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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.

- (a) Studies for Examination.
- (b) Studies for Syllabi.
- (c) *Books to be Read.

*On all "Books to be Read," in Local Preachers' Course of Study, a written statement is required of the Student, to be put in the hands of the Registrar some time during the March Examination.

(See note 2, Disc. 1900, p. 403).

1. English G. T. Alderson.
 - (a) Reading, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Spelling.
 - (b) Asbury's Journal, Vols. I, II, III, (1st, 2nd, 3rd, years).
2. History J. W. Talley.
 - (a) Student's American History (Montgomery), Admission. Outlines of Universal History, (Fisher,) 2nd year.

- (b) Short History of the English People (Green), Admission. From the Himalayas to the Equator (Foss), 1st year.
3. Belles Letters V. S. Collins.
 - (a) English and American Literature (Beers), Admission. Principles of Rhetoric (Hill), 1st year. Lessons in Logic (Jevon), 2nd year. Sermons and Essays for Admission.
 - (b) Foreign Missions of the Protestant Churches (Baldwin), 4th year. Methodist Review, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th years. Selections from Writings of John Wesley (Welch), Admission.
 4. Mental Science Aloysius Green.
 - (a) Outlines of Descriptive Psychology (Ladd), 3rd year. Primer of Psychology (Ladd), Local, 1st year. Essentials of Argumentation (McEwen), Local, 3rd year.
 - (b) Christian Science and Other Superstitions (Buckley), 1st year.
 5. Apologetics G. L. Hardesty.
 - (a) The Foundations of the Christian Faith (Rishell), 4th year. Introduction to the Gospel Records (Nast), Local, 4th year.
 - (b) Butler's Analogy (4th year). The Modern Sunday School (Vincent, Ed. 1900). History of Rationalism (Hurst), 4th year.
 6. Methodist Polity R. K. Stephenson, F. F. Carpenter.
 - (a) Discipline (1st and 2nd years, and Local 2nd and 3rd years.) Digest of Methodist Law (Merrill), Local, 4th year.
 - (b) Discipline (Admission and Local 1st year). Governing Conference in Methodism (Neeley) 1st year. History of the Ritual (Cooke), 1st year. Digest of Methodist Law (Merrill), 2nd year. General Conference and Episcopacy (Harris), 2d year. Historic Episcopate (Cooke), 3rd year.
 7. Methodist History W. L. White, T. F. Beauchamp.
 - (a) Life of John Wesley (Telford), Admission. History Methodist Episcopal Church (Stevens, Vol. I), Admission. One Thousand Questions on Methodism (Wheeler), 2nd year. History of Methodism (Stevens, abridged), Local, 2nd year.
 - (b) History Methodist Episcopal Church (Stevens, Vols. II, III, IV) 1st, 2nd, and 3rd years. History of Methodism (Stevens, 3 Vols.), 2nd, 3rd and 4th years. Supplementary History of American Methodism (Stevens), 4th year.
 8. Sociology and Ethics G. W. Townsend.
 - (a) Introduction to Sociology (Fairbanks), 4th year. Christian Ethics (Smyth), 4th year.
 - (b) Introduction to Political Economy (Ely), 3rd year. Problem of Religious Progress (Dorchester), 1st year.
 9. Historical Theology C. T. Wyatt.
 - (a) Smaller Scripture History (Smith), Admission. History of the Christian Church (Hurst, 2 Vols.), 3rd and 4th years. Outlines of Bible History (Hurst), Local, 1st year. Short His-

- tory of the Church, Early, Mediaeval, Reformation and Modern Periods (Hurst), Local, 2nd and 3rd years.
- (b) Ecclesiastical Architecture, (Martin), 1st year. Christian Archaeology (Bennett), 2nd year.
10. Biblical Theology H. C. Turner, J. W. Easley.
(a) Harman's Introduction, 1st and 2nd years. The Land of Israel (Stewart), 3rd year. Sermons and Essays of Local Preachers.
(b) Introduction to the New Testament (Dods), 2nd year. The Supernatural Book (Foster), 3rd year. Life and Epistles of St. Paul (C. and H.), 4th year.
11. Exegetical Theology M. D. Nutter.
(a) Exegetical Studies in Pentateuch (Warren), 3rd year. Exegetical Studies in Isaiah (Warren), 4th year. Biblical Hermeneutics (Terry), 3rd year.
(b) The Son of Man (Alexander), 4th year.
12. Systematic Theology W. O. Hurst.
(a) Miley's Systematic Theology (2 Vols.), 1st and 2nd years. Raymond's Systematic Theology (3 Vols.), Local, 2nd, 3rd and 4th years.
(b) Future Retribution (King), 2nd year.
13. Doctrinal Theology C. A. Hill.
(a) Larger Catechism (Nast), Admission. Christian Purity, or The Heritage of Faith (Foster), 1st year. Christian Baptism (Merrill) Local, 1st year. Sermons of First and Third Years.
(b) The Tongue of Fire (Arthur), Admission.
14. Homiletics W. G. Koons.
(a) Preparation and Delivery of Sermons (Broadus), 1st and 2nd years. Extemporaneous Oratory (Buckley), 3rd year.
(b) Wesley's sermons, Vol. I, 1st and 2nd years.
15. Practical Theology Adam Stengle, O. W. DeVenish.
(a) Doctrinal Aspects of Christian Experience (Merrill), Admission and Local, 3rd year. Wesley's Plain Account, Admission. Theological Compend (Binney), Local, 1st year. Essays of 2nd and 4th years.
(b) The Revival and the Pastor (Peck), Admission. Hymn Studies, (Nutter,) 3rd year

SYLLABI.

The examiners have selected the following chapters or topics, upon which syllabi are to be prepared for this Conference year: Will all undergraduates please read Note 2 on Page 403 of Discipline 1900. Books to be read, and chapters, or topics selected:

For Admission on Trial.

Discipline of the M. E. Church, (1900).—Part I and Part VI.

Selections from Writings of John Wesley.—“A Plain Account of Genuine Christianity.” Page 234.

The Tongue of Fire.—Chapter IV; sections I, II, III, IV.
The Revival and the Pastor.—Topic: “Methods of Soul Winning.”
A Short History of the English People.—Chapter 9, “The Revolution.”

FIRST YEAR.

Wesley's Sermons, (Vol. I) 1-33.—Any five sermons.
History of the M. E. Church, Vol. II—Book III, Chapters 3 and 4.—“The Christmas Conference” and “Organization of M. E. Church.”
The Governing Conference in Methodism.—“Origin and Changes of General Conference.”
Christian Science and other Superstitions.—First Section.—“Faith Healing.”
Ecclesiastical Architecture.—Chapter 9, “Renaissance Style.”
From the Himalayas to the Equator.—Chapter 28, “Our most Successful Mission.”
Problem of Religious Progress.—Part Third.—“Spiritual Vitality.”
History of the Ritual of the M. E. Church.—Trace history of Ritual from beginning of Reformation to the revision by Wesley.
Asbury's Journal Vol. I, Pages 50-75 inclusive.
Methodist Review.—Jan.—Feb., 1903, number; articles VI and VIII.

SECOND YEAR.

Wesley's Sermons (Vol. I.) 34-57.—Any five sermons.
History of M. E. Church, Vol. III.—Chapter 9, “Methodism in the West, 1792-1796.”
History of Methodism, Vol. I.—“Origin and Progress of Methodism, 1739-1744.”
Introduction to New Testament.—The Gospel of John.
Future Retribution.—Chapter 2.
Digest of Methodist Law.—Part I, Chapters 2, 3, and 5. Part II, Chapters 2 and 5.
The General Conference and Episcopacy.—Chapters 2 and 3.
Christian Archaeology.—Book Third, Chapter 1, Sacrament of Baptism.
The Modern Sunday School, (Edition of 1900).—Each undergraduate select his own subject.
Asbury's Journal, Vol. II.—Pages 50-75, inclusive.
Methodist Review.—Jan.—Feb., 1903, number; articles VI and VIII.

THIRD YEAR.

History of M. E. Church, Vol. IV.—Chapter 15, Review of the Period, 1804-1820.
History of Methodism, Vol. II.—“Calvinistic Controversy”.—Chapters 1, 2, 3.
The Supernatural Book.—The Argument from Prophecy.
Introduction to Political Economy.—(Revised).—Part IV.—Distribution.
The Historic Episcopate.—Chapters 7-11.
Hymn Studies.—Topic: Holy Spirit, Hymns 262-287.
Asbury's Journal, Vol. III.—Pages 50-75 inclusive.
Methodist Review.—Jan.—Feb., 1903, number; articles VI and VIII.

FOURTH YEAR.

Supplementary History of American Methodism.—“The Women of Methodism.”

History of Methodism, Vol. III.—Chapter 2. Analogy of Natural and Revealed Religion.—Topic: God and His Government.

(For special directions as to material see Index, Page 383 under “God” and “God’s Government”)

Life and Epistles of St. Paul.—The Early Life of the Apostle.

The Son of Man.—Chapter 9.

Foreign Missions of the Protestant Churches.—Chapter 11, Page 214.

History of Rationalism.—Rationalism in the United States, Chapters 23-24.

Methodist Review.—Jan., Feb., 1903, number; articles VI and VIII.

NOTES.

1. Please mark all syllabi, essays, sermons and exegeses with the name of the examiners and your pseudonym.

2. Let all written work, sermons, essays, exegeses, syllabi, etc., be sent to the registrar by January 31st, 1904.

CLAYTON, DEL.

V. P. NORTHRUP.

Registrar.

 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 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 document 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 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 “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.

JOURNAL.

First Day—March 18, 1903.

The thirty-fifth session of the Wilmington Annual Conference convened in Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church, Easton, Md., March 18, 1903, at 9 a. m. Bishop Earl Cranston, presiding. The Conference joined in singing the 577th hymn and was led in prayer by Bishop Cranston, who read the second chapter of Philippians. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

ROLL CALL.—The Secretary of the last session of the Conference called the Roll and 145 members and probatiners answered to their names.

ORGANIZATION.—On motion of C. W. Prettyman, A. S. Mowbray was re-elected Secretary and he named R. K. Stephenson, J. D. Rigg, W. A. Wise, and Z. H. Webster as his assistants. On motion of C. S. Baker, W. R. Mowbray was re-elected Statistical Secretary and named as his assistants, H. A. G. Westerfield, J. H. Geoghegan, H. B. Kelso, G. P. Jones, L. E. Poole, J. L. Johnson, W. E. Greenfield, W. W. Sharp, Harry Taylor, Milton McCann, and J. W. Briscoe. On motion of T. E. Martindale, H. G. Budd, Jr. was re-elected Conference Treasurer, naming as his assistants Edwin Gardner, Aloysius Green, J. M. Arters, J. W. Colona, G. C. Williams, J. H. Gardner, W. R. Hiron, V. E. Hills, T. R. VanDyke, J. W. Prettyman, W. O. Bennett, A. H. Covey.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—On behalf of the Presiding Elders, W. F. Corkran presented the nominations for Standing Committees and they were confirmed. (See list.)

POSTMASTER.—On motion of Robert Watt, J. T. Prouse was appointed Conference Post Master.

HOURS.—On motion of T. E. Martindale the hours for meeting and adjournment were made 8.30 a. m. and 12 m., the first half hour of each session to be spent in devotional services.

BAR OF CONFERENCE.—The Bar of the Conference on motion of W. F. Corkran, was fixed to include the seventh line of pews from the front.

Asbury Burke was put on the Committee on Ministerial Qualification in the place of W. W. Sharp, who was excused to assist the Statistical Secretary.

STEWARDS.—Upon nomination of the Presiding Elders the following were elected as Conference Stewards, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference:—Dover District, P. H. Rawlins; Easton District, J. A. Arters; Salisbury District, T. E. Terry; Wilmington District, John France.

RULES.—On motion of R. H. Adams, the rules of last session were adopted for the present session.

BISHOP CRANSTON.—R. T. Coursey presented the following resolution which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote, the Secretary putting the question.

WHEREAS, in the inscrutable Providence of God, the messenger Death has recently come into the home of our beloved and honored Presiding Bishop, summoning therefrom a devoted wife and mother: therefore be it

Resolved, that we the members of the Wilmington Conference, now in session, assure Bishop Earl Cranston and his children of our sincere sympathy, as well as of the deepest sympathy of every member of the great Methodist family on our beloved Peninsula, in their great bereavement, and that we commend them to the grace of Him who says, even now, to His distressed and troubled children, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be moved; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

G. W. Bounds presented the following resolution which was put by the Secretary and adopted:

WHEREAS, This is the first time we have had the pleasure of having Bishop Earl Cranston to preside at our Conference, and

WHEREAS, We fully appreciate the mental strain under which he labors, therefore,

Resolved, That we will do all in our power to lighten his labors.

Bishop Cranston responded in brief words expressive of his appreciation of the sympathy of the Conference in his great sorrow.

Various communications were presented and referred to the appropriate Committees.

DRAFTS.—Drafts on the Book Concern for \$804, and on the Chartered Fund for \$22.00 were ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

INTRODUCTIONS.—John Krantz, of the Book Concern, T. B. Neely, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday Union and Tract Society, O. R. Miller of the Reform Bureau of Washington, L. T. Widerman of the Maryland Bible Society and T. C. Iliff, representing the Church Extension Society, were introduced and addressed the Conference. During the addresses the time was extended.

METHODIST REVIEW.—On motion of Robt. Watt, E. N. Cantwell was appointed to canvass for subscriptions to the Methodist Review.

EPISCOPAL FUND.—A communication from the Book Committee, concerning the Episcopal Fund was referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment among the charges.

WESLEY BI-CENTENNIAL.—G. A. Phoebus presented the following which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Bi-centennial Anniversary of Rev. John Wesley, A. M. occurs during the year now advancing, be it

Resolved, That the Bishop, presiding, and the Presiding Elders, be respectfully asked to appoint a committee of five to consider the subject of undertaking the plan and providing for the celebration of this great event.

J. D. Reese and H. A. G. Westerfield were granted leave of absence.

Committees were called, announcements were made and Conference adjourned, Bishop Cranston pronouncing the Benediction.

Second Day—Thursday.

OPENING.—The Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock with devotional services conducted by Bishop Cranston. The business session was begun at 9 o'clock. The Journal was read and approved.

MINISTERIAL QUALIFICATIONS.—On motion of H. S. Thompson, S. M. Morgan and E. H. Nelson were added to the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications.

MRS. F. J. COCHRAN.—T. E. Martindale made the sad announcement of the death last night of the wife of Rev. F. J. Cochran at Laurel, Del. The Conference appointed R. H. Adams, Alfred Smith, and H. C. Turner as a committee to attend the funeral. The Secretary of the Conference was instructed to send a telegram of sympathy to our bereaved brother. The Conference then joined in prayer led by T. E. Martindale.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER.—Calls were made by the Conference Treasurer and the Statistical Secretary.

QUESTION 13.—The Thirteenth Question "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. C. S. Baker, Presiding Elder of Dover District, T. E. Martindale of Salisbury District, Robert Watt of Wilmington District and W. F. Corkran of Easton District were called, their characters passed and they read reports of their work. The names of all the effective Elders were called, their characters passed and they reported their collections.

W. F. CORKRAN.—At the conclusion of the reading of the report of Easton District, Bishop Cranston presented, on behalf of the members of the district, a silver service to the retiring Presiding Elder, W. F. Corkran, as an expression of appreciation.

INTRODUCTIONS.—Levan R. Janney of the New Jersey Conference, recently transferred to this Conference, was introduced. Rev. Mr. Kennard of the M. E. Church, South, Dr. Graham and Rev. Mr. Jones of the Methodist Protestant Church were introduced to the Conference.

BRIBERY.—J. S. Willis presented resolutions on Bribery which were referred to a special Committee consisting of C. W. Prettyman, T. E. Terry and Adam Stengle.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.—T. A. H. O'Brien and T. E. Terry were added to the Committee on Conference Relations.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.—V. S. Collins presented the following report of the Conference Trustees which was adopted. L. E. Barrett, C. W. Prettyman, F. F. Carpenter and G. L. Hardesty were made a committee to nominate persons to fill vacancies indicated.

During the year there have come into the treasury of the board \$79.00 from Rev. T. E. Martindale, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, from the sale of the old Curtis' Chapel. The amount is ordered placed in Artisan's Savings Bank, Wilmington, Del. at interest.

The terms of W. L. S. Murray, P. H. Rawlins, and C. T. Wyatt expire with this session of the Conference.

G. E. Wood was granted leave of absence.

Committees were called, notices given and Conference adjourned by expiration of time. The Doxology was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by W. F. Corkran.

Third Day.—Friday Morning.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock on Friday morning, Bishop Cranston conducting the devotional services. At 9 o'clock the Journal was read and approved.

SUPERNUMERARIES.—The cases of O. S. Walton, T. H. Harding, W. W. Chaires and C. F. Sheppard were referred to the Board of Stewards.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—E. C. Atkins, J. T. VanBurkalow, W. L. White and W. P. Compton were granted leave of absence as requested.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—It was ordered, on motion of C. S. Baker that the Conference convene in executive session this afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.

DR. KELLEY.—Dr. W. V. Kelley, Editor of the Methodist Review and Dr. J. O. Spencer, President of Morgan College were introduced and addressed the Conference.

QUESTION 9.—The Ninth Question, "What Members are in Studies of the Fourth Year?" was taken up. John M. Arters, Wm. C. Poole, Frank M. Faulkner, Goldsborough W. Hastings, Wm. E. Greenfield and Andrew H. Covey were called and advanced to Studies of the Fourth Year, F. N. Faulkner, G. W. Hastings and W. E. Gerenfield being conditioned on one book each. Floyd E. Bloxton was continued in the studies of the third year.

QUESTION 10.—The Tenth Question, "What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?" was taken up. Frederick X. Moore, Edward H. Dashiell and John L. Johnson were called and elected to Elder's orders.

QUESTION 30.—The Thirtieth Question, "Where shall the next Conference be held?" was taken up. Wesley Church, Dover, and Union Church, Wilmington, were put in nomination and after representation, Wesley, Dover, was selected, and upon motion of R. H. Adams the vote was made unanimous.

QUESTION 7.—The Seventh Question, "Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?" was taken up. Wm. R. Hirons, Chas. W. Smith, Wm. H. Kenney, Joseph E. Gallagher, and Clarence N. Jones were called before the Conference and Bishop Cranston addressed the Class and the Conference in words of wise and wholesome counsel. The Disciplinary Questions were propounded.

The further consideration of this question was deferred to the Executive Session to be held this afternoon.

TEMPERANCE.—W. W. King presented the report of the Committee on Temperance which was adopted.

The Committees were called, notices were given and Conference adjourned with the Doxology, Dr. W. V. Kelley pronouncing the Benediction.

Friday Afternoon.—Executive Session.

OPENING.—Conference met on Friday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock in executive session. After devotional services conducted by Bishop Cranston, the Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

On motion of E. L. Hoffecker, members of other Conferences were admitted to the extra session.

BEQUESTS.—Bishop Cranston presented a Communication from the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church concerning the proper objects and methods of bequests. The papers were referred to the Board of Stewards of the Conference.

QUESTION 7.—Question Seven was resumed. W. R. Hirons, C. W. Smith, W. H. Kenny, J. E. Gallagher, and C. N. Jones were called, made their reports and all except C. N. Jones were admitted into full membership and elected to Deacon's orders. Vote in the case of Clarence N. Jones was deferred pending a question of law.

EDUCATIONAL STANDARD.—H. S. Thompson presented the following Resolution which was adopted.

WHEREAS, If the ministry of our Church would preserve its leadership it must keep pace with the educational progress of the day, and

WHEREAS, Many of our most loyal laymen, recognizing the supreme importance of both a consecrated and educated ministry, feel that the time has come for some advance in the general educational qualification of the men who minister to them, therefore,

Resolved 1, That the Wilmington Annual Conference will hereafter admit no man on trial whose educational attainments are not fully the equivalent of an English Course in any of our High Schools or Academies of fair grade.

Resolved 2, That the Presiding Elders are instructed to report this action to the Quarterly Conferences on their respective Districts and to earnestly request them not to recommend for the traveling connection any brother whose educational attainments do not reach the standard above indicated.

BRIBERY.—C. W. Prettyman presented the report of the Committee on Bribery resolutions which was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, There seems to be a doubt in the minds of certain persons in our Church as to the sinfulness of bribery and

WHEREAS, It is publicly charged that the attitude of our Church has not been sufficiently decided and out-spoken on this subject, and

WHEREAS, The prevalence of this great evil in certain portions of our territory has become a matter of national shame and opprobrium, therefore be it

Resolved, That bribery of all forms and in all phases is contrary to the Word of God, degrading to the individual mind, and ruinous to the tone of domestic, social, and political life. He who sells his vote sells his opinion, and he who sells his opinion sells his conscience, and he who sells his conscience sells himself and his country.

Resolved, That the vote-buyer must take his place, in the estimation of history, with the tyrant, the oppressor, and the corruptor of men. If it is a woe unto him who putteth the bottle to his neighbor's lips, it is also a woe to him who sacrifices his neighbor's soul by the temptations of filthy lucre. "The evil that men do lives after them," and the future will scarcely be long enough to wipe out the shame and dishonor which a vote-buyer or a vote-seller will entail upon his progeny.

We therefore admonish all our people that anyone guilty of this shameless crime stands discredited before the Church, contemptible in the eyes of his brethren, and condemned in the sight of God.

QUESTION 22.—The Twenty-second Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was taken up. The relation of Warren Burr was changed from Supernumerary to Effective, J. M. Collins was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations; James Crowe was located at his own request; W. M. Greene, S. J. Morris, J. S. Wickline, T. H. Harding, C. F. Sheppard, O. S. Walton, W. W. Chaires and G. W. Bowman were continued in the Supernumerary relation.

QUESTION 3.—The Third Question, "Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?" was taken up. The cases of A. W. Lightbourn and W. W. White were presented and referred to the Committee on Conference Relations, with the request that the Committee be ready to report by eleven o'clock to-morrow morning if possible.

Conference then adjourned, Bishop Cranston pronouncing the Benediction.

Fourth Day.—Saturday Morning.

OPENING.—Conference convened at 8.30 o'clock, Saturday morning, Bishop Cranston in charge of the devotional services. The Journal of the last session was read and approved.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.—P. H. Rawlins presented the Report of Board of Stewards which was adopted.

QUESTION 11.—Question Eleven, "What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?" was taken up. The Recommendation of Alfred G. Brooks was announced and he was elected to Local Deacon's Orders.

QUESTION 12.—Question Twelve was taken up: "What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?" The Recommendation of Wm. E. Matthews was read and he was elected to Local Elder's orders.

QUESTION 5.—The Fifth Question was taken up: "Who have been continued on Trial?" Milton McCann, John H. Mitchell, Geo. C. Williams, Jas. H. Gardner, Oram T. Baynard, John W. Briscoe, Howard Davis, and Raymond H. Lewis, were called and advanced to the Studies of the Second Year.

W. E. Matthwes was continued in the Studies of the First Year.

James W. Colona was advanced to the Studies of the Fourth Year.

CONFERENCE TRUSTEES.—L. E. Barrett presented report of the Committee, nominating W. L. S. Murray, P. H. Rawlins, C. T. Wyatt as Conference Trustees and they were elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of the Conference.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—The Report of the Committee on Church Extension was presented by T. F. Beauchamp and adopted.

QUESTION 3.—Question Three "Who have been Received on Credentials and from what Churches?" was taken up. A. W. Lightbourn from the Congregational Church and W. W. White from the M. P. Church were favorably reported by the Committee on Conference Relations, called before the Conference, answered the usual disciplinary questions, and were received into full membership.

ACADEMY.—Wm. Saulsbury, President of the Board Trustees of the Conference Academy was introduced and read his report. Pending its adoption, Prof. E. L. Cross, Principal of the Academy was introduced and addressed the Conference. A collection to aid needy students was taken amounting to \$370.75. The report was adopted.

DR. MASON.—Dr. M. C. B. Mason, Corresponding Secretary of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society was introduced and addressed the Conference. T. N. Given read the report of the Committee on Freedman's Aid which was adopted.

