1870	May 13th, 1880,	Pocomoke City, Md.	36	10
Wm. Urie,	1832	Nov. 13th, 1880,	Smyrna, Del.	70	42
Thomas F. Plummer,	1866	Feb. 2d, 1881,	Wilmington, Del.	44	8
Elijah Miller,	1833	April 15th, 1881,	Sodlersville, 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 Coleclazer,	1829	Dec. 18th, 1884,	Philadelphia, Pa.	75	55
John L. Taft,	1833	May 30th, 1884,	Norristown, Pa.	72	41
John Shilling,	1869	July 22d, 1884,	Wilmington, Del.	52	15
Arthur W. Milby,	1842	June 13th, 1886,	Harrington, Del.	71	44
Elon J. Way, M. D.,	1840	July 5th, 1886,	Baltimore, Md.	75	26
Valentine Gray,	1839	Jan. 21st, 1887,	Gap Pa.	72	42
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	33
Samuel J. Baker,	1889	Sep. 22d, 1891,	Laurel, Del.	33	2
Thos. O. Ayres,	1870	Oct. 14th, 1891,	Delaware City, Del.	53	21
Thos. R. Creamer,	1873	Jan. 10th, 1892,	Milton, Del.	45	19
Vaughan Smith,	1840	Nov. 21st, 1891,	Wilmington, Del.	79	43
Charles Hill,	1845	June 22d, 1892,	Salisbury, Md.	70	47
James L. Houston,	1833	Sep. 18th, 1892,	Trappe, Md.	82	32
Alfred T. Melvin,	1865	Oct. 17th, 1892,	Bel Air Md.	52	24
Alfred A. Fisher,	1859	Dec. 12th, 1893,	Bridgeville Del.	62	17
Wm. B. Gregg,	1857	Jan. 24th, 1893,	Wyoming Del.	68	36
Joseph Robinson,	1847	Feb. 18th, 1893,	Perryman's, Md.	68	45
George Barton,	1835	March 19th, 1893,	Church Hill, Md.	84	11
James A. Brindle,	1843	April 6, 1894,	Greensboro, Md.	73	48
Nicholas M. Browne,	1860	Feb. 4, 1895,	Middletown, Del.	58	35
James Hubbard,	1850	April 4, 1895,	Philadelphia, Pa.	76	4
James E. Bryan,	1857	Oct. 17, 1895,	Baltimore, Md.	64	39
John D. Lecates,	1892	Nov. 11, 1895,	Wilmington, Del.	41	5
Thomas E. Bell,	1859	Mar. 21, 1895,	Easton, Md.	58	28
James Conner,	1868	Sep. 10, 1896,	Selbyville, Del.	59	34
Merritt Hulburd, S. T. D.	1862	Oct. 10, 1896,	Wilmington, Del.	54	28
Newton McQuay,	1873	May, 1887,	St. Michaels, Md.	57	21
William G. Chance,	1896	Sep. 13, 1897,	Quantico, Md.	33	2
Wm. B. Walton,	1848	June 21, 1898,	Salisbury, Md.	77	43
John B. Quigg,	1850	July 30, 1898,	Wilmington, Del.	72	46
John H. Caldwell,	1845	Mar. 11, 1899,	Dover, Del.	79	45

Memoirs.

THE REV. WILLIAM BAXTER WALTON.

William Baxter Walton was born near Hatboro, Pa., November 22, 1823, and died in Salisbury, Md., June 21, 1898. He was educated in the public school and Lollar Academy, in Hatboro, and worked nearly four years on the farm, after which he served an apprenticeship at carpentry and cabinetmaking, and became a skilled and successful workman. He was converted at a camp meeting near Hatboro in the summer of 1842, and at once joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. His desire for knowledge from this time seems to have increased, for after the hard labor of the day he frequently protracted his study beyond the midnight hour. The Rev. William McCombs appointed him a class leader in 1844, and March 15, 1847, the Rev. James Flannery licensed him to exhort.

Moved by God's Spirit to undertake the work of the ministry, he accepted in May, 1847, an appointment to Stroudsburg Circuit, with the Rev. J. W. McCaskey as senior colleague. He was admitted on trial in Philadelphia Conference in 1848, was ordained deacon by Bishop Hedding in 1850, and elder by Bishop James in 1852. His appointments have been: 1848, Stoddartsville; 1849, Schuylkill Valley; 1850, Tremont Mission; 1851, Bridesburg; 1852-53, New Castle; 1854-55, Kent Island; 1856-57, Sudlersville; 1858-59, Harrington; 1860-61, Kent Circuit; 1862, chaplain in United States Army; 1863-64, Federalsburg; 1865-66, Milton; 1867-69, St. George's; 1870-71, New Castle; 1872-74, St. Michael's; 1875-77, Georgetown; 1878-80, Federalsburg; 1881-83, Church Hill; 1884-86, Salisbury; 1888-89, St. Michael's; 1890, Snow Hill. In 1891 he was made supernumerary at his own request, and in 1892 was superannuated. He made Salisbury his home from the time of leaving the active work to time of his death.

Brother Walton was a hard student, a fine and forceful preacher, an avowed foe of shams and insincerity, was always ready to go to any work to which he might be assigned, and was successful because devoted to God's work. Many will rise up to call him blessed. He was as devoted to local church work in his last years as he had been during his public ministry. He was a faithful class leader and Sunday school teacher up to the last week of his life.

He was married to Miss Sarah Diebler October 9, 1851. Their surviving children are the Rev. Olin S. Walton, of Preston, Md.; Mrs. Mary W. Nock, of Bel Air, Md.; Elmer H., Morris A. and Clara C. Walton, of Salisbury, Md.

Funeral services were held in Salisbury Methodist Episcopal Church, and short addresses were made by the Rev. T. E. Martindale, the Rev. C. A. Hill and the writer, the Scripture being read by the Rev. George W. Wilcox.

C. W. PRETTYMAN.

PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS OF REV. WILLIAM B. WALTON,

By JOHN A. B. WILSON.

The small wire of a completed circuit is sufficient for the conveyance of a mighty shock.

A cold three line news item in a Peninsula paper found its way to the Pacific coast last July, and gave the first information that my precious father in the gospel had received his discharge and departed for his everlasting habitation. Though struck as by a blow the words came instinctively to my lips, "My Father! my Father! the chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof. Lord, let his mantle fall upon me."

The panorama of his grand life since 1865 seemed unfolded to me. I saw him pressing his patient way with faithfulness and love in obscure places, lifting on high a lofty standard and exemplifying in his blameless life the practicability of his own high ideals. Toiling, ever toiling, making no sign of discontent under any circumstances. Never jealous, envious of no man, rejoicing ever in the successes of his brethern, content that others should have the glory if he might but save souls. His was a life crowned with grace and goodness, a perennial fountain of uplifting endeavor.

Though much of his life was spent in small centres of influence, neither his character, ability nor the authorities of the church are to blame for it. He was not made on a small plan nor for obscurity. But for the fatal defect of self-depreciation he would have filled the most responsible positions in the church. God Almighty made him great, but my precious friend obscured his own transcendent ability by the crushing sense of obscurity felt only by himself. Over and over again the pulpits of the most prominent churches were opened to him, and their acceptance pressed upon him by representatives of the churches and by those in authority, but he shrunk from the responsibility of these large opportunities.

In his earliest ministry, while yet in the thirties, he was wanted for the Twelfth Street, Philadelphia, then one of the most important churches in that city. But neither Committee nor Presiding Elder could convince him that the whole thing was not a terrible mistake, and that his appointment would not result in disaster to the church.

And turning from this great opening he cheerfully went to a small place with a correspondingly small salary, less than a third of that which had been pressed upon him. And the same Church, not wholly discouraged, again attempted abortively to obtain his services before giving him up entirely.

His first year on Milton Circuit, 1865, he received a support of \$750, with a horse to keep and no free school for his children, and the great inflation of war prices, meant the severest economy to his large and growing family.

At the close of this year Wharton Street, Philadelphia, with its great opportunity, its commodious parsonage, its salary of \$1,800, and the free schools of the city for his children, was opened to him, and the Committee, the Presiding Elder and many friends urged him to consent to the change. He delayed his final reply for days until the Presiding Elder said to him: "This matter is awaiting your decision. It is now late in the session, the committee is growing anxious, you must decide one way or the other. It is a fine opportunity to which you are fully equal. Will you consent to take it?" The reply of Brother Walton, though unusual under such circumstances, was characteristic of himself: "I do not feel that my work is done in Milton and I will not take the responsibility of removing."

And he turned his back upon one of the best charges in the Philadelphia Conference and returned to this country circuit, its small salary and pinching economy, but where almost two hundred converts, the writer among them, waited to joyfully greet their spiritual father. And for another year they were nurtured by the manly ministry of this faithful man of God, who burned into their minds and forming Christian lives his own lofty conceptions of devotion and duty. The fearless, ennobling, heroic, masterful ministry of that blessed year, the clear presentation of divine truth which he gave, the very sacrifice he made in returning to his spiritual

children seemed to enter with purifying and uplifting power into his whole life. To one at least that year of high ministration gave shape to a whole career. The ideal of a minister's life and work was fastened unchanagably upon his life, and the standards of that year have ever been his pillar of cloud by day and his pillar of fire by night. Of all the men of whom the writer has ever known or heard in any position in the Cristian Church no life and ministry has ever appeared to him quite so exalted as that of William B. Walton.

His last year at Milton and my first in the Church fixed forever my ideal of Gospel preaching, and gave me a model which I have ever sought to imitate, though never able to equal.

His brethren of to-day know not what a prince and great man fell on the 21st day of June, 1898. He was the peer of any one that I have ever seen or heard in the American pulpit. A great man among great men, held back from prominence only by that insuperable defect of deficient self-esteem. A deep plowman in his researches for truth, never platitudinarian or superficial, ever philosophical and logical, he possessed the courage of his convictions and kept back no part of the high thoughts that came to his soul. A faithful revelator of the revelations of God to his own understanding. And while the cultured and thoughtful in every community flocked to his ministry, its perspicuity was such that even little children could comprehend him and they were always interested hearers. The impressions of his ministry were never evanescent; one might not agree with but none could ever shake them off. They seemed to enter into the very fibre of ones being and become a part of ones self.

But little or nothing of his mighty presentations of truth are left for publication. His sermons were carefully thought out, but not a word was written either before or after preaching. The writer has often requested him to repeat some particularly brilliant passage but he would reply, "It has gone, I cannot reproduce it." Late in life it became to him a matter of regret that his method of preparation had left nothing for preservation. But much is preserved; his clear conception of divine truths have entered into the souls of his hearers as though graven with an iron pen and lead in the rocks forever. The impressions are eternal upon the spirits of immortals.

He was a preacher to the conscience. No man ever made me so miserable, so dissatisfied with myself or caused me to so long after God and His righteousness. No other minister ever so drove me from the church to my Bible and to my knees as he. And others have confessed to similar effects upon them. No man ever built more solidly. The type of piety engendered by his ministry was stalwart. He drew strong men to him, and revealed Christ in a way that appealed to their manhood. A large proportion of his converts were men, and more than an ordinary number, men of thought and culture.

This masterful ministry, so much needed in the great centres, at their strategic points, by his own lack of self-confidence was denied unto them, but proved always a blessing to the sections where he served. Ever white-souled, clean-handed, pure-hearted, a collossus for righteousness, he was one of the men who keep alive in the minds of the people faith in the piety and character of the ministry as a body.

From Milton he removed to St. George's and Summit in 1857, where, as usual, his first year closed in a blaze of revival in which many scores were swept into the kingdom of God.

Now, Mariner's Bethel, Philadelphia, wanted his services; and, recognizing the great gulf fixed between the Wilmington and the Philadelphia Conferences, so difficult to cross by transfer, in answer to this form of objection, which he urged, said, "We want to involve you in no responsibility, but simply to say you are willing to come to us if the way opens. We will attend to the rest of it and our church shall be filled by temporary supplies until your

transfer is effected." But he would not say that word which would have brought him to this greater field of usefulness, but returned to the nurture of his converts at St. George's and Summit.

Before the Chestertown conference in 1878 he had been invited to the pastorate of Smyrna by the official Board, and for once had consented to a promotion. In the complications at conference, however, another was put down for Smyrna and he assigned to Federalsburg Circuit.

Learning of this change I invited him for a walk, and then asked his consent to a plan of my own, to request the bishop to give him Asbury, Wilmington, for which I was slated, and let another adjustment be made for me. This appeared to me a desirable chance to pay a small installment upon my great debt of gratitude to him, and I was persistent in my urgency. Seeing me so determined he turned upon me with a sternness never before or afterwards manifested to "his boy," as he delighted to call me and said: "I will not under any circumstances permit it. You must not do it, nor in any way interfere so far as my case is concerned." Nor did he relent until I gave him my word that it should be as he desired. Then with a tenderness greater than was his wont, said, "Federalsburg is good enough for me; I have a host of friends and many spiritual children. Some of my best work was done there. It seems like going home. Besides, I am more anxious as to how than where I preach the Gospel. I am now fifty-five; it will only be a few more moves for me before I shall be at rest." And turning impulsively to me, his eyes swimming in tears, for his sensitive nature had been deeply wounded that conference, though he made no sign, he said, "Brother John, I have let you into more of the hidden things of my life than is known to any other man. When I am gone you may tell my brethren about me if you will. I think I would like them to know some of the things which you can tell. But let me alone in the matter of appointments. I am glad to see you taking rank in the Conference so early in your ministry; you will do well with your work, I am sure. Such chances came to me early in my career, also, but this dreadful fear of being overclassified in my appointments has shadowed my whole life. It has kept me from many desirable places throughout my ministry. Leave me in my little corners; they suit me best; and the Lord has always given me souls wherever I have been." And then he told me of the many of his converts besides myself and George W. Towusend, who had been called to the ministry. This was an especial pleasure to him.

When thrown together in intimate relationship a few years later—think of it, I the Presiding Elder of my own dear spiritual father. It was at first embarrassing to me, but he rejoiced in it. During this intercourse he occasionally reverted to the agreement of my telling his story to the Conference upon his demise; and I was more than gratified when, on March 6th, I received a letter from his son, Elmer H. Walton, Esq., reminding me of his father's wish and his mother's desire that I should fulfill the old agreement with him to whom under God I owe so much."

When in the Bishop's Cabinet the opportunity came to me more than once to urge his appointment to a District, but with something of the sternness once before displayed he said: "That has been tried many times before in my ministry and I now say to you what I have never before said about any other appointment, let the Bishop send me where he will and I will go without a murmur, but a District I will not have. The one thing I will not accept is the Presiding Eldership." And to my query as to how he justified himself in thus contravening the record of his life he replied: "I do not. The pastorate is divine; the other, in which I fully believe, is not divine but a human, a prudential office. An appointment to

which a preacher may or may not consent unto without violating his vows. Besides there are a number of men who want it, or at least willing to take it, who, in my judgment, are in every way superior to me. If the place could not be filled without me I suppose I would have to take it, but no such contingency exists and I will not have it." "Now, Brother John, I know you love me and I fully appreciate your sense of gratitude, but for the future show it in some other way. You cannot make me over again and all this urgency and your disappointment makes me miserable. My obscurity suits me best and let this close all efforts of the kind to take me out of it forever." This was the third and last effort of the writer to induce a Bishop to make a Presiding Elder of this unwilling material, and the seventh, I think, in which this office had been pressed upon him by brethren who knew his worth, but always with the same opposition from himself.

I think it was in 1872 I inquired of that great peninsula Presiding Elder, Dr. T. J. Thompson, why Brother Walton had not been brought out more prominently and gave my opinion as to the mental and spiritual calibre of the man. He replied: "That is all true, but the reason he has had no greater prominence is because he would not permit it. Years ago I thought him worthy of recognition and had him placed as chairman of important committees, but he would always make some other member read the report. He seemed to dread publicity and yet he is a most remarkable preacher."