TRUSTEES.—E. H. Nelson was appointed to be Trustee of funds voted to Mrs. Annie D. Chatham. Jay Williams, Esq. was appointed Trustee of funds for Minor Children of James Connor.

INTRODUCTION.—J. D. C. Hanna of the Philadelphia Conference, J. H. Willey of the New York East Conference and A. L. Henry of the Delaware Conference were introduced.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—The Conference entered upon executive session at 11.30 o'clock.

J. M. COLLINS.—The Committee on Conference Relations presented its report in the case of J. M. Collins. After extended discussion, on motion of W. L. S. Murray, Bro. Collins was made effective and a collection was ordered in his behalf.

J. W. TALLEY.—On motion of W. F. Corkran, the Bishop was requested to appoint J. W. Talley Managing Editor of the Peninsula Methodist.

W. W. King was excused at his request. Notices were given and Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Dr. M. C. B. Mason.

Sunday Afternoon.—Memorial and Ordination Service.

MEMOIRS.—Conference met at 2.30 on Sunday afternoon with C. W. Prettyman in the chair.

Devotional services were conducted by Alfred Smith. Memoirs of W. E. Avery by W. L. S. Murray, J. D. Kemp by E. P. Roberts, of J. O. Sypherd by John France, of W. F. Talbot by L. E. Barrett, of Baynard Wheatley by G. W. Bounds, of Mrs. J. W. Caldwell by W. L. S. Murray, of Mrs. W. E. England by T. E. Martindale, of Mrs. F. J. Cochran by H. C. Turner and of Moses Bullock by Asbury Burke were presented and adopted.

ORDINATION.—At 3.30 o'clock, Bishop Cranston took the chair and proceeded to the ordination of those who had been elected to Deacons' and Elders' orders.

Monday Morning.

OPENING.—Conference met at 8.30 o'clock Monday morning; Bishop Cranston conducting the devotional services. The Journal was read and approved.

QUESTION 23.—The Twenty-third Question "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was taken up. James Carroll, Edward Davis, James Esgate, W. E. Tomkinson, W. M. Warner, W. L. P. Bowen, T. H. Haynes, J. W. Poole, W. W. Redman, G. W. Wilcox, J. B. Merritt, J. T. VanBurkalow, G. A. Phoebus, were called, their characters passed and their relation continued.

QUESTION 1.—Question One, "Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference?" was taken up. E. L. Hoffecker, from New York, E. R. Sidell, from W. Wisconsin Conference, L. R. Janney, from New Jersey Conference, Wm. Cashmore of the Maine Conference.

QUESTION 14.—Question Fourteen, "Who have been transferred and to what Conference?" was taken up. F. P. Harris, to New York Conference, R. N. Joscelyn to Maine Conference, G. G. Senger, to the New Jersey Conference, W. W. Brunk to the Troy Conference, C. A. Bunker to the S. California Conference.

QUESTION 24.—The Twenty-fourth Question, "Who are the Triers of Appeals?" was called. T. E. Terry, J. T. Richardson, W. O. Bennett, T. F. Beauchamp, W. W. King, F. J. Cochran, W. B. Guthrie were appointed.

ACADEMY TRUSTEES.—W. L. S. Murray presented nominations from whom to elect four trustees for vacancies in the Conference Academy Board as follows: J. T. VanBurkalow, A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, C. A. Hill, H. G. Budd, Jr., E. C. Macnichol, C. T. Wyatt, J. H. Beauchamp.

EPISCOPAL FUND.—J. A. Brewington presented report of Committee on Episcopal Fund, which was adopted.

TREASURER.—H. G. Budd, Jr., presented the Treasurer's report, which was adopted.

DR. BENTON.—Dr. Benton, Recording Secretary of the Missionary Society was introduced and addressed the Conference.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY.—W. R. Mowbray presented Report of Statistical Secretary, which was adopted.

THANKS.—G. W. Bounds, S. M. Morgan, C. W. Prettyman, F. F. Carpenter were appointed a committee on thanks.

ORDINATION.—Bishop Cranston presented the following certificate of Ordination:—

This is to Certify

That on Sunday, March 22nd, 1903, in the town of Easton, State of Maryland, I ordained the following named persons **Deacons**, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, to wit: William R. Hirons, Charles W. Smith, William H. Kenney, Joseph E. Gallagher, Alfred G. Brooks,

And the same day, in the same place, assisted by Elders, I ordained Frederick X. Moore, Edward H. Dashiell, John L. Johnson, and William E. Matthews, **Elders** in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On Monday the 23rd I ordained George S. Thomas and Clarence N. Jones, **Deacons**.

EARL CRANSTON, *Bishop*.

EASTON, MD., March 23rd, 1903.

C. W. PRETTYMAN IN THE CHAIR.—Bishop Cranston called C. W. Prettyman to the chair.

W. W. JOHNSON.—C. S. Baker presented the request of W. W. Johnson for restoration of parchments. The case was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations. The Committee was permitted to retire.

STEWARD'S ENDOWMENT.—H. F. Pickles presented the Report of the Committee on Steward's Endowment Fund which was adopted after discussion and amendment.

ACADEMY TRUSTEES.—The Tellers reported the vote upon Academy Trustees, showing the election of C. A. Hill, A. S. Mowbray, W. F. Corkran, J. T. VanBurkalow.

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

PERIODICALS.—J. T. Richardson presented the report of the Committee on Periodicals, which was adopted.

BIBLE.—J. P. Outten presented the report of the Committee on Bible Society, which was adopted.

HOSPITAL.—J. F. Anderson presented the Report of the Philadelphia Methodist Hospital which was adopted after amendment.

AUDITORS.—F. C. McSorley presented the report of the Auditors which was adopted.

CHURCH INSURANCE.—J. E. Graham presented the report of the Committee on Church Insurance, which was adopted.

CHURCH EXTENSION.—C. T. Wyatt presented the Report of Conference Board of Church Extension, which was adopted.

REPORTS.—The Reports of Committee on Education by L. E. Barrett, on Women's Foreign Missionary Society by L. I. McDougale. On Conference Relations by W. L. S. Murray recommending that the parchments of W. W. Johnson be not restored, and on Sunday Schools and Tracts by E. N. Cantwell were presented and adopted.

DR. REED—Dr. G. E. Reed, president of Dickinson College, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

DR. FAULKNER.—Dr. J. A. Faulkner, of Drew Theological Seminary was introduced and addressed the Conference.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.—G. W. Bounds presented the report on Epworth League, which was adopted.

It was agreed that when Conference adjourn, it be to meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Announcements were made and Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Prof. Faulkner.

Monday Afternoon.

OPENING.—Conference met at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon, C. W. Prettyman in the chair. E. C. Macnichol led the devotional services. The Journal of the preceding session was read and approved.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.—G. W. Burke read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, which was adopted.

THANKS.—G. W. Bounds read the report of the Committee on Thanks, which was adopted.

Bishop Cranston took the chair at 4.20 o'clock.

J. M. COLLINS.—The Collection for J. M. Collins and Mrs. Baynard Wheatley was ordered to be taken. C. S. Baker was made Trustee of the fund when raised. The collection amounted to \$143.25.

QUESTION 4.—Question Four, "Who have been received on trial?" was taken up. Arthur W. Goodhand, George S. Thomas, Walter E. Gunby, Frederick I. Mumford, Wm. E. Habbard, Thomas H. Jones were introduced to the Conference and retired. The Committee reported and they were received on trial.

MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.—C. S. Baker presented the following distribution of Missionary money:
Dover District, Lakesville, \$105; Salem, \$80. Easton District, Oxford, \$70; Royal Oak, \$70; Fairlee, \$50. Salisbury District, Cape Charles \$140; Crowstontown, \$100; Marion, \$30; Newark, \$30. Wilmington District, Port Penn, \$75; I approve these appropriations.

EARL CRANSTON.

CHURCH LOCATION.—The Board of Church Location was nominated and elected. (See list.)

ALFRED SMITH.—On motion of W. F. Corkran, Bishop Cranston was invited to appoint Alfred Smith as Conference Temperance Evangelist. R. T. Coursey presented the following resolution:—adopted—

WHEREAS, Our beloved brother, Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D., in response to his God-given unction has determined to devote his time and talents to the work of helping to overthrow the dreadful legalized liquor traffic; therefore be it

Resolved. That we, the members of the Wilmington Conference, do now assure our brother, as he is about to start out in his noble mission, that we will ever commend him to that God who says for the encouragement of his servants, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea I will help thee; yea I will uphold thee, with the right hand of my righteousness," and that we pledge him our hearty co operation and support.

E. C. SUNFIELD.—The Conference requested the appointment of E. C. Sunfield as Conference Evangelist, Alfred Scott as Editor of the Christian Companion and P. H. Rawlins Agent of Steward's Endowment Fund.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.—Bishop Cranston presented nominations for Board of Church Extension and they were elected.

LOCAL DEACONS.—George S. Thomas and Clarence N. Jones were elected as Local Deacons.

COLLECTION.—A collection to pay the sexton \$25, the Minute fund \$15, the Registrar's expenses \$6, and the Post Master \$15, was ordered. The collection amounted to \$62.

T. E. MARTINDALE.—Bishop Cranston presented on behalf of the Brethren of Salisbury District a purse containing \$150 in gold to the retiring Presiding Elder, T. E. Martindale.

EXAMINERS.—Bishop Cranston announced G. L. Hardesty to fill vacancy on Conference Board of Examiners.

MISSIONARY SERMON.—C. W. Satrickland was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon. O. W. DeVenish alternate.

The Journal was read and approved.

Bishop Cranston made an address, the appointments were read and Conference adjourned, Bishop Cranston pronouncing the Benediction.

Earl Cranston,
President.

A. S. Mowbray,
Secretary.

Disciplinary Questions.

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

Edward L. Hoffecker, New York Conference; E. R. Sidell, West Wisconsin Conference; L. R. Janney, New Jersey Conference; William Cashmore, Maine Conference.

2. Who have been Re-admitted?

None.

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

A. W. Lightbourn, Congregational Church; W. W. White, Methodist Protestant Church.

4. Who have been Received on Trial?

(a) *In Studies of First Year.*

Arthur W. Goodhand, George S. Thomas, Walter E. Gunby, Fred. I. Mumford, William E. Habbard, Thomas H. Jones.

- (b) *In Studies of Third Year.*
None.
- 5. Who have been Continued on Trial?**
(a) *In Studies of First Year.*
William E. Matthews.
(b) *In Studies of Second Year.*
Milton McCann, John H. Mitchel, George C. Williams, James H. Gardner,
Oram T. Baynard, John W. Briscoe, Howard Davis, Raymond H. Lewis.
(c) *In Studies of Third Year.*
Clarence N. Jones.
(d) *In Studies of Fourth Year.*
James W. Colona.
- 6. Who have been Discontinued?**
None.
- 7. Who have been Admitted in Full Membership?**
(a) *Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year.*
William R. Hirons, Charles W. Smith, William H. Kenney, Joseph E. Gallagher.
(b) *Elected and Ordained Deacons previously.*
None.
- 8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year?**
(a) *Admitted into Full Membership this year.*
William R. Hirons, Charles W. Smith, William H. Kenney, Joseph E. Gallagher.
(b) *Admitted into Full Membership previously.*
Floyd E. Bloxton.
- 9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?**
John M. Arters, William C. Poole, Frank M. Faulkner, Goldsborough W. Hastings, William E. Greenfield, Andrew H. Covey.
- 10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?**
(a) *Elected and Ordained Elders this Year.*
Frederick X. Moore, Edward H. Dashiell, John L. Johnson.
(b) *Elected and Ordained Elders previously.*
None.
- 11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?**
(a) *As Local Preachers.*
Albert G. Brooks, George S. Thomas, Clarence N. Jones.
(b) *Under Missionary Rule.*
None.
- 12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?**
(a) *As Local Deacons.*
William E. Matthews.
(b) *Under Missionary Rule.*
None.

- 13. Was the Character of each Preacher examined?**
This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.
- 14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?**
F. P. Harris, New York Conference; R. N. Joscelyn, Maine Conference; G. G. Senser, New Jersey Conference; W. W. Brunk, Troy Conference; C. A. Bunker, S. California Conference.
- 15. Who have Died?**
W. E. Avery, J. O. Sypherd, J. D. Kemp, W. F. Talbot.
- 16. Who have been Located at their own Request?**
James Crowe.
- 17. Who have been Located?**
None.
- 18. Who have Withdrawn?**
None.
- 19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?**
None.
- 20. Who have been Expelled?**
None.
- 21. What other personal Notation should be made?**
None.
- 22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?**
W. M. Greene, S. J. Morris, J. S. Wickline, T. H. Harding, C. F. Sheppard, O. S. Walton, W. W. Chaires, G. W. Bowman.
- 23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?**
James Carroll, Edward Davis, James Esgate, W. E. Tomkinson, W. M. Warner, W. L. P. Bowen, T. H. Haynes, J. W. Poole, W. W. Redman, G. W. Wilcox, J. B. Merritt, J. T. Van Burkalow, G. A. Phoebus.
- 24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?**
T. E. Terry, J. T. Richardson, W. O. Bennett, T. F. Beauchamp, W. W. King, F. J. Cochran, W. B. Guthrie.
- 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?**
\$29,430.
- 27. What are the claims on the Conference Fund?**
\$13,000.
- 28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?**
\$7,735. (See Steward's Report).
- 29. Where are the Preachers Stationed?**
See List of Appointments
- 30. Where shall the Next Conference be held?**
Dover, Del.

Conference Roll.

(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 or relation.)

1872 R. H. Adams	E	Wilmington, Del	3
1888 G. T. Alderson	E	Lewes, Del	3
1888 J. F. Anderson	E	Sharptown, Md	1
1870 J. A. Arters	E	Crumpton, Md	1
1900 J. M. Arters	D	Odessa, Del	2
1877 E. C. Atkins	E	Harrington, Del	3
1881 C. S. Baker	E	Dover, Del	6
1876 L. E. Barrett	E	Dover, Del	2
1902 O. T. Baynard	P	Henderson, Md	3
1894 J. H. Beauchamp	E	Townsend, Del	2
1892 T. F. Beauchamp	E	Still Pond, Md	3
1897 W. O. Bennett	E	Sudlersville, Md	1
1898 F. E. Bloxton	D	Trappe, Md	3
1890 G. W. Bounds	E	St. Michaels, Md	2
1876 W. L. P. Bowen	Sd	Newark, Md	11
1885 G. W. Bowman	Sy	Theodore, Md	2
1902 J. W. Briscoe	P	Salem, Md	1
1890 J. A. Brewington	E	Parsonsborg, Md	1
1894 H. G. Budd, Jr	E	Centreville, Md	1
1886 Asbury Burke	E	Wilmington, Del	1
1885 G. W. Burke	E	Marshallton, Del	2
1888 Warren Burr	E	Rock Hall, Md	1
William Cashmore	E	Frederica, Del	1
1880 J. R. Cannon	E	Tilghman's Island, Md	3
1899 E. N. Cantwell	E	Bethel, Del	1
1888 F. F. Carpenter	E	Deal's Island, Md	3
1865 James Carroll	Sd	Milford, Del	5
1888 W. W. Chaires	Sy	Tilghman's Island, Md	3
1876 Albert Chandler	E	Smyrna, Del	1
1881 F. J. Cochran	E	Laurel, Del	3
1895 E. H. Collins	E	Chesapeake City, Md	1
1876 J. M. Collins	E	Hooper's Island, Md	1
1883 V. S. Collins	E	Smyrna, Del	3
1902 J. W. Colona	D	Crisfield, Md	2
1888 W. P. Compton	E	Zion, Md	3
1862 G. S. Conaway	E	Wye Mills, Md	1
1881 L. P. Corkran	E	Milton, Del	3
1876 W. F. Corkran	E	Georgetown, Del	1
1887 R. T. Coursey	E	Fairmount, Md	2
1899 A. H. Covey	D	Princess Anne, Md	1
1879 E. K. Creed	E	Galena, Md	1

1896 E. H. Dashiell	D	Chesapeake City, Md	1
1869 Edward Davis	Sd	Newark, Md	7
1900 Howard Davis	P	Powellville, Md	1
1884 W. F. Dawson	E	Cecilton, Md	1
1899 G. W. Dawson	E	Rockland, Del	1
1884 E. H. Derrickson	E	Nanticoke, Md	2
1893 O. W. DeVenish	E	Cherry Hill, Md	3
1886 H. S. Dulany	E	Wilmington, Del	3
1885 J. W. Easley	E	Wilmington, Del	2
1898 G. R. Ellis	E	Ridgely, Md	1
1866 James Esgate	Sd	Boston, Mass	17
1900 F. N. Faulkner	D	Selbyville, Del	6
1889 J. W. Fogle	E	Quantico, Md	1
1868 I. G. Fosnocht	E	Magnolia, Del	1
1856 John France	E	Wilmington, Del	3
1891 Edwin Gardner	E	Cape Charles, Va	3
1902 J. H. Gardner	P	Church Creek, Md	2
1900 J. E. Gallagher	D	Marion, Md	1
1891 J. H. Geoghegan	E	Girdletree, Md	1
1895 D. J. Givan	E	Farmington, Del	3
1884 T. N. Given	E	Charlestown, Md	1
1903 A. W. Goodhand	P	Cheswold, Del	1
1889 J. E. Graham	E	Roxana, Del	3
1888 J. W. Gray	E	Lincoln, Del	1
1890 Aloysius Green	E	Snow Hill, Md	2
1873 W. M. Green	Sy	Camden, Del	5
1900 W. E. Greenfield	D	Perryville, Md	3
1879 C. A. Grise	E	Easton, Md	3
1883 W. B. Guthrie	E	Chincoteague Island, Va	1
1903 W. E. Gunby	P	Queenstown, Md	1
1869 W. R. Gwinn	E	Chance, Md	1
1903 W. E. Hubbard	P	Little Creek, Del	1
1883 G. L. Hardesty	E	Berlin, Md	1
1871 T. H. Harding	Sy	Wilmington, Del	3
1900 G. W. Hastings	D	Mt. Vernon, Md	1
1843 T. H. Haynes	Sd	Smyrna, Del	9
1878 C. A. Hill	E	Salisbury, Md	3
1889 V. E. Hills	E	Gumboro, Del	1
1901 W. R. Hiron	D	Ewell, Md	1
1876 E. L. Hoffecker	E	Greensboro, Md	2
1897 T. S. Holt	E	Federalburg, Md	3
1869 T. B. Hunter	E	Newark, Del	2
1892 W. O. Hurst	E	Newport, Del	2
1876 L. R. Janney	E	Millsboro, Del	1
1876 B. F. Jester	E	Crapo, Md	1
1899 J. L. Johnson	E	Greenwood, Del	3
1900 C. N. Jones	D	Colora, Md	1

1891 G. P. Jones.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	1
1898 J. W. Jones.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	5
1898 O. E. Jones.....E	Delaware City, Del.....	1
1903 T. H. Jones.....P	Rock Hall, Md.....	1
1890 L. P. Karholzen.....E	Boothwyn, Pa.....	2
1898 H. B. Kelso.....E	Williamsburg, Md.....	1
1901 W. H. Kenney.....D	Vienna, Md.....	2
1882 W. W. King.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	4
1886 W. G. Koons.....E	Smyrna, Del.....	1
1887 A. W. Lightbourn.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	1
1871 L. W. Layfield.....E	Camden, Del.....	4
1879 J. M. Lindale.....E	Church Hill, Md.....	3
1874 W. T. Lewis.....E	1916 Market, Wilmington, Del.....	2
1901 R. H. Lewis.....P	Bishopville, Md.....	1
1876 E. C. Macnichol.....E	Cambridge, Md.....	6
1885 O. L. Martin.....E	St. Georges, Del.....	1
1864 T. E. Martindale.....E	Elkton, Md.....	1
1902 W. E. Matthews.....E	Newark, Md.....	1
1902 Milton McCann.....P	Pomona, Md.....	1
1889 L. I. McDougle.....E	Oxford, Md.....	4
1869 W. R. McFarlane.....E	Cokesbury, Md.....	1
1884 D. F. McFaul.....E	Kenton, Del.....	1
1892 F. E. McKinsey.....E	Red Lion, Del.....	1
1873 F. C. McSorley.....E	Kent Island, Md.....	1
1853 J. B. Merritt.....Sd	Fairlee, Md.....	18
1869 E. H. Miller.....E	Stockton, Md.....	1
1885 J. M. Mitchell.....E	Seaford, Del.....	3
1902 J. H. Mitchell.....P	Wittman, Md.....	1
1887 S. M. Morgan.....E	Milford, Del.....	2
1885 S. J. Morris.....Sy	Newark, N. J.....	5
1883 A. S. Mowbray.....E	Port Deposit, Md.....	5
1886 W. R. Mowbray.....E	Bridgeville, Del.....	3
1872 W. L. S. Murray.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	8
1898 F. X. Moore.....E	Westover, Md.....	2
1903 F. I. Mumford.....P	Neavitt, Md.....	2
1879 G. R. Neese.....E	Frankford, Del.....	1
1870 E. H. Nelson.....E	Felton, Del.....	2
1892 V. P. Northrup.....E	Clayton, Del.....	1
1890 M. D. Nutter.....E	Oriole, Md.....	3
1876 T. A. H. O'Brien.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	3
1872 J. P. Otis.....E	Newark, Del.....	3
1893 J. P. Outten.....E	Onancock, Va.....	2
1853 G. A. Phoebus.....Sd	134 2d Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	18
1881 S. N. Pilchard.....E	Crisfield, Md.....	2
1870 J. W. Poole.....Sd	Farmington, Del.....	16
1896 L. E. Poole.....E	Pocomoke City, Md.....	1
1900 W. C. Poole.....D	Fairlee, Md.....	2

1882 A. P. Prettyman.....E	Galena, Md.....	6
1868 C. W. Prettyman.....E	New Castle, Del.....	1
1897 J. W. Prettyman.....E	Cordova, Md.....	1
1886 J. T. Prouse.....E	Christiana, Del.....	1
1869 P. H. Rawlins.....E	Seaford, Del.....	5
1858 W. W. Redman.....Sd	Greenwood, Del.....	12
1885 J. D. Reese.....E	Cornersville, Md.....	1
1893 J. T. Richardson.....E	Denton, Md.....	3
1867 J. D. Rigg.....E	Hockessin, Del.....	2
1884 E. P. Roberts.....E	Chestertown, Md.....	4
1873 Robert Roe.....E	Bozman, Md.....	1
1858 A. T. Scott.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	3
1886 W. W. Sharp.....E	Tangier, Va.....	2
1859 C. F. Sheppard.....Sy	Frankford, Del.....	3
1889 S. P. Shipman.....E	Williston, Md.....	1
1891 F. B. Short.....E	Los Angeles, Cal.....	1
1890 E. R. Sidell.....E	Millington, Md.....	2
1879 Alfred Smith.....E	Oxford, Md.....	1
1901 C. W. Smith.....D	Hillsboro, Md.....	2
1896 G. P. Smith.....E	Wyoming, Del.....	3
1889 T. C. Smoot.....E	Marydel, Md.....	2
1870 Adam Stengle.....E	Salisbury, Md.....	1
1878 R. K. Stephenson.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	1
1892 C. W. Strickland.....E	Nassau, Del.....	2
1885 E. C. Sunfield.....E	Viola, Del.....	2
1897 J. W. Talley.....E	Chestertown, Md.....	1
1897 Harry Taylor.....E	Burrsville, Md.....	3
1886 W. P. Taylor.....E	Elk Neck, Md.....	1
1876 T. E. Terry.....E	Crisfield, Md.....	3
1903 G. S. Thomas.....D	Elliott's Island, Md.....	1
1858 H. S. Thompson.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	3
1853 R. W. Todd.....E	Woodlawn, Md.....	3
1871 W. E. Tomkinson.....Sd	Carlisle, Pa.....	7
1876 G. W. Townsend.....E	Hurlock, Md.....	1
1891 H. C. Turner.....E	Laurel, Del.....	4
1859 J. T. VanBurkalow.....Sd	Dover, Del.....	2
1895 f. R. VanDyke.....E	Whitesville, Del.....	3
1879 O. S. Walton.....Sy	Red Lion, Del.....	3
1853 W. M. Warner.....Sd	Millington, Md.....	8
1885 Robert Watt.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	6
1887 Z. H. Webster.....E	Delmar, Del.....	2
1893 H. A. G. Westerfield.....E	Rising Sun, Md.....	5
1866 E. E. White.....E	Wilmington, Del.....	3
1893 W. L. White.....E	Seaford, Del.....	3
1875 W. W. White.....E	Royal Oak, Md.....	2
1868 J. S. Wickline.....Sy	Falling Springs, W. Va.....	3
1872 G. W. Wilcox.....Sd	Salisbury, Md.....	3

1882 C. H. Williams.....E	Fruitland, Md.....	2
1902 G. C. Williams.....P	Preston, Md.....	2
1892 W. H. S. Williams.....E	Georgetown, Del.....	2
1885 D. H. Willis.....E	Hollands Island, Md.....	1
1887 J. H. Wilson.....E	Houston, Del.....	1
1884 W. A. Wise.....E	North East, Md.....	3
1886 G. E. Wood.....E	East New Market, Md.....	2
1898 E. C. Wright.....E	Lewisville, Pa.....	1
1886 C. T. Wyatt.....E	Middletown, Del.....	2
1868 J. S. Willis.....E	Milford, Del.....	2
1871 F. O. B. Wallen.....Sd	Philadelphia, Pa.....	3

Supplies.

Daniel Wilson.....	Dover, Del.
J. A. Buckson.....	Ellendale, Del.
E. B. Taylor.....	Galestown, Md.
T. S. Barrett.....	Golden Hill, Md.
H. E. Truitt.....	Leipsic, Del.
W. N. Conway.....	Georgetown, Del.
A. C. Jones.....	Betterton, Md.
C. K. Morris.....	Golts, Md.
J. F. Ayers.....	Grape, Va.
W. F. Atkinson.....	Mardella Springs, Md.
J. S. Bozman.....	Salisbury, Md.
G. R. Tompkins.....	Upland, Pa.
S. O. Gibbons.....	Kirkwood, Del.
W. V. Harris.....	Port Penn, Del.
C. D. Sharpless.....	Stanton, Del.
Frank Gray.....	Elsmere, Del.
W. T. Hammond.....	Wilmington, Del.

General Conference Delegates.

1872 J. B. Quigg, T. J. Thompson, Wesley Kenney, Charles Hill. Reserves—J. D. Curtis, R. W. Todd.
1876 L. C. Matlack, W. E. England Reserves—J. B. Quigg, J. H. Caldwell.
1890 L. C. Matlack, A. W. Milby Charles Hill. Reserves—J. H. Caldwell, R. W. Todd.
1884 J. H. Caldwell, Charles Hill, J. B. Quigg. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, J. A. B. Wilson.
1888 Jacob Todd, J. A. B. Wilson, N. M. Browne. Reserves—W. S. Robinson, John France.
1892 W. L. S. Murray, Alfred Smith, R. H. Adams. Reserves—T. E. Martindale, T. E. Terry.
1896 Merritt Hurlburd, L. E. Barrett, Alfred Smith, W. F. Corkran. Reserves—W. E. Avery, V. S. Collins.
1900 Robert Watt, T. E. Martindale, W. F. Corkran, C. S. Baker. Reserves—A. S. Mowbray, J. D. C. Hanra

APPOINTMENTS.

Dover District.

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

Beckwith, Md.	J. D. Reese	Hurlock, Md.	G. W. Townsend
Bridgeville, Del.	W. R. Mowbray	Lakesville, Md. (supply)	T. S. Barrett
Burrsville, Md.	Harry Taylor	Leipsic, Del. (supply)	H. E. Truitt
Cambridge, Md.	E. C. Macnichol	Lewes, Del.	G. T. Alderson
Camden, Del.	L. W. Layfield.	Lincoln, Del.	J. W. Gray
Canterbury, Del. (supply)	E. C. Sunfield	Little Creek, Del.	W. E. Hubbard
Church Creek, Md.	J. H. Gardner	Magnolia, Del.	I. G. Fosnocht
Crapo, Md.	B. F. Jester	Milford, Del.	S. M. Morgan
Denton, Md.	J. T. Richardson		Assistant, J. S. Willis
Dover, Del., Wesley,	L. E. Barrett	Milton, Del.	L. P. Corkran
Armory, . . . (supply)	Daniel Wilson	Nassau, Del.	C. W. Strickland
E. N. Market, Md.	G. E. Wood	Preston, Md.	G. C. Williams
Ellendale, Del. (supply)	J. A. Buckson	Salem, Md.	J. W. Briscoe
Elliott's Island, Md.	G. S. Thomas	Seaford, Del.	W. L. White
Farmington, Del.	D. J. Givan	Seaford Circuit, Del.	J. M. Mitchell
Federalburg, Md.	T. S. Holt	Vienna, Md.	W. H. Kenney
Felton, Del.	E. H. Nelson	Williamsburg, Md.	H. B. Kelseo
Frederica, Del.	William Cashmore	Williston, Md.	S. P. Shipman
Galestown, Md. (supply)	E. B. Taylor	Wyoming, Del.	G. P. Smith
Georgetown, Del.	W. F. Corkran	Zoar, Del. (supply)	W. N. Conway
Georgetown Circuit	W. S. H. Williams		P. H. Rawlins, agent Stewards' Endowment Fund and member of Seaford Quarterly Conference.
Greenwood, Del.	J. L. Johnson		E. C. Sunfield, conference evangelist and member of Canterbury Quarterly Conference.
Harrington, Del.	E. C. Atkins		
Hooper's Island, Md.	J. M. Collins		
Houston, Del.	J. H. Wilson		

Easton District.

W. G. Koons, Presiding Elder, (P. O. Smyrna, Del.)

Bayside, Md.	J. H. Mitchell	Galena, Md.	E. K. Creed ;
Betterton, Md. (supply)	A. C. Jones		Assistant, A. P. Prettyman
Cecilton, Md.	W. F. Dawson	Golts, Md. (supply)	C. K. Morris
Centreville, Md.	H. G. Budd, Jr.	Greensboro, Md.	E. L. Hoffecker
Chestertown, Md.	E. P. Roberts	Henderson, Md.	O. T. Baynard
Cheswold, Del.	A. W. Goodhand	Hillsboro, Md.	C. W. Smith
Church Hill, Md.	J. M. Lindale	Kent Island, Md.	F. C. McSorley
Clayton, Del.	V. P. Northrup	Kenton, Del.	D. F. McFaul
Cordova, Md.	J. W. Prettyman	Marydel, Md.	T. C. Smoot
Crumpton, Md.	J. A. Arters	Middletown, Del.	C. T. Wyatt
Easton, Md.	C. A. Grise	Millington, Md.	E. R. Sidell
Fairlee, Md.	W. C. Poole	Neavitt, Md.	F. I. Mumford

Odessa, Del.	J. M. Arters	Sudlersville, Md.	W. O. Bennett
Oxford, Md.	L. I. McDougle	Talbot, Md.	Robert Roe
Piney Neck, Md.	T. H. Jones	Tilghman's Island, Md.	J. R. Cannon
Pomona, Md.	Milton McCann	Townsend, Del.	J. H. Beauchamp
Queenstown, Md.	W. E. Gunby	Trappe, Md.	F. E. Bloxton
Ridgely, Md.	G. R. Ellis	Wye, Md.	G. S. Conway
Rock Hall, Md.	Warren Burr	Alfred Smith, Conference Temperance Evangelist, Member of Oxford Quarterly Conference.	
Royal Oak, Md.	W. W. White	J. M. Talley, managing editor of the Peninsula Methodist, Chestertown Quarterly Conference.	
St. Michael's, Md.	G. W. Bounds		
Smyrna, Del.	V. S. Collins		
Smyrna Circuit,	Albert Chandler		
Still Pond, Md.	T. F. Beauchamp		

Salisbury District.

Adam Stengle, Presiding Elder, (P. O. Salisbury, Md.)

Annessex, Md.	J. W. Colona	Mount Vernon, Del.	G. W. Hastings
Asbury, Md.	T. E. Terry	Nanticoke, Md.	E. H. Derrickson
Berlin, Md.	G. L. Hardesty	Newark, Md.	W. E. Matthews
Bethel, Del.	E. N. Cantwell	Onancock, Va.	J. P. Outten
Bishopville, Md.	R. H. Lewis	Parsonburg, Md.	J. A. Brewington
Cape Charles, Va.	Edwin Gardner	Pocomoke City, Md.	L. E. Poole
Chincoteague, Va.	W. B. Guthrie	Pocomoke Circuit	W. R. McFarlane
Crisfield, Md.	S. N. Pilchard	Powellville, Md.	Howard Davis
Crowsentown, (supply)	J. Frank Ayres	Princess Anne, Md.	A. H. Covey
Deal's Island, Md.	F. F. Carpenter	Quantico, Md.	J. W. Fogle
Delmar, Del.	Z. H. Webster	Riverside, Md. (supply)	J. S. Bozman
Fairmount, Md.	R. T. Coursey	Roxana, Del.	J. E. Graham
Frankford, Del.	G. R. Neese	St. Peter's Md.	M. D. Nutter
Fruitland, Md.	C. H. Williams	Salisbury, Md.	C. A. Hill
Girdletree, Md.	J. H. Geoghegan	Selbyville, Del.	F. N. Faulkner
Gumboro, Del.	V. E. Hills	Sharptown, Md.	J. F. Anderson
Holland's Island, Md.	D. H. Willis	Smith's Island, Md.	W. R. Hirons
Laurel, Del.	H. C. Turner	Snow Hill, Md.	Aloysius Green
Mardela Springs (sup.)	W. F. Atkinson	Somerset, Md.	W. R. Gwinn
Marion, Md.	J. E. Gallagher	Stockton, Md.	E. H. Miller
Millboro, Del.	L. R. Janney	Tangier, Va.	W. W. Sharp
Mount Pleasant, Del.	F. J. Cochran	Westover, Md.	F. X. Moore
		Whitesville, Del.	T. R. Van Dyke

Wilmington District.

Robert Watt, Presiding Elder, (P. O. Wilmington, Del.)

Bethel, Md.	E. H. Collins	Christiana, Del.	J. T. Prouse
Charlestown, Md.	T. N. Given	Claymont, Del. (supply)	G. R. Tomkins
Cherry Hill, Md.	O. W. DeVenish	Colora, Md.	C. N. Jones
Chesapeake City, Md.	E. H. Dashiell	Delaware City, Del.	O. E. Jones
Chester, Pa.	L. P. Karholsen	Ebenezer, Del.	T. B. Hunter

Elk Neck, Md.	W. P. Taylor	Wilmington, Asbury	H. S. Dulaney
Elkton, Md.	T. E. Martindale	Brandywine	G. P. Jones
Hockessin, Del.	J. D. Rigg	Cookman	J. W. Jones
Hopewell, Md.	R. W. Todd	Eastlake	John France
Kirkwood, Del. (supply)	S. O. Gibbons	Elsmere (supply)	Frank Gray
Marhallton, Del.	G. W. Burke	Epworth	A. W. Lightbourn
Mount Lebanon, Del.	G. W. Dawson	Grace	W. W. King
Mount Pleasant, Del.	W. T. Lewis	Harrison Street	J. W. Easley
Newark, Del.	J. P. Otis	Kingswood (sup.)	W. T. Hammond
New Castle, Del.	C. W. Prettyman	Madeley	E. E. White
Newport, Del.	W. O. Hurst	Mount Salem	T. A. H. O'Brien
North East, Md.	W. A. Wise	St. Paul's	W. L. S. Murray
Perryville, Md.	W. E. Greenfield	Scott	R. K. Stephenson
Port Depoist, Md.	A. S. Mowbray	Silverbrook	H. S. Thompson
Port Penn, Del. (supply)	W. V. Harris	Union	R. H. Adams
Red Lion, Del.	F. E. McKinsey	Wesley	Asbury Burke
Rising Sun, Md.	H. A. G. Westerfield	A. T. Scott, Editor of Christian Companion, Member of Grace Quarterly Conference.	
St. George's, Del.	O. L. Martin	F. B. Short, Vice-chancellor of the University of The Pacific, St. Paul's Quarterly Conference.	
St. John's Pa.	E. C. Wright		
Stanton, Del. (supply)	C. D. Sharpless		
Zion, Md.	W. P. Compton		

Record of Sessions.

No.	Date.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.
1	March 17, '69	Wilm'ton-Asbury.	M. Simpson.	S. L. Gracey.
2	" 16, '70	Port Deposit	E. S. Janes.	S. L. Gracey.
3	" 8, '71	Dover	L. Scott.	S. L. Gracey.
4	Feb'y 21, '72	Laurel	E. R. Ames.	T. E. Martindale.
5	March 5, '73	Easton	L. Scott.	T. E. Martindale.
6	" 4, '74	Salisbury	L. W. Wiley.	T. E. Martindale.
7	" 17, '75	Smyrna	E. S. Janes.	T. E. Martindale.
8	" 15, '76	Wilm'ton-Union	L. Scott.	T. E. Martindale.
9	" 7, '77	Milford	E. R. Ames.	T. E. Martindale.
10	" 13, '78	Chestertown	R. S. Foster.	T. E. Martindale.
11	" 19, '79	New Castle	M. Simpson.	T. E. Martindale.
12	" 17, '80	Dover	E. G. Andrews.	T. E. Martindale.
13	" 16, '81	Lewes	Thos. Bowman.	John D. Rigg.
14	" 8, '82	Middletown.	J. F. Hurst.	John D. Rigg.
15	" 7, '83	Cambridge	M. Simpson	John D. Rigg.
16	" 5, '84	Wilm'ton-Asbury	W. L. Harris.	John D. Rigg.
17	" 12, '85	Snow Hill	S. M. Merrill.	John D. Rigg.
18	" 4, '86	Elkton	W. F. Mallalieu.	John D. Rigg.
19	" 17, '87	Crisfield.	H. W. Warren.	John D. Rigg.
20	" 7, '88	Wilm'ton-Union.	C. D. Foss.	John D. Rigg.
21	" 20, '89	Easton.	R. S. Foster.	John D. Rigg.
22	" 26, '90	Milford	Thos. Bowman.	John D. Rigg.
23	" 19, '91	Centreville.	C. H. Fowler.	John D. Rigg.
24	" 16, '92	Wilm'ton-Grace.	E. G. Andrews.	A. S. Mowbray.
25	" 15, '93	Middletown.	S. M. Merrill.	A. S. Mowbray.
26	" 21, '94	Salisbury.	J. H. Vincent.	A. S. Mowbray.
27	" 20, '95	Smyrna.	J. F. Hurst.	A. S. Mowbray.
28	" 18, '96	Dover.	H. W. Warren.	A. S. Mowbray.
29	" 17, '97	Chestertown	J. M. Walden.	A. S. Mowbray.
30	" 23, '98	Lewes	J. P. Newman.	A. S. Mowbray.
31	" 22, '99	Cambridge	C. D. Foss.	A. S. Mowbray.
32	" 21, '00	Wilm'tn-Epworth	E. G. Andrews.	A. S. Mowbray.
33	" 20, '01	Wilmington-Grace.	Daniel A. Goodsell.	A. S. Mowbray.
34	" 19, '02	Crisfield	I. W. Joyce.	A. S. Mowbray.
35	" 18, '03	Easton	Earl Cranston	A. S. Mowbray.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

Dover District.

It is with profound gratitude to our beneficent Heavenly Father that we come to this annual gathering with the ranks of our effective ministers unbroken. And yet our parsonage homes have not been entirely exempt from visitation by the "king of terrors." On Friday morning, February 20, the Rev. Moses B. Bullock, our faithful supply on Hooper's Island, was called to his eternal reward after an illness of but a single day. He had rendered the Church several years of valuable service as a supply, was a good man and greatly beloved by his people.

On Thursday, the 26th of February, the death summons came to our honored brother, the Rev. Wm. F. Talbot, at his home in Dover. He cheerfully responded to the call and "was not for God had taken him." For a number of years Brother Talbot had not held an effective relation but all over this Conference there are many who will rise up and call him "blessed." Dr. L. E. Barrett will present a suitable memoir. For nearly two months the Rev. J. A. Buckson our very efficient supply on Ellendale charge has been seriously ill, and at this writing is but little improved.

In approaching a somewhat detailed consideration of the more practical features of Church work on the District for the year, at least one factor has been a serious hindrance to our successful achievement, forces itself upon our notice. That factor was the excessively wet weather and almost unbroken succession of rainy Sundays that prevailed during the closing quarter of the Conference year.

In some localities the roads have been almost impassible, and as a result of the rainy Sundays many of the Country Churches have not had more than two preaching services during the entire winter.

All this has resulted in great injury to the finances, as well as greatly hindered the revival efforts. And yet I am persuaded that the reports to this body by my brethren will show that when all the conditions are considered, each of them is justly entitled to the "well done."

In the matter of Church building and improving much progress has been made. In my report one year ago I referred to the new Church at Secretary on East New Market charge. This Church was dedicated on Sunday March 30th, 1902, and most of the cost raised in cash and good subscriptions. Wesley and St. Thomas Churches, two incomplete edifices on Crapo Circuit, referred to in my last report have been completed. The former was dedicated in November by Dr. Samuel McBurney and others, while the latter is to be dedicated this spring. These are both substantial and beautiful churches, reflecting much credit upon the energy and sacrifice of the people, and meeting a long felt necessity for better church accommodations.

The church improvements under way at Federalsburg, mention of which was made in my last report, have also been completed. Our people now have a beautiful and commodious house of worship, and although it cost about \$3000. and seemed like an almost impossible task to which they had set themselves, be it said to their honor that every dollar has been paid. In the work of dedica-

tion June 29th the Rev. C. L. Mead, of New York, rendered most valuable service.

The most remarkable piece of church building this year on the District, or even in this Conference, has been at Vienna. As most of the brethren of this Conference know, this is a small town, and for many years Methodism has been staying, not living, there at a "poor dying rate".

The society had become small and weak financially. For years the church had been steadily growing more unsightly and delapidated, until it had become no longer tolerable. At the last session of this Conference Rev. W. H. Kenney, a probationer, was sent to the charge. He was the man for the hour, and soon took in the situation. He was his own architect and worked with carpenter's tools himself more than one hundred days to complete the church. It is a beauty. The people are proud of it and well they may be. The cost was \$1800 and has all been paid but \$313. Bro. Kenney has shown that he is made of the right material for a successful Methodist preacher. He meets and vanquishes difficulties.

At Lewes improvements have been made to church property to the extent of \$800. and paid.

On Camden charge \$400 have been expended for improving Jones' church and building a new barn at the parsonage. The parsonage and other church property on Beckwith charge has been improved at a cost of \$535, on which \$200 remains to be paid.

Griffith's Neck church on Salem Circuit has been improved at a cost of \$238, all of which has been paid. Immediately after our last session steps were taken to renovate the lecture room and vestibules of the church at Milton. The cost was \$300, and all paid. At Union church on Ellendale charge \$300 has been spent for improvements. Georgetown Circuit has paid out \$175 for the betterment of church property. The church at Denton has been improved at a cost of \$800.

Armory Church in Dover has spent \$225 for improvements, while Wesley Church, Dover, has expended \$1150, for improvements consisting mainly in a modern heating plant for the comfort of its worshippers.

The Church at Wyoming has been much beautified at a cost of \$400, and paid. On Seaford Circuit \$310 have been spent for improvements. At Frederica \$200. Little Creek \$180, Milford \$800, and other charges various sums. The total for improvements to church property as reported to me is about \$12,500.

On many of the charges sundry old debts, generally small have been paid, amounting to \$1450.

In this connection I desire to make special mention of the work done by Bro. H. E. Truitt, an earnest and efficient supply. Leipsic is a small town on tide-water about seven miles north-east of Dover. By the sufferance of an indifferent public sentiment a low down rum mill has for years poured out its stream of destruction upon the moral life and citizenship of the community. All this has had the effect of a blight upon the church and at times it has nearly been dead, and it was in that condition when Bro. Truitt took charge as pastor last spring. But as is usual with him, he took hold to conquer, and has, as is shown by bringing to this Conference an advance in his collections,

having paid also \$325, on a long standing old debt; bought a lot for a parsonage costing \$100 and paid for, besides other improvements paid to the amount of \$106. But not the least of the results has been the conversion of 112 sinners who were outside of the church, to say nothing of the large number reconverted among the enrolled membership. A new parsonage is now being built and a brighter future seems to have dawned upon the church.

While there has not been any sweeping revival wave to pass over the district there have been some notable successes in this all-important feature of our work. Early in the Conference year Bro. G. T. Alderson at Lewes opened fire upon the enemy's line, aided by a few consecrated Salvation Army workers, and 100 souls were reported converted.

The remarkable success of the year in revival work has been on Nassau Circuit. Rev. C. W. Strickland, pastor. Each of the four churches has had a gracious revival awakening and a total of 182 souls have made profession of faith, 181 of whom have united with the churches on the charge. A splendid work of grace has been wrought on Georgetown Circuit and the pastor, Bro. Williams reports 108 souls saved. The pastor of Frederica reports 70 conversions. Farmington 51. Perhaps every pastor has had some souls for his hire. For the entire District as the figures have come to me, about 1500 conversions are reported, showing that my brethren have toiled faithfully and God has rewarded their faith and labors.

It is well remembered that two years ago that splendid property of which we are all justly proud, the Wilmington Conference Academy, was in imminent financial peril, and overwhelming disaster seemed to be its almost certain fate. At different times some of our most talented ministers had been sent out as field agents to raise the debt, with the result that it was not even appreciably diminished. Personal appeals to some of the wealthy among us proved abortive. In its extremely critical hour an admirable plan, for its liquidation was adopted. Of the then total indebtedness, \$37,000 or more, the Dover District was given \$10,000. At our last session 26 charges reported having raised their apportionments in full, making a total of more than \$8600. The following charges have raised the balance of their share of debt this year; Canterbury, Church Creek, Elliott's Island, Federalsburg, Leipsic, Lewes, and Williston. Others have raised deficiencies in part so that to date this District has standing to its credit on that debt the magnificent sum of about \$9200. The remainder will be raised. There should be great rejoicing among us that a brighter day has at last cast its beneficent light upon the institution, nor should our enthusiasm abate in the least till the last dollar of this debt is forever cancelled. Loyalty to our Methodism on this historic peninsula demands that it shall be done. Principal Cross's report will show that the school is having a year of gratifying prosperity.

The temperance reform forces have not been dormant within our District bounds, and some notable victories have been won.

For years the rum demon has tried to entrench himself at Bridgeville, only to be repulsed. Last spring a new emissary of the liquor traffic moved into that town and openly announced his purpose to obtain a license at the October term of the County Court. Our Methodist brethren, true to their manhood and christianity, led the fight, and in alliance with the other Christian people of the town

inflicted a crushing defeat upon the new aspirant for Bacchanalian honors. The town has no saloon, but instead has sobriety and great prosperity.

An earnest campaign against illicit rum selling and general lawlessness was inaugurated at Lewes last summer. The pastor of our church, with most of his official members at his side, led the onslaught against long entrenched vice. Victory perched upon the banner of righteousness. When the smoke of battle had cleared away, it was found that several of the principals in vice and crime had been arrested, including the two hotel keepers. Three of them have had trials in court, been convicted, and paid fines aggregating about \$2000, while the hotel keepers had their licenses revoked by the court.

Another bi-ennial session of the far-famed Delaware Legislature has come to an end. For that let us all be thankful. The session has been notable chiefly for three things. It has made an almost indefinite number of notaries-public; it has elected two United States Senators; it has killed a local option bill; The latter bill was drawn up under the auspices of the Delaware State Temperance Alliance in accordance with the requirements of the state constitution. It was an entirely non-partisan measure, and had the endorsement by petition of thousands of our best citizens. But all this was of no avail. By killing this righteous bill these legislative Solons have said that Delaware shall not enjoy its constitutional right of saying what laws shall be enacted for its welfare. For shame, be it said, that some members of that honorable body who count themselves christians, even Meth dist church officials, voted to kill the bill. But the day of reckoning will come, nay, is already at hand. Let us lift up our banner, remarshal our defeated host and charge the enemy's line till victory is ours. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Wyoming led a valiant fight against the granting of a saloon license in that town and won the day.