When privileged to lead the always to be honored and never to be forgotten heroes of Salisbury District in their advance to larger endeavor for the kingdom of God I reckoned it a great privilege to bring his name before the Board at Salisbury as the successor of that sterling and always successful man of God, John D. C. Hanna. But long after he had entered upon his work there and crowds flocked to his ministry he was overwhelmed with dreadful depressions through this deficiency of self esteem lest he should fail to sustain himself and so injure the cause.

And this at the very time when the exceptional character of his ministry was the exultation of Salisbury Methodists, and the talk of the town. And it was months before he was able to rise above this abnormal but characteristic self-depreciation. I can never forget the interest with which he entered into the plans and purposes of "his boy" to develop that territory to the maximum of its possibilities. Over and over again he would say, "Brother John, let me know what you would like to have done here and I will reach it if it be within the range of possibilities." And the statistics of his charge will show how faithfully he kept his word.

He was never afraid to have his statistics examined; they never needed an apology and were ever true and always creditable both to himself and his charge.

Alas, that I have not the time (1.45 A. M. March 16th), nor the data at hand to tabulate his probationers from the separations from Philadelphia Conference in 1868 to the report of his last appointment in 1890. Will not Brother Townsend prepare and insert them here?

They represent a large percentage of full membership. A peculiarity of his converts was that they were converted from something to something and stayed converted. But what matters their recapitulation here! The record of his mighty ministry is not lost from the annals of eternity. God has kept the tally and the register of his work of faith and labor of love are on high, where honest statistics of noble endeavor are more valued than here.

Nothing was ever left undone, nothing neglected, nothing forgotten. The souls about him he labored successfully to interest and save. The souls remote he sought to reach through the benevolent agencies of the churches,—these fingers and hands of Almighty God for saving souls away from home. And he taught this duty by example as well as precept. The

Lord's work received its full share of the small salaries which came to him. He gave with the richest of his laymen and generally surpassed them in the generosity of his contributions. I remember at one Conference he wore a very unrepresentable overcoat, Never unduly fastidious about his apparel, this coat was rather extraordinary in its way. I did not mean to notice it, but suppose he detected me in the act and said, "Brother John, this is not a very presentable overcoat, but the truth is I could not afford to get a new one and at the same time pay my subscription to the Conference Academy, and thought it best to do without the overcoat."

If he ever failed at any point in quiet, self-sacrificing heroism I never knew of or suspected it.

I should scarcely be true to my friends did I not go back to a chapter in his ministry which lived in his memory ever a delight. I cannot tell this story without allusions personal to myself that cannot be avoided if the truth is to be known about the methods sometimes used by this holy man when about his Father's business.

In 1865 he came to Milton and found the church rent by striving factions divided upon the issues of the war and filed with intolerant views about the opinions of each other. An injudicious ministry before his own had poured vitrol upon the sore and oiled the flames or unbrotherly contention. And this man loyal to his own strong convictions, which he never compromised. took from March, 1865, to the middle of January, 1866, three weeks into his revival meetings to heal the differences between brethren and get them sufficiently fused to weld into an harmonious whole. But the time came when their repentance was genuine, with consciences touched, their hearts broken, and they gave themselves to God and then to each other. And that which was so auspiciously begun at the house of God was extended to the children of the church and the unsaved people of the town until a hundred souls were converted and almost as many united with the church.

But one there was who all the year through he had been trying to win, who, though loving the preacher with a passionate devotion, for the interest he took in him, but resisted all efforts and disappointed all expectations and frustrated all plans for bringing him to Christ. A sailor boy of seventeen, whose sins of the temper gave to his friends the gravest anxiety. Though grateful to all for their interest in him with strange perversity he avoided the meetings as if afraid of his own salvation. I have often heard Mr. Walton say, "I kept that meeting open for two weeks after it should have been discontinued that he might return home and have the benefit of it. It seemed to me I could not close it and leave that young man unsaved, for whom so much concern was felt and for whom so many prayers had been offered. At last he saw the fruition of his hopes and the efforts of pastor and wife, of his parents and friends were rewarded, and this one who had stirred the anxieties and the hopes of the whole community was blessedly converted. And the night on which this declaration of salvation was made Brother Walton on his way home from the church remarked to his wife, to which she agreed, "There is a Methodist preacher in that young man." And two years and four months later this prophecy was fulfilled, and he was sent as supply to a Circuit by the Presiding Elder and admitted to the Wilmington Conference on trial at its first session nine months after. And having obtained help of God, hath continued until now.

Some new phase of his ten months' campaign for this one soul was remarked upon by him at almost every interview they had together from that time forward.

What his career would have been without the intersection of this colossal life with his, the writer dares not contemplate. But in the mercy of God he came at a period when the crisis was reached and no one could forecast the outcome. But the Walton family touched

his life, and every one of them was enlisted by the father to help capture him for Christ. His love for children was taken advantage of and the little ones put in his way. Nothing was left undone that two devoted, determined spirits could devise to change the course of an erring life. Then followed the training under that one blessed year of ministry that cost the pastor so much to give, as before related, but which was of such priceless worth to this disciple of his, as well as to many others.

The hand which writes reluctates to desist from this labor of love, but the length of the epistle must be gauged, not by the depth of the writer's love, but by the length of time allotted to the memorial service.

This kingly, mighty fisher of men has gone to the realm of tearless rapture. Upon the stormless surface of the landlocked harbor, glowing in the radiant light of eternal glory, my father in God has found his anchorage. O, if His abounding mercy shall keep it from wreck when my own poor tempest-driven bark comes into port, will not the Celestial Harbor Master bring me to anchor, yardarm and yardarm with him who was my pilot over the storm-tossed ocean to the shadowless haven—

“Where all the ship's company meet
Who sailed with the Saviour beneath;
With shouting each other they greet,
And triumph o'er sorrow and death.

“The voyage of life's at an end;
The mortal affliction is past;
The age that in heaven they spend
For ever and ever shall last.”

REV. JOHN BOLTON QUIGG.

This eminent servant of God was born in Philadelphia, August 3d, 1826, and died, honored and beloved, in Wilmington, Delaware, July 30th, 1898.

He was descended from sturdy Quaker stock, and his entire life illustrated the plain, strong virtues of that rugged race.

With but limited educational advantages he developed, at an early age, great fondness for books, and so patiently did he apply himself to study, that he became unusually well equipped for his chosen life work. A phenomenal conversion brought with it at once an intense conviction of his duty to enter the ministry. He was accordingly licensed to preach in January, 1849, and a few months afterward sent to Laurel Circuit, Delaware, as a supply, where the Lord gave him convincing endorsement of his call in the marked success of his work.

He was received on trial in the Philadelphia Conference in 1850, and there began a ministry which swept on with tremendous energy and rare faithfulness for forty-seven years without an interruption.

The following is the record of his charges after Laurel: Church Creek, Md.; Berlin, Md.; Princess Anne, Md.; Worcester Mission, Md.; Quantico, Md.; Dorchester, Md.; Brandywine, Pa.; South Easton, Pa.; Bethel, Md.; Village Green, Pa.; South Chester, (now Trinity), Pa.; Kent Circuit, Md.; Chestertown, Md.; Presiding Elder of Easton District; Agent of the Wilmington Conference Academy; Rehoboth, Del.; Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District; Milford, Del.; Laurel, Del.; Smyrna, Del.; North East, Md.; Wesley, (Wilmington), Del.; Chester, Pa.; Bethel, Del.

At the Conference in 1896, on account of declining health, Brother Quigg stepped aside from active service, the entire body bearing testimony to his fidelity and zeal, in a series of touching resolutions, which were adopted by a rising vote. There were less than two and a half years of retirement, during which the champion of reforms and the hero of forlorn hopes became as a child in gentle and winsome ways, “waiting till the shadows were a little longer grown,” then God took him home.

The character of John B. Quigg was a marked one. Its dominant elements were conscientiousness, courage, fidelity and self-control. He was, therefore, a masterful man and a leader among his brethren. In troublous times he was always at the front; a color-bearer, whose example urged men to action for God and the Church. Ready in debate, wise in counsel, resourceful in method, far-seeing in respect to the Church needs, he was a statesman in that kingdom which is from heaven.

His name is associated with every important movement in the history of the Wilmington Conference, and its entire working policy has been largely shaped by his ripe judgment.

The success of the Conference Academy is due, principally, to his tireless endeavor. From the day of its inception until he could no longer plead for any cause he fought its battles, urged its claims and planned its rescue from financial straits.

As in this, so in every department of the minister's work he was a model of methodical aggressive, successful service. Churches built, debts swept away, revivals promoted, temperance and Church extension fostered, with the Pastor's daily duty well done—these all tell the story of a crowded yet genial life. Truly “his works—a goodly procession—do follow him.”

No wonder his brethren honored him and set him in places of special responsibility. He was at home in all of them. Twice he was a member of the General Conference, once leading his delegation, and a delegate to the Centennial Conference in 1884. He was a trustee of the old Wesleyan Female College and of Dickinson College. For years he was President of the Conference Board of Church Extension and of its Domestic Missionary Society. Sadly is he missed out of these gatherings of his brethren.

In 1854 he was married to Miss Jane H. Townsend of Snow Hill, Md., an elect lady, who survives him. His children are Rev. Howard T. Quigg, a member of the Philadelphia Conference, and stationed at Pottsville, Pa.; Alfred W., in business at Pawtucket, Rhode Island; Hon. Lemuel Ely, an ex-member of Congress from New York; Mrs. Wm. Holmes, of Brooklyn, and Miss Grace, of Wilmington, Del. All these have a blessed legacy in the noble career and a godly example of the ascended one, who cherished them so tenderly.

Bishop Foss, in expressing sympathy with the family in a letter to Rev. Howard T. Quigg, says: “I had long known of your father as a prominent man in his Conference, but did not realize the extent and strength of his influence until it fell to my lot to hold the Conference.”

Impressive funeral services were held in Grace Church, Wilmington, after which his remains were taken to Snow Hill, Md., where, in the hush of the summer evening, with the full moon shedding its light on the village street and solemn cemetery, he was laid to sleep with the friends of his early manhood.

T. E. MARTINDALE.

REV. JOHN HOLLIS CALDWELL, A. M., D. D.

The subject of this memoir was born near Spartansburg, South Carolina, June 4, 1820, and closed his eyes to earth in his “own hired house” in Dover, Delaware, March 11, 1899, at the ripe age of seventy-eight years, nine months and seven days. How strong in this case is the reminder of the Psalmist that the days of our years beyond our allotted three score and

ten are "years of labor and sorrow." Most of the time since our beloved brother passed this limit has been full of pain and weariness; and no doubt he often felt like saying, "O, that I had wings like a dove, for then would I fly away and be at rest." And yet, as we knew him, we can only think of him as "enduring hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ," and waiting in un murmuring patience and submission "all the days of his appointed time." One who had seen so much of life—of life so fraught with mighty tests of faith and patience, would not easily allow its course to be turned, when its flow had been so long and steadily setting toward the "coast of bliss." In scraps of personal history, penned before his natural force was abated, he says of his parents; My mother was a saintly woman; my father was converted late in life, and died peacefully in his 87th year.

Dr. Caldwell united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1832, then a lad of twelve years; the four succeeding years were marked by attendance to his religious duties, but his renewal by the Holy Ghost and the washing of regeneration was not realized until his sixteenth year. Soon after his conversion his manner of life and aptness in public address attracted attention as being of unusual promise, and he was licensed as an exhorter. In 1842, being then about twenty two years old, he was licensed as a local preacher, and his noticeable career at such led his Quarterly Conference to recommend him as a man qualified for the traveling ministry. He was received on trial in the Georgia Conference in 1845, four months before the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This event in Episcopal Methodism naturally carried him into that body with his brethren of the Georgia Conference. The twenty years of his career in the M. E. Church, South, were spent chiefly in prominent pastoral charges, with four years in educational work.

For reasons that had long been shaping in his mind, and in answer to great heart-searching and prayer for light upon his path in those perilous times, he withdrew from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1865, and returned to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

His scholarly equipment had led Emory College, Georgia, to confer upon him the degree of Master of Arts, while he was at the head of Andrew Female College, in Southwestern Georgia, where his administration had been the life of that institution for four years.

Following his withdrawal from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he at once became a prominent and efficient factor in the ever-memorable work of Reconstruction of his State government. His legal fitness and sincere desire to do for Georgia what the results of the civil war had made a necessity, he was appointed a member of the Constitutional Convention of Georgia, and it fell to his lot to be one of eight to draft the new State Constitution. He was chairman of the Committee on Education, and his dictations and suggestions as such are the foundation of the public school system of that State. His learning, logic, force as a speaker, and influence as a citizen, bore down all opposition to the form of the new Constitution, and it was accepted and adopted by Congress.

He was three years in the Georgia Legislature, and gave most important service there. His writings and addresses were widely read, and his influence had largely to do with guiding the Ship of State to safe moorings.

In 1870 he took a location from the ministry, and was appointed District Judge. He subsequently was Associate United States District Attorney, and proved a competent officer in all these important positions. He was thoroughly informed concerning the events of that stormy and perilous period of the South's history, and his statements published five years ago in pamphlet form entitled, "Reminiscences of the Reconstruction of Church and State in Georgia," are intensely interesting.

His two years as a local preacher, from 1870 to 1872, were not idle years, but excitingly

full of his best endeavors for the State and for the Methodist Episcopal Church in the South.

In the spring of 1872 he came to the seat of the Wilmington Conference at Laurel, Delaware, presented his certificate of location, and was promptly admitted to our ranks. He was sent as pastor to Still Pond, where he served three years with great efficiency, and where his name to this day is held in blessed memory. From there he was appointed to Dover, three years, then to St. Paul's, Wilmington, three years, and then back to Dover for an equal period. All those important charges were served as only a man of his ability and fitness could. In the spring of 1884 he was chosen by Bishop Harris as Presiding Elder of Easton District, where he gave good service; but was taken therefrom in the summer of 1885, by the unanimous vote of the trustees of Delaware College to be its President. Here he gave two years of honorable service, but longing for his former throne of power, he re-entered the pastorate, and was stationed at Frederica, where he gave them best instruction and care for four years. This terminated his effective years, numbering forty-five, and was now warned by failing health to seek freedom from care in the quiet of the supernumerary relation. Two years ago he was made a superannuate at his own request, and as his brethren were getting ready to attend this Conference session, "he stretched himself upon his bed," "and was not, for God took him."

In 1876 he was second reserve delegate to the General Conference. In 1880 he was first reserve, and in 1884 he led our delegation of three, the other two being Charles Hill and John B. Quigg. These have all "obtained a good report," and are being led by living fountains of water on the other side.

Twenty-one years ago, while in the zenith of his power as a preacher and man of letters, Dickinson College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity, a title that well became him.

His career as a man of letters began by an easy mastery of the high school curriculum, and that of the college was completed under private tutors. The mastery of these curricula only whetted his appetite for knowledge—only gave him clear views of the need of knowing things knowable; and bending himself to the task of finding fitness for high places, he soon extended his horizon by looking from altitudes of honor on the ladder, every round of which had felt his tread from the lowest upward. He was a walking encyclopedia. He was historian, naturalist, scientist, linguist, theologian, lawyer, author. He was familiar with books and men. The epochs of history came to him without an effort. He spoke in "other tongues" when it was needful, but was a master in that where many of us are lacking—in good English. Yet, with all this equipment, there was no pedantic strut nor "fantastic tricks before high heaven." He knew that no man can get but a modicum of what is knowable in the brief span of human life, hence his unpretentiousness and great simplicity. He was unique. He was always a student. The acquisition of knowledge was as pleasant to him as eating good food is to a hungry man. He was "mighty in the Scriptures," and loved to make new sermons. He didn't know what else to do with the material he was constantly mining and hewing and shaping. His manner in the pulpit, like his matter, could not be copied. He was himself. He had a mission all his own, and his own work he did between Spartansburg and Dover, and then rested.