The great commercial interests of the church have been earnestly emphasized and in most of the charges faithful work has been done. In the country charges where the collections had not been taken before the winter, the work has been done with much difficulty. Just why there should be this tendency to put off till the last and most difficult part of the year, this important work, is one of the ministerial mysteries that I have never been able to solve.

At least fifteen of the charges will show an advance for the Missionary collection. Wesley, Dover, leads with \$100 advance. Other advances are at Seaford Circuit, Little Creek, East New Market, Georgetown Circuit, Beckwith, Leipsic, Felton, Ellendale, Church Creek, Vienna, Preston, Elliott's Island, Greenwood, Seaford, Cambridge and Lewes, while but few of the others have fallen below last year.

If the final reports to this body agree with the figures that have been sent to me all the collections, save the educational, will show an advance.

The Epworth League continues to prosper, and at many points does admirable service in developing the talents and religious life of those connected with it. Prof. E. L. Cross is the District President.

In concluding this report I wish to record my unfeigned gratitude to Almighty God for the blessings of health and divine grace and guidance, and to my brethren of the ministry and laity for their sympathy, courtesy and love, thus lightening my burdens.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. BAKER.

Easton District:

In presenting this my sixth annual report of the Easton District, I want first of all to record my gratitude to the great Head of the Church for his abundant mercy. In twelve years of District work, I have not missed a single appointment on account of personal or family affliction.

We note some changes in the roll of appointments as made one year ago.

During the summer, Bro. Harris, whose name stands opposite Greensboro in the minutes, was transferred to the N. Y. Conference and stationed at Saugerties, and E. L. Hoffecker of that Conference was transferred to Greensboro. Bro. Harris is a faithful and useful man, and we regret his going. At the same time, we welcome most heartily our brother and fellow laborer of former years, Bro. Hoffecker. His work with us years ago abides, he made an enviable record abroad, and now that he returns with multiplied experience and in the full vigor of manhood, we predict for him a splendid future.

Queenstown was supplied by Bro. Matzen, who in September accepted an offer in Philadelphia Conference, and Bro. J. C. McCoy was transferred from Port Penn to fill the vacancy. Bro. McCoy brings to this Conference session a good report of his five months labor, also a recommendation from his Quarterly Conference for his reception on trial.

Royal Oak was left to be supplied, and Bro. W. W. White of the Maryland Annual Conference of the M. P. Church accepted the offer of this charge, having withdrawn in due form from his own church. The Royal Oak Quarterly Conference received Bro. White as a local preacher in the disciplinary form and recommends him to this body both for the recognition of his orders and for reception into full connection.

Bro. J. D. Kemp was assigned to Millington one year ago, but the great Head of the Church had better things in store for him. His health failed soon after his removal to Millington, and after a lingering illness, he was transferred to the church of the first-born in heaven, early in October. Bro. Kemp was a strong, faithful, and successful minister of the gospel and died in the triumphs of the faith which he preached. A suitable memoir will be presented by Bro. Roberts, the pastor of the bereaved family.

The vacancy thus made at Millington was filled by the transfer of Bro. E. R. Sidell from the West Wisconsin Conference. Bro. Sidell was a member of this Conference from 1898 to 1901, and made a fine record for successful work. We heartily welcome him to our ranks again and pray for him the largest opportunity and the highest achievements.

The shadows fell upon the parsonage in Smyrna in December when Mother Caldwell, the widow of the late Dr. J. H. Caldwell, whose name abides, and mother of Mrs. V. S. Collins, was not, for God had taken her. Mother Caldwell had been an invalid for many years, and her translation to the country where the inhabitants never say, "I am sick," must have been a glorious change indeed.

Bro. Smoot of Marydel was much broken in health for the first half of the year, but has fully recovered and brings to this Conference a fine report for six months' labor. For six weeks the youngest daughter of Bro. Lindale has been

suffering of typhoid fever, but is now convalescing. Bro. Lindale himself is detained at home because of erysipelas in his face.

Aside from these cases, the Lord has graciously preserved the lives and health of the preachers and their families, and there have been comparatively few deaths in the membership of the church.

The work of the year has been much hindered by the unparalleled number of stormy Sabbaths. It has stormed more or less for 29 of the 51 Sabbaths since the adjournment of our last session of Conference, and whilst the other days of the week do not show as large a proportion, yet we have had a deal of stormy weather. This has, during the winter season especially, made very muddy, and sometimes impassable roads, and the Easton District being made up very largely of circuits, has suffered in proportion. Some of our country churches have not been opened more than once a month for the last four months, and yet, surprising to say, the figures will show that along all the regular lines of finance, the District this year has broken all previous records. Failing for months at a time to gather a congregation, the heroic pastors have taken to their carriages and saddles and gone from house to house gathering up money for Benevolences and stirring up the people to meet the current expenses of the churches. But this has been an off year in revival work owing to the above named difficulties. Many very hopeful meetings were drowned out in their infancy, and all effort in this department, in both town and country, was more or less crippled, and yet, the year has witnessed some gracious revivals.

A very unusual work of grace has been in progress on Cordova Circuit for the last five months. The very atmosphere has seemed surcharged with divine power, and everybody has felt the influence. Old and hardened sinners, who had not attended church for years, infidels, Unitarians and Roman Catholics, as well as the self-righteous Pharisee, were stricken of the Holy Ghost, came to the meeting fell at the morner's bench and were converted in the old-time way. Altogether 168 persons found joy in believing and 145 have united with the church on that charge and perhaps others elsewhere. All three of the churches have shared in this outpouring and ingathering. The results cannot be measured. They are far-reaching and multiform, both to the individuals who cast themselves upon the rising tide, and to the circuit as a whole. The chief of the many human factors in this marvelous work was the pastor, Dr. A. W. Lightbourn, who himself became imbued with a passion for souls, and consecrated his splendid talents unreservedly to this end. His preaching has been an emphasis upon the old-time doctrine of the triune God, of sin, repentance, faith, regeneration, witness of Spirit, sanctification, heaven, hell. These here as everywhere when springing from a soul attuned to their melody, have penetrated, thrilled, and swept men by the scores into the Kingdom. By the side of the pastor has stood his devoted wife, with consecrated voice singing in accord with the preaching, in the homes of the rich and the poor alike, in the church and in the parlor. Following this leadership is the membership of the charge, feeble and few in number at first, but catching the inspiration of a victorious faith and shout, it has multiplied until now it counts a small army with banners. Thus Cordova Circuit has sprung in five months from a feeble, struggling, dying charge to the

front rank among the circuits of the Conference, from a membership of 95 to 240, from a \$600 salary to \$1000, with everything else in proportion. What we see here emphasizes the possibilities in scores of charges in our own Conference, and in thousands in Methodism. With consecrated, divinely empowered leadership, our Methodism can double her membership in one year and win the world to Christ in a quarter of a century. Oh for the prophetic vision, the victorious faith, the heavenly energy, the glorious realization!

What has been done on a large scale on Cordova Circuit this year has been realized at other points in a smaller measure.

Bro. Chandler had a blessed work of grace in "Devil's Dominion," a neglected section of Kent Island. He pitched a tent in the summer and called the people together, and in two weeks 75 souls were converted and 63 of them added to the church. A class was at once organized in the public school house, where the pastor preaches as he has opportunity, and every Sabbath morning the walls of that old school house are made to echo the joyful shouts of the children of the Kingdom. Greensboro has had 60 conversions and a quickening of the whole church. Both churches of Fairlee had good refreshing showers from the presence of the Lord.

Bro. Jester is always on the hunt for dollars for the church visible and souls for the church invisible, and he is a marvelous success in both. He begins and ends his financial campaigns with a revival. This is both earthly and heavenly wisdom. In the 15 months that he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church he has raised nearly \$5000 under very hard conditions, and won 100 souls for Christ. In 15 years, he built 22 churches and won 2000 souls for the M. P. Church. When we consider our multiplied facility, we are constrained to ask what have we lost by rejecting this man when he knocked at the door of our ministry. May the Lord help us to choose and ordain those whom He hath chosen and ordained.

Bro. Smoot reports an excellent work of grace on Marydel Circuit with 60 conversions.

The Lord favored Friendship on Smyrna Circuit with a good revival in which 30 souls were saved. Let me say in passing that this is the best all round country church that it has ever been my honor to serve, and under Bro. Hardesty's administration it has made its best record.

Many other places than those named had good revivals; indeed, it is safe to say that every charge on the District has had some success in this department of work, and we are persuaded that it would have been a pre-eminently successful year in revivals had the weather conditions favored.

Here is the focal point of all our activities, the test of our power, the supreme reason of our existence. The world needs to be educated, reformed, refined, but above all, it needs to be saved. The soul saver is the Christlike man, the man of the hour.

In material interests, the District has had a good year, though the conditions have been difficult. There were several advances in the estimates on pastoral support. Cordova increased her estimate \$150 and her payment \$400; Galena, \$150; Henderson, \$50; Rock Hall, did not increase the estimate, but makes

her payment an advance of \$100; Smyrna Circuit, \$50; Talbot, \$150, \$50 of which is paid by Clayborne; Tilghman's Island, \$50; Betterton, \$250.

I have specially urged all along a more liberal support of our hard-worked pastors, both on the ground of merit and need. They are the greatest wealth producers in the country. Those who succeed are the hardest worked men to be found, and they are the most poorly paid of any class of successful professional men. I have called attention to this fact time and again, and I want to emphasize it here, that all our neighboring Conferences are paying larger salaries than our own, and this is having the effect of alluring from us a large proportion of our brightest and best young men. This waste must be stopped, or we shall lag in the procession and another shall take our birthright to this peninsula. We have the money and the social prestige to stop it, and it is a bad business policy not to do so. Our business men are paying their book-keepers, clerks, and superintendents more salary than they are willing their pastor shall have. I can name officials of churches on this District, whose net income is from \$5000 to \$25,000 per. year, who will stoutly oppose an advance in pastor's salary above \$500 to \$900. This is unjust, suicidal.

Yet we have made a little progress in this respect, with several assurances of better things next year. Six years ago, the District estimated \$23,570 for pastoral support and closed the year with a long deficiency column, though that was perhaps an improvement on former years. This year we have an estimate of \$27,100, an increase of \$3600, and the over-payment will perhaps more than offset the deficiencies. So that we shall likely make a clear gain of \$4000 in six years. This, while very small in face of the needs, yet indicates that the current is in the right direction.

The great connectional interests have had diligent attention during the year, and if I may depend upon the report sent to me, this year will exceed all previous records at every point, and yet, we are merely playing at the world's salvation, as represented by these great organizations. The appeal for \$1.00 per member for the parent missionary society is a small thing and can be done without the least sacrifice anywhere. It should be done speedily, while a proportionate advance should be made all along the line.

The work of raising the Conference Academy debt apportionment has gone forward steadily. We had hoped to reach the last dollar this year, but the weather conditions have been so unfavorable that our ideal has not been realized. Yet several charges have been added to the list of those that are paid in full, and every charge has raised a part of its apportionments. The deficiencies should be re-apportioned next year and pastors and presiding elders should see to it that these deficiencies are brought up, not only for the good of the institution, but for the charges as well, for there is a sense of self-respect and courage that comes with duty done, which is essential to the highest measure of success. Now that the salvation of this noble and eminently useful institution is assured, we should begin to plan for larger and better things in her behalf. As soon as the debt is gone, the work of raising an adequate endowment should be begun, the standard should be raised, collegiate and pedagogical departments should be added, and it should be known that right here on this classic soil of Methodism and

under the hallowed influence of our own church, our young people can be fitted to stand among the men and women of the twentieth century. We are abundantly able for these things, we are rapidly multiplying our wealth, our people are realizing more and more the need of higher education, and if we are true, in ten years we shall have 50,000 members and as many adherents of our church on this peninsula, which means 20,000 Methodist families and an army of at least 5000 young people who will or ought to be seeking academic, collegiate and university training. It is for this, the most potent body of men on this consecrated soil, to strike the key note, to set up the standard, for what we say can be done, must be done and will be done. Let us in this session say by prophetic inspiration to the enthusiastic, hard-working, indomitable Principal and to the church that when the Conference session of 1904 closes, the last dollar of debt shall be paid and a nucleus formed for larger and better things.

In church debt paying, building, and improving, we have had a good year. Bayside, Betterton, Cecilton, Church Hill, Clayton, Galena, Henderson, Kenton, Marydel, Millington, Odessa, Oxford, Royal Oak, and Sudlersville have each raised sums varying from \$100 to \$300 on debts and improvements. Chestertown put a steel ceiling on her audience room, refrescoed and refurnished at a cost of \$12,000, all of which was raised before the day of re-opening. Bethel, on Cheswold charge, was renovated at a cost of \$400, all paid. Under great difficulties, Bro. Poole has raised \$550 on the parsonage debt at Fairlee and has cleared the Worton church of all indebtedness, with \$100 more provided for on parsonage debt, which will reduce it to \$1100. Ridgely's claim of \$400 against the parsonage at Hillsboro has been met in full and \$200 has been raised for improvement most of which was expended upon the Ebenezer church. The home church of Kent Island has been thoroughly renovated at a cost of \$900. The day set for re-opening proved to be very stormy and no service could be held so the re-opening and debt raising has been postponed until after Conference, though \$250 of the cost was collected by the pastor. Middletown expended \$950 on her lecture and class rooms and this, together with an old debt of \$550, making in all \$1500, is paid in full. Ridgely has had a very prosperous year in finance. One year ago she had a \$1400 parsonage debt and a balance of \$100 on Conference Academy Debt, but this has all been paid and \$70 raised for improvements. For new iron fence about the church and parsonage, for painting parsonage and on church debt, Rock Hall has raised \$1025, thus reducing her church debt to \$1750. Friendship church on Smyrna Circuit was repainted within and without, repapered etc. during the fall, and the whole cost of \$400 was paid on day of re-opening.

Bro. Bounds has had a very happy and successful year at St. Michaels. For many years this church has been hampered by a troublesome debt. Each pastor for six years has wrestled with it and reduced it to some extent, and Bro. Bounds succeeded in so unifying, enthusing and liberalizing the community that the last dollar is paid with a surplus of \$100 to apply on improvements. So highly did the people appreciate Bro. Bounds' untiring zeal and success in this undertaking, that upon its completion they presented him a handsome purse of gold, and then made up a good collection for the Claiborne church. Still Pond rebuilt and refurnished her parsonage at a cost of \$800 which has been paid.

All things considered, the most remarkable success in money raising that I have ever known, is that which I have witnessed at Talbot. Three years ago a small company of very poor people began building what they supposed would be about a \$3000 church, and they expected to cover along series of years in paying for that, but behold when it was completed the cost was \$6000. Bro. Talley exhausted all resources and himself as well in reducing the debt to \$3100, when he was transferred to Rock Hall, and Bro. Jester, flushed with the victory of many battles of this kind, came upon the field. The debt began to disappear and nobody can explain how, but the last bank note was paid months ago, and this beautiful church, free of all encumbrances, stands as a monument to the faith, zeal and leadership of these two pastors and the sacrifices of the most liberal people that I have ever served in any capacity. When this world of debt had been conquered and the victory celebrated with a blessed revival, Bro. Jester began to look for other fields of conquest and saw his chance at Claiborne, where we had a society of some ten people holding Sunday School, and occasionally preaching service in a school house. The Domestic Mission Society had made a donation for a lot, this was secured, and just on the verge of winter a beautiful chapel, 28x36 was begun, and on the 22d of February it was all completed, furnished and dedicated. The whole cost was \$1050 and all but \$200 is paid.

The new church enterprise of the year is at Townsend. For many years the brethren here have been waiting an opportunity to secure a clear title to the only desirable lot in town for church purposes. That opportunity came last year and was improved. Then began a search for plans and means. Early this conference year plans were agreed upon for the construction of a brick building with stone trimmings, metal ceiling, memorial windows, cellar heater, gas lighted, with audience, lecture and class rooms all upon the ground floor, and the seating capacity of 500. This plan has been carried out in full and Townsend has a most beautiful church at a cost of \$10,000. The dedicatory services were to have taken place Feb. 15th, but the benches were not on hand, and these services have been postponed to April 19th. \$3500 of the cost has already been raised in cash, while several thousands more stands in good subscriptions, and it is expected that the balance will be provided for on the day of dedication. The pastor, Bro. Beauchamp, has been the leading factor in this very important enterprise. His counsel and enthusiasm brought about much larger planning than the original intent, and his untiring efforts will lead to an eminently successful issue, while the membership with large liberality have responded to the needs of the occasion and divided the burdens and the honors with the pastor. The Sunday Schools of the district are for the most part well officered and doing good work. The disciplinary rules respecting the instruction of children are being observed with more care and more in accord with both spirit and letter of the law. "Children's Day" was generally observed and the results were good, both for the schools and the cause to be helped thereby. With one single exception, I think, every school on the District uses our own literature.

The Epworth League continues a power in the district, and I believe it is doing better work in both Junior and Senior departments than ever before. The reading course and systematic Bible study are being pursued more or less in near-

ly all the chapters. The Epworth Herald has a good circulation and is much prized.

The Annual District Convention was held on Tilghman's Island in October, and in point of attendance and real religious fervor it was very superior. The evening services were given up to consecration and evangelistic work, and the power of the Lord fell upon the great congregations. The closing service was one long to be remembered. Multitudes wept, some for penitential sorrows and others for saving joy. Some ten penitents were at the altar and six were gloriously saved.

In our work along the line of temperance, we rejoice over some victories and weep over some defeats. In the general election in Cecil County last fall, we had a square fight on license or no license and thank God, we won, and every licensed saloon in that county must close up on the first of next May.

The new constitution of Delaware provides for the submission of the license question to popular vote, either by separate districts or by the state as a whole. Four years ago we tried to secure from the legislature submission by districts and utterly failed in every district. This year we tried to make it easier for the members of the legislature and asked for submission to the whole state by a petition with 16,000 names attached, 6,000 voters and 10,000 non-voters. Fourteen members of the lower house had the courage to say yes. Some either cowardly or indifferently absented themselves and others refused to vote, while fourteen boldly said no, thus leaving the speaker to cast the deciding vote. This he did in obedience to his master and against God and home and country. Yet, to those who analyze the situation, the outcome of this contest is no surprise. In the first place, politics in general and in Delaware in particular is a play for position; and in the second place, our application as shown by our public meetings in the interest of this cause and in the petition that we presented, was a painful revelation of the feebleness of the temperance sentiment of the Diamond state. What is a petition of 16,000 names when you, consider the issues involved, and the forces that ought to exert themselves in behalf of such a cause? Our own church has about 18,000 members in Delaware and all other churches combined will perhaps number as many more—at least 35,000 professing christians, and these control as many more. There ought to have been at least, with all the difficulties counted in, 50,000 signatures instead of 16,000, 6,000 voters out of 40,000 in the state—one in seven—well do the politicians know that for every voter's name on our petition the saloon could put up three. Our battle may have been wisely planned but it was misreably executed and we bite the dust. But let it be known that the remnant has sworn eternal vengeance and the war is on to end only when, by attrition, if it must be so, the black spot shall be ground from the face of the Diamond and she shall reflect the glory of a new day. Until then, the brethren of the ministry, leaders of God's militant, let us watch and work and pray in the primaries, on the hustings, at the polls.

In conclusion, permit me to say that I am devoutly thankful to the Heavenly Father for giving me a place in his vineyard in which to toil and for the delightful associations of my co-laborers. I am grateful to you, my ministerial

brethren, of the district, for your hearty co-operation. If any success has followed my administration of the affairs of the district, it is only because of that co-operation. I may have planned but you have executed. In thousands of ways you have blessed and helped me in my toil. And you, my lay brethren, you have been forbearing, kind and true. You have not always done as much for yourselves and your church and your Lord as I have urged you to do, but you have done more and more as the years have come and gone, and this has gladdened my heart. And then the multitude of personal kindnesses shown me in your homes and at your hands has brightened my way and facilitated my labors. For all these I have a keen appreciation. Accept my thanks and may heaven richly reward you.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. CORKRAN.

Salisbury District.

Another year of planting and building in the Salisbury District is ended. With the glad recognition of "the good hand of our God upon us" which has everywhere lightened our toil, we submit this recapitulation of work accomplished.

The death shadow has fallen upon two of our parsonages. On the evening of Oct. 17th, Bro. Baynard Wheatley, pastor of Crowsentown, Va., was suddenly summoned to his rest. He had for many years served as a supply within the bounds of the Conference. A good and faithful man of God, of pure, serene character, who ceased at once to work and live. A fitting obituary will be presented by Bro. G. W. Bounds. Bro. W. E. Matthews was also called to mourn the loss of an infant son, who died in August. With these exceptions and a few cases of temporary illness, the Lord has graciously kept the brethren and their families in health. Rev. J. F. Ayers, a local brother was appointed to supply the vacancy at Crowsentown.

Taking a general survey of the varied enterprises which have engaged the District, it may be said that the year has been one of specially diligent and peaceful devotion in every department, and the results are gratifying to us all.

Our Sunday Schools still hold on their divinely appointed way, with indications here and there, of higher standards of teaching and soul winning. I have made careful inquiry as to the use of our incomperable literature, and find that only two schools out of the entire number are employing another kind; and these have apologized for their inadvertance, and will do better next year. Tangier Island has a remarkable Sunday School, at one of the sessions of which, a few weeks ago there was an attendance of nearly 600 persons. The Children's Day services were a great success, and vindicate the wisdom of that feature in the later economy of child training for Christian usefulness.

The ministry of the Epworth League is a continuous blessing to our young people, and an arm of power in many of the churches. While it is true that difficulties are experienced in operating all of the departments, yet all are necessary to the full success of the League design. One could wish that our chapters would swing more quickly into line with the educational and missionary plans, so wisely provided by the authorities. The horizon of our young mem-

bers needs to be greatly broadened in these respects. We have 55 Senior and 26 Junior Leagues, with 261 Epworth Heralds taken. The presence and address of Mrs. Annie E. Smiley at our convention at Snow Hill was an inspiration to all, especially to the Junior Superintendents.

For several years as the records indicate, our people have been very diligent in the erection of new churches and parsonages, and in the modernizing and beautifying of old ones, so that now our properties are for the most part, in excellent condition. There has however, been a good degree of liberality in this direction since the last Conference. A new pipe organ has been placed in the church at Berlin, and the auditorium improved with new carpet, paper and painting at a cost of \$1000, and it is nearly paid for. At Deal's Island the historic old church, which is still retained for social meetings, has been repaired and reseated at an expense of \$319. The new church at St. Luke's on Fruitland charge, was dedicated on July 30th, a greatly needed house of worship, costing about \$900. Riverside church has been moved from the country into the suburbs of Salisbury and promises to develop a strong society. The entire property at Onancock has been quite improved at an outlay of \$447. A new tabernacle for camp-meeting uses has been built on Smith's Island at a cost of \$450. The Selbyville charge has expended \$550 upon its churches and parsonage, greatly to their benefit. Similar improvements are as follows: Parsonburg, \$283; Sharptown, \$420; Stockton, \$265; Newark, \$231; Quindocqua, \$190; Powellville circuit, \$265; Bethel, \$270; Fruitland, \$260; Chincoteague, \$255; Cape Charles, \$125; Bishopville, \$148; Girdletree, \$165; Tyaskin, \$100; Tangier, \$150; Mt. Vernon, \$145; Westover, \$125; Salisbury, \$200; Quantico, \$125; Millsboro and Mt. Pleasant, each \$75; Asbury, Gumboro, and Holland's Island, \$50 each; Frankford and Immanuel (Pocomoke Circuit), \$30 each. These sums include several much needed additions to Parsonages. The aggregate outlay for improvements is \$8407. Other work of a like character is contemplated in the near future at several points, and funds amounting to \$1600 are already in hand for this purpose. The late Mr. Obed Short of Atlantic City, left \$125 as the beginning of a building fund for a new church at Dagsboro.