As to the results of his ministry he says in his notes that he served many churches without much apparent success; but in ten of his charges he had extensive revivals. He conducted his own evangelistic meetings, with one exception, when he employed an evangelist. He gives as some of the visible results of his ministry the conversion of about 3,000 souls.

Yet we who know our brother's fidelity to the truth and to men, know that he did much seed-sowing that will be yielding through all time.

With qualifications to preach to the most cultured, the most untutored received his portion in season, and the way-faring man could discern by the gleam of his eye that his heart was near, and the recognition of a real gospel trumpet was noted in that unique voice.

We have heard him when that voice was pitched to the key of a hurricane, and the unmeasured voltage of a current from a dynamo near the throne of God was surcharging his body, soul and spirit.

As pastor, how considerate, forbearing, fatherly and helpful; in the social circle, how easily he became the centre; in his home, how tender to wife and sons, to daughters and servants; on the Conference floor, how prompt the hush of the usual hum and buzz when he arose for recognition by the chair, and how always deferential to his brethren, whether in high places or on poor circuits.

We esteemed him for the forces that centered in him and that flowed from him. We respected him because his unheralded goodness and simplicity commanded it. We loved him without having to learn how. Always approachable, companionable, we were at ease in his presence. He had no suspicions of men and would rather blunder in his overestimate of them. He bore the scars of life's pitiless pelting, and, like his Lord, he was ready to sympathize and lift up the fallen. He didn't know how to climb to place at another's cost. He preferred others in honor. His humility was inborn and not the galvanism of policy; and this lowliness of mind grew as his sphere enlarged. His conversion to Christ made him "as a little child."

He gave out knowledge as the clouds give rain, and knowing its pleasures he shared them with those around him. His was a big brain, full stored, and a big heart, whose thermal gushings drove back the frost-lines of formalism in social or religious life. His career is an inspiration. His work abides and the world is bettered because he lived and spent his life for men.

How many and ever widening are the circles his life has set in motion for the good of men, and with what pleasure we watch them as they gleam and quiver on the sea of life, as toward the "coast of bliss" we lay our course.

He sleeps. It is well. He will come again.

Largely attended and interesting funeral services were held in Wesley Church, Dover, on Tuesday, March 14th, at ten o'clock, in charge of the pastor, Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D., assisted by Drs. T. E. Martindale, W. F. Corkran, W. L. S. Murray, C. S. Baker, C. W. Prettymant J. T. Van Burkalow and P. H. Rawlins. Many other ministers were present from near and distant points of the Conference.

His bearers were Bros. Terry, Mowbray, O'Brien, Stengle and Stephenson. His remains lie in Lake Side Cemetery, Dover, but,

"It is not death to fling
Aside this sinful dust.
And rise on strong, exulting wing,
To live among the just."

His smitten widowed one, in much feebleness of body, awaits in blessed hope the call of her Lord, and the "beckoning hands" that smoothed for her life's toilsome way from early manhood until they lost their cunning. She mourns and waits, crying,

"O, for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still."

His sons and daughters are enriched by the inheritance of a "good name," and honored by a life that was spent for others. Their high and happy privilege is to follow him as he followed Christ.

To the bereaved ones all this Conference extends sincere sympathy, and for them prays that the Good Shepherd may at last enfold them in eternal shelter on the hills of God.

J. D. RIGG.

ELIZABETH BREWINGTON WEBSTER.

On Thursday of last session of Conference our brother, Z. H. Webster, was called home by a communication informing him of the serious illness of his wife. On Saturday, the Conference received a telegram stating that she had ceased to live. While we had been spending the days of Conference in pleasant reunion and social enjoyment, Brother Webster was watching with the saddest forebodings beside the sick couch of his wife.

Elizabeth Brewington Webster was born in Wycomico, Md., on February 16, 1859. She was converted in her 9th year at Saulisbury, under the ministry of the Rev. J. T. Van Burkalow. Was married at Deals Island, Md., to our brother, the Rev. Z. H. Webster, December 6, 1882, and died at Denton, Md., March 26, 1898. She was of good Methodist stock, her parents being Henry and Sarah A. Brewington. Her oldest brother, the Rev. James McK. Brewington, was, previous to his death, a member of our Conference, and another brother, the Rev. Julius Brewington is a member now.

At the time of his marriage Rev. Webster was not in the ministry, but as the duty to preach the gospel pressed more and more upon him, no one rejoiced in the high call so sincerely and no one was so helpful as his wife. In 1886 when Rev. Webster entered the regular work his wife at once proved herself a helpmate indeed, entering into all his plans with a lofty ambition to see her husband win the largest success and giving herself in effort to bring results to his ministry.

In every charge to which they were appointed Sister Webster won the affections of all who came in contact with her, and her life and character are held in esteem and admiration today. At Quantitico, Fruitland, Whitesville, Tangier and Denton, a host are found who call her blessed. This could not be otherwise for her character was most winning. In temperament she was hopeful and trusty with an equilibrium of soul that enabled her to pass through all storms apparently unmoved. There was a quietness and gentleness of spirit that manifested itself on her face under all circumstances. Her winning smile and affectionate manner will always be remembered by those who knew her, making it a real joy to become a guest at the parsonage. If there was one element of character that was conspicuous above all others, it was her faith in God. No pathway could be so dark that the light of God's presence did not reach her, no valley so deep that the Father's hand did not lead her, no bereavement so sad that God's power did not sustain her. Unwavering in faith, she always could see that God's way was the right way.

Sister Webster was loyal to Methodist economy. No one ever heard her murmur about the appointment to which she was sent. Considering it a great privilege to work for souls in the ministry, she went gladly wherever appointed, sure that God would give her work to do that would tell in the world's uplift.

Her life was not a long one but it was crowded with labors and fruitful in magnificent results. In every department of the church she was an efficient worker. The marvel was that she could accomplish so much work and at the same time take such motherly care of the children God had sent into the home. In the Sunday School, teaching a large class, she

moulded character after the fashion of her own Christlike nature, with the Epworth League she worked with blessings to all its members, in the revival meetings she quietly told the story to many in the audience and led them to the altar or in earnest prayer besought the power of God to fall on the church. The poor and old and sick had a friend in her, few storms being great enough to detain her at home when her ministry among them was needed.

It was a time of consternation and dread in Denton when the news went forth that Sister Webster might die, and when the announcement of her death was made, old citizens said that their community had never been so profoundly stirred. All called her friend, and were bereaved beyond measure at her loss.

Her last illness and death were as serene as her life had been. There was no faltering as the river was reached. Looking at husband and children, knowing how their hearts would break, she said, "I would stay, pray," but afterwards said, "If it is my Heavenly Father's will, I am ready to go," and still later, as her friends labored to bring her back to life, said, "Let me go." In a little while she went, and another saint had been crowned.

Her funeral services were held at Denton on Monday, March 28th, conducted by the writer, assisted by the Revs. R. W. Todd and George L. Hardesty. It seemed as if the whole community had turned out to do her honor, and hundreds followed her to the cemetery, where we laid her to await the resurrection morn.

Her husband and the five daughters left have our sympathy and prayers, and, though the dear one is no more in the home circle, the hand is still, the eye is closed, the voice is hushed, yet they have the legacy of the memories of the beautiful life the dear one lived and the hope of meeting again by and by.

J. D. C. HANNA.

EVA NUTTER.

Eva Nutter was born near Phillippi, West Virginia, April 28, 1862. She became a child of God at the age of twelve and united with the Baptist Church near her home. For nine years she remained in this communion and only left it because she could not subscribe to their close communion teaching. Having decided to leave the Baptist Church, she transferred her membership to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which she lived and died. She was educated in the public schools and Beaver College, Pa. In 1886 she was married to Rev. M. D. Nutter at Delaware, Ohio, where she had gone to witness the graduation of her husband from the Ohio Wesleyan University. She went with him to the Boston University, and from there to the Wilmington Conference. For several years her health had been failing, and from there to the Wilmington Conference. She died at Kingwood, West Virginia, Feb. 13, 1899, and was buried in the old family graveyard at Phillippi on the following day.

Sister Nutter was one of the choicest and most saintly spirits that ever graced the earth. At an early stage of her connection with the Methodist church, she came to have an experimental knowledge of the doctrine and experience of christian holiness or perfect love and to her last breath preached it and witnessed to it. To her sorrowing husband she said in her last triumphant hour, "Preach holiness; preach sanctification, preach it till your latest breath." On Saturday afternoon before her departure on Tuesday, she was in a state of exalted rapture. She called the loved ones about her bedside and had them sing, "On the Victory Side," and as they sang she shouted and praised God aloud for more than an hour. Oh, she would exclaim, as wave after wave of glory deluged her triumphant soul, "one moment of this delight would make me forget a lifetime of suffering the very worst that I have had." From that time on till the moment of her death, her soul was all aglow with celestial fire, and again and again she would say, "Dear Jesus, how unspeakably precious you are," and at the last when pain had become a writhing torture, she was heard to whisper, "Dear Jesus, help me to bear it for thy dear sake, or else take me to Thy dear self," and He did.

There was one other thing for which Sister Nutter stood unflinchingly to the last, and that was the cause of temperance. The last request that she made was that she might be carried to her tomb with the little bow of white ribbon over her heart. The request was granted, and so another sainted and sanctified spirit has gone to see Jesus and be like him.

ALFRED SMITH.

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	\$150 00
1871 15	"	James Esgate.....	Tamworth, N. H.....	325 00	190 00
1875 34	"	Henry Sanderson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	250 00	110 00
1890 8	"	C. J. Hammitt.....	Kinsey, Ala.....	300 00	125 00
1891 33	"	W. W. Redman.....	Farmington, Del.....	250 00	130 00
1896 60	"	B. F. Price.....	Elkton, Md.....	400 00	200 00
1895 35	"	A. D. Davis.....	Wilmington, Del.....	500 00	235 00
1897 28	"	Edward Davis.....	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.....	250 00	190 00
1893 48	"	William E. England.....	2336 N. Eleventh St., Phila.....	300 00	260 00
1898 41	"	T. S. Williams.....	Northeast, Md.....	400 00	150 00
1885 28	"	Wm. F. Talbot.....	Dover, Del.....	250 00	100 00
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1889 19	y'rs.	J. W. Poole.....	Farmington, Kent Co., Del.....	250 00	85 00
1891 40	"	James W. Hammersley.....	Baltimore, Md.....	250 00	175 00
1892 24	"	J. D. Rigg.....	Chester, Pa.....	400 00	175 00
1893 21	"	George W. Wilcox.....	Salisbury, Md.....	350 00	140 00
1893 17	"	William L. P. Bowen.....	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.....	150 00	50 00
1894 50	"	T. H. Haynes.....	Smyrna, Del.....	400 00	200 00
1895 42	"	William M. Warner.....	Millington, Md.....	450 00	200 00
1895 22	"	William M. Green.....	Camden, Del.....		125 00
1897 26	"	William E. Tomkinson.....	109 Locust St., Harrisburg, Pa.....	300 00	175 00
1898 39	"	E. H. Hynson.....	Smyrna, Del.....	400 00	150 00
1899 34	"	James Carroll.....		200 00	130 00
1899	"	F. O. B. Wallin.....			100 00
WIDOWS.					
1865 10	y'rs.	Carrie A. Henderson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	90 00
1873 14	"	Rebecca M. Brandreth.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	100 00	90 00
1878 15	"	Laura E. Weston.....			35 00
1878 83	"	Mary S. Thomas.....	Wilmington, Del.....	100 00	50 00
1879 21	"	Annie H. Irwin.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	130 00
1879 10	"	Annie D. Chatham.....		500 00	230 00
1879 22	"	Sarah A. Williams.....	Smyrna, Del.....	250 00	100 00
1881 11	"	Sadie B. Bain.....	Kepple, Blair Co., Penna.....	250 00	75 00
1882 45	"	Eliza Pierson.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	160 00
1882 8	"	Emma A. Prettyman.....	East Market, Dorchester Co., Md.....	250 00	100 00
1884 33	"	Rebecca E. Hough.....	Smyrna, Del.....	250 00	100 00
1884 43	"	Roberta H. Matlack.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150 00	50 00
1884 15	"	Emma L. Shilling.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150 00	50 00
1887 37	"	Mary F. Way.....	4220 Broom St., Phila., Pa.....	100 00	90 00
1887 6	"	Mollie P. Johnson.....	Milford, Del.....	200 00	125 00
1887 28	"	Mary A. O'Neil.....	1012 Hopkins Ave., Balto., Md.....	300 00	140 00
1887 48	"	Sarah D. Gray.....	Gap, Lancaster Co., Penna.....	200 00	90 00
1891 35	"	Louisa A. Gardner.....	Cheswold, Del.....		100 00
1891 18	"	Mary A. Foreman.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	100 00
1891 35	"	Henrietta M. Allen.....	400 Second St., Brooklyn, N. Y.....		125 00
1892 20	"	S. Jennie Creamer.....	Wilmington, Del.....	300 00	200 00
1893 19	"	G. Annie Gregg.....	Wyoming, Del.....	300 00	100 00
1893 47	"	Susan S. Hill.....	Wilmington, Del.....	200 00	190 00
1893 26	"	M. R. Robinson.....	Perryman's, Harford Co., Md.....	250 00	75 00
1893 27	"	Marian F. Melvin.....	415 E. Huntington Av. Balt., Md.....	150 00	120 00
1895 48	"	Euth B. Fisher.....	Bridgeville, Sussex Co., Del.....	150 00	120 00
1896 4	"	Ellen Brindle.....	Greensboro Caroline, Md.....	250 00	70 00
1896 35	"	Lizzie M. Lecates.....	Deal's Island, Md.....	400 00	175 00
1896 35	"	Annie D. Bryan.....	Odessa, Del.....	150 00	80 00
1898 35	"	Mary E. McQuay.....	St. Michael's, Md.....		100 00
1898 35	"	C. C. Browne.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150 00	50 00
1899 40	"	Mrs. J. B. Quigg.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150 00	100 00
1899 47	"	Mrs. J. H. Caldwell.....	Dover, Del.....		200 00

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	\$ 38 00	Bay Side	\$10 00	\$10 00	\$15 00
Bridgeville	25 00	30 00	40 00	Cecilton	50 00	50 00	56 00
Burrsville		3 00	28 00	Centreville	60 00	60 00	70 00
Camden	80 00	80 00	72 00	Chestertown	85 00	100 00	85 00
Cannon's	40 00	40 00	45 00	Cheswold & Bethel	35 00	35 00	40 00
Church Creek	30 00	30 00	40 00	Church Hill	20 00	20 00	40 00
Crapo	10 00	12 00	36 00	Clayton	25 00	20 00	35 00
Denton	30 00	30 00	55 00	Cordova	25 00	15 00	40 00
Dover, Wesley	35 00	25 00	50 00	Crumpton	10 00	10 00	15 00
" Armory	150 00	150 00	150 00	Easton	80 00	80 00	80 00
East New Market	20 00	20 00	30 00	Galena	40 00	40 00	50 00
Ellendale	20 00	10 00	30 00	Golts	10 00	3 00	15 00
Elliott's Island	15 00	13 00	20 00	Greensboro	35 00	35 00	49 00
Farmington	5 00	5 00	15 00	Hillsboro	30 00	30 00	52 00
Federalburg	25 00	25 00	45 00	Ingleside	15 00	15 00	30 00
Falton	30 00	20 00	50 00	Kent Island	30 00	30 00	42 00
Frederica	40 00	40 00	45 00	Kenton	25 00	25 00	36 00
Galestown	65 00	65 00	60 00	Marydel	22 00	12 00	49 00
Georgetown	15 00	20 00	25 00	Middletown	100 00	100 00	100 00
Georgetown Circuit	50 00	50 00	70 00	Millington	40 00	40 00	45 00
Greenwood	10 00	10 00	35 00	Morgan Creek			5 00
Harrington	30 00	30 00	42 00	Odessa	40 00	35 00	40 00
Hooper's Island	35 00	35 00	55 00	Oxford	20 00	20 00	40 00
Houston	10 00	5 00	20 00	Piney Neck	10 00	5 00	20 00
Hurlock	20 00	2 00	25 00	Pomona	35 00	35 00	35 00
Lakesville	25 00	25 00	36 00	Queenstown	20 00	20 00	30 00
Leipsic	8 00	4 00	25 00	Rock Hall	25 00	25 00	40 00
Lewes	15 00		25 00	Royal Oak	18 00	10 00	20 00
Lincoln	60 00	60 00	65 00	St. Michael's	50 00	50 00	50 00
Little Creek	25 00	10 00	45 00	Salem & Union			28 00
Magnolia	10 00	10 00	20 00	Sassafras & Masseys			25 00
Milford	30 00	30 00	42 00	Smyrna	150 00	152 00	150 00
Milton	85 00	85 00	80 00	Smyrna Circuit	35 00	25 00	50 00
Nassau	35 00	35 00	50 00	Still Pond	60 00	60 00	60 00
Preston	25 00	20 00	45 00	Sudlersville	50 00	35 00	42 00
Salem		10 00	34 00	Talbot Ct.	15 00	17 00	35 00
Seaford & Bladesville	10 00	5 00	20 00	Tilghman	15 00	15 00	40 00
Vienna	40 00	60 00	55 00	Townsend	30 00	30 00	50 00
Williamsburg	15 00	6 00	28 00	Trappe	25 00	8 00	30 00
Williston	10 00	10 00	25 00	Worton	10 00	10 00	15 00
Woodside	25 00	25 00	40 00	Wye and Starr	10 00	10 00	25 00
Wyoming	50 00	5 00	15 00				
Zoar	20 00	20 00	36 00				
			23 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
Annessex	\$ 16 00	\$ 16 00		Bethel and Summit	\$ 10 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 30 00
Asbury	75 00	90 00	\$ 75 00	Charlestown	18 00	18 00	20 00
Berlin	25 00	25 00	52 00	Cherry Hill	55 00	30 00	40 00
Bethel	21 00	21 00	20 00	Chesapeake City	20 00	20 00	28 00
Bishopville	15 00	12 00	33 00	Chester-Bethel	32 00	32 00	44 00
Cape Charles City	15 00	15 00	40 00	Christiana	16 00	16 00	24 00
Chincoteague	15 00	15 00	36 00	Claymont	10 00	10 00	14 00
Crisfield	75 00	76 00	75 00	Colora	8 00	8 00	8 00
Deal's Island	70 00	60 00	70 00	Delaware City	30 00	30 00	36 00
Delmar	35 00	35 00	52 00	Elk Neck	8 00	3 00	24 00
Exmore				Ebenezer	15 00	15 00	8 00
Fairmount	75 00	75 00	75 00	Elkton	75 00	75 00	80 00
Frankford	35 00	20 00	45 00	Hockessin	10 00	10 00	20 00
Fruitland	10 00	10 00	31 00	Hopewell and Asbury	20 00	20 00	25 00
Girdle Tree	20 00	20 00	45 00	Marshallton & Stanton		15 00	20 00
Gumboro	20 00	15 00	39 00	Mt. Lebanon	10 00	10 00	18 00
Hallwood				Mt. Pleasant & Union	40 00	40 00	30 00
Holland's Island	15 00	15 00	8 00	Newark and Wesley	40 00	40 00	40 00
Laurel	70 00	70 00	70 00	New Castle	40 00	40 00	56 00
Mardella	47 00	30 00	5 00	Newport		37 00	40 00
Marion	12 00	10 00		North East	45 00	45 00	40 00
Millsboro	20 00	10 00	20 00	Perryville	15 00	15 00	16 00
Mt. Pleasant	12 00	16 00	29 00	Port Deposit	70 00	70 00	84 00
Mt. Vernon	20 00	20 00	39 00	Port Penn			8 00
Nanticoke	30 00	35 00	48 00	Red Lion & Glasgow	10 00	10 00	22 00
Newark	8 00	8 00	25 00	Rising Sun & Sylmar	30 00	30 00	36 00
New Church				Rowlandville & Mt. P.			12 00
Onancock	35 00	35 00	45 00	St. Georges	20 00	20 00	24 00
Parksley	10 00	10 00		St. Johns	15 00	10 00	20 00
Parsonsburg	15 00	15 00	35 00	Wilmington, Asbury	150 00	100 00	160 00
Pocomoke City	30 00	30 00	58 00	Brandywine	48 00	48 00	50 00
Pocomoke Circuit	14 00	10 00	10 00	Cookman	15 00	17 00	12 00
Powellville	5 00	5 00	7 00	East Lake & Elsemere	5 00	5 00	5 00
Princess Ann	20 00	20 00	34 00	Epworth	15 00	15 00	24 00
Quantico	20 00	20 00	20 00	Grace	250 00	582 00	264 00
Roxanna	25 00	15 00	44 00	Harrison Street	40 00	40 00	40 00
St. Peter's	45 00	45 00	58 00	Kingswd & Edgemoor	10 00	8 00	20 00
Salisbury	80 00	80 00	80 00	Madeley	15 00	15 00	20 00
Selbyville	10 00	10 00	20 00	Mt. Salem	78 00	50 00	80 00
Sharptown	20 00	12 00	22 00	St. Paul's	150 00	200 00	136 00
Smith's Island	35 00	35 00	39 00	Scott	50 00	50 00	60 00
Snow Hill	40 00	40 00	58 00	Silverbrook	20 00	20 00	16 00
Somerset	17 00	17 00	40 00	Swedish Mission	5 00	5 00	4 00
Stockton	18 00	18 00	27 00	Union	150 00	150 00	160 00
Tangier	50 00	50 00	65 00	Wesley	20 00	15 00	20 00
Westover	10 00	10 00	12 00	Zion	40 00	46 00	50 00
Whitesville	25 00	25 00	45 00				

STATISTICAL

Dover District, No. 1,

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership			Baptisms		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Childr'n baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	
1 Beckwith	10	200	..	2	6	..	2	20	175	2	\$	3500	1	\$ 1200
2 Bridgeville	6	210	1	5	8	12	1	16	150	1		6000	1	1500
3 Burrsville	43	202	1	4	18	..	4	36	278	4		3500	1	1000
4 Cambridge	14	336	1	3	20	..	1	34	360	1		25000	1	3000
5 Camden	22	228	1	4	18	3	3	43	236	3		11000	1	1400
6 Cannon	24	391	..	5	12	..	4	70	355	4		6800	1	1200
7 Church Creek	9	105	..	1	11	..	1	14	90	1		3800	1	1000
8 Crapo	15	400	1	5	20	..	5	60	399	5		5400	1	1200
9 Denton	15	212	1	5	9	..	3	52	290	3		10000	1	1500
10 Dover, Wesley	7	480	3	6	2	1	1	40	400	1		25000	1	6000
11 " Armory	15	90	3	..	..	..	1	19	140	1		2500	..	..
12 East New Market	60	156	1	1	2	..	4	34	230	3		3000	1	1500
13 Ellendale	2	190	3	1	1	..	3	32	185	4		4000	1	900
14 Elliott's Island	6	85	1	..	15	..	1	16	120	1		1000	1	500
15 Farmington	14	227	..	2	..	..	4	51	320	4		6000	1	1500
16 Federalsburg	46	249	1	..	..	..	4	45	241	3		3000	1	1000
17 Felton	16	184	1	4	5	..	3	26	140	3		7000	1	1500
18 Frederica	55	442	..	4	6	..	3	53	370	3		10000	1	2000
19 Galestown	146	223	1	11	16	..	4	65	335	4		4500	1	1000
20 Georgetown	5	340	2	7	2	3	1	25	350	1		11000	1	1500
21 Georgetown Circuit	14	365	..	4	12	1	5	54	365	5		3900	..	..
22 Greenwood	25	253	..	4	15	3	4	53	267	4		5900	1	1500
23 Harrington	6	208	..	5	6	1	1	24	154	2		7500	1	1800
24 Hooper's Island	10	100	1	5	25	..	1	40	150	4		4000	1	500
25 Houston	3	192	..	3	10	..	3	50	364	2		2000	..	..
26 Hurlock	8	151	3	2	..	..	3	39	230	3		4600	1	1400
27 Lakesville	10	115	1	4	10	..	4	30	150	5		4400	1	1000
28 Leipsic	13	183	..	1	2	1	2	21	160	2		4000	..	..
29 Lewes	11	292	1	3	19	1	1	33	267	1		11000	1	3500
30 Lincoln	5	230	..	2	11	2	4	48	271	3		4000	1	900
31 Little Creek	37	119	..	3	..	2	2	28	190	1		3000	..	..
32 Magnolia	1	216	..	6	2	..	3	25	250	3		6500	1	2000
33 Milford	21	400	1	7	7	..	2	53	540	1		20000	1	4000
34 Milton	6	205	..	3	2	1	2	34	210	2		8000	1	2800
35 Nassau	30	330	1	10	..	4	59	369	4	1		7100	1	1000
36 Preston	3	137	..	1	5	1	3	45	153	3		4900	1	1000
37 Salem	23	76	..	1	3	34	180	5	3800	1		600	..	..
38 Seaford & Bladesville	31	456	1	4	27	1	2	47	365	3		12300	1	2060
39 Vienna	4	90	..	5	1	3	20	90	8	3		2500	1	900
40 Williamsburg	6	161	1	1	3	6	3	40	180	3		4000	1	1000
41 Williston	16	300	..	27	4	4	60	300	4	5		5200	1	1000
42 Woodside	6	190	..	10	7	..	4	42	230	4		5000	..	..
43 Wyoming	93	247	1	2	10	..	4	55	410	4		6600	1	1800
44 Zoar	24	175	1	3	4	..	3	80	160	4		2800	..	..
Total	936	10141	34	145	389	42	126	1715	11169	131		\$294400	37	\$59100

TABLES.

Dover 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.	Officers and Teachers Church Mem. or Prob. Scholars, Church Mem. or Probationers.	Members of School Con-verted during year.	Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	No. Ep. League.	No. Ep. L. Mem.	Junior Leagues.	Junior League Mem-bers.
1	\$ 40	..	..	2	20	175	125	20	..	25	..	..	..	..	..
2	710	..	..	1	16	150	100	16	60	60	1	80	1	70	..
3	129	\$ 30	27	4	36	278	185	36	15	48	1	28	..	..	..
4	600	..	..	1	34	360	220	31	..	150	1	50	..	..	..
5	162	..	..	3	43	236	139	35	59	13	119	1	14	..	..
6	105	348	235	4	70	355	200	70	175	18	80	4	209	..	..
7	20	..	725	2	14	90	60	14	35	3	10	1	63	..	..
8	50	..	..	5	60	399	199	57	135	5	60	1	27	..	..
9	2300	..	900	3	52	290	200	48	..	5	145	1	50	1	35
10	1600	1400	865	1	40	400	300	40	125	1	94	1	103	1	40
11	100	85	150	4	19	140	80	19	50	5	65	1	28	1	30
12	150	150	8	3	34	230	180	31	108	60	45	..	..	..	..
13	12	..	..	3	32	185	140	32	67	1	28	..	..	..	..
14	25	..	..	1	16	120	75	15	20	3	25	1	35	..	..
15	25	80	650	4	51	320	225	48	..	5	75	4	130	1	40
16	..	..	..	3	45	241	160	39	..	20	31	1	85	1	34
17	..	..	..	3	26	140	96	25	..	4	38	1	50	..	..
18	141	43	32	3	53	370	221	49	225	20	65	1	70	..	..
19	275	..	..	4	65	335	240	60	..	84	44	2	120	..	..
20	1000	1000	..	4	25	350	175	25	..	1	90	1	40	1	65
21	312	..	..	5	54	365	183	52	142	2	31	1	50	..	..
22	80	..	..	4	53	267	180	51	58	2	53	1	28	1	51
23	..	203	897	1	24	154	100	24	..	1	114	1	75	1	57
24	..	..	521	3	40	150	100	40	..	..	10	..	..	..	..
25	676	..	..	3	50	364	200	38	..	5	80	1	75	1	38
26	40	25	..	3	39	230	160	38	..	5	80	..	..	1	36
27	350	..	..	4	30	150	50	..	150	13	15	..	..	..	..
28	..	510	..	2	21	160	75	..	15	40	35	..	..	..	..
29	109	400	600	1	33	267	170	32	60	3	100	1	105	..	..
30	420	5	12	4	48	271	168	39	130	2	52	1	34	1	32
31	..	875	..	2	28	190	100	26	..	12	52	1	35	..	..
32	125	..	..	2	25	250	150	25	..	1	51	1	40	..	..
33	200	1100	..	2	53	540	340	50	300	6	85	1	60	1	75
34	1157	..	131	2	34	210	140	34	..	5	60	1	..	..	..
35	800	..	100	4	59	369	240	56	109	20	72	2	60	..	..
36	..	..	110	3	45	153	108	21	21	1	34	..	..	..	..
37	341	..	225	3	34	180	85	32	..	6	48	..	..	..	..
38	100	396	..	2	47	365	215	47	75	8	130	1	125	1	80
39	25	..	..	3	20	90	75	20	50	30	..	..	..	..	..
40	203	..	325	3	40	180	160	30	100	5	48	1	23	..	..
41	..	..	..	4	60	300	200	65	..	3	75	3	145	2	45
42	65	..	..	4	42	230	150	40	150	..	75	..	..	..	..
43	100	..	300	4	55	410	294	54	145	32	140	..	..	..	..
44	175	40	190	3	30	160	110	25	..	6	20	..	..	..	..
Total	10377	5370	12238	126	1715	11169	7073	1576	2599	396	2737	42	2062	16	728

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 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 Bayside	7	76	2	3	5	19	110	2700	1	2000			
2 Cecilton	24	185	2	12	7	36	275	12000	1	2000			
3 Centreville	18	274	4	18	38	293	38	18000	1	3500			
4 Cheswold and Bethel	16	220	4	5	32	180	750	16200	1	4000			
5 Chestertown	49	321	1	8	47	215	37	16200	1	4000			
6 Church Hill	22	157	4	4	3	49	265	5800	1	1500			
7 Clayton	10	182	1	11	1	21	214	4000	1	1500			
8 Cordova	14	165	1	3	4	35	232	2800	1	1200			
9 Crumpton	25	80	3	4	3	30	150	4000	1	1000			
10 Easton	35	230	3	3	5	1	26	270	1	14000			
11 Galena	5	120	1	1	2	21	105	8000	1	2000			
12 Golt's	68	1	4	14	1	3	16	110	3	2800			
13 Greensboro	27	185	5	71	10	1	23	195	1	2500			
14 Hillsboro	270	210	2	2	34	210	2	10000	1	1200			
15 Ingleside	80	129	2	6	4	39	200	4500	1	1000			
16 Kent Island	30	217	6	15	1	2	30	360	3	5000			
17 Kenton	3	160	2	3	16	3	16	120	3	4000			
18 Maryland	20	300	3	3	4	53	230	3600	1	800			
19 Middletown	26	350	3	15	4	1	32	275	1	10000			
20 Millington	177	20	1	5	2	3	32	175	3	9000			
21 Odessa	7	151	2	6	2	1	17	163	1	6000			
22 Oxford	3	130	1	20	1	1	24	111	1	3000			
23 Piney Neck	43	2	2	2	1	18	110	1	1	1200			
24 Pomona	13	211	1	6	3	36	175	3	3	6100			
25 Queenstown	7	170	1	23	3	35	210	3	3	6000			
26 Rock Hall	80	85	1	11	1	1	40	275	1	1000			
27 Royal Oak	2	76	1	9	2	20	90	3000	1	2000			
28 St. Michael's	27	405	3	12	1	2	40	450	2	15000			
29 Smyrna	9	432	1	15	1	2	1	39	246	1	20000		
30 Smyrna Circuit	10	180	2	6	5	3	45	250	3	6000			
31 Still Pond	15	150	2	6	3	30	250	7500	1	1500			
32 Sudlersville	9	150	2	11	2	26	181	7000	1	1500			
33 Talbot Ct.	28	135	3	26	1	38	177	2500	1	1500			
34 Tilghman's Island	26	215	3	21	2	20	145	3500	1	1200			
35 Townsend	59	258	1	2	2	29	245	5000	1	2000			
36 Trappe	10	150	4	5	3	30	150	6000	1	1200			
37 Tunis Mills	45	140	1	6	3	36	150	4600	1	1000			
38 Wye and Starr	30	99	3	10	1	3	17	150	3	2000			
39 Worton	30	99	3	10	1	3	17	150	3	2000			
Total	869	7001	19	117	513	66	85	1168	7757	86	247300	32	57600