Debt paying victories continue to rejoice the hearts of the faithful. On Nov. 23rd. the second anniversary of the dedication of her handsome church, Snow Hill celebrated her deliverance from indebtedness, by burning the cancelled notes for \$2000 in the presence of the audience, and to the fitting accompaniment of the old Doxology. In addition, she has raised \$600 for a new iron fence with which to inclose the cemetery. Fairmount also rejoices that the last dollar of the \$600 remaining on her property is paid. Nanticoke reports that her debt of \$840 is dead. Whitesville charge has paid \$850; Tangier, \$730; St. Lukes, \$500; Cape Charles, \$443; Annamessex, \$300; Crisfield, \$250; Frankford, \$200; Princess Anne, \$260; Smith's Island, \$210; Roxana, \$180; Deal's Island, \$198; Asbury, (Mt. Vernon) \$135; Pocomoke City, Somerset, Parsonburg, and Mardela, \$100 each; Girdletree, Gumboro and Sharptown \$50 each; Quantico and Millsboro, each \$30. Total debts paid, \$8311. Two years ago we reported 16 charges out of debt, last year, 22, this year, 25. Of those remaining the liabilities have been greatly lessened. Last year our property was

valued at \$359,510; with an indebtedness of \$15,180. Today the valuation is \$367,947 with an indebtedness of only \$8,412. These figures are their own best commentary.

The Methodism of the lower Peninsula rejoices that a noble deed of philanthropy is being at this time, wrought out by one of its large hearted laymen. It is the gift, by the Hon. W. H. Jackson, of a large and thoroughly equipped Hospital, now in process of erection in Salisbury. It is to be for the benefit of all sufferers in that vicinity, but especially for the destitute and poor, and is to cost about 40,000.

The effort to relieve our cherished Conference Academy from financial stress, begun so auspiciously, and carried forward so vigorously last year, has been continued with some degree of success. A number of the brethren have kept up the struggle continuously, and as a result have reported their quota secured. I am not able to give the exact figures at this time. It must not be forgotten, however, that our solemn pledge still holds us bound as local churches, to wipe out every dollar of that obligation.

It is a pleasure to report, that while no charge on the District has lessened its estimate for pastoral support, the following have advanced:—Onancock, New ark, Crisfield, Fairmount, Holland's Island, Bethel, Mt. Pleasant, Mardela, Quantico and Riverside,—the aggregate increase being \$700. The average salary on the District is \$725.

The Benevolent Collections have received earnest and even heroic attention. The pastors have been busy, and very anxious, in view of the many stormy Sundays which have closed some of the rural churches for six weeks at a time. The average Methodist preacher, is however, a man of resources, and the summing up will show a good advance in many charges.

The new Missionary enthusiasm, which has so stirred the general Church, has also touched us. Literature has been scattered, personal appeals have been sent out to prominent laymen, and local rallies arranged. We shall report a large increase at some points, and several hundred dollars advance in the aggregate.

The cause of Temperance has had a notable conflict, and a remarkable victory in Salisbury. The petition before the court for the right to vote on the question, was contested by every artifice known to the traffic, and yet, was, on the second application, granted. With only a few days remaining before the election, in which to rally the hosts, our ministers, lawyers, physicians, and business men generally, came together and prayed, and canvassed, as I have scarcely ever seen men do, and won the day by considerable majority. The liquor interest has carried an appeal on some technicality, to the higher court, a decision on which is not yet rendered. The entire county has caught the infection of reform, and it is only a question of time and co-operation, when it will be rid of the woe of this business.

More than one hundred years ago, Jonathan Edwards said, "that the best way to promote revivals of religion is to tell of them in other places." It is a glad story which we have to tell of the soul saving of this year. It did not tarry, as is usual with us, until the autumn or winter, but fell on the District at the very beginning. Indeed, its fires commenced to burn during the Confer-

ence session. Men were convicted under the searching, pleading sermon of Bishop Joyce, and scarcely had the final benediction been pronounced, when at Immanuel, and at Asbury, the neighboring church, the breath of the Spirit was stirring among the slain, and the revival was on. It is impossible to describe the events of the five weeks following; such phenomenal demonstrations of saving might, such awe-swept communities, such far reaching and profound impressions. Bro. Terry, pastor of Asbury, wrote this description of what took place at one of the Sunday evening services: "In the midst of the singing of a hymn, a gentleman sitting well back in the crowded audience arose saying, 'I cannot stand it any longer and made his way to the altar. Then others all over the room began to rise and come, without even the formality of an invitation, until forty or fifty, mostly aged men and women were pleading for pardon. Then here and there, through the house, people began to kneel where they sat. The whole room seemed filled with Divine power. Some left the place, then turned about and came back and sought the Lord. I never saw such continued and resistless display of power, and yet there was an absence of mere excitement'. There were at least 250 conversions.

Substantially the same great manifestations occurred at Immanuel. Bro. Pilchard reports that it made profound changes in the life of the entire town, and resulted in 140 conversions. St. Peters' rejoices over 100 conversions, Roxana over 110. Deal's Island had a meeting of peculiar unction with 70 conversions. The following additional are reported:—Frankford, 86; Mt. Vernon, 84; Gumboro, 60; Stockton, Somerset, Tangier, Westover, Whitesville, Laurel and Riverside 50 each; Annessex, 39; Bishopville and Millsboro, each 33; Fairmount and Girdletree 30 each; Selbyville, 27; Onancock, 37, Bethel and Quantico, 20 each; Nanticoke, 18; Mardela, 14; Salisbury and Berlin, each 13; while at other points, where equally earnest efforts were made, the numbered results are less than these. The total number of conversions is 1300. Men may moralize as they will about changed conditions in these latter days, but it continues to be blessedly evident that the same old Gospel is the "power of God unto Salvation."

In conclusion, (if a personal word may intrude into this review) it has been a great joy to me to see the District working in such peace, and the dwelling together of the brethren in unity has been good and pleasant to me heart. While my ideals have not been realized, progress toward them has been steady and enspiriting. God has kept me well, and enabled me to go through the year with a cheerful spirit, and hands held out to do my best for my King. Pastors and churches have rallied around me in co-operation and beautiful kindness for which I sincerely thank them. And above all, thanks be unto our God "Who giveth the increase."

THOMAS E. MARTINDALE.

Wilmington District.

Again we come to render a partial account of the work of another year. Death has been busy thinning our ranks. Toward the close of his second sermon in his pastorate at Scott Church, Wilmington, brother Walter E. Avery suddenly

ceased speaking and never opened his lips in speech until he entered his heavenly inheritance. He literally fell in the harness. It is hard to realize that his kindly, genial, whole-souled presence is missing today. Our conference never had a truer, nobler, manlier man; he was a brother beloved in a peculiar sense, an Israelite indeed, in whom was no guile. In early fall, after a long illness, Rev. J. Owen Sypherd heard the call, "Come up higher." Brother Sypherd was a modest, unassuming Methodist preacher, thoroughly devoted to his great work. "This one thing I do" was his motto, and he did it with all his soul.

It has been a year of almost constant sickness among the men in the field. Scarcely was Dr. Alfred Smith settled in his new home, before sister Smith was stricken with pneumonia in its worst form and for a time her life was despaired of. At intervals during the year four of his children were seized with malignant typhoid, and the outlook for recovery was very dark. We all join with him in gratitude to the Giver of all good that our dear brother comes to our annual gathering with an unbroken home circle. Brothers R. K. Stephenson, W. A. Wise, and W. E. Greenfield were compelled to fall out of the ranks for a time, but they are with us today in the fullness of health restored and the blessing of the Gospel of Peace. In no case did the interest of the church suffer while the leaders were laid aside.

Pastoral Changes:— At the close of our last session Dr. G. W. Woodall was transferred to the Troy Conference, and Dr. W. T. Lewis was transferred to us and stationed at Mt. Pleasant. Dr. Lewes is an able preacher, and a large hearted, brotherly man. His brethren have already learned to love him. The death of Dr. Avery left Scott to be supplied, and at the unanimous request of the officials, Bishop Joyce appointed Rev. John France, a former pastor, Brother France has had a year of great success and comes to conference with all obligations met and a balance in the Treasury, and the church in a splendid spiritual tone. It would be an unpardonable omission if in this connection no reference were made to the noble, unselfish spirit displayed by Scott Church toward Dr. Avery and his family. The church stood ready in case of his recovery to vote him a vacation whose duration should be determined by the necessities of the case. And when the end came the stewards voted sister Avery the salary till June 1st, and the trustees offered her the use of the parsonage till Conference. He who is a friend of the widow, "and a father to the fatherless" will not forget the kindness of this great hearted church. The transfer of Bro. France from East Lake left that pulpit vacant, but it was well cared for by the Rev. F. B. Short whose retirement from the General Secretaryship of the Y. M. C. A. left him free to re-enter the pastorate. Dr. Short has been elected vice-chancellor of the University of the Pacific, and has already entered his new field of labor.

A cordial invitation to the Bishops to hold their fall meeting in Wilmington last November was extended by the Methodists of the city. The presence of our chief pastors was a benediction and an inspiration. Methodism was brought prominently to the fore and people began to realize something of the greatness of our church. The reception of Thursday night was a most memorable occasion. The auditorium of Grace Church was packed with a representative audience, including fully one-third of the ministers of our Conference. Dr. King gave the for-

mal address of welcome. It is doubtful if he ever made a more comprehensive, happily couched, or stronger speech, it was superb. Bishops Vincent and Moore were the speakers of their colleagues. Bishop Vincent's speech was characterized by breadth of view and beauty of language and unction in delivery. But the climax of the service was the speech of Bishop Moore. For variety, eloquence, humor, pathos, and soul power, it was unrivalled. The vast audience was thrilled to tears and laughter alternately. The fact that this princely, chivalrous man, in the prime of his later manhood had freely offered himself for service in a far-distant land that God and the church which had honored him should be glorified in his life, had not a little to do with the effect of his magnificent address. Bishop Thoburn and Hartzell made brief impromptu addresses, and thus closed what many of the Bishops did not hesitate to declare to have been the best reception within their memory. We indulge the hope that twenty-six years will not again elapse before our Bishops visit us.

The Epworth League continues to be an efficient factor in the work of our beloved church. The District Convention held at Rising Sun, last October, was beyond the average in all respects. Two of the most important things done at that convention were the election of the Rev. R. K. Stephenson as District President, and the planning of a series of Missionary rallies in the interest of the Open Door Emergency. It was decided to concentrate at three points, Elkton, New Castle, and Wilmington. The services for Mrs. Gamewell were secured, and her addresses were helpful, illuminating and inspiring. All the papers and addresses were of unusual merit, especially Dr. O'Brien's Review of the Cleveland Convention. Several of the churches have made special offerings to Bishop to Thoburn's work in India. Mt. Salem gives \$120, Elkton and Rising Sun \$30 each, New Castle, Chesapeake City, Cherry Hill, St. Johns \$15 each and Newport supports a student in Peking University.

There is a growing sentiment in Wilmington District for larger things in the direction of ministerial support. There have been during the past five years twenty-seven instances of increase in salary aggregating \$3000. During the same period the deficiency column, so far as the regular charges are concerned, has been blank. This is as it should be. If a preacher needs and is promised \$700, and the church pays him \$600, he will be embarrassed by debt and both pastor and church suffer. Four charges have advanced pastoral support during the year. Port Deposit advances her salary to \$1400 from \$1200, Harrison St. goes from \$1000 to \$1200, Mt. Labanon puts the salary at \$600, and Perryville now gives \$600 and parsonage. What these churches did others could have done, with faith in God and the people and a better system of finance.

Church Improvements:— When it is remembered that our District gave \$100,000 to the Twentieth Century Thank Offering, the following record of church improvements and debts paid is worthy of special mention. The most notable improvement is at North East, Md., where a new and commodious church has been erected valued at \$17,000. The history of this enterprise reads like a romance. For years it was felt by all who knew our North East Methodism that a new church was a crying necessity. But how that need could be met was the question. There is not a rich man in the society. The rank and file are

wage-earners, and the industrial conditions in the town are such that employment is far from regular. The situation was serious and the problem difficult of solution. To attempt to build a church which would be a credit to Methodism seemed like an effort to make bricks without clay. But the solution was found in the person of a Methodist preacher. In 1901 Rev. W. A. Wise was appointed pastor at North East for a second term. For a year after his return it was vigorously debated whether the old church should be repaired or replaced with a new one. At length it was determined that a new church be erected. It required faith, persistence and grit to reach this end. The first quarterly conference of 1902 unanimously resolved to stand by the pastor in the contemplated project. And now comes the sequel. Money was scarce, and the cold water contingent was on hand, but muscle, brains and sanctified grit were on hand also, and the latter wins always. The pastor insisted that the work should not be done by contract. He volunteered to act as general manager, and the Ushers' Union and others took down the old church, cleared and classified the material without a cent of cost to the building committee, and most of the hauling was done for nothing. The Ford Brothers, former residents of North East, donated the new brick needed. Many gave their labor, including the pastor, who donned overalls and jumper and for five months wrought Paul-like with his own hands. How could the work lag with such an example. I would take from those who stood by his side no word of praise, they did nobly, but all agree that it was the inspiration of this plucky pastor which made the outcome possible. The story of this heroic achievement is worthy of unstinted commendation, and should prove an inspiration to all who under like circumstances are ready to say "it can't be done." The church will be dedicated the second Sunday in June.

Mrs. Evalyn S. Tome's generous gift to our church in Port Deposit is worthy of mention. She has purchased and presented to the trustees the old church which since the dedication of the Tome Memorial has been used as a district school. The building will be fitted up for the use of the various societies of the church. It will contain pastor's study, and Epworth League Assembly room, reading rooms, reception room and parlor. It will make a commodious, attractive and convenient building, contributing much toward a wholesome and helpful activity among the youth of the church and community. The trustees have purchased at a cost of \$2700, the ground on which the Tome Memorial stands. When it is borne in mind that this church spent \$4000, for improvements last year, which added to this year's improvements aggregates (9,300,) it will be seen that Port Deposit Methodism is making remarkable advancement under the care of our brother A. S. Mowbray. The church is now one of the strongest in the Conference. At Bethel and Summit both churches have been improved at a cost of \$2400. Never was the proverb "where there's a will there's a way" more signally exemplified than in this instance. Despite almost insurmountable obstacles the pastor, Geo. White Dawson, so inspired the people that they responded most royally to his appeals. Few instances of greater sacrifice or more loyal giving can be found than is furnished by these good people. The writer knows something of the struggle brother John W. Jones had in reaching the splendid results at Cook-

man Church. Early and late this devoted toiler and his faithful co-workers labored. The days of heroic deeds have not passed away, as the work done by this little company will attest. An expenditure of over \$1400 in beautifying the house of the Lord is the substantial offering made by this Gideon band. The Rev. H. A. G. Westerfield, is not a whit behind his brethren in good work done. It required sanctified diplomacy to reach the goal at Rising Sun. Past experience with debt had made the people so conservative that haste had to be made slowly. But so well did the pastor manage that without friction or misunderstanding, the work, involving an outlay of over \$1600, was carried to a successful issue. And the gratifying feature of this whole matter was that so well had the finances been handled that not one dollar was asked on the day of reopening. The absence of the begging so prominent on such occasions was most gratefully received by all. Dr. Murray is closing his seventh year at St. Pauls with great success. He reports \$1000 raised on debts and improvements and the largest membership in St. Paul's history. The ministry of Rev. James W. Easley at Harrison St. has been a signal success. There is peace and harmony among the members, and the church has been splendidly organized for aggressive work. Grace, patience and wisdom that cometh from above supplemented by ministerial ability of a high order brought this difficult task to a successful issue. Ten hundred and sixty two dollars were spent in improvements.

It would be a pleasure to make extended mention of all similar work done on the district but the limits of this report forbid it. The following additional improvements are reported: Mt. Salem, \$2300; St. John's, \$1000; Red Lion, \$600; Grace, \$1500; Perryville, \$350; Chesapeake City, \$210; Principio, \$200; Ebenezer, \$305; Delaware City, \$145; Cherry Hill, \$225; Christiana, \$85; Newport, \$135; Brandywine, \$100; Hockessin, \$50; Mt. Pleasant, \$150; New Castle, \$50; Port Penn, \$41; St. George's, \$30; Silverbrook, \$119; Wesley, \$50.

Debts:—From New Castle, W. G. Koons, pastor, comes the cheering news that \$1000 has been paid on their debt which was twenty years old. If this can be done at New Castle where for years the industrial tide has been on the ebb, no church on the district should feel discouraged. The courage, tactfulness and persistence of the pastor went a long way toward securing this result. Port Deposit has paid \$3,200 on its debt, Asbury \$1000, Cookman \$500, Kingswood \$400, St. John's \$275, Brandywine \$150, Cherry Hill \$63, Chester \$100, Claymount \$100, Perryville \$90, Union Church, Wilmington, has at last disposed of its troublesome floating debt, of \$1800 which had been running for over seven years. Brother Adams deserves great credit for pushing the plan to success. The total amount for improvements and debts exclusive of North East is \$33,385.

Wesley Church Debt:—The responses to the appeal for Wesley Church have not been numerous. Milford contributed \$26, Laurel \$9, Asbury \$75, Silverbrook \$20, Bethel \$20, Chesapeake \$10, Colora \$5, St. John's \$5, New Castle \$15. Other churches have indicated a willingness to aid this burdened, endangered church, and I confidently look for a response in the near future, that will put this distressed church on safe ground.

The Benevolences:—Faithful and diligent attention has been given to our great connectional interests. In some instances the wisest methods have not

been employed. Some of our brethren still neglect these interest until late in the year, and as a consequence they will not equal the showing of those who are wise in time. And yet despite fuel—famine and unprecedented weather conditions the outlook is for a substantial increase in the Missionary and Conference Claimants Collections. The pastor holds the key to the situation. We may multiply field secretaries indefinitely but never until the itinerant host is enthused and aroused will the conscience of the church be awakened to its tremendous responsibilities, and the heart of the church respond to the call of God.

Mt. Salem and Riddles bid fair to become the banner Missionary charge on the district measured by its means and membership. This charge lays on God's altar for missions this year \$145 over its apportionment, and pledges \$73 to Dr. Gamewell's work for next year, and contributes a total of \$1008 to the benevolences. That the pastor, Dr. O'Brien, has been vitally related to this good work can be readily surmised.

Several charges have increased their contribution to the Missionary Collection: Mt. Salem and Riddles \$145, Bethel and Summitt \$10, St. Johns \$25, Ebenezer and Wesley \$10, Colora \$5, Kingswood \$16, Cherry Hill \$20, Christiana \$5, Chester, Hockessin \$5, Marshallton \$10, Mt. Lebanon \$5, New Castle \$15, Port Deposit \$10, Asbury \$50, Brandywine \$50, Epworth \$20, Harrison St. \$10, Scott \$11, Silverbrook \$5. Rev. R. K. Stephenson surpasses all previous records at Elkton and excels his own splendid showing of last year by \$52, the Academy debt is paid in full, and the Junior League gives \$10 to aid a student. Bro. Stephenson always brings things to pass.

The work of perfecting the Saints and bringing men and women into the new life that is in Christ has been prosecuted with increased energy, and with a zeal according to knowledge. Never have I seen greater solicitude on the part of the ministry than my co-workers on Wilmington District have manifested concerning this glorious work. But variety of causes have greatly hindered their efforts, prominent among which have been the weather conditions and the coal famine. It has taken strong faith and genuine courage to keep at it under the conditions encountered, but while I cannot report any "sweeping revivals," it is a reason for gratitude that some sheaves have been gathered in every field. The Hand of the Lord has been on the work at Kingswood. The revival fires have burned on the altars of this church during the entire year, insomuch that July and August were as prolific of results as December and January. Brother Hammond reports 90 souls saved and this struggling church has raised for all purposes this year nearly \$2000. At Epworth Dr. Smith was assisted by Evangelist E. L. Hyde, the meeting was one of great power resulting in 50 conversions and an awakened, strengthened church. At Silverbrook Brother Thompson, was assisted by Rev. E. C. Sunfield, our Conference Evangelist. There were 52 conversions. No pastor need hesitate to secure the services of Brother Sunfield. He is "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." Dr. Prettyman reports 40 conversions at Brandywine, and the benevolences increased from \$271 to \$354. Brandywine Church was never in as hopeful a condition as it is at the present.

Asbury Church, brother H. S. Dulary, pastor, has continued the good work

of last year and brings into the heavenly garner this year 100 souls, and all the interests of the church well cared for.

One of the most remarkable and profitable meetings ever held in Wilmington was conducted in Grace Church by the Rev. Henry Ostrom and his Gospel Singer Mr. John Hillis. Mr. Ostrom is one of the most tireless workers in the evangelistic field. He held three services each day, beginning with the noon meeting for business men in St. Paul Church, and followed by the afternoon and evening meetings in Grace. The versatility, resourcefulness, tact and ability of this man are wonderful. His skill as a teacher and expositor, his forcefulness and unction as a preacher, and his mastery in leadership are very unusual. And with it all his simple, transparent unpretentious life and manner render him one of the choicest of men. The whole city owes Dr. King a debt of gratitude for bringing these men among us. Not only was Grace Church greatly helped, but every evangelical church in the city felt the uplift of these services. The whole community was stirred. The pastor of the church, Dr. King, tarried by the stuff until a severe attack of illness sent him to his bed. But the meeting went on with increasing interest and culminated in a wave of spiritual power that profoundly moved the vast audience, most of whom remained until nearly eleven o'clock. There were over 150 conversions. Yet gratifying as these results are they are meager compared to what they should have been. What is the trouble? The conviction is forced upon us that the difficulty is threefold, a deadening of the moral sense resulting from unblushing, unrebuked and wholesale political corruption, increasing worldliness among nominally Christian people, and a withholding more than is meet from the treasury of the Lord to pamper our own self gratification and increase our gain. And my brothers while I am no pessimist, but the opposite, I believe as the Lord liveth that the blight of mildew will be upon us unless we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and purge ourselves from these things which are an offence in his eyes.

Academy Debt:—It is a matter of sincere regret that we have been unable to finish the Academy debt this year. The men who secured the amount apportioned last year were wise, for they struck while the iron was hot. We do not intend to relax our efforts to reach the amount apportioned to Wilmington District, but no loyal Methodist can view our Academy situation without chagrin and alarm. Last year the people of limited means, including preachers of meagre income, responded nobly to the debt call; the principal, Rev. E. L. Cross, has done his share in filling the school with students, but where are the public spirited men who were to supplement this effort, and clear this institution of debt? We have them in our church on this peninsula, but for some reason they have not come to the rescue. I do not hesitate to say that the prophets of the Lord can do the church no greater service than to arouse our men of wealth to their duty, responsibility and privilege. Our church is not poor, hence poverty cannot be urged as an excuse why we are not reaching a tithe of our possibilities. If the wealth of this goodly territory were consecrated to God and the church, the results would amaze us. We need to hear the voice of the prophet, "Bring ye all your tithes into the store-house and prove me now herewith saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not empty out a blessing too great to be contained."

Additional conversions are reported: Mrashallton 21, Rising Sun 43, Port Deposit 14, St. Johns and Mt. Lebanon 4 each, Asbury 100, Elkton 20, Scott 60,

Cookman 24, Chesapeake City 10, Charlestown 8, Bethel and Summit 6, Delaware City 8, Colora 5, Mt. Pleasant 19, Newport 8, New Castle 10, Red Lion 14, Harrison St. 9, St. Paul 50, Wesley 34.