TABLES.
Easton District, No. 2.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	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.	Scholars, Church Mem- bers or Probationers.	No. of members of Sun- day School Converted during the year.	Current Expenses—Les- son Leaves, Books, etc.	No. Epworth Leagues.	No. Ep. L. Members.	Junior League.	Junior League Mem- bers.	
1 Bayside	1	25	60	2	19	110	74	19	21	48	1	22	1	60	1	30	
2 Cecilton	25	89	57	2	36	275	180	35	90	140	1	60	1	160	1	59	
3 Centreville	20	89	57	2	38	293	159	38	138	11	175	2	160	1	74		
4 Cheswold and Bethel	20	200	1350	2	32	180	100	32	110	16	76	2	102	1	25		
5 Chestertown	26	200	1350	2	47	215	185	46	75	20	210	1	120	1	74		
6 Church Hill	200	60	600	1	39	265	126	33	45	12	71	2	67	1	14		
7 Clayton	500	1350	600	1	21	214	101	21	80	5	75	1	40	1	30		
8 Cordova	60	50	50	2	35	232	125	35	4	26	1	35	1	30	1	30	
9 Crumpton	175	50	500	2	30	150	120	30	50	15	90	1	30	1	30		
10 Easton	2000	800	500	2	26	270	154	23	170	21	225	1	60	1	30		
11 Galena	40	600	600	2	21	105	70	21	75	1	75	1	50	1	45		
12 Golt's	2000	122	200	1	16	110	55	16	38	28	12	1	30	1	30		
13 Greensboro	250	2000	200	3	23	195	125	20	65	6	75	1	30	1	25		
14 Hillsboro	2000	100	700	2	34	210	130	34	36	22	45	1	50	1	30		
15 Ingleside	100	35	600	2	39	200	110	36	54	22	25	2	160	1	30		
16 Kent Island	70	35	700	3	30	360	224	25	150	18	55	2	160	1	30		
17 Kenton	35	700	700	3	16	120	70	16	40	2	50	1	50	1	30		
18 Maryland	1250	335	150	4	53	230	135	45	60	10	60	1	55	1	30		
19 Middletown	87	320	115	1	32	275	130	32	160	10	75	1	85	1	50		
20 Millington	80	320	200	3	32	175	125	30	50	100	1	160	1	30			
21 Odessa	97	115	200	1	17	163	90	29	104	4	80	1	64	1	30		
22 Oxford	280	200	200	1	24	111	80	24	20	33	1	62	1	60			
23 Piney Neck	80	280	200	1	18	110	80	10	2	1	30	1	30	1	30		
24 Pomona	170	65	3	3	36	175	95	33	60	14	70	3	90	1	30		
25 Queenstown	100	50	3	3	35	210	140	35	65	5	35	2	82	1	30		
26 Rock Hall	50	50	1	40	275	225	35	65	150	1	75	1	75	1	40		
27 Royal Oak	500	1800	200	2	20	90	75	20	50	45	1	50	1	50	1	30	
28 St. Michael's	1800	150	150	2	40	450	350	40	110	1	216	1	216	1	30		
29 Smyrna	207	150	150	1	39	246	139	35	2	195	1	195	1	195	1	30	
30 Smyrna Circuit	50	300	300	3	45	250	175	55	3	125	1	125	1	125	1	30	
31 Still Pond	200	900	200	2	30	250	150	30	32	125	2	110	1	110	1	30	
32 Sudlersville	500	500	500	3	26	181	89	32	55	4	74	1	50	1	30		
33 Talbot Ct.	93	2	2	2	38	177	130	32	20	45	1	66	1	66	1	30	
34 Tilghman's Island	55	120	2	2	20	145	120	83	15	40	1	72	1	72	1	30	
35 Townsend	740	2	2	2	29	245	150	25	140	7	75	1	60	1	47		
36 Trappe	455	55	3	30	150	100	30	30	5	50	2	100	1	15	1	15	
37 Tunis Mills	45	1	1	9	45	38	8	16	1	25	1	15	1	15	1	15	
38 Wye and Starr	600	100	600	3	36	150	120	36	90	30	35	1	35	1	35	1	35
39 Worton	150	100	150	3	17	150	90	17	70	15	23	1	23	1	23	1	23
Total	7254	4063	9569	85	1168	7757	4934	35	1187	2019	416	3073	42	2518	15	574	

STATISTICAL
Easton District, No. 3.

Table with columns: NAME OF CHARGE, NAME OF PASTOR, PASTOR'S SUPPORT (CLAIMS, RECEIPTS), and Support of Pr's & B'g (Elders, B'gops). Rows list 39 churches and their respective financial data.

TABLES.
Easton District, No. 4.

Table with columns: CR'N'T EXP'N'S, MISSIONS, and BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. Rows list various church activities and their financial contributions.

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 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 Annessex.....	28	66	6	4	1	10	100	1500	1	6	500		
2 Asbury.....	35	371	3	39	3	30	405	10000	1	1	2000		
3 Berlin.....	13	221	1	3	13	20	205	3500	1	1	1000		
4 Bethel.....	3	215	1	6	15	3	30	225	1	1	1000		
5 Bishopville.....	62	241	13	11	1	4	36	304	4	3	5000		
6 Cape Charles City.....	78	78	7	7	1	18	130	4300	1	1	1800		
7 Chincoteague.....	18	92	4	4	2	16	120	3000	2	2	1600		
8 Crisfield.....	82	401	5	26	2	34	430	10000	1	1	2000		
9 Delmar.....	5	249	3	2	21	3	361	5000	1	1	2000		
10 Deal's Island.....	70	200	2	10	30	30	400	6000	2	2	1500		
11 Fairmount.....	10	450	1	4	8	3	36	380	2	2	12000		
12 Frankford.....	18	447	5	24	1	54	470	4500	3	3	2000		
13 Fruitland.....	25	240	1	5	25	5	49	4000	5	5	1000		
14 Girdle Tree.....	5	350	4	10	10	4	50	275	4	4	7000		
15 Gumboro.....	26	345	1	2	65	2	60	350	4	4	5800		
16 Hallwood.....	9	77	2	4	2	8	55	1200	2	2	700		
17 Holland's Island.....	20	328	12	1	1	26	320	10000	1	1	3000		
18 Laurel.....	2	64	1	1	4	2	94	1500	2	2	1600		
19 Mardella Springs.....	25	143	3	3	17	90	2	6000	1	1	800		
20 Marion.....	59	350	1	5	9	4	56	332	4	4	5000		
21 Millsboro.....	3	280	3	6	1	3	51	496	3	3	4000		
22 Mt. Pleasant.....	86	237	1	11	2	27	260	2	2	1000			
23 Mt. Vernon.....	25	288	1	8	4	49	338	9000	1	1	800		
24 Nanticoke.....	5	130	5	8	3	31	180	3	3	3100			
25 Newark.....	25	412	2	3	10	5	65	372	3	3	8400		
26 Onancock.....	2	100	1	4	2	24	100	2	2	1500			
27 Parksley.....	25	315	3	13	6	4	46	337	4	4	3600		
28 Parsonsburg.....	20	200	4	10	1	25	185	1	1	5000			
29 Pocomoke City.....	3	167	1	3	12	1	3	26	1	1	3500		
30 Pocomoke Circuit.....	15	235	1	4	8	5	4	35	4	4	800		
31 Powellville.....	19	111	2	14	1	14	112	4500	1	1	1500		
32 Princess Anne.....	38	153	2	14	4	40	270	5000	1	1	1000		
33 Quantico.....	12	475	2	13	2	3	35	530	1	1	800		
34 Roxanna.....	38	367	6	27	3	42	460	3	3	1200			
35 St. Peter's.....	7	330	8	12	2	25	291	3	3	6000			
36 Salisbury.....	24	195	1	3	2	2	26	180	1	1	30000		
37 Selbyville.....	6	170	1	3	15	1	28	170	1	1	3200		
38 Sharptown.....	20	220	4	20	1	3	32	300	3	3	1000		
39 Smith's Island.....	10	255	6	9	1	25	200	1	1	5000			
40 Snow Hill.....	38	185	3	5	1	2	25	300	2	2	1500		
41 Somerset.....	11	174	3	1	4	4	42	312	1	1	1500		
42 Stockton.....	6	400	5	55	1	2	53	480	1	1	800		
43 Tangier.....	35	175	1	2	3	21	130	3	3	3300			
44 Westover.....	155	500	2	30	4	56	600	4	4	1200			
45 Whitesville.....													
Total.....	1091	10932	23	156	639	51	114	1479	12505	112	256700	41	58300

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.	Junior Leagues.	Junior League Mem- bers.
1	\$	\$	\$	1	10	100	60	10	10	6	19	75	1	90	1	25
2	156	13	500	1	30	405	275	23	23	15	125	1	58	1	78	
3	325	500	780	2	20	205	76	20	20	3	55	1	15	1	30	
4	780	780	620	3	36	304	190	31	31	27	56	2	75	1	46	
5	1800	130	620	4	18	130	100	18	18	75	1	54	1	24		
6	1600	76	635	5	16	120	90	14	14	20	36	1	97	1	112	
7	2000	80	635	6	34	430	203	34	34	51	170	1	97	1	112	
8	5000	170	635	7	21	361	124	21	21	100	4	90	1	20		
9	6000	699	588	8	30	400	300	29	29	210	70	100	1	180	1	100
10	1500	13	600	9	36	380	200	36	36	180	3	40	1	140	1	55
11	2000	100	162	10	54	470	210	51	51	76	76	2	90	1	16	
12	4500	50	100	11	49	400	23	48	48	20	45	2	90	1	20	
13	7000	100	100	12	50	275	175	50	50	100	100	1	22	1	16	
14	5800	50	100	13	60	350	200	60	60	50	50	2	70	1	20	
15	1200	100	85	14	8	55	40	40	40	10	10	1	30	1	20	
16	2000	111	16	15	14	80	60	14	14	25	1	60	1	20		
17	3000	750	300	16	26	320	183	26	26	12	85	1	60	1	55	
18	1500	30	248	17	21	94	55	21	21	15	1	22	1	30		
19	6000	151	2661	18	17	90	49	17	17	66	15	25	1	60	1	30
20	5000	188	156	19	56	332	230	56	56	57	1	50	1	50	1	50
21	4000	100	236	20	51	496	350	45	45	360	7	103	1	50	1	50
22	6000	325	628	21	27	260	190	27	27	140	7	70	2	85	1	85
23	9000	106	243	22	49	338	211	44	44	96	13	78	1	62	1	62
24	3100	25	25	23	31	180	112	30	30	38	4	25	1	60	1	60
25	8400	2	600	24	65	372	220	64	64	10	96	2	100	1	100	
26	1500	160	65	25	2	100	75	24	24	10	10	1	80	1	80	
27	3600	10	65	26	4	337	190	45	45	175	18	58	1	48	1	48
28	5000	200	82	27	25	185	150	26	26	109	16	100	1	80	1	60
29	3500	100	110	28	26	135	90	26	26	48	1	34	2	60	1	60
30	1500	650	125	29	35	241	135	16	16	3	18	1	30	1	30	
31	1000	60	50	30	1	112	45	14	14	27	3	60	1	34	1	34
32	5000	400	265	31	4	270	194	40	40	200	18	36	2	60	1	60
33	8000	2000	1000	32	35	530	300	63	63	53	5	35	2	250	1	250
34	6000	35	26	33	3	460	300	42	42	185	20	90	1	27	1	27
35	30000	375	475	34	25	291	117	42	42	145	141	1	65	1	30	
36	3200	200	475	35	26	180	677	24	24	40	24	26	1	80	1	80
37	1000	13	28	36	1	170	125	25	25	6	40	1	80	1	80	
38	5000	300	1000	37	3	300	230	32	32	20	75	2	80	3	100	
39	1700	1100	32	38	25	200	140	50	25	150	4	70	1	40	1	43
40	1500	155	2	39	2	300	225	23	23	30	25	2	106	1	63	
41	1500	153	51	40	4	312	150	42	42	4	68	1	155	1	65	
42	800	2303	900	41	53	480	400	53	53	117	1	155	1	65		
43	3300	75	385	42	21	130	100	25	25	2	70	1	70	1	70	
44	5000	80	65	43	56	600	400	56	56	75	4	186	1	186	1	186
45				44												
Total.....	13003	3966	17162	114	1479	12505	7519	301	1481	4154	570	2813	47	2598	22	972

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.....	11	98	1	1	9	2	25	107	2	\$ 5000	1	\$ 2500	
2 Charlestown.....	15	119	1	1	24	7	25	100	2	5500	1	1200	
3 Cherry Hill.....	14	163	1	1	26	3	20	175	3	6000	1	2000	
4 Chesapeake City.....	64	203	5	5	38	1	3	32	2	9800	2	247	
5 Chester.....	10	168	2	2	12	2	18	175	1	12000	1	1500	
6 Christiana.....	17	129	1	4	13	3	23	139	2	8000	1	1200	
7 Claymont.....	30	30	2	2	2	1	9	80	1	7000	1	1000	
8 Delaware City.....	4	114	1	1	2	1	20	134	1	11000	1	2000	
9 Ebenezer.....	25	120	2	2	8	2	26	266	1	2'00	1	1350	
10 Elk Neck.....	1	48	3	3	9	2	18	100	2	3000	1	1000	
11 Elkton.....	13	320	5	5	31	2	6	84	650	1	10000	1	5000
12 Hockessin.....	39	39	18	4	1	14	50	1	2000	1	1000	1	1000
13 Hopewell and Asbury.....	19	170	1	4	2	2	32	237	2	4500	1	1500	
14 Marshallton and Stanton.....	18	170	2	2	2	1	2	50	287	2	5000	1	1000
15 Mt. Lebanon.....	12	70	1	1	1	12	(107)	1	4000	1	4000	1	1000
16 Mt. Pleasant and Union.....	7	90	3	2	3	1	2	27	210	2	4500	1	3300
17 Newark and Wesley.....	7	179	1	5	2	33	295	2	10000	1	2500	1	1000
18 New Castle.....	16	240	1	3	12	1	30	230	1	18000	1	3500	
19 Newport.....	4	139	1	2	6	1	26	234	1	4500	1	2300	
20 North East.....	4	287	3	14	1	30	200	3	9000	1	2000	1	1000
21 Perryville.....	2	100	2	2	1	13	135	1	7200	1	2000	1	1000
22 Port Deposit.....	20	256	1	11	3	1	42	420	1	28000	1	2000	
23 Port Penn.....	(8)	(20)	1	1	1	(8)	(35)	(1)	(2000)	1	2000	1	1000
24 Red Lion and Glasgow.....	36	105	1	3	1	2	35	158	2	9500	1	1200	
25 Rising Sun and Sylmar.....	8	198	1	2	4	3	20	208	2	10000	1	2000	
26 Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant.....	8	142	1	5	1	1	15	100	2	4500	1	1000	
27 St. Georges'.....	25	106	1	23	9	1	20	145	1	5000	1	2000	
28 St. Johns.....	36	150	2	8	1	1	14	120	1	4000	1	1400	
29 Wilmington-Asbury.....	100	650	2	6	10	1	41	522	1	50000	1	3500	
30 Brandywine.....	8	350	1	3	12	1	2	55	493	2	15500	1	2500
31 Cookman.....	12	90	1	1	15	1	20	150	1	9570	1	1000	
32 East Lake.....	2	30	2	9	1	12	80	2	1000	1	1000	1	1000
33 Epworth.....	30	220	2	10	2	1	34	400	1	25000	1	3000	
34 Grace.....	35	570	3	6	4	1	75	544	1	200000	1	15000	
35 Harrison St.....	24	326	4	6	1	1	60	464	1	22500	1	1000	
36 Kingswood and Edgemoor.....	11	132	3	2	35	2	27	265	1	15000	1	1000	
37 Madeley.....	62	207	3	37	2	1	41	390	1	4000	1	1000	
38 Mt. Salem.....	2	294	2	3	23	4	2	50	433	2	35000	1	2000
39 St. Paul's.....	40	510	1	6	12	4	2	78	570	1	60000	1	4000
40 Scott.....	25	382	1	6	18	7	1	36	450	1	20000	1	2600
41 Silverbrook.....	28	106	1	8	6	1	31	166	1	24000	1	1000	
42 Swedish Mission.....	2	35	5	1	1	8	50	1	3500	1	1000	1	1000
43 Union.....	38	611	2	17	60	3	2	100	700	1	35000	2	11000
44 Wesley.....	16	210	4	4	17	1	1	39	274	1	10000	1	2000
45 Zion Circuit.....	5	357	1	6	2	13	4	76	472	4	12000	1	1600
Total.....	844	9048	43	123	560	102	71	1504	11817	67	753070	33	90650
Conference Total.....	3740	37122	119	541	2101	261	396	5866	43248	396	1541470	143	265650