Temperance:—There has been increased activity among the forces that make for morality and good government. At the written suggestion the Wilmington Methodist Preachers' Meeting invited the co-operation of the ministers of all churches in Wilmington to devise, if possible, some means by which the question of license should be submitted to the people of Delaware. At a meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. hall late in November it was decided to call a general convention to meet in Dover, December 18. This convention was large and enthusiastic, and adopted the petition method as the most forcible and practicable plan to be pursued. Rev. V. S. Collins, the president elect of the State Alliance, called a second convention to assemble in Dover on the 5th of February for the purpose of presenting the petition to the legislature. It was found that the petitions contained 15,000 names, over one third being voters. The audience granted to the representatives of the Alliance by the legislature while courteous and generous was, because of the intense political excitement incident to the withdrawal of one of the senatorial candidates, far from satisfactory. A bill was at once framed and introduced in the house by Hon. W. R. Flinn, and it was reported favorably, but the speaker of the House created a precedent by ruling that the bill was unconstitutional, and it was held up for two days. Such stupidity and ignorance do not add anything to the reputation of the state this original parliamentarian represents. Special mention should be made of the honorable and manly course pursued by Hon. W. R. Flinn, in presenting this bill. Its fate is now a matter of history. The course of all lovers of morality and good government is now clear. They must hold principle as dearer than party and assert their manhood. There should be a vigorous organization in every hundred in the state, and the truckling politicians who bowed so servilely to the liquor lobby should be made to feel the sting of an outraged public. There should be no chance to elude or dodge. It must be a fight to the death. God and home and native land must take precedence of mere party. If our party falters here, then by the grace of God and a good conscience we must rebuke our party at the polls, the only effectual method of rebuke at our disposal. And may God the of battles nerve our arm and steady our purpose till victory crowns our efforts.

In this connection the attention of the conference is called to the decision of our brother Dr. Alfred Smith who purposes giving himself to special work in the interest of this great cause. It is surely time that the voice of a prophet be heard crying "prepare ye the way of the Lord". We must act and act decisively and promptly if we hope to make any headway against the forces of unrighteousness.

I may not close this imperfect review of the year's work without grateful mention of the mercies of God in giving me strength to meet all my appointments, and of the many kindnesses received at the hands of my brethren both lay and ministerial.

ROBERT WATT.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Auditing Committee.

Your committee having carefully attended to the work assigned them, report as follows:—We found the accounts of the Conference Treasurer, Rev. H. G. Budd, correct. We were impressed by the grave responsibility resting upon the person holding this office. We found that many of the brethren added to the cares of his task by drawing their checks improperly, and we urge that no brother hand in his check until he has carefully scanned it, and is sure it is correct. We also found that all monies coming into his hands were promptly and correctly transmitted to the several societies to which they belonged.

We find that our Treasurer received last year \$37117.69, and paid out \$37113.70, leaving in his hands a remainder of \$3.99. There was also a remainder of \$17.43 from 1901 making a total remainder of \$21.42. Of this \$17 is due the General Conference expense fund, and \$4.42 is due the Treasurer's expense account.

Rev. W. F. Corkran, Presiding Elder of Easton District, received from the Domestic Missionary Society \$192. There also remained in his hands from the year 1901, the sum of 20 cents, making a total of \$192.20, which was disbursed as follows: Clayton \$25; Neavitt \$25; Henderson \$25; Golts \$25; Fairlee \$25; Wye Mills \$20; Piney Neck \$17; Marydel \$10; Cheswold \$10; Church Hill \$10; Total \$192; leaving a remainder of 20 cents in his hands. Dr. Corkran also received from the Missionary Society \$157, which he disbursed as follows: Royal Oak \$75; Oxford \$50; Piney Neck \$32. Total \$157 disbursed.

Rev. C. S. Baker, Presiding Elder of Dover District, received from the Domestic Missionary Society, \$189.05, which he paid out as follows: Williamsburg \$60; Lakesville \$30; Armory \$30; Ellendale \$50; Felton Circuit \$15; Hoopersville \$5. Total \$190, being an excess over receipts of 95 cents. Dr. Baker also received from the Parent Missionary Society \$178, and paid out as follows: Lakesville \$100; Salem \$80. Total \$180, being an excess over receipts of \$2.

Rev. Robert Watt received from the Parent Missionary Society \$75, and paid the same amount to Port Penn. Dr. Watt received from the Domestic Missionary Society \$198, and paid out as follows: Hopewell \$50; Charlestown \$45; Christiana \$30; Marshallton \$30; Red Lion \$25; Hockessin \$25; Bethel \$20; Elk Neck \$25. Total \$250, being an excess of \$52 over receipts.

Rev. T. E. Martindale, Presiding Elder of Salisbury District, received from the Domestic Missionary Society as follows: Remainder from 1901, \$57, from Conference Treasurer \$135; from G. C. Moore \$7.50. Total receipts \$199.50 which was paid out as follows: Pocomoke Circuit \$20; Mardella Springs \$40; Crowsentown \$10; Holland's Island \$40; Powellville \$28; Westover \$51.50; Marion \$10. Total \$199.50. Dr. Martindale also received from the Parent Missionary Society \$300, and paid out as follows: Cape-Charles \$140; Crowsentown \$120; Newark \$20; Marion \$20. Total \$300. Rev. E. H. Nelson, Trustee for Mrs. Annie D. Chatham, submitted his accounts which showed \$200 received from our Conference, and \$216 received from Mrs. Carrow, making a total of \$416. This amount was paid to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

F. C. MCSORLEY, *Secretary.*

VINAL E. HILLS, *Chairman.*

Bible.

The Bible is the Book of books because it is God's immutable truth, and contains the only and sufficient rule for our faith and practice. Its importance cannot possibly be overestimated, and the need for it is apparent and imperative.

A genuine revival of religion is always accompanied and invariably followed by a revival of Bible reading and study. And every Christian should be able to say "Thy word have I hid in my heart."

We recognize in the American Bible Society a most potent and efficient agency for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures. And in view of the fact that the aggregate of our Conference collections for this worthy cause according to the minutes of our last annual session, was only \$464, we recommend a more faithful and diligent presentation of its claims to all our churches, to the end that our collections for the Bible Society may be largely increased. It is however, worthy of note that the Maryland Bible Society, during the Conference year just closing paid over to the parent board the sum of \$1500. Therefore, in obedience to the command of Him who said, "Search the Scriptures", because they testified of Him, we purpose renewing our efforts to illumine the minds and hearts of men, by giving to them the word of God.

GEO. W. DAWSON, *Secretary.*

J. P. OUTTEN, *Chairman.*

Board of Stewards.

Received from the Districts as follows:—Dover District \$1444, increase \$64; Easton District \$1624, increase \$108; Salisbury District \$1379, increase \$145; Wilmington District \$2080, increase \$77. Total, \$6527, increase \$394. Book Room Dividend \$804, increase \$313; Chartered Fund \$22; Interest on Smyrna Sewer Bond \$50. Interest on Riddle Legacy \$95. Interest on Reynolds Legacy \$8. Interest on Bates Legacy and other Investments \$325. Total receipts from all sources \$7831. Of this we have distributed \$7735 to 12 Superannuates, 4 Supernumerary preachers, 39 widows of deceased preachers, and 2 minor children. We have left in the hands of our Treasurer \$96 to meet some bills that have been incurred.

After the session of last Conference had adjourned we were appealed to for aid for Rev. F. O. B. Wallin, whose application for aid was properly before us but to whom we had made no allowance owing to the fact that Bishop Joyce informed us he would be transferred to the Swedish Conference. Having in hand some money which had come to us after Conference, we decided to grant to Brother Wallin \$75, believing that the Conference would approve of our action in view of all the circumstances. We congratulate the pastors on the advance which has been made in the amount collected for this fund, but would remind them that if the full amount apportioned to the several charges is collected it will put into this fund about \$700 more than was raised this year. We request the Presiding Elders to call the attention of the pastors to the amount apportioned by the Board to the several charges as found in the minutes.

On the first of April last, the Academy Bonds which we held were paid off,

also the legacy of \$500 left us by Miss Mary S. Kerr was paid to our Treasurer. From this legacy the state inheritance tax of \$12.50 was deducted.

This, with other money in hand, we invested in a mortgage on property in the city of Wilmington. We now have invested in mortgages \$10800 and hold fire insurance policies on the whole of it as collateral security.

P. H. RAWLINS, *Chairman.*

Church Extension.

I.

The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church makes report of progress and needs in "Christianity in Earnest," which is published quarterly and we believe that a careful study of this periodical by our people would largely increase our collections for this worthy cause. From 1866 when this work began to Nov. 1st, 1902 the Board collected and disbursed \$7,748,781.24. With this 12,364 churches have been aided. Our share of the work has been as follows: The collections taken in our churches have amounted to \$53,345.72. Churches within our bounds have received aid up to Nov. 1st, 1902 by donations \$27080, and loans of \$10800.

We have some loans of long standing which, in all justice, should be paid at the earliest possible date. For the ensuing year, our Conference is asked to raise \$5500, \$1800 of which may, on approved applications, be received by needy churches. We recommend for adoption the following resolutions:

1. We heartily congratulate the board of Church Extension, and the Church at large, on the great success of this work in all its history, and especially on the remarkable financial success of the past year.

2. That our rapidly increasing population and new territorial additions, still need the work of Church Extension, and that our Methodism by fostering and strengthening this work will increase its own power to do the large work demanded.

3. That we, as a Conference, will not be content with anything less than a full response to the call of the General Committee until all people under the protection of the American flag shall be furnished with places for worship.

4. That our Presiding Elders be requested to apportion with care, the full amount asked for Church extension, to the several Districts and pastoral charges for collection; and that availing ourselves of the help provided by the Board, we will present this cause in all our churches, and secure the amount asked, in accordance with the plan of our Discipline.

O. W. DEVENISH, *Secretary.*

T. F. BEAUCHAMP, *Chairman.*

II.

The Conference Board of Church Extension respectfully submits the report of the work done within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference the past year. The following churches have received donations:— Queen Anne \$110; Calvary Church, Smith Island \$100; Melsons \$125; Wesley, Willing Neck \$140.

C. T. WYATT, *Rec. Sec'y.*

JOHN FRANCE, *Pres.*

Church Insurance.

The last report of the Board of Church Insurance is very gratifying. The business is steadily increasing, and is no longer counted by the thousands but by the millions, and reaches every state and territory. There are now over 15,000 policies in force. While disaster has overtaken many stock companies the past year, the National Mutual Church Insurance Company paid promptly all losses and declared a dividend of over ten per cent which is a much larger per cent than that paid by the old stock companies, besides saving thousands of dollars for churches, which have hitherto been insured in these companies. There is now a large number of churches insured, that have not before been able to meet the terms of the stock companies. One good feature of The National Mutual Church Insurance Company is, the annual calling of the attention of policy holders to danger points. We would urge our preachers and laymen to see that all our churches and parsonages are insured without delay, for it is a sad fact that many of our church and parsonage properties are left uninsured from year to year. Should any of these be burned with the present cheap rates as offered by the National Mutual Church Insurance Company the official boards of such church and parsonage properties should not receive nor ought they to expect help by loans or donations from our Church Extension society.

A. P. PRETTYMAN *Secretary.*

J. E. GRAHAM, *Chairman.*

Education.

As the efficiency of the ministry of the future depends to a large extent upon the schools of the present, it is of vital importance to the church that the schools under its care should be thoroughly furnished and equipped to do the work expected of them, and that they should receive that encouragement and support so necessary to the highest efficiency. We rejoice to believe that the institutions of learning under the supervision and patronage of our church are centres of intellectual and spiritual life, where our young men are thoroughly furnished for the work of God and humanity, and not smitneys where are forged the spears of hostile criticism which will pierce the side of the world's Redeemer. First with us is our own Wilmington Conference Academy. This is our child, born on our Peninsula soil and dear to our hearts, because of its work, struggles and victories. We believe the dawn is at hand, the rays of coming light are reddening the hill-tops, and the day of financial deliverance hasteth. What is now needed is a greater interest upon the part of our laymen so that our boys and girls may fill the buildings, and an endowment which will place the institution upon a sound financial basis. We commenced the wise and efficient administration of the Principal, Prof. E. L. Cross, who has been untiring in his efforts to build up every interest of the school. We rejoice in the success of Dickinson College. Favorably located, with material equipment more ample than ever before, with a faculty strong, able and united; with a high rank among the universities and colleges of the country for the extent and thoroughness of its work; with one of the best Law schools in the East, and a Collegiate Preparatory School offering exceptional advantages; Dickinson can give an education as good as the best institution in the land, and with less expense than the most of them, and will continue to have our loyal support. It is exceedingly gratifying to note the progress of Drew Semina-

ry and Boston University. Their excellent faculties and large endowments make it possible for students to secure a first class theological education at little cost and under helpful surroundings. Our young men return to us fully equipped mentally and spiritually for the ministry. The certificates of examination in these schools are accepted by our Conference for work in the Conference Course. We urge all our young candidates for the ministry to avail themselves of the advantages offered them by these institutions.

Morgan College at Baltimore with its two auxiliaries at Princess Anne and Lynchburg, are still doing effective work in both mental and industrial training. The enrollment has been increased to such an extent as to tax, to the utmost, the capacity of the buildings. Many of the students pursue the various industrial trades during the day and devote the evening hours to study. Calls are constantly being made for teachers and for industrial workers. It is our conviction that the money contributed by our Conference for these schools is being wisely applied and that the administration of its present president is giving entire satisfaction and contributing to the very best interests of the schools.

Among the legitimate and helpful results of the preaching of the "gospel of Christ," is the education and elevation of woman. In the front rank of the educational institutions of our country is the Woman's College, of Baltimore, Md. Attractively located in one of the large cities of this nation, and thoroughly equipped for the work of higher education, this institution challenges the admiration and respect of all friends of learning, and deserves the most liberal support of a large Methodist constituency.

We most heartily commend the excellent work for higher Christian education which is being accomplished for the Church through the Board of Education.

We urge that Children's Day be observed and a collection taken in every charge according to the Discipline. We are especially pleased that the Board of Education proposes to celebrate the bi-centenary of John Wesley's birth, and we promise our hearty co-operation.

W. O. HURST, *Secretary.*

L. E. BARRETT, *Chairman.*

Episcopal Fund.

Your committee on the Episcopal Fund beg to report that the apportionment for this year is \$1548, of which \$371 were apportioned to the Dover District, raised \$356, a deficit of \$15; \$322 to the Easton District, raised \$301, deficit of \$21; \$395 to the Salisbury District, raised \$377, deficit of \$18; \$460 to the Wilmington District raised \$447, deficit of \$13. The total deficit is \$67—exactly the same as last year. The following charges took no collection on Dover District, Hooper's Island and Salem; on Easton District, Bayside, Betterton and Queens-town; and on Wilmington District, Colora, East Lake and Edgemoor—eight, as against ten last year.

We recommend that at the first Quarterly Conference of each charge where the provisions of the discipline relative to the Episcopal Fund are not followed the Presiding Elder call attention to the matter, and urge compliance with those provisions.

J. P. OTIS, *Chairman.*

Epworth League.

Your committee rejoices in the grand achievements of the Epworth League. We think that God raised it up to meet a crisis in our church life, and we trust that its mission of making loyal and intelligent Methodists of our young people—may never be lost sight of. We recommend that great care be exercised in the selection of officers for the local Chapters. Believing that a state League would be a mighty power in shaping proper legislation, and in helping us to present a solid front to the enemies of our church, therefore be it resolved, that our Conference Cabinet be made a committee to visit a committee from the Baltimore Conference and take such steps as may eventually lead to such an organization.

G. W. BOUNDS, *Chairman.*

Freedman's Aid.

The Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society continues to push forward its noble work in lending a helping hand to the needy and deserving youth of our southland. The results of this work are gratifying and encouraging and should inspire us to do more for this worthy cause.

It maintains 43 schools for the Christian training of the destitute, white and colored people in the South, employing 500 teachers. Ten thousand students were brought under the christianizing and enlightening influences of our schools last year. The Society now has school property valued at \$2,160,200. We note with pleasure the good work being done by Morgan College of Baltimore; the Virginia Institute and Princess Anne Academy. The faculties have been strengthened, the buildings greatly improved and the enrollment largely increased as a whole. Morgan College is trying to educate 282 students. From the schools above mentioned there have gone over 60 into the active ministry who are leaders in their respective Conferences. There are over 100 engaged in teaching, while nearly all the professions are represented. Some are in Africa as missionaries doing noble service. We are informed that not one of our graduates has ever been brought up for the nameless crime all too common in the South, or for any other serious crime. This is a tribute to manliness and womanliness.

We recommend that we ask the churches to contribute 10 cents per member as per request of Dr. Spencer of Morgan College.

J. W. FOGLE.

T. N. GIVEN.

Philadelphia Hospital.

This Bethesda, located in the city of Philadelphia, takes its place among the first of its kind, not only as to location but also as to one of the best staff of surgeons and physicians, and well deserves our hearty co-operation and sympathy. We rejoice that this has been a year of great success. The financial standing has been better than in former years. We also rejoice that it is finding its way into the hearts of our people. It ought to be emphasized that there is no discrimination as to class, creed or color; and those who are too poor to pay, receive the same attention as those who do. We heartily endorse, not only the work it is doing, but the spirit of its Secretary, Rev. J. A. Lippincott, D. D., and ask that we as a Conference open our doors that the work may be fully explained, so that in the spirit of the Master the poor may have the bene-

fits derived therefrom. We are pleased to note the increase in collections this year for this charitable institution—but, when we remember that the Hospital is maintained only by help received from legacies and contributions, (no aid being received from State or City appropriations of public money, and proceeds from charity balls and other questions able amusements are declined,) it is to be regretted that only 36 charges report a collection for this institution this year.

Therefore, resolved: That inasmuch as the Hospital is dependent upon the interest which the Ministers take in this great Charity, we heartily recommend the liberal support of Pastors and Laymen.

Second: We urge again the setting aside of the second Sunday in May as Hospital day in all our churches.

Third: We respectfully request the Presiding Elders to include the Philadelphia Hospital in the list of collections sent to the various charges, and urge the Pastors to take collections for the same. Respectfully submitted,

J. F. ANDERSON, *Secretary.*

G. P. JONES, *Chairman.*

Periodicals.

A great many good things have, and are coming to us in these latter days. Nowhere do we find a greater variety of real good things, than in the literary market of the day. But in the abundance of good literature now available to us, is to be found much that instead of being good is really pernicious. The influence of good literature is a blessing beyond measure. On the other hand, the evil influence resulting from the circulation and reading of inferior periodicals is always a curse. It is often not easy to determine whether a book is good or bad. Therefore it is wise on our part to buy, so far as it is possible, only from our own publishing houses. By so doing we are sure of securing the best of literature and at the same time we are patronizing our own establishment. We as a Conference most heartily endorse the claims of Dr. Neely in behalf of the superb Sunday school helps as now furnished us by our own Book Concern, and urge our people to use none other. We pledge ourselves to do all that lies in our power, this the bicentenary of the birth of John Wesley, to circulate literature relating to the life and work of our illustrious founder, and to thereby inspire in our people a more earnest effort to win the world for Christ. We renew our endorsement of our great connectional periodicals, such as the "New York Christian Advocate," the "Methodist Review," and the "Epworth Herald" and all the other publications of our church. We would call special attention to our own Conference paper, "The Peninsula Methodist." We most heartily endorse the new management of the same, and pledge it our support in proportion as it fulfils its promises to give us a first class, up-to-date, local paper.

O. L. MARTIN, *Secretary.*

J. T. RICHARDSON, *Chairman.*

Sabbath Observance.

We, the undersigned committee on Sabbath observance, beg leave to make the following report, and believing there has been no revokement of the Old Testament requirements of Sabbath observance, your committee has confined its work strictly thereto. The first reference to Sabbath observance in God's word

carries us back to Ex. 16:23, where Moses, by Divine command, says to Israel in reference to their manna supplies in their wilderness journey, "Tomorrow is the rest of the holy Sabbath unto the Lord; bake that which ye will bake, today, and seethe that which ye will seethe." It comes to the committee with strong implication that this scripture forbids needless Sunday preparation of food. In Ex. 20:8-10, it is written, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt do no work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, (meaning the usable beast,) nor the stranger within thy gates." In Ex. 23:12, Moses says, "Six days shalt thou do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that their ox and their ass shall rest, and the son of thine handmaid, and the stranger may be refreshed." In Ex. 34:21 it is written, "Six days shalt thou labor, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest; in earing time and in harvest thou shalt rest." The farmer will suffer no harm when he allows his ripening crops to stand over the Holy Sabbath. Again it is written in Num. 15:32, "While the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that had gathered sticks upon the Sabbath day, and they that found him gathering sticks, brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation, and they keep him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him, and the Lord said unto Moses, "The man shall surely be put to death." The death penalty for preparing fuel on Sunday when it should have been prepared the day before, or might have been delayed until the day following. If the question be asked whether The Mosaic Code covering Sabbath observance applies to-day, let us be reminded that Jesus said, "I came not to destroy the law, but to fulfil." Nehemiah said, (10:31) "If the people of the land bring any ware or any victuals on the Sabbath day to sell, that we will not buy it of them on the Sabbath," whether it be at the wide-open store or on the camp-ground, save in cases of extreme necessity. Again Nehemiah says, (13:15) "In those days saw I in Judah, some treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves and leading asses; as also wine grapes and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day; and I testified against them." Then Jeremiah (17:22) says, "Thus saith the Lord, take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day, nor bring it into the gates of Jerusalem; neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the Sabbath day, neither do ye any work." But do these words of the Old Testament prophets apply to-day? Let Jesus answer this question also. "Think not that I am come to destroy the law and the prophets, I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."

G. W. BURKE, *Chairman.*

Steward's Endowment.

Your Committee on Conference Claimants and Endowment Fund, beg to report that during the past year seven hundred dollars have been received for the benefit of this fund, making the total amount invested \$10,800. This amount of increase though small is very gratifying and we hope the harbinger of larger and better things to come; we would, however recommend, that the efforts of our ministers and all friends of the cause should be redoubled in

this direction. Brother Rawlins in the interest of this cause, has visited many of our churches, and has succeeded in creating an interest in the welfare of this portion of our work, which will no doubt bear fruit abundantly in the near future. Your committee would in view of the fact that some time must elapse before the fund will be increased sufficiently to fill the requirements of the case. Would recommend that a collection be taken in each of the churches of our Conference, of at least one per cent of the amount paid by such church for ministerial support; said collection to be taken during the month of May in each year the proceeds to be invested in the endowment fund for Conference claimants. We suggest the following form to be used by those who are willing to make bequests to this fund.

I give, bequeath and devise to the Board of Stewards of the Wilmington Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, incorporated by the legislature of the State of Delaware, the sum of (——) for the Stewards Endowment Fund of said Conference. The receipt of the Treasurer of said Board shall be a sufficient discharge to my executor.

H. F. PICKLES, *Secretary.*

Sunday School and Tracts.

We learn with pleasure the fact that with but a very few exceptions our Sunday-schools are using the literature published by our own Book Concern, and we commend all who have helped to bring about this desired result. We urge the pastors of our Conference to secure from Dr. T. B. Neely, corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Union and Tract Society full information concerning the work of these societies and learn from him our duties, and privileges in connection with them.

E. N. CANTWELL, *Secretary.*

H. S. DULANY, *Chairman.*

Temperance.

Re-affirming and re-endorsing the attitude of the Church on the temperance question as expressed by the General Conference, your committee feels that certain conditions exist within the territory covered by this Conference which merit special attention and special action by this body. In the State of Delaware, the prayers of the people for the submission of the question of Local Option, provided for by the constitution, and represented by a popular and largely signed petition to the Legislature, which is given the right to submit the question by a majority vote, have been refused. The vote in the Legislature, taken only a few days ago resulted in fourteen for submission, fifteen against, three present but not voting, and three absent when the vote was taken. While commending most heartily the fourteen legislators for their votes in favor of submission of the question to the people for their decision, we condemn in unqualified terms the action of the majority in refusing to give the people their constitutional right to settle the question for themselves; and with the same earnestness, if not with greater impatience and less charity, do we condemn the action of those who sat still and refused to vote either for or against. We may have some respect for an enemy that fights in the open, but not for an enemy who skulks and hides and leaves one in doubt as to whether he is a friend or a foe. We believe, however, that the action of the recent legislature, instead of discouraging the

friends of temperance, or causing them to slacken their efforts, should rather arouse them to work with greater determination—should cause them to map out a clear and decisive plan of campaign for the future and follow it to victory. They should learn from their defeat what and how to do, rather than to sit down in despair over seeming failure and give up the struggle. Unfortunately in temperance work as well as some other forms of work, "the children of this world have shown themselves wiser in their generation than the children of light." They have learned the value of standing together and keeping up the fight day and night, year in and year out, with an alertness that is never surprised or caught off its guard, and they never make the mistake of putting off their arrangements until it is too late to make them effective. Your committee would respectfully present the following resolutions as expressing the thought and purpose of this Conference, and as outlining a method of operation to meet the present emergency, which specific need is to be considered and met now, instead of dealing in glittering generalities about the temperance question.