TABLES.
Wilmington District, No. 2.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	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 Churches.	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.	Scholars, 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.	Junior League.	Junior League Members.			
1 Bethel and Summit.....	\$ 174	25	400	2	25	107	55	20	7	42	2	48	2	48	1	30	1	30		
2 Charlestown.....	275	25	1450	2	25	100	70	20	5	50	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30		
3 Cherry Hill.....	40	125	1075	3	32	247	135	25	4	90	1	94	1	94	1	94	1	94		
4 Chesapeake City.....	200	200	1450	1	18	175	68	18	2	75	1	60	1	60	1	60	1	60		
5 Chester.....	25	25	490	2	23	139	50	22	2	36	1	30	1	30	1	30	1	30		
6 Christiana.....	800	50	300	1	9	80	50	9	2	40	1	22	1	22	1	22	1	22		
7 Claymont.....	25	1000	200	1	20	134	80	19	26	63	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25		
8 Delaware City.....	268	660	660	2	26	266	125	23	100	20	97	1	97	1	97	1	97			
9 Ebenezer.....	27	1000	1000	1	18	100	70	15	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25		
10 Elk Neck.....	750	1500	6	84	650	360	64	185	9	300	1	105	2	85	1	105	2	85		
11 Elkton.....	32	284	59	1	14	50	35	12	14	40	1	40	1	40	1	40	1	40		
12 Hockessin.....	133	72	328	2	32	237	115	23	3	23	1	69	1	69	1	69	1	69		
13 Hopewell and Asbury.....	50	287	168	2	50	287	168	2	3	110	1	110	1	110	1	110	1	110		
14 Marshallton and Stanton.....	12	107	1	1	12	(107)	1	11	3	(1)	(35)	(1)	(35)	(1)	(35)	(1)	(35)	(1)	(35)	
15 Mt. Lebanon.....	100	27	210	2	27	210	100	27	9	95	1	45	1	45	1	45	1	45		
16 Mt. Pleasant and Union.....	1000	2	33	295	165	30	74	30	74	97	1	97	1	97	1	97	1	97		
17 Newark and Wesley.....	107	188	1179	1	30	230	160	29	89	1	107	1	107	1	107	1	107	1	107	
18 New Castle.....	19	107	188	1	26	234	95	24	16	2	140	1	70	1	70	1	70	1	70	
19 Newport.....	100	140	1500	1	30	200	135	30	75	3	205	1	45	1	45	1	45	1	45	
20 North East.....	140	1500	1	13	135	58	12	26	12	75	1	40	1	40	1	40	1	40		
21 Perryville.....	1538	500	4560	1	42	420	204	42	205	350	1	110	1	110	1	110	1	110		
22 Port Deposit.....	(8)	(20)	(8)	(35)	(1)	(2000)	2	35	158	65	35	20	70	1	60	1	60	1	60	
23 Port Penn.....	80	225	925	2	35	158	65	35	20	14	2	56	1	80	1	80	1	80		
24 Red Lion and Glasgow.....	25	40	225	2	20	208	90	20	14	2	56	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	
25 Rising Sun and Sylmar.....	60	100	1179	1	15	100	52	15	44	9	50	1	50	1	50	1	50	1	50	
26 Rowlandville and Mt. Pleasant.....	100	140	1500	1	20	145	70	17	60	22	70	1	88	1	88	1	88	1	88	
27 St. Georges'.....	304	800	800	1	14	120	60	14	70	20	18	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	
28 St. Johns.....	6000	4500	1	41	522	271	40	94	40	125	1	125	1	125	1	125	1	125		
29 Wilmington-Asbury.....	1375	4550	2	55	493	300	50	50	1	156	1	156	1	156	1	156	1	156		
30 Brandywine.....	90	150	1	20	150	110	20	5	75	1	50	1	50	1	50	1	50	1	50	
31 Cookman.....	40	50	90	1	12	80	65	10	3	2	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	1	25	
32 East Lake.....	240	2605	12650	1	34	400	275	34	45	15	150	1	50	1	50	1	50	1	50	
33 Epworth.....	1150	14700	1	75	544	390	50	68	165	15	187	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	
34 Grace.....	52	423	7577	1	60	464	224	60	165	15	187	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	
35 Harrison St.....	786	4500	1	27	265	196	26	60	5	196	1	56	1	56	1	56	1	56	1	56
36 Kingswood and Edgemoor.....	170	140	60	1	41	390	215	41	96	44	100	1	110	1	110	1	110	1	110	
37 Madeley.....	292	1700	2	50	433	276	47	150	2	357	1	357	1	357	1	357	1	357	1	357
38 Mt. Salem.....	400	2	78	570	349	77	223	18	375	1	375	1	375	1	375	1	375	1	375	
39 St. Paul's.....	200	1	36	450	295	36	158	22	245	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	1	80	
40 Scott.....	675	1	31	166	113	31	22	52	1	50	1	50	1	50	1	50	1	50	1	50
41 Silverbrook.....	15	50	600	1	8	50	40	8	35	1	35	1	35	1	35	1	35	1	35	
42 Swedish Mission.....	200	250	8000	2	100	750	450	10	275	13	250	1	250	1	250	1	250	1	250	
43 Union.....	200	5200	1	39	274	190	35	10	112	1	110	1	110	1	110	1	110	1	110	
44 Wesley.....	280	50	255	4	76	472	258	74	195	3	125	1	125	1	125	1	125	1	125	
Total.....	14297	7988	86108	71	1504	11817	6789	62	1403	2751	339	5158	35	2187	17	715	17	715</		

STATISTICAL

Wilmington District, No. 3.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						Supp't of Pr's'd'g B'hops.		Supp't of Elders.		
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid.
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.					
1 Bethel & Summit	G. S. Conaway	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 600	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 600	\$ 30	\$ 30	\$ 6	\$ 6	
2 Charlestown	L. E. Poole	500	100	600	500	100	600	20	15	1	1	
3 Cherry Hill	Geo. P. Jones	650	120	770	650	120	770	40	40	8	8	
4 Chesapeake City	H.A.G. Westerv'd	650	90	740	675	90	765	28	28	4	4	
5 Chester	W. F. Dawson	650	125	775	650	125	775	24	24	7	7	
6 Christiana	W. P. Taylor	500	75	575	500	75	575	16	16	5	5	
7 Claymont	G. R. Tompkins	300	300	600	300	300	600	36	36	10	10	
8 Delaware City	H. S. Thompson	700	125	825	700	125	825	20	20	6	6	
9 Ebenezer	W. T. Hammond	500	90	590	500	90	590	20	20	6	6	
10 Elk Neck	W. H. S. Loller	450	60	510	450	60	510	75	75	16	16	
11 Elkton	A. S. Mowbray	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	20	20	6	6	
12 Hockessin	T. B. Hunter	400	100	500	400	100	500	30	30	8	8	
13 Hopewell, Asb'ry	J. F. Anderson	600	100	700	600	100	700	20	20	6	6	
14 Marshall'n & St'n	T. H. Harding	500	78	578	500	78	578	18	14	3	3	
15 Mt. Lebanon	W. K. Galloway	400	100	500	400	100	500	40	40	10	10	
16 Mt. Pl's'nt, Union	E. H. Derrickson	600	250	850	625	250	875	30	30	10	10	
17 Newark & Wesley	F. C. McSorley	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	40	40	10	10	
18 New Castle	R. I. Watkins	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	70	70	10	10	
19 Newport	Julius Dodd	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	40	40	12	12	
20 North East, B'l'nd	W. A. Wise	800	120	920	800	120	920	40	40	13	13	
21 Perryville	W. E. Avery	500	500	1000	500	500	1000	16	16	2	2	
22 Port Deposit	W. P. Compton	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	84	84	15	15	
23 Port Penn	J. B. McCay	300	300	600	300	300	600	22	22	1	1	
24 Red Lion and Gl.	J. T. Prouse	500	110	600	500	100	600	22	22	1	1	
25 Rising S. & Syl'r.	S. J. Morris	800	150	950	800	150	950	36	36	15	15	
26 Rowl'dv'e & Mt.P.	W. E. Greenfield	450	50	500	450	50	500	12	12	3	3	
27 St. George's	E. H. Hollins	600	150	750	600	150	750	25	25	5	5	
28 St. Johns	T. S. Holt	500	100	600	500	100	600	20	20	6	6	
29 Wilm't'n-Asbury	James Crowe	1500	500	2000	1500	500	2000	160	160	20	20	
30 Brandywine	J. W. Easley	1000	216	1216	1000	216	1216	50	50	15	15	
31 Cookman	John France	400	400	800	400	400	800	12	12	4	4	
32 E.L'ke, Elsmere	J. O. Sypherd	125	125	250	125	125	250	5	5	1	1	
33 Epworth	F. B. Short	800	200	1000	800	200	1000	20	20	4	4	
34 Grace	Henry Baker	3000	1000	4000	3000	1000	4000	264	264	65	65	
35 Harrison St.	R. T. Coursey	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	40	40	10	10	
36 Kingswood	E. S. Mace	700	144	844	700	144	844	20	20	2	2	
37 Madely	V. P. Northrup	650	120	770	650	120	770	20	20	5	5	
38 Mt. Salem	E. H. Dashiell	1000	120	1120	1000	120	1120	80	80	15	15	
39 St. Paul's	W. L. S. Murray	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	136	136	23	23	
40 Scott	F. P. Harris	1000	250	1250	1000	250	1250	60	60	15	15	
41 Silverbrook	E. E. White	600	125	725	600	125	725	16	16	9	9	
42 Swedish Mis'n	Fri'h Soderman	350	350	700	350	350	700	50	50	4	4	
43 Union	J. W. C. Hanna	1500	600	2100	1500	600	2100	160	160	37	37	
44 Wesley	W. D. Sharp	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	20	20	10	10	
45 Zion Circuit	W. R. Mowbray	800	125	925	800	125	925	60	60	14	14	
Total		33675	7183	40858	33675	7183	40858	50	1991	1974	452	451
Conference Total		118600	20090	138690	114651	20008	134659	4281	7497	7154	1518	1417

TABLES.

Wilmington District, No. 4.

Total Support: Pastors, Pre-siding Elders, and Bishops.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																				
	C'R'N'T EXP'N'S.			MISSIONS.			EDUCATIONAL.			OTHER.											
	Conference Claimants.	Church Sexton, Light Fuel, etc.	Sunday School: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	(a) Church.	(b) Sunday School.	Total.	Missionary Debt.	Board of Church Extension.	Sunday School Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	Conference Academy.	(b) Children's Fund.	erican Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Conference Education Socy.	Domestic Missions.	Phila. Hospital.	General Conference Exp.	
1	\$636	10	\$135	\$ 42	\$ 50	\$ 15	\$65	.....	\$2	\$1	\$1	\$2	\$10	\$1	\$1	.....	\$1	\$5	.....	.....	.....
2	616	18	80	50	36	30	66	.....	4	1	1	1	10	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
3	818	30	175	60	21	99	120	.....	8	1	1	1	5	5	5	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
4	797	20	210	90	45	25	70	.....	8	1	1	1	3	3	3	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
5	834	32	100	75	100	25	125	4	8	2	2	2	5	5	5	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
6	604	16	239	36	25	25	50	4	3	1	1	1	8	8	8	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
7	321	10	58	40	25	25	44	4	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
8	871	30	272	63	35	65	100	5	6	2	2	2	15	15	15	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
9	516	15	115	97	50	50	50	5	6	1	1	1	8	8	8	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
10	610	3	60	25	40	40	40	40	4	4	4	4	1	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....
11	1291	75	400	300	26	274	300	24	15	4	4	10	25	25	25	.....	14	22	.....	.....	.....
12	526	10	123	40	18	18	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	738	20	63	23	15	49	64	1	8	1	1	1	5	10	10	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
14	604	15	160	110	10	70	80	.....	4	1	2	4	4	4	4	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....
15	917	10	45	45	45	45	45	.....	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	515	40	110	95	48	67	115	7	12	4	4	10	12	6	5	60	2	6	10	.....	2
17	1050	40	200	97	11	112	123	13	8	3	3	6	10	5	3	.....	10	2	6	.....	.....
18	1280	40	362	107	9	116	125	5	15	3	3	8	20	5	3	12	58	4	6	.....	4
19	1052	27	246	140	28	100	128	.....	5	1	1	1	3	3	1	10	.....	1	1	.....	.....
20	973	45	250	205	15	100	115	10	3	1	1	2	10	2	1	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....
21	518	15	137	75	29	23	52	3	8	2	2	5	10	2	3	16	3	2	.....	.....	2
22	1299	70	685	350	65	150	215	10	8	3	3	8	10	16	20	42	1	5	.....	.....	.....
23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	622	10	165	70	35	21	56	7	6	2	2	4	6	7	3	.....	2	7	.....	.....	.....
25	1001	30	175	56	67	66	133	5	3	1	1	2	15	5	1	25	24	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	515	8	57	9	15	15	30	.....	3	1	1	3	7	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	789	20	130	70	60	60	5	5	5	1	1	3	10	4	1	.....	1	5	.....	.....	.....
28	626	10	70	18	40	20	60	5	2	1	1	2	10	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	2180	100	1000	125	450	200	650	.....	10	1	1	10	.....	2	1	52	83	5	.....	.....	.....
30	1281	48	435	156	165	165	.....	.....	5	2	2	5	10	5	2	.....	4	10	.....	.....	5
31	416	17	500	75	5	25	30	.....	7	1	1	4	4	2	1	.....	1	3	.....	.....	.....
32	131	5	25	25	13	13	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33	1024	15	520	150	15	15	30	.....	5	2	2	3	.....	2	2	.....	132	.....	.....	.....	.....
34	4329	582	2850	300	572	871	1443	.....	120	20	20	52	63	17	20	257	402	57	.....	.....	45
35	1250	40	1070	187	82	150	232	.....	20	4	5	15	20	5	5	64	5	10	.....	.....	3
36	866	8	300	196	8	32	40	5	4	2	2	1	4	2	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
37	795	15	180	100	31	44	75	.....	3	1	1	2	6	3	1	.....	2	1	.....	.....	3
38	1214	50	316	357	116	284	400	.....	19	5	5	10	25	5	6	116	98	10	.....	.....	.....
39	1859	200	750	375	332	368	700	20	80	15	15	40	50	15	15	77	150	10	30	.....	15
40	1325	50	706	245	71	180	201	16	10	2	2	10	11	5	2	49	66	.....	.....	.....	.....
41	750	20	658	52	50	.....	.....	.....	8	2	2	6	10	2	2	.....	35	5	.....	.....	.....
42	307	5	70	35	25	6	31	10	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
43	2237	150	900	250	51	549	600	20	59	7	6	39	50	15	5	134	56	10	25
44	1030	15	633	112	9	66	75													

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IN ACCOUNT WITH ALFRED G. COX, TREASURER.

CAMBRIDGE, MD., MARCH 22d, 1899.

Easton District.

Bayside	A. L. Gray	\$ 40
Cecilton	J. A. Arters	200
Centerville	E. C. Atkins	277
Cheswold and Bethel	Edwin Gardner	158
Chestertown	C. A. Grise	300
Church Hill	J. H. Geoghegan	75
Clayton	O. W. De Venish	50
Cordova	J. M. Mitchell	65
Grumpton	John Jones	48
Easton	R. H. Adams	250
Galena	A. P. Prettyman	135
Golts	J. B. Taylor	28
Greensboro	Aloycius Green	130
Hillsboro	F. F. Carpenter	150
Ingleside	O. E. Jones	75
Kent Island	S. P. Shipman	100

Kenton	Robert Roe	60
Marydell	Daniel Wilson	53
Middletown	I. L. Wood	460
Millington	D. F. Waddell	100
Odessa	W. O. Hurst	134
Oxford	T. B. Cooper	80
Piney Neck	J. B. Merritt	5
Pomona	T. R. Van Dyke	115
Queenstown	W. O. Bennett	75
Rock Hall	J. P. Outten	80
Royal Oak	James Carroll	16
St. Michael's	G. W. Burke	227
Smyrna	C. A. Hill	568
Smyrna Circuit	L. W. Layfield	80
Still Pond	E. P. Roberts	175
Sudlersville	J. M. Lindale	90
Talbot Circuit	J. W. Talley	65
Tilghman's Island	W. W. Chaires	70
Townsend	Albert Chandler	130
Trappe	J. L. Nelson	60
Tunis' Mills	W. E. Wright	10
Wye and Starr	C. K. Morris	35
Worton	G. R. Ellis	60

Salisbury District.

Annessex	J. W. Jones	\$ 50
Asbury	C. T. Wyatt	325
Berlin	H. G. Budd	100
Bethel	W. B. Guthrie	80
Bishopville	F. E. Bloxton	70
Cape Charles	Warren Burr	70
Chincoteague	C. W. Strickland	80
Crisfield	J. P. Otis	234
Delmar	G. W. Townsend	220
Deal's Island	G. W. Bounds	200
Fairmount	L. P. Corkran	410
Frankford	J. S. Wickline	140
Fruitland	W. E. Matthews	115
Girdletree	H. C. Turner	170
Gumboro	G. W. Bowman	65
Hallwood	J. S. Bozman	15
Holland's Island	J. M. Collins	90
Laurel	G. W. Woodall	220
Mardella	T. S. Barrett	20
Marion	F. X. Moore	40
Millsboro	W. S. H. Williams	50

Mt. Pleasant	W. Jaggard	90
Mt. Vernon	T. B. Beuchamp	100
Nanticoke	E. H. Nelson	190
Newark	B. Wheatley	50
Onancock	Asbury Burke	155
Parkley	L. B. Kirby	40
Parsonsborg	G. E. Wood	80
Pocomoke City	George C. Senser	100
Pocomoke Circuit	W. G. Strickland	58
Powellville	D. H. Willis	40
Princess Anne	G. T. Alderson	90
Quantico	W. R. Gwinn	75
Roxana	D. F. McFaul	100
St. Peter's	G. L. Hardesty	270
Salisbury	C. W. Prettyman	500
Selbyville	F. N. Faulkner	50
Sharptown	W. R. McFarlane	50
Smith's Island	G. R. Neese	216
Snow Hill	S. M. Morgan	200
Somerset	D. J. Givan	100
Stockton	G. W. Hastings	140
Tangier	C. P. Swain	376
Westover	T. G. Eiswald	55
Whitesville	H. S. Dulaney	175

Wilmington District.

Bethel and Summit	C. S. Conway	\$ 65
Charlestown	L. E. Poole	66
Cherry Hill	G. P. Jones	120
Chesapeake City	H. A. G. Westerfield	70
Chester	W. F. Dawson	125
Christiana	W. P. Taylor	50
Claymont	G. R. Tomkins	25
Delaware City	H. S. Thompson	100
Ebenezer	W. T. Hammond	50
Elk Neck	W. H. S. Loller	40
Elkton	A. S. Mowbray	300
Hockessin	T. B. Hunter	36
Hopewell and Asbury	J. F. Anderson	64
Marshallton and Stanton	T. H. Harding	80
Mt. Lebanon	W. K. Galoway	45
Mt. Pleasant and Union	E. H. Derrickson	115
Newark and Wesley	F. C. McSorley	123
New Castle	R. I. Watkins	125
Newport	Julius Dodd	128
North East	W. A. Wise	115
Perryville	W. E. Avery	52

Port Deposit	W. P. Compton	215
Red Lion and Glasgow	J. T. Prouse	56
Rising Sun & Sylman	S. J. Morris	133
Rowlandville	W. E. Greenfield	30
St. George's	E. H. Collihs	60
St. John's	T. S. Holt	60
Wilmington :—		
Asbury	James Crowe	650
Brandywine and Edgemoore	J. W. Easley	165
Cookman	John France	30
Eastlake and Elsmere	J. O. Sypherd	13
Epworth	F. B. Short	25
Grace	Henry Baker	1443
Harrison Street	R. T. Coursey	232
Kingswood	E. S. Mace	40
Madley	V. P. Northrup	75
Mt. Salem and Riddle	E. H. Dasheiel	400
St. Paul	W. L. S. Murray	700
Scott	F. P. Harris	201
Silverbrook	E. E. White	50
Swedish Mission	F. Soderman	31
Union	J. D. C. Hanna	600
Wesley	W. W. Sharp	75
Zion Circuit	W. R. Mowbray	200

Dover District.

Beckwith	E. H. Miller	60
Bridgeville	W. G. Koons	115
Burrsville	L. T. McLane	65
Cambridge	E. C. Macnichol	230
Camden	C. F. Sheppard	90
Cannon	J. W. Fogle	134
Church Creek	T. N. Given	62
Crapo	J. W. Gray	175
Denton	Z. H. Webster	150
Dover, Wesley	Alfred Smith	500
Dover, Armory	E. C. Wright	40
East New Market	H. M. Thurlow	55
Ellendale	W. H. Kenney	55
Elliott's Island	F. E. McKinsey	33
Farmington	I. G. Fosnacht	100
Federalburg	E. R. Sidell	140
Felton	T. C. Smoot	90
Frederica	T. A. H. O'Brien	210
Galestown	J. L. Johnson	80
Georgetown	Adam Stengle	250
Georgetown Ct	J. T. Van Burkalow	60

Greenwood	C. H. Williams	120
Harrington	T. E. Terry	140
Hooper's Island	W. N. Conway	40
Houston	G. P. Smith	80
Hurlock	T. F. Tabler	105
Lakesville	J. A. Buckson	36
Leipsic	J. H. Gardner	30
Lewes	W. L. White	275
Lincoln	J. A. Brewington	50
Little Creek	J. H. Beauchamp	50
Magnolia	J. D. Kemp	100
Milford	L. E. Barrett	475
Milton	W. J. DuHadway	140
Nassau	J. D. Reese	90
Preston	O. S. Walton	33
Salem	H. E. Truitt	35
Seaford and Blades	R. K. Stephenson	190
Vienna	Harry Taylor	50
William-burg	J. H. Wilson	75
Williston	F. J. Cochran	115
Woodside	J. W. Prettyman	76
Wyoming	J. E. Graham	60
Zoar	O. T. Baynard	11

Recapitulation.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Raised last year	\$ 5053
Raised this year	5070
Increase	\$ 17

EASTON DISTRICT.

Raised last year	\$ 4894
Raised this year	4829
Increase	\$ 65

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Raised last year	\$ 6602
Raised this year	6064
Decrease	538

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Raised last year	\$ 7872
Raised this year	7378
Decrease	394

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Raised last year in all districts	\$24421
Raised this year in all districts	23341
Decrease	\$ 1080
Raised this year in all districts	\$23341
Raised this year by Wilmington District for debt	195
Raised this year by Dover District for debt	75
Raised this year by Salisbury District for debt	104
Raised this year by Easton District for debt	189
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MISSIONARY STATISTICS.

DOVER DISTRICT.

Beckwith—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Church	\$ 40
Sunday School	20
Total	\$ 60

Bridgeville—W. G. Koons, Pastor.

Church	\$ 75
Sunday School	40
Total	\$115

Burrsville—L. T. McLain, Pastor.

Church and School	\$ 55
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Cambridge—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.

Church	\$ 70
Sunday School	160
Total	\$230

Camden—Charles F. Sheppard, Pastor.

Camden Church	\$ 10
Camden Sunday School	50
Lebanon Church	15
Lebanon Sunday School	5
St. Jones Church	12
St. Jones Sunday School	8
Total	\$100

Cannon—J. W. Fogle, Pastor.

Bethel Church and Sunday School	\$ 56
Wesley Church and Sunday School	50

Concord Church and Sunday School	15
Brown's Church and Sunday School	14
For the debt	5
Total	\$140

Church Creek—Thomas N. Given, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 45
Epworth League	15
Sunday School	2
Total	\$ 62

Crapo—J. W. Gray, Pastor.

Churches	\$145
Sunday Schools	30
For the Debt	10
Total	\$185

Denton—Zack H. Webster, Pastor.

Denton Church	\$108
Denton Sunday School	22
Central Church	12
Harris Church	8
Total	\$150

Dover, Wesley—Alfred Smith, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$263
Church	237
Total	\$500

Dover, Armory—E. C. Wright, Pastor.

Church	\$ 10
Sunday School	30
Missionary Debt	10
Total	\$ 50

East New Market—H. M. Thurlow, Pastor.

Collection	\$ 55
Total	\$ 55

Ellendale—W. H. Kenney, Pastor.

Ellendale	\$ 32
New Market	12
Union	11
Total	\$ 55

Elliott's Island—Frederick E. McKinsey, Pastor.

Church	\$ 18
Sunday School	15
Total	\$ 33

Farmington—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.

Farmington Church	\$ 40
Farmington Sunday School	21
Staytonsville Church	4
Staytonsville Sunday School	4
Todd's Church	12
Todd's Sunday School	4
Prospect Church	13
Prospect Sunday School	2
Total	\$100

Federalburg—Elmer R. Sidell, Pastor.

Federalburg Church	\$ 69
Federalburg Sunday School	40
Federalburg Junior League	14
Chestnut Grove Church	10
Chestnut Grove Sunday School	3
Nichol's Church	4
Total	\$140

Felton—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.

Felton Church	\$ 25
Felton Sunday School	47
Manship Church and School	6
Masten's Church and School	12
Total	\$ 90

Frederica—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.

Frederica Church	\$ 14
Frederica Sunday School	154
Milford Neck Sunday School	20
Millwood Church	8
Millwood Sunday School	14
Total	\$210

Galestown—John L. Johnson, Pastor.

Wesley Church	\$ 17
Wesley Sunday School	5
Cokesbury Church	16
Cokesbury Sunday School	5
Woodland Church	10

Woodland Sunday School	5
Galestown Church	17
Galestown Sunday School	5
Total	\$ 80

Georgetown—Adam Stengle, Pastor.

Church	\$ 26
Sunday School	214
Epworth League	10
Total	\$250

Georgetown Circuit—J. T. Van Burkalow, Pastor.

Sand Hill Church and Sunday School	\$ 9
Bethesda Church and Sunday School	16
Cokesbury Church and Sunday School	18
St. John's Church and Sunday School	10
McColley's Church and Sunday School	6
Total	\$ 60

Greenwood—C. H. Williams, Pastor.

Greenwood Church	37
Greenwood Sunday School	10
Trinity Church	44
Trinity Sunday School	5
St. Johnstown Church	9
Chaplain's Church	15
Total	\$120

Harrington—Thos. E. Terry, Pastor.

From Church	\$ 24
Sunday School	111
Jr. Epworth League	5
Total	\$140

Houston—G. P. Smith, Pastor.

Houston Church	\$ 46
Houston Sunday School	9
Law's Church	15
Law's Sunday School	5
Williamsville Church	5
Total	\$ 80

Hooper's Island—W. N. Conway, Pastor.

Church	\$ 40
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Hurlock—T. F. Tabler, Pastor.

Washington Sunday School	\$ 10
St. Paul Sunday School	13
McKendree Sunday School	7
Churches	45
For Debt	10
Total	<u>\$115</u>

Lakesville—J. A. Buckson, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 36
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Leipsic—J. H. Gardner, Pastor.

Church	\$ 30
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Lewes—William L. White, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$275
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Lincoln—J. A. Brewington, Pastor.

Lincoln Sunday School	\$ 3
Lincoln Church	22
Cedar Neck Church	4
Slaughter Sunday School	5
Slaughter Church	16
On debt	5
Total	<u>\$ 55</u>

Little Creek—J. H. Beauchamp, Pastor.

Little Creek Sunday School	\$ 30
Cowgill's Sunday School	15
Little Creek Church	5
Total	<u>\$ 50</u>

Magnolia—John D. Kemp, Pastor.

Magnolia Charge	\$100
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Milford—Louis E. Barrett, Pastor.

Avenue School	\$300
Chapel School	25
Church	150
Total	<u>\$475</u>

Milton—W. J. DuHadway, Pastor.

Church	\$ 40
Sunday School	100
Total	<u>\$140</u>

Nassau—J. D. Reese, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 40
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Sunday Schools	50
Mission Debt	10
Total	<u>\$100</u>

Salem—Horace E. Truitt, Pastor.

Salem Sunday School	\$ 10
Lakewood Sunday School	10
Thompson's Station Sunday School	10
Church	5
Total	<u>\$ 35</u>

Seaford—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor.

Seaford Church	\$ 72
Seaford Sunday School	105
Blades Sunday School	13
Total	<u>\$190</u>

Vienna—Harry Taylor, Pastor.

Vienna Church	\$ 15
Vienna Sunday School	15
Manship Church	5
Manship Sunday School	5
Wainwrights Church	5
Wainwrights Sunday School	5
Missionary Debt	5
Total	<u>\$ 55</u>

Lewes—William M. White, Pastor.

Missionary Society	\$ 275
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Williamsburg—J. H. Wilson, Pastor.

Williamsburg Sunday School	\$ 31
Williamsburg Church	4
Hynson Sunday School	8
Hynson Church	12
Friendship Sunday School	13
Friendship Church	7
Total	<u>\$ 75</u>

Williston—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Concord Church	\$ 15
Concord Sunday School	35
Bloomery Church	10
Bloomery Sunday School	10
Harmony Church	5
Harmony Sunday School	15
Williston Church	10

Williston Sunday School	15
Total	\$115

Wyoming—I. E. Graham, Pastor.

Wyoming	\$ 30
Union	20
Willow Grove	5
Asbury	5
Total	\$ 60

Zoar—O. T. Baynard, Pastor.

Church	\$ 6
Sunday School	5
Total	11

Woodside—J. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 36
Sunday School	40
Total	\$ 76

EASTON DISTRICT.

Bayside—A. L. Gray, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 19
Sunday Schools	21
Total	\$ 40

Cecilton—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 27
Zion Sunday School	115
St. Paul's Sunday School	58
Missionary Debt	10
Total	\$210

Centreville—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

Centreville Sunday School	\$150
Ebenezer Sunday School	30
Churches	97
Total	\$277

Chestertown—C. A. Grise, Pastor.

Union	\$ 16
Chestertown	34
Chestertown Sunday School	250

Debt	20
Total	\$320

Cheswold—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.

Cheswold Sunday School	\$106
Bethel Sunday School	50
Cheswold Epworth League	2
Total	\$158

Church Hill—J. H. Geoghegan, Pastor.

Church	\$ 5
Sunday School	70
Total	\$ 75

Clayton—O. W. De Venish, Pastor.

Church	\$ 18
Sunday School	32
Total	\$ 50

Cordova—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

Church	\$ 50
Sunday School	15
Total	\$ 65

Crumpton—J. Jones, Pastor.

Church	\$ 20
Sunday School	28
Total	\$ 48

Easton—R. H. Adams, Pastor.

Easton Church	\$ 70
Easton Sunday School	180
Total	\$250

Galena—A. P. Prettyman, Pastor.

Churches	\$105
Sunday Schools	30
Total	\$135

Greensboro—Aloysius Green, Pastor.

Church	\$ 15
Sunday School	115
Total	\$130

Golt's—I. B. Taylor, Pastor.

Church and School	\$ 28
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Hillsboro—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 20
Church	55
Ridgley Sunday School	20
“ Church	55
Total	\$150

Ingleside—Omar E. Jones, Pastor.

Roseville Church and School	\$ 26
Henderson Church and School	26
Bridgetown Church	13
Busick's Church	8
Ingleside Church	2
Total	\$ 75

Kent Island—S. P. Shipman, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools	\$100
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Kenton—Robert Roe, Pastor.

Church	\$ 48
Sunday School	12
Total	\$ 60

Marydel—Daniel Wilson, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	\$ 15
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Middletown—Isaac L. Wood, Pastor.

Church	\$100
Sunday School	360
Total	\$460

Millington—D. F. Waddell, Pastor.

Millington Church	\$ 5
Millington Sunday School	72
Holden Church	6
Holden Sunday School	9
Massey Church	3
Massey Sunday School	5
On Debt	20
Total	\$120

Odessa—Wm. O. Hurst, Pastor.

Church	\$ 30
Sunday School	104
Total	\$134

Oxford—T. B. Cooper, Pastor.

Church	\$ 28
Sunday School	52
Total	\$ 80

Piney Neck—I. B. Merritt, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$ 5
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Pomona—Thos. R. Van Dyke, Pastor.

Bond Sunday School	\$ 66
Mowbray Sunday School	7
Salem Sunday School	42
Total	\$115

Queenstown—W. Osborne Bennett, Pastor.

Queenstown Church	\$ 20
Queenstown Sunday School	5
Perry's Corner Church and Sunday School	18
Winchester Church	16
Winchester Sunday School	16
Total	\$ 75

Rock Hall—I. P. Outten, Pastor.

Sunday Shhool	\$ 40
Church	40
Total	\$ 80

Royal Oak—James Carroll, Pastor.

Church and Schools	\$ 16
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Still Pond—E. P. Roberts, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$105
Churches	70
Total	\$175

Smyrna—Charles A. Hill, Pastor.

Christian Endeavor	\$ 25
Congregation	285
Sunday School	258
Total	\$568

Smyrna Circuit—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

Friendship Sunday School	\$ 35
Jerman Chapel	20
Churches	25
Total	\$ 80

St. Michael's—Geo. W. Burke, Pastor.

From Sunday School \$227

Sudlersville—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

Barclay Church \$ 2
 Barclay Sunday School 10
 Dudley's Church 7
 Dudley's Sunday School 13
 Sudlersville Church 15
 Sudlersville Sunday School 38
 Cash 5
 Missionary Debt, 15

Total \$105

Talbot—James W. Talley, Pastor.

Broad Creek Church \$ 3
 Broad Creek Sunday School 32
 Chatham Church 14
 Chatham Sunday School 16

Total \$ 65

Tilghman—W. W. Chaires, Pastor.

Sunday Schools \$ 50
 Churches 25

Total \$ 75

Townsend—A. Chandler, Pastor.

Churches \$ 60
 Sunday School 60
 Blackbird Sunday School 10
 Missionary Debt 20

Total \$150

Trappe—John L. Nelson, Pastor.

Sunday Schools \$ 20
 Churches 40

Total \$ 60

Tunis Mills—Wm. E. Wright, Pastor.

Church and School \$ 10

Worton—George R. Ellis, Pastor.

Church \$ 57
 Sunday School 3

Total \$ 60

Wye and Starr—C. K. Morris, Pastor.

Wye Church \$ 20
 Sunday School 5
 Starr Church 5
 Sunday School 5

Total \$ 35

SALISBURY DISTRICT.

Annamessex—J. W. Jones, Pastor.

Church \$ 33
 Sunday School 17

Total \$ 50

Asbury—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.

Church \$125
 Sunday School 200

Total \$325

Berlin—Henry C. Budd, Pastor.

Church \$ 40
 Sunday School 60

Total \$100

Bethel—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.

Bethel Church \$ 66
 Sunday School 4
 Mt. Zion Church 8
 Sunday School 2

Total \$ 80

Bishopville—F. E. Bloxton, Pastor.

Bishopville Sunday School and Church \$ 40
 Synepuxent Sunday School and Church 10
 St. Martin's Sunday School and Church 10
 Friendship Sunday School and Church 10

Total \$ 70

Cape Charles—Warren Burr, Pastor.

Sunday School \$ 54
 Junior Epworth League 16

Total \$ 70

Chincoteague—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	\$ 30
Churches	50
Total	\$ 80

Crisfield—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Church	\$ 54
Sunday School	175
Junior League	5
Total	\$234

Deal's Island—George W. Bounds, Pastor.

Church	\$112
Sunday Schools	88
Total	\$200

Delmar—George W. Townsend, Pastor.

Delmar Church	\$137
Delmar Sunday School	83
Missionary Debt	5
Total	\$225

Fairmount—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

Fairmount Church and Sunday School	\$295
Union Church and Sunday School	100
Fishing Island Sunday School	15
Total	\$410

Frankford—J. S. Wickline, Pastor.

Frankford	\$ 48
St. George's	83
Houston	9
Total	\$140

Fruitland—W. E. Mathews, Pastor.

Fruitland Church	\$ 94
Fruitland Sunday School	6
Siloam Church	12
Siloam Sunday School	3
Total	\$115

Girdle Tree—H. Clay Turner, Pastor.

Church	\$ 50
Sunday Schools	120
Total	\$170

Gumboro—G. W. Bowman, Pastor.

Missionary Debt	\$ 5
Churches	15
Sunday Schools	50
Total	\$ 70

Hallwood—J. S. Bozman, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 10
Schools	5
Total	\$ 15

Holland's Island—I. M. Collins, Pastor.

Church	\$ 70
Sunday School	20
Total	\$ 90

Laurel—G. W. Woodall, Pastor.

Church	\$ 10
Sunday School	210
Total	\$220

Mardela—T. S. Barrett, Pastor.

Church and School	\$ 20
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Marion—F. X. Moore, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 28
Church	12
Total	\$ 40

Millsboro—W. S. H. Williams, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 35
Sunday Schools	15
Total	\$ 50

Mt. Pleasant—W. Jaggard, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church	\$ 18
Mt. Pleasant Sunday School	22
King's Church	12
King's Sunday School	8
St. George's Church	12
St. George's Sunday School	18
Total	\$ 90

Mt. Vernon—T. F. Beauchamp, Pastor.

Jno. Wesley	\$ 50
Asbury	50
Total	\$100

Nanticoke—Edwin H. Nelson, Pastor.

Churches	\$161
Sunday Schools	15
Epworth League	4
Missionary Debt	10
Total	\$190

Newark—B. Wheatly, Pastor.

Bowen Chapel and Sunday School	\$ 25
Ironshire Church and Sunday School	15
Wesley Church	10
Total	\$ 50

Onancock—A. Burke, Pastor.

Churches	\$155
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Parksley—L. B. Kirby, Pastor.

Parksley Church and Sunday School	\$ 10
Crowson Church and Sunday School	30
Total	\$ 40

Parsonsburg—George E. Wood, Pastor.

Jerusalem Sunday School	\$ 28
Zion Church and Sunday School	19
Pittsville Church and Sunday School	9
Bethel Sunday School	2
Pastor and wife	22
Debt	10
Total	\$ 90

Pocomoke Circuit—W. G. Strickland, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools	\$ 58
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Powellville—D. H. Willis, Pastor.

St. John's Sunday School	\$ 5
St. John's Church	11
Mt. Pleasant Sunday School	4
Mt. Pleasant Church	3
Friendship Sunday School	3
Friendship Church	5
Wesley Sunday School	2
Wesley Church	4
Willard's	3
Total	\$ 40

Pocomoke City—George G. Senser, Pastor.

Church	\$100
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Princess Anne—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.

Church	\$ 38
School	52
Debt	20
Total	\$110

Quantico—W. R. Gwinn, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 25
Sunday Schools	50
Total	\$ 75

Roxana—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 75
Schools	25
Debt	5
Total	\$105

Salisbury—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church	\$ 67
Sunday School	433
Total	\$500

Selbyville—F. N. Faulkner, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 41
Sunday Schools	9
Total	\$ 50

Sharptown—Wm. R. McFarlane, Pastor.

Sunday School, Epworth League and Church	\$ 50
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Smith's Island—G. R. Neese, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	216
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Snow Hill—S. M. Morgan, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$145
Church	55
Total	\$200

Somerset—D. J. Givan, Pastor.

Rock Creek Sunday School	\$ 12
Rock Creek Church	25
Dame's Quarter Sunday School	12
Dame's Quarter Church	51
Total	\$100

Stockton—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	\$ 74
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Churches	66
Total	\$140

St. Peter's—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor.

St. Peter's School	\$100
St. Peter's Church	65
St. Stephen's School	50
St. Stephen's Church	25
Bethel School	25
Bethel Church	5
Debt	10
Total	\$280

Tangier—C. P. Swain, Pastor.

Sunday School No. 1	\$ 55
Sunday School No. 2	305
Church	16
Debt	24
Total	\$400

Westover—T. G. Eiswald, Pastor.

Church	\$ 20
Sunday School	35
Total	\$ 55

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

Asbury—James Crowe, Pastor.

Church	\$450
Sunday School	200
Total	\$650

Bethel and Summit—G. S. Conaway, Pastor.

Bethel Church	\$ 35
Bethel Sunday School	5
Summit Church	15
Summit Sunday School	10
Total	\$ 65

Brandywine—J. W. Easley, Pastor.

Sunday Schools	\$165
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Chesapeake City—H. A. G. Westerfield, Pastor.

Church	\$ 45
Sunday School	25
Total	\$ 70

Cookman—John France, Pastor.

Sabbath School	\$ 25
Church	5
Total	\$ 30

Charlestown—L. E. Poole, Pastor.

Charlestown Church	\$ 12
Charlestown Sunday School	17
Charlestown Epworth League	8
Principio Church	16
Principio Sunday School	13
Total	\$ 66

Cherry Hill—George P Jones, Pastor.

Church	\$ 14
Cherry Hill Sunday School	99
Big Elk Chapel	7
Total	\$120

Chester Bethel—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.

Church	\$100
Sunday School	25
Total	\$125

Christiana—William P. Taylor, Pastor.

Christiana Church	\$ 11
Christiana Sunday School	17
Christiana Epworth League	1
Christiana Junior Epworth League	2
Salem Church	11
Salem Sunday School	8
Debt	6
Total	\$56

Delaware City—H. S. Thompson, Pastor.

Church	\$ 35
Sunday School	65
Debt	5
Total	105

East Lake—J. Owen Sypherd, Pastor.

East Lake Sunday School	13
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Ebenezer—W. T. Hammond, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School	\$ 50
Debt	5
Total	\$ 55

Elk Neck—W. H. S. Loller, Pastor.

Church \$ 40

Elkton—A. S. Mowbray, Pastor.

Church \$ 26

Sunday School 230

Childs Sunday School 32

Crouch's Sunday School 5

Jones' Sunday School 5

West End Sunday School 2

Debt 24

Total \$324

Epworth—F. B. Short, Pastor.

Church \$ 15

Sunday School 10

Per Voucher 5

Total \$ 30

Harrison Street—R. T. Coursey, Pastor.

Church \$ 82

Sunday School 150

Total \$232

Hockessin—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.

Church \$ 18

Sunday School 18

Total \$ 36

Hopewell and Asbury—J. F. Anderson, Pastor.

Hopewell Sunday School \$ 50

Asbury Church 15

Debt 1

Self Denial 3

Total \$ 69

Kingswood—Edgar S. Mace, Pastor.

Church \$ 8

Sunday School 32

Total \$ 40

Madeley—V. P. Northrup, Pastor.

Sunday School \$ 44

Church 31

Total \$ 75

Marshallton and Stanton—T. H. Harding, Pastor.

Churches \$ 10

Sunday Schools 70

Total \$ 80

Mt. Salem—E. H. Dashiell, Pastor.

Church \$116

Sunday Schools 284

Total \$400

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

Mt. Pleasant Sunday School \$ 15

Mt. Pleasant Church 9

Jr. Epworth League 6

Total \$ 30

Mt. Pleasant and Newark Union—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Church \$ 40

Mt. Pleasant Sunday School 49

Newark Union Church 8

N. U. S. S. 18

Debt 7

Total \$122

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

Newark Sunday School \$105

Wesley 4

Newark Church 14

Debt 13

Total \$136

New Castle—R. Irving Watkins, Pastor.

Church 9

Sunday School 116

Debt 5

Total \$134

Newport—J. Dodd, Pastor.

Church \$ 28

Sunday School 100

Debt 6

Total \$139

North East—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Church \$ 15

Sunday School	100
Total	\$115

Perryville—W. E. Avery, Pastor.

Church	\$ 29
Church Debt	3
School	23
Total	\$ 55

Port Deposit—W. P. Compton, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$150
Church	65
Total	\$215

Red Lion—James T. Prouse, Pastor.

Red Lion Church	\$ 25
Red Lion Sunday School	16
Glasgow Church	8
Glasgow Sunday School	7
Missionary Debt	7
Total	\$ 63

Rising Sun—S. J. Morris, Pastor.

Churches	\$ 67
Sunday Schools	66
Total	\$133

Scott—Frank P. Harris, Pastor.

Missionary Society	\$201
Missionary Debt	16
Total	\$217

Silverbrook—E. E. White, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 50
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St. Georges—Edward H. Collins, Pastor.

Sunday School	\$ 50
Debt	5
Self Denial	5
Kirkwood Church	10
Total	\$ 70

St. John's—T. S. Holt, Pastor.

Church	\$ 40
Sunday School	25
Total	\$ 65

St. Paul's—W. L. S. Murray, Pastor.

Church	\$332
Sunday School	353
C. E. S.	10
Junior C. E. S.	5
Total	\$700

Swedish Mission—F. Soderman, Pastor.

Church	\$ 15
Sunday School	16
Debt	10
Total	\$ 41

Union—John D. C. Hanna, Pastor.

Church	\$ 51
Sunday School	549
Debt	20
Total	\$620

Wesley—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.

Church	\$ 9
Sunday School	66
Total	\$ 75

Zion—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.

Churches	140
Schools	60
Debt	5
Total	\$205

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