First, that so far as the temperance work is concerned throughout our entire territory, we will do our utmost to secure the enforcement of existing laws, and the enactment of better laws for the destruction of the saloon.

Second, that in the state of Delaware where the conditions warrant special attention at this time, we will stand together and use every resource at our command and every influence in our power to prevent the re-election to the next legislature of every man who voted in the present legislature against the submission of Local Option to a vote of the people, and every man who refused to vote, and every other man of any party who may become a candidate for the next legislature who will not give a clear and unequivocal promise that he will vote for the submission of this question to the people.

Third, that we endorse the State Temperance Alliance, and recommend that it at once begin to perfect its organization and plans for the most concerted and effective work in the future looking to the submission of the question of Local Option.

Fourth, that we solicit the co-operation in this fight of the Anti-Saloon League in whatever way may seem best.

Fifth, that the proper representative body of every other Christian denomination and temperance organization in the state be communicated with through the State Temperance Alliance with a view to having them pledge themselves to co-operation in this movement.

Sixth, that all good people in the state, without regard to Church or party, be called to rally for this conflict and to stand together in meeting the challenge which has been thrown out by those who have said that the people have no right to decide for themselves whether or not they want the saloon.

Seventh, that we recognize the request of the Anti-Saloon League to elect two members of our Conference as members of the Executive Committee for the state of Maryland, and two members of our Conference to be delegates to the Eighth National Anti-Saloon Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., Dec. 9-11, 1903, and one member to be the Representative in the National Board of Directors, and that the Rev. A. S. Mowbray, D. D., and Elmer L. Walton, be elected

as members of the Executive Committee for Maryland, and the Rev. W. L. S. Murray, D. D., and the Rev. Ralph T. Coursey, be elected delegates to the National Convention, and the Rev. A. S. Mowbray, D. D., be elected representative in the National Board of Directors.

G. L. HARDESTY, *Secretary.*

WM. WIRT KING, *Chairman.*

Thanks.

Resolved that we thank the Trustees of this church for the use of their beautiful building, the Choir for its excellent music, the Sexton for his attentive care; our faithful Secretaries; our Treasurer and his assistants; the good people of Easton, irrespective of Denomination, for their generous hospitality; the Rev. C. A. Grise D.D., for his untiring labor in providing for our comforts; the reporters for their fair and impartial reports of our proceedings. We especially commend them for omitting sensational gossip from their reports. That we thank the Railroad Co. for their courtesy in giving us special rates; our beloved Bishop Cranston, for his brotherly spirit, inspiring addresses, and sermon, and his just and impartial decisions.

G. W. BOUNDS, *Secretary.*

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The Thirty-third Anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society report \$478,236.03, a gain of \$51,440.75. It is a moral and religious movement of abiding character. In the foreign field the educational, evangelical and medical work has met with gratifying results, as has also the training of young women for this service. No periodical published by the Society has failed and the circulation and profits have steadily increased. Resolved that we cordially commend this organization and the establishment of new auxiliaries.

L. I. McDOUGLE, *Secretary.*

ALFRED SMITH, *Chairman.*

Woman's Home Missionary Society.

The cause of Home Missions has been forever dignified by the example of Jesus, who went about doing good', "by healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, giving sight to the blind, speech to the dumb, and making the lame to walk. But the burden of his message to men was the invitation of Divine love, "Come unto me and ye shall find rest for your souls." The Home Missionary workers have in Him a matchless model, and blessed are they who have heard and heeded the call to follow in His foot-steps. The special aim of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute in all sections of our country, and to co-operate with the other Societies and agencies of the Church in educational, missionary, and deaconess work. We rejoice in the successes already achieved, and we urge the pastors and churches of our Conference to heartily co-operate with the Society within our Conference bounds, that the existing auxiliaries may be loyally sustained, and that new ones may be formed, as the officers of this Society within our Conference are ready at any time to visit our churches, on invitation, and aid in the good work.

H. CLAY TURNER, *Secretary.*

E. H. NELSON, *Chairman.*

In Memoriam.

"They Rest From Their Labors And Their Works Do Follow Them."

ENTERED MINISTRY	NAME	TIME OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	YEARS EF- FECTIVE	AGE
1859	John E. Elliott.....	Nov. 8, 1868..	Snow Hill, Md.....	30	10
1836	Thos. J. Quigley.....	Oct. 19, 1870..	Laurel, Del.....	65	44
1850	Daniel Titlow.....	Feb. 7, 1871..	Philadelphia, Pa..	48	4
1867	Amos A. Ewing.....	Jan. 19, 1872..	Cecil County, Md..	30	4
1848	Alfred Cookman.....	Nov. 13, 1872..	Newark, N. J.....	43	23
1827	Jas. Augustus Massey..	July 9, 1891..	Royal Oak, Md.....	64	38
1859	James Brandreth.....	Oct. 3, 1872..	Frankford, Del....	34	13
1825	T. J. Thompson.....	Nov. 29, 1874..	Wilmington, Del..	71	49
1828	Robert E. Kemp.....	Mar. 6, 1875..	Greensboro, Md..	73	32
1832	Wesley Kenney.....	June 24, 1875..	Smyrna, Del.....	70	42
1835	Henry Sutton.....	Mar. 23, 1876..	Philadelphia, Pa..	68	23
1871	George A. Campbell....	Sept. 7, 1876..	Frankford, Del....	30	4
1862	John W. Weston.....	Apr. 23, 1877..	Wilmington, Del..	38	15
1837	John D. Curtis.....	July 25, 1877..	Wilmington, Del..	61	40
1845	David R. Thomas.....	Feb. 13, 1878..	Wilmington, Del..	58	30
1870	Andrew J. Crozier.....	Jan. 21, 1879..	Wilmington, Del..	41	7
1829	Joshua Humphriss.....	Jan. 23, 1879..	Salisbury, Md.....	78	41
1868	Francis M. Chatham....	May 29, 1878..	Berlin, Md.....	41	8
1857	Edward G. Irwin.....	Mar. 12, 1879..	Wilmington, Del..	50	21
1848	John Hough.....	Mar. 27, 1879..	Near Trenton, N. J.	58	31
1837	Thomas J. Williams....	Mar. 29, 1879..	New Castle, Del....	53	21
1870	Wm. I. Bain.....	May 13, 1880..	Pocomoke City, Md.	36	10
1832	Thomas F. Plummer....	Nov. 13, 1880..	Smyrna, Del.....	67	43
1833	Elijah Miller.....	Feb. 2, 1881..	Wilmington, Del..	44	8
1836	John W. Pierson.....	Apr. 15, 1881..	Sudlersville, Md..	71	49
1880	Francis B. Quigley....	May 6, 1881..	Wilmington, Del..	67	44
1873	Thos. J. Prettyman....	Aug. 19, 1881..	Hopewell, Md.....	27	2
1865	Benj. W. Chase.....	Feb. 27, 1882..	Newark, Md.....	36	9
1834	Lucius C. Matlack....	Dec. 11, 1882..	Seaford, Del.....	48	17
1829	I. T. Cooper.....	June 24, 1883..	Cambridge, Md....	67	46
1838	Henry Colclazer.....	Apr. 12, 1884..	Camden, Del.....	78	26
1809	John L. Taft.....	Dec. 15, 1884..	Philadelphia, Pa..	75	55
1842	John Shilling.....	May 30, 1884..	Norristown, Pa....	72	41
1840	Arthur W. Milby.....	July 22, 1884..	Wilmington, Del..	52	15
1839	Elon J. Way.....	June 13, 1886..	Harrington, Del..	71	44
1831	Valentine Gray.....	July 5, 1886..	Baltimore, Md.....	75	26
1859	Isaiah D. Johnson....	Jan. 21, 1887..	Gap, Pa.....	72	42
1854	Wm. J. O'Neil.....	Mar. 4, 1887..	Bridgeville, Del..	33	6
1854	Jos. Dare.....	Mar. 9, 1887..	Church Hill, Md...	55	28
1886	Frank M. Morgan.....	Oct. 22, 1887..	Newark, Del.....	56	32
1849	William Merrill.....	Feb. 11, 1889..	Philadelphia, Pa..	34	3
1873	Isaac N. Foreman.....	Oct. 23, 1889..	Upper Fairm't, Md.	75	28
1841	John Allen.....	June 12, 1890..	Lincoln, Del.....	47	17
1855	Samuel T. Gardner....	Dec. 3, 1890..	Brooklyn, N. Y....	72	33
1889	Samuel J. Baker.....	Jan. 3, 1891..	Pivot Bridge, Md...	60	33
1870	Thos. O. Ayres.....	Sept. 22, 1891..	Laurel, Del.....	33	2
1873	Thos. R. Cramer.....	Oct. 4, 1891..	Delaware City, Del.	53	21
1840	Vaughan Smith.....	Jan. 10, 1892..	Milton, Del.....	45	19
1845	Charles Hill.....	Nov. 21, 1891..	Wilmington, Del..	79	43
1833	James L. Houston.....	June 22, 1892..	Salisbury, Md.....	70	47
1865	Alfred T. Melvin.....	Sept. 18, 1892..	Trappe, Md.....	82	32
1859	Alfred A. Fisher.....	Oct. 17, 1892..	Bel Air, Md.....	52	24
1837	Wm. B. Gregg.....	Dec. 12, 1893..	Bridgeville, Del..	62	17
1847	Joseph Robinson.....	Jan. 24, 1893..	Wyoming, Del.....	68	36
1835	George Earton.....	Feb. 18, 1893..	Perryman's, Md....	68	45
1843	James A. Brindle.....	Mar. 19, 1893..	Church Hill, Md..	84	11
1860	Nicholas M. Browne...	Apr. 6, 1894..	Greensboro, Md....	73	48
1850	James Hubbard.....	Feb. 4, 1895..	Middletown, Del..	58	35
1857	James E. Bryan.....	Apr. 4, 1895..	Philadelphia, Pa..	76	4
1892	John D. Lecates.....	Oct. 17, 1895..	Baltimore, Md....	64	39
1859	Thomas E. Bell.....	Nov. 11, 1895..	Wilmington, Del..	41	5
1868	James Conner.....	Mar. 21, 1895..	Easton, Md.....	58	
		Sept. 10, 1896..	Selbyville, Del....	59	28

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1862	Merritt Hulburd.....	Oct. 10, 1896...	Wilmington, Del.....	54	34
1873	Newton McQuay.....	May, 1887...	St. Michaels, Md.....	57	21
1896	William G. Chance.....	Sept. 13, 1897...	Quantico, Md.....	33	2
1848	Wm. B. Walton.....	June 21, 1898...	Salisbury, Md.....	77	43
1850	John B. Quigg.....	July 30, 1898...	Wilmington, Del.....	72	46
1845	John H. Caldwell.....	March 11, 1899...	Dover, Del.....	79	45
1860	Andrew D. Davis.....	April 13, 1899...	Georgetown, Del.....	72	35
1845	Henry Sanderson.....	Aug. 16, 1899...	Ridley Park, Pa.....	80	34
1859	Edwin H. Hynson.....	July 27, 1899...	Smyrna, Del.....	64	39
1845	Wm. E. England.....	Jan. 20, 1900...	Philadelphia, Pa.....	79	48
1857	Thos. S. Williams.....	Jan. 20, 1900...	Northeast, Md.....	65	41
1888	Chas. P. Swain.....	May 22, 1900...	Deal's Island, Md.....	41	12
1874	David F. Waddell.....	Dec. 20, 1900...	Westminster, Md.....	48	28
1886	Benj. F. Price.....	Mar. 22, 1901...	Elkton, Md.....	84	60
1851	Jas. W. Hammersly.....	April 19, 1901...	Brooklandville, Md.....	78	40
1877	Walter E. Avery.....	April 22, 1902...	Wilmington, Del.....	50	25
1860	J. Owen Sypherd.....	Sept. 3, 1902...	Wilmington, Del.....	69	39
1872	John D. Kemp.....	Sept. 21, 1902...	Chestertown, Md.....	65	30
1856	William F. Talbot.....	Feb. 26, 1903...	Dover, Del.....	73	27

MEMOIRS.

Rev. Walter E. Avery, D. D.

Walter E. Avery was born in Fairmount, Md., Nov. 8, 1852, graduated at Dickenson College, 1875, graduated at Drew Seminary and entered Wilmington Conference 1877, married Miss Maria Jones of Elkton, Md. 1881, and died in Scott Parsonage, April 22, 1902, leaving a widow and two daughters, Marion and Martha. His Pastoral Record shows the following: 1877, Snow Hill; 78-80, Rockland; '81-2, Elkton; '83-5, Crisfield; '86-7, Fairmount; '88-91, Mt. Salem; '92-5, Easton; '96, Dover; '97, P. E. Salisbury District; '98, Perryville; '99, Newport; '00-1, Harrison St.; '02, Scott. He was nearing his fiftieth birthday when death claimed him.

One half of his life was spent in preparation, the other in the work of the ministry. He was an alumnus of three institutions. When he left the halls of learning he did not put his brain to bed, but compelled it to develop new cells of gray matter. Literature was his passion. Literary men charmed him. Great Bible characters profoundly impressed him. He was a classical scholar of rare attainments, but never exalted himself above his brethren. He believed it possible to serve God in spite of ignorance but never by means of it. His Alma Mater honored him with Divinitatis Doctor. The Constitutional Convention in Delaware made him Chaplain. His name is on many of the most important Boards and Committees of the Conference. Bishop Walden appointed him Presiding Elder. He climaxed his pastorate at Harrison St. Church with a great revival. He began the year at Scott Church with an ambition to make it the best of his ministry. He preached his last sermon from the text, "My brethren count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work that ye may be perfect and entire wanting nothing." With a triumphant spirit and fiery eloquence he was approaching the climax, when a stroke suddenly fell upon him. He was stunned, dazed, stood speechless for a moment, then stammered out "Let us pray." He never rallied. He died in the harness. He fell on the firing line. He held a large place in the hearts of the people of Wilmington. Thirty members of the Conference and a great concourse of people with tear stained faces attended his obseques. Dr. Robert Watts, Presiding Elder had charge. Dr. Wm. Wirt King, Rev. J. W. Easley, Rev. S. M. Morgan and the writer voiced their heart tributes. His disensouled body sleeps in Fairmount, Md. a place loved in boyhood and sacred to him in manhood.

Walter E. Avery was one of the gentlest and purest of men, high minded and courageous in a large degree. Never boastful, but covered a hand of steel with a glove of silk, as open as the day-light, as simple minded as a child, a man without guile. He loved folks, and made many friends by showing himself friendly. His death teaches that we cannot act in the unborn future, nor in the dazed past, only in the living present. Every day is a dooms day for today holds life and death, character and destiny in its hand. Do your best today. His ministry was blessed by the Master. Soundly converted, deeply devoted, he was complete in

Christ. Wholeness to him was a good working definition of holiness. This standard he lifted up among the people. His soul was often vexed with Godly talk without the Godly walk. He despised sanctified profession where there were indications of satanic possession. The dove rather than dynamite is in the hand of purity. The lips of holiness are controlled by the law of love rather than the fire of vitriol. Benedictions are more natural to the Christian than maledictions. He bankrupted his energies in pointing out fountains where the thirsty might drink rather than dig pits into which the thoughtless might fall. His ministry was constructive rather than destructive, centripetal rather than centrifugal. He never made a breach in a church, if he found one he either healed it or bridged it. His humility and diplomacy reduced friction to the minimum while motion was at the maximum. As a master workman he followed the line of cleavage or of the least resistance. As a preacher there were times when he showed that he could use vivid and powerful expressions. As an administrator he could counsel without commanding, and overcome in argument without being overbearing in spirit. He feathered but few arrows for his enemies. He did not mistake instrumentals for fundamentals, nor politics for principles. If he sometimes wove the gossamer, he often carved on marble. He formed the habit of enjoying things. He possessed the storage battery of sunshine. He has left a memory of fragrance which is far better than the sting of nettles. He has now, "an ampler ether, a diviner air." For him dying was only a moments transition for us living is the transaction of years.

W. L. S. MURRAY.

Rev. J. Owen Sypherd.

Rev. J. Owen Sypherd, was born in Chester County, Pa., on March 16th, 1834, and died in Wilmington, Del., on Sep. 3rd, 1902, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. His father was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church and his mother a member of the Methodist Church, and from these pious parents he received that instruction and training which led him from his early youth to entertain a profound respect for all that was good and true.

In the eighteenth year of his age, under the ministry of Rev. James B. Ayres, he was soundly converted, and at once connected himself with the Methodist Episcopal church at Sprinkton, at that time one of the appointments on Spring Field Circuit. Not long after his conversion he removed to Reading, Pa., and united with the Ebenezer Church of that city. After a time he became deeply impressed with the conviction that he was called of God to prepare for the ministry, and although holding a very promising position in one of the manufacturing establishments of the city, he resigned his place and entered the Oak Dale Seminary as a student in order that he might secure the education needed for his future work in life.

The thought of the church being turned toward him as a suitable young man for the ministry he was licensed to exhort, and giving evidence of gifts, grace, and usefulness, he was duly recommended to the Quarterly Conference as a proper person to be licensed to preach. Soon after Bro. Sypherd was licensed to preach, there occurred a vacancy on the Brandywine Circuit, and he was sent by the Presiding Elder, Rev. T. J. Thompson, D. D., to supply the work, and which he did with great acceptability until the following spring, when being

recommended by the Quarterly Conference of that Circuit, he was received on Probation in the Philadelphia Conference, March 1860. His subsequent appointments were as follows:—'60, Church Creek, Md.; '61, Snow Hill, Md.; '62, Harrington, Del.; '63, Hummelstown, Pa.; '64, St. Pauls, Harrisburg, Pa.; '65-7, Bensalem, Pa.; '68-70, Camden, Del.; '71-3, Centreville, Md.; '74-6, Scott Church, Wilmington, Del.; '77-8, Zion, Md.; '79-81, St. Georges, Del.; '82-4, Sudlersville, Md.; '85-6, St. Micahels, Md.; '87-90 Laurel, Del.; '91-2, Snow Hill, Md.; '93, Hockessin, Del.; '94, Mt. Lebanon; '95-6, St. Georges, Del.; '97-8, East Lake, Wilmington, Del. At the Conference session of '99, he asked for and received a supernumerary relation feeling that he was no longer able to do the active work of the ministry.

It will be seen from the above that he spent 39 years in the effective ranks and served in 20 charges, and such were his zeal and devotion that revivals of religion usually attended his ministry, and in some of his appointments very great revivals resulted from his earnest labors. The greatest revival in the history of Scott Church, Wilmington, Del. took place whilst Brother Sypherd was pastor, and resulted in the ingathering of over two hundred souls, some of whom still remain, whilst others have preceded him to the home of the blessed in Heaven.

Our brother was a good preacher, always preparing carefully for the pulpit, and delivering his sermons with a seriousness and persuasiveness that won men to Christ, and secured for him the favorable opinion of his hearers. As a pastor he was diligent in visiting the homes of his people, where by his cheerful and sympathetic ministry he won the love and respect of all with whom he came in contact. He was of a most kindly, genial, and cheerful disposition, and the writer of this memoir, after a most intimate acquaintance with him of over thirty years is prepared to say that he has never known a man or minister who was more honest, upright, and faithful, than was our departed brother. He was also a man of unwavering faith in God, and of unswerving loyalty to the doctrines and principles of the church of his choice. Our brother was married in the year 1863, to Miss Josephine D. Draper, of Milford, Del. and who proved to be a most suitable companion for him in all his future ministry. She and three sons who were given to bless their union survive him, and look forward with blessed anticipation of meeting him again in that happy land where separations are unknown. When compelled to retire from the effective ministry, he purchased for himself and family a home in the city of Wilmington, and in which he continued to reside until his death. Whilst he had been failing in health for several years, the immediate cause of his death was a stroke of paralysis, which, whilst it confined him to his home, left him comparatively free from suffering, and like as going down of the sun on a summer evening, so sank our brother into the embrace of the sleep of the blessed. An appropriate funeral service was held in his late home which was participated in by Rev. Dr. Watt, Presiding Elder, Drs. Murray and King, W. F. Dawson, and the writer, and on the following day his remains were conveyed to Dover, Del. where Dr. L. E. Barrett, read the funeral service and committed his body to the grave where it awaits the resurrection of the just.

JOHN FRANCE.

Rev. William F. Talbot.

William Fletcher Talbot was born at Hillsborough, Caroline County, Md. April 30th, 1830. He was the son of Joseph C. and Caroline Jump Talbot, and was a lineal descendant of Joseph Talbot, a brother of Lord John Talbot, of England. Among the earliest settlers of Maryland was a representative of this family, who had received from the King of England the grant of a tract of land embracing the whole of what is now Cecil Co., Md. Talbot County, Md., received its name from one of the members of the family, who surveyed it.

William Fletcher Talbot's boyhood was spent on his father's farm in Caroline County, Md. He attended the neighborhood public school. In 1844 his parents removed to Baltimore, and William completed his education in the public schools of that city, graduating at the early age of fifteen. From early boyhood he was very partial to reading and study and at length decided to study theology with a view to entering the ministry. He remained in Baltimore, while his parents returned to the country. During his stay in the city he made rapid progress, reading, writing, and debating. He was a member of several literary clubs, and had access to libraries, with their stores of knowledge.

He gave his heart to Christ in the days of his youth, and recognizing the call to preach the Gospel, in 1856, he offered himself to the Presiding Elder, and was employed for one year on the Dover District. In the following spring he joined the Philadelphia Conference and was connected with that body until by its division, he became a member of the Wilmington Conference. Bro. Talbot's appointments were as follows: 1856, Dover circuit; '57 Smyrna circuit; '58 Salisbury circuit; '59 Snow Hill; '60 Georgetown and Milton; '61-'2; Frankford; '63-4 Quantico; '65 Federalsburg; '66-'7Sup'y; '68 Vienna; '69-'71 Annamessex; '72-'3 Accomac; '74-'6 Harrington; '76-'8 Camden; '79 Princess Anne; '80-'1 Delaware City; '82-'3 Westover. In 1884 he took a superannuated relation, on account of failing health, and removed to a farm, near Dover, Del., belonging to his wife. Here he lived for 18 years, preaching and otherwise assisting in the services of God's House, whenever his health would permit. During the last year he was Chaplain to the Alms House of Kent County, Del. and was greatly appreciated and beloved by the inmates, to whom he ministered.

As a preacher, Bro. Talbot was earnest, methodical, and industrious, rightly dividing the word of truth. He aimed for the heart, and reached his mark, as attested by the awakenings and revivals which attended his ministry. As a pastor he was tender and attentive. He was particularly successful in organizing societies and building up congregations. In his earlier ministry, he held services in an abandoned hotel at Crisfield, Md. and with his own hands assisted in fitting up the rooms with pulpit and seats, thus forming the nucleus of the present flourishing church. In all the charges he served, he is remembered with affection, and his works speak his praise.

On the first day of January, of the present year, he moved from the farm to Dover and contracted a severe cold, from which he never recovered. The earthly house, which was delicate and frail, was not able to successfully resist the attack made upon it by disease. When he found the end approaching, he calmly gave directions to his pastor in regard to his funeral. He was not afraid to die for he

realized, like the great apostle, that death to him would be gain. His sufferings were severe, and he said he preferred to go home, as all things were ready. In reply to a question of his pastor, he stated that the Gospel which he had preached was a great comfort to him now in the midst of his sufferings, "but," said he, "I am not depending on my preaching, or anything I have done for Salvation, but my hopes are all centered on Jesus." Thus he calmly faced the sunset—there were no clouds, and resigning himself to the care of Him who had been his comfort and hope through life, early on the morning of February 26th, 1903, he passed into the valley and was ushered into the never-fading sunlight of the eternal city.

Bro. Talbot was married July 3, 1860, to Miss Laura V. Hamm, who, with a daughter, (Mrs. Raughley) survive him. His devoted wife faithfully stood by his side, sharing with him the joys and sorrows of the itineracy. Four of his five children preceded him to the Heavenly shore.

Funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon, February 28th at Wesley M. E. Church, Dover, with the Quarterly Conference of which he had been connected for about 18 years. The services were in charge of his pastor, assisted by Bros. VanBurkalow of Dover, and Nelson, of Felton. His body rests in the old Methodist cemetery, Dover, awaiting a glorious resurrection.

LOUIS E. BARRETT.

Rev. John D. Kemp.

Rev. John D. Kemp, the subject of this sketch, was born at Love Point, Kent Island, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, sixty-five years ago. He was of good Methodist extraction, and his parents according to the Biblical injunction, brought him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. He learned his first lessons in piety from the good example of his Christian parents, from the godly deportment of the faithful, earnest itinerants that were often entertained at his father's home, and from the wholesome religious atmosphere for which his Island home has always been noted. He enjoyed the benefit of the public schools of his native county, and the private instruction of a very faithful and capable teacher. As a boy he was studious and ambitious, and aimed at thoroughness and excellence. As a student he was eminently successful. After having completed his academic course, he was desirous of entering one of the learned professions, and chose the practice of law as the profession most congenial to his tastes and preferences. He read law in the office of his brother, Mr. Thos. H. Kemp of the Denton bar, Caroline County, Maryland, and was duly admitted to the bar after having thoroughly qualified himself for the same. For ten years he conducted a successful and lucrative practice and exhibited those qualities of mind and careful business habits that won for him the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens. Those who knew him well and intimately at this time of life declare that he had the finest prospect of forcing his way to the front and shining as a star of the first magnitude in the constellation of jurists, publicists and legislators. While practicing law he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal church. His conversion was clear and convincing. After this time there was a struggle in his mind between earthly emolument and religious duty,

between the privations and sacrifices of the Methodist itinerant and the fruitful field of jurisprudence. The voice of duty was the stronger, and he chose rather to suffer afflictions with the people of God than to enjoy the remuneration and honors of the legal profession for a season.

According to the form prescribed by the discipline, he was admitted as a probationer of the Wilmington Annual Conference, in the spring of 1872. His appointments thence forward were as follows: '72-3 Charlestown; '74-6 Rising Sun; '77-9 Chesapeake City; '80-2 Rising Sun; 83-4 Lewes; '85-7 Chestertown; '88-0 Georgetown; '91-4 Still Pond; '95-sy. serving Crapo charge; '96-7 Hopewell; '98-9 Magnolia; 1900-1 Felton; 1902 Millington.

As a preacher Bro. Kemp was thoughtful, incisive, analytic, and severely logical. He approached his texts as he would have approached a problem in mathematics. His endeavor was to get the real Scriptural answer. To do this he consulted prophet and evangelist, the Old Testament and the New. According to his mind Jesus was the answer to every text, the Savior from every sin, the moral salvation of every individual life, and the only hope of a suffering and dying world. To save men, he spoke with the forcefulness of didactic reason and plead with the earnestness of tears. The Lord blessed his preaching to the salvation of many. As a pastor, Bro. Kemp was pathetic, tender, and earnest. He visited poor and rich alike. The sick and dying always had for him a royal welcome; the needy recognized in him a friend and benefactor. The widow and orphan sought refuge in his counsel. He built his monument in the hearts of his parishioners.

In 1862 he married Miss Maria V. Nicholson, who gladly shared with him his privation and suffering, and rejoiced with him in his success. With loving devotion she walked with him to the end of his earthly journey, with the sure and certain hope that she would meet him again in the House of many mansions. Two devoted Christian daughters, also, mourn his loss and cherish his many virtues. In his domestic life Bro. Kemp was husband, father, and friend according to the scriptural model. After months of painful suffering he died Sunday, Sept. 21st, 1902. If he had had it according to his own choosing, he could not have selected a more appropriate hour in which to die. On the distant hills the darkness was folding its tents, shot through by the beams of a Sunday morning's sun, God was sowing the earth with orient pearl, the faithful worshiper on the family altar was soon to offer to his Maker the gratitude of his heart, the bell from the steeple was soon to invite to the house of prayer. It was morning on earth, but with Bro. Kemp it was morning in heaven.

"How blest the righteous when he dies
When sinks the weary soul to rest,
How mildly beam the closing eyes,
How gently heaves the expiring breast!

"So fades the summer cloud away;
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er;
So gently shuts the eye of day;
So dies a wave along the shore.

"Life's labor done, as sinks the clay,
Light from its load the spirit flies,
While Heaven and earth combine to say,
'How blest the righteous when he dies!'"

E. P. ROBERTS.

Mrs. Rachel D. England.

Mrs. Rachel D. England, relict of the Rev. W. E. England, died Feb. 6, 1903, at her residence, 2322 N, 17th St., Philadelphia, in her 80th year. The funeral services were held at the above named place, on Monday evening, Feb. 8, Rev. Everett D. Decker, pastor, of West York St., conducted the service. Rev. S. McBurney led in prayer. A well selected choir sang appropriate hymns. Rev. J. F. Crouch, Rev. E. F. Hann, former pastor, Rev. S. W. Thomas, Rev. E. D. Decker made addresses. Rev. L. D. McClintock made the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction. The large company attending the funeral looked upon the face of the aged pilgrim for the last time, and quietly repaired to their respective homes with a glow of holy gladness upon their tear bathed cheeks; and on the morrow, a loving niece and her devoted husband and their loving boy, whose unremitting care prolonged Sister England's life, conveyed the remains to their last resting place in the cemetery connected with Barratt's Chapel, where at high noon they and many friends of the family living in the neighborhood, interred her remains along side those of Rev. Wm. E. England, her fond and loving husband, who joined the company of the blood washed three years ago.

We cannot refrain from repeating the caption of this minute. "A remarkable character and her funeral service." It is but seldom one fully realizes the truth of the saying found in the holy Scriptures. "It is better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting." There, was such a sense of the divine presence; all hearts felt a sacred nearness to God, as they contemplated the beautiful character of the dear departed and the tender ministries of loving and loyal relatives. For many years, Sister England, was a shut-in, utterly unable to help herself; her body racked with pain, almost continuously, but her mind was as clear and bright as the mid-day sun; the placidity of her spirit was never broken by the torture she so meekly bore. She was, until her eye sight failed her, a constant reader of the Word of God and other religious literature, which she grasped with a keenness and a comprehensiveness we have seldom known excelled. She was well versed upon scriptural and theological lines, and commented upon these subjects with ever increasing ability. She made her bed chamber a Bethel, and she lived ever day in "Beulah land". She was widely known for her piety and proficiency in things divine, and those who gathered to pay their last respects fully appreciated the privilege and blessing of her acquaintance. The prayer, the singing and the addresses were filled with accents of praise to God for His abounding grace as exemplified in her daily (we dare not say) her lonely life. The addresses were not adulations. The key-note for each seemed to be "My soul doth magnify the Lorr'd" for the exhibitions of his matchless grace so wondrously manifested by this suffering saint. Truly she endured "as seeing the invisible."

T. E. MARTINDALE.

Mrs. J. H. Caldwell.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thurston Caldwell, widow of Rev. John H. Caldwell, D.D., died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Vaughan S. Collins at Asbury M. E. Parsonage, Smyrna, Del., Monday, December 22 at 11.40 a.m., 1902, after a lingering illness from general debility in the 77th year of her age. Mrs. Cald-

well was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Tigner Hodnett, an old Georgia family, and was born August 6, 1826. At twenty years of age she was married to Rev. J. H. Caldwell, who at that time was a youthful, but promising Methodist preacher. The union was a singularly happy one, as both were mentally and religiously well suited to each other. A devoted Christian from early childhood training, fitted her to be the wife of an itinerant; and her husband's work, she made her own. Nine children blessed the marriage, seven of whom still survive: Frank H. Caldwell, president of the Cahill Iron Works, at Chattanooga, Tenn.; J. Hope Caldwell, a lawyer of extensive practice in New York; John H. Caldwell, a cotton broker in Boston; William H. Caldwell, a civil engineer in California; Mrs. Julia A. Sherret, of Berkley, California; Mrs. Vaughan S. Collins, wife of the present pastor of Asbury M. E. Church Smyrna; and Mrs. Mary R. Caldwell librarian of the Jacob Tome Institute, at Port Deposit.

During the dark days of reconstruction, when her husband's life was in constant danger because of his union sentiments from the "Ku klux" and kindred associations, Mrs. Caldwell showed her courage by persistently accompanying him upon his dangerous missions; and once while he was preaching to the colored people, sitting behind him as she was in the temporary pulpit, she saw a ruffian aim a gun to shoot him. Quick as a flash she rushed in front of her husband to shield him with her body. Such was her devotion in those troublous days.

During the later years of her life she has been a confirmed and helpless invalid. While stationed at St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, she was stricken with a severe attack of paralysis, which rendered her helpless, and from which she never recovered. Although unable to go out among the people of the charges to which she was sent as had been her custom, yet her interest in her husband's success, and in the work of the Church never flagged, while her own religious life seemed to soar higher than ever. As her hold on this life weakened, her grip on the things beyond increased, until during these last months she seemed more of heaven than of earth, and longed to be away and to be at rest. After gradually growing weaker for twenty three years, in September last it was noticed that a decided change had come, and she was now obliged to remain in bed. The last three months have been one continued struggle with death. Nurse, physician and friends have been amazed at the vitality exhibited. The last eleven days have been days of extreme darkness,—the darkness of unconsciousness, with only occasional gleams of light for a few minutes at a time. The last three days were those of total eclipse with out a ray of light. Yet the end came peacefully, quietly, without a struggle. The saint slipped out from the afflicted body to awake in the land of endless light. She had proved "at evening time it shall be light." The funeral services were held at the parsonage in Smyrna, Rev. W. L. S. Murray in charge. Asbury choir sang two favorite hymns of the deceased, "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Jesus Lover of my Soul." Interment at Silverlake Cemetery, Dover, by the side of Dr. Caldwell who passed on before her three years ago.

W. L. S. MURRAY.

Mrs. F. J. Cochran.

Dora Hoeffcker Cochran, wife of Rev. F. J. Cochran, was born in Dover, Del., March 14, 1858 and died at the Mt. Pleasant Parsonage, Laurel, Del., March 18, 1903. Sister Cochran was educated in private schools and at the Wilmington Conference Academy, in which institution she always had a lively interest. Sister Cochran was converted when in her tenth year and from that hour enjoyed a clear, positive, religious experience. She lived in the light and died in the light. Sister Cochran's realm was her home in which she was a real queen. Her time and her powers were devoted to the training of the children with which God entrusted her. Although absorbed in the work of home she was always interested in the work of her husband and assisted him as time and strength would allow. It was while laboring by his side in a revival meeting that the first break in her health became manifest. A faithful wife, a devoted mother, a triumphant Christian, a crowned saint.

H. CLAY TURNER.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Missionary Society.	Cash	Vouchers	Total	Freedman's Aid.		
Dover District.....	\$5298	\$ 65		Dover District.....	230	10
Easton "	4783	330		Easton "	311	10
Salisbury "	6045	326		Salisbury "	262	5
Wilmington "	7952	290		Wilmington "	233	
Totals.....	24078	1011	25089	Totals.....	1036	25 1061
Church Extension.				Children's Fund.		
Dover District.....	288	15		Dover District.....	96	23
Easton "	365	22		Easton "	208	55
Salisbury "	431	10		Salisbury "	157	21
Wilmington "	493	7		Wilmington "	131	45
Totals.....	1577	54	1631	Totals.....	592	144 736
Sunday School Union.				Am. Bible Society.		
Dover District.....	87	6		Dover District.....	84	77
Easton "	82	14		Easton "	88	44
Salisbury "	91	3		Salisbury "	109	20
Wilmington "	90	2		Wilmington "	97	18
Totals.....	350	25	375	Totals.....	378	159 537
Tract Society.				W. F. M. Society.		
Dover District.....	92			Dover District.....	5	380
Easton "	82	7		Easton "	2	445
Salisbury "	97	4		Salisbury "	2	29
Wilmington "	98	2		Wilmington "	3	1552
Totals	369	13	382	Totals.....	12	2406 2418

W. H. M. Society.

Dover District.....	4	163	
Easton ".....	5	199	
Salisbury ".....	2	135	
Wilmington ".....	1	2090	
Totals.....	12	2587	2599

Conf. Ed. Society.

Dover District.....	84	77	
Easton ".....	88	44	
Salisbury ".....	109	20	
Wilmington ".....	97	18	
Totals.....	378	159	537

Domestic Missions.

Dover District.....	186		
Easton ".....	218		
Salisbury ".....	185		
Wilmington ".....	224		
Totals.....	813		813

Philadelphia Hospital.

Dover District.....	19	14	
Easton ".....	7	46	
Salisbury ".....	29	47	
Wilmington ".....	100	5	
Totals.....	155	112	267

Gen. Conf. Expenses.

Dover District.....	175		
Easton ".....	57		
Salisbury ".....	140		
Wilmington ".....	26		
Totals.....	398		398

Conf. Claimants.

Dover District.....	1444		
Easton ".....	1624		
Salisbury ".....	1379	5	
Wilmington ".....	2085	12	
Totals.....	6532	17	6549

Episcopal Fund.

Dover District.....	856		
Easton ".....	301	18	
Salisbury ".....	377		
Wilmington ".....	447	12	
Totals.....	1481	30	1511

Conference Academy.

Dover District.....	203	96	
Easton ".....	212	314	
Salisbury ".....	547	544	
Wilmington ".....	321	100	
Totals.....	1283	1054	2337

20th Cent. Of. Expense.

Dover District.....	2		
Wilmington ".....	2		
Totals.....	4		4

Open Door Emergency.

Wilmington District	15	15	
Totals.....	15	15	30

Steward's Contingent.

Easton District.....	10		
Totals.....	10		10

Total Receipts..... 47084

HENRY G. BUDD, JR.,

*Treasurer.***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	51 yrs.	Geo. A. Phoebus.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.....	\$300.00	\$175.00
1871	15 "	James Esgate.....	Boston, Mass.....	500.00	150.00
1891	33 "	W. W. Redman.....	Greenwood, Del.....	300.00	150.00
1897	28 "	Edward Davis.....	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.....	300.00	275.00
1895	42 "	William M. Warner.....	Millington, Md.....	450.00	260.00
1889	19 "	J. W. Poole.....	Farmington, Del.....	300.00	150.00
1893	21 "	George W. Wilcox.....	Salisbury, Md.....	375.00	160.00
1893	17 "	William L. P. Bowen.....	Newark, Worcester Co., Md.....	100.00	50.00
1894	50 "	T. H. Haynes.....	Smyrna, Del.....	400.00	235.00
1897	26 "	William E. Tomkinson.....	Carlisle, Pa.....	400.00	175.00
1899	34 "	James Carroll.....	Milford, Del.....	200.00	185.00
1901		F. O. B. Wallin.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	100.00	60.00
SUPERNUMERARY.					
1903	21 "	Olin Walton.....	Red Lion, Del.....		50.00
1903	12 "	W. W. Chaires.....	Tilghmans, Md.....		50.00
1901	41 "	Chas. F. Sheppard.....	Frankford, Del.....	350.00	260.00
1901	30 "	T. H. Harding.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150.00	100.00
WIDOWS.					
1865	10 yrs.	Carrie B. Dennison.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150.00	115.00
1873	14 "	Rebecca M. Brandreth.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	100.00	110.00
1878	15 "	Laura F. Weston.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	100.00	100.00
1878	33 "	Mary S. Thomas.....	Wilmington, Del.....	100.00	60.00
1879	21 "	Annie H. Irwin.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	200.00	150.00
1879	10 "	Annie D. Chatham.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	300.00	200.00
1879	22 "	Sarah A. Williams.....	Eadesville, Kent Co., Md.....	300.00	110.00
1881	11 "	Sadie B. Bain.....	Kipple, Blair Co., Pa.....	150.00	100.00
1882	8 "	Emma A. Prettyman.....	East New Market, Md.....	150.00	135.00
1884	33 "	Rebecca E. Hough.....	Smyrna, Del.....	250.00	110.00
1884	43 "	Roberta H. Matlack.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150.00	60.00
1884	15 "	Emma L. Shilling.....	Wilmington, Del.....	100.00	60.00
1887	37 "	Mary F. Way.....	Delaware City.....	150.00	90.00
1887	28 "	Mary A. O'Neil.....	Baltimore, Md.....	200.00	150.00
1887	48 "	Sarah D. Gray.....	Gap, Lancaster Co., Pa.....	200.00	110.00
1891	125 "	Louisa A. Gardner.....	Cheswold, Del.....	300.00	125.00
1891	12 "	Mary A. Foreman.....	Wilmington, Del.....	300.00	110.00
1892	20 "	S. Jennie Creamer.....	Wilmington, Del.....	300.00	275.00
1893	47 "	G. Annie Gregg.....	Kenton, Del.....	200.00	100.00
1893	47 "	M. R. Robinson.....	Perrymansville, Md.....	100.00	75.00
1893	26 "	Marian F. Melvin.....	Baltimore, Md.....	300.00	125.00
1893	27 "	Ruth B. Fisher.....	Viola, Del.....	150.00	135.00
1895	48 "	Ellen Brindle.....	Greensboro, Md.....	350.00	100.00
1896	4 "	Lizzie M. Lecates.....	Deal's Island, Md.....	400.00	225.00
1896	35 "	Annie D. Bryan.....	Phillipsburg, N. J.....	100.00	100.00
1898	35 "	C. C. Browne.....	Wilmington, Del.....	150.00	110.00
1898	40 "	Mrs. J. B. Quigg.....	Wilmington, Del.....	100.00	110.00
1895	35 "	Elizabeth Davis.....	Georgetown, Del.....	500.00	200.00
1898	41 "	Mrs. M. L. Williams.....	North East, Md.....	200.00	140.00
1867	4 "	Emma D. Ewing.....	Philadelphia, Pa.....	150.00	60.00
1898	39 "	Mrs. E. H. Hynson.....	Smyrna, Del.....	300.00	175.00
1901	12 yrs.	Martha H. Swain.....	Dover, Del.....	300.00	275.00
1901	26 "	Debbie Waddell.....	Baltimore, Md.....	150.00	125.00
1902	60 "	Mrs. B. F. Price.....	Wilmington, Del.....	300.00	275.00
1903		Ja. Conner's minor children..	Jay Williams, Salisbury.....		80.00
1903		Selma C. Rowie.....	298 1st St., Brooklyn, N. Y.....	250.00	60.00
1903		Lydia M. Avery.....	Ridley Park, Pa.....	350.00	250.00
1903		Laura V. Talbot.....	Dover, Del.....	200.00	160.00
1903		Josephine Sypherd.....	9 Brighton Ave, Atlantic City.....		60.00
1903		Jennie Kemp.....	Chestertown, Md.....	300.00	150.00

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Collections and Apportionments.

DOVER DISTRICT.			EASTON DISTRICT.				
NAMES OF CHARGES.	Apportionment Last Year.	Amount Collected This Year.	Apportionment Next Year.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Apportionment Last Year.	Amount Collected This Year.	Apportionment Next Year.
Beckwith.....	\$28 00	\$28 00	\$28 00	Bay Side.....	\$10 00	10 00	10 00
Bridgeville.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Berterton.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Burrsville.....	25 00	10 00	25 00	Cecilton.....	56 00	56 00	56 00
Cambridge.....	72 00	80 00	72 00	Centerville.....	70 00	50 00	70 00
Camden.....	45 00	45 00	45 00	Chestertown.....	80 00	80 00	80 00
Canterbury.....	15 00	15 00	15 00	Chesw'd & Bethel..	40 00	40 00	40 00
Church Creek.....	36 00	20 00	36 00	Church Hill.....	40 00	25 00	40 00
Crapo.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Clayton.....	35 00	24 00	35 00
Denton.....	50 00	25 00	50 00	Cordova.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Dover, Wesley.....	150 00	150 00	150 00	Crumpton.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
" Armory.....	20 00	10 00	20 00	Easton.....	80 00	80 00	80 00
East New Market..	25 00	25 00	25 00	Fairlee.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Ellendale.....	15 00	15 00	15 00	Galena.....	60 00	60 00	60 00
EllHott's Island.....	15 00	15 00	15 00	Golts.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Farmington.....	25 00	20 00	25 00	Greensboro.....	49 00	49 00	49 00
Federalburg.....	45 00	35 00	45 00	Hillsboro.....	52 00	40 00	52 00
Felton.....	45 00	55 00	45 00	Henderson.....	30 00	12 00	30 00
Felton Circuit.....	10 00	8 00	10 00	Kent Island.....	45 00	35 00	45 00
Frederica.....	55 00	50 00	55 00	Kenton.....	26 00	26 00	26 00
Galestown.....	20 00	25 00	20 00	Marydel.....	45 00	45 00	45 00
Georgetown.....	70 00	70 00	70 00	Middletown.....	100 00	100 00	100 00
Georgetown Circuit..	35 00	15 00	35 00	Millington.....	85 00	35 00	35 00
Greenwood.....	42 00	30 00	42 00	Morgan Creek.....	5 00	5 00	5 00
Harrington.....	55 00	55 00	55 00	Neavitt.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Hooper's Island.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	Odessa.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Houston.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Oxford.....	40 00	20 00	40 00
Hurlock.....	36 00	36 00	36 00	Piney Neck.....	20 00	10 00	20 00
Lakesville.....	10 00	6 00	10 00	Pomona.....	35 00	35 00	35 00
Lepsic.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	Queenstown.....	30 00	25 00	30 00
Lewes.....	60 00	60 00	60 00	Ridgely.....	25 00	20 00	25 00
Lincoln.....	40 00	10 00	40 00	Rock Hall.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Little Creek.....	10 00	4 00	10 00	Royal Oak.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Magnolia.....	34 00	30 00	34 00	St. Michael's.....	50 00	55 00	50 00
Milford.....	85 00	85 00	85 00	Smyrna.....	150 00	195 00	150 00
Milton.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	Smyrna Circuit.....	50 00	50 00	50 00
Nassau.....	45 00	40 00	45 00	Still Pond.....	50 00	50 00	50 00
Preston.....	34 00	30 00	34 00	Sudlersville.....	42 00	42 00	42 00
Salem.....	20 00	5 00	20 00	Talbot Ct.....	25 00	25 00	25 00
Seaf'd & Bladesville..	60 00	60 00	60 00	Tilghman.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Seaford Circuit.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Townsend.....	50 00	40 00	50 00
Vienna.....	28 00	15 00	28 00	Trappe.....	25 00	20 00	25 00
Williamsburg.....	25 00	5 00	25 00	Wye.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Williston.....	40 00	40 00	40 00				
Wyoming.....	36 00	25 00	36 00				
Zoar.....	23 00	8 00	23 00				

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

Collections and Apportionments.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.			WILMINGTON DISTRICT.				
NAMES OF CHARGES.	Apportionment Last Year.	Amount Collected This Year.	Apportionment Next Year.	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Apportionment Last Year.	Amount Collected This Year.	Apportionment Next Year.
Annessex.....	\$10 00	\$10 00	\$10 00	Bethel & Summit..	\$30 00	\$15 00	\$30 00
Asbury.....	75 00	90 00	75 00	Charlestown.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Berlin.....	30 00	30 00	30 00	Cherry Hill.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Bethel.....	20 00	18 00	20 00	Chesapeake City.....	28 00	20 00	28 00
Bishopville.....	20 00	10 00	20 00	Chester-Bethel.....	30 00	30 00	30 00
Cape Charles City.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Christiana.....	20 00	15 00	20 00
Chincoteague.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	Claymont.....	14 00	5 00	14 00
Crisfield.....	75 00	100 00	75 00	Colora.....	5 00	5 00	5 00
Crowsentown.....	5 00	4 00	5 00	Delaware City.....	36 00	14 00	36 00
Delmar.....	45 00	35 00	45 00	Elk Neck.....	5 00	5 00	5 00
Deal's Island.....	70 00	60 00	70 00	Ebenezer.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Fairmount.....	75 00	75 00	75 00	Elkton.....	80 00	100 00	80 00
Frankford.....	45 00	25 00	45 00	Hockessin.....	10 00	12 00	10 00
Fruitland.....	18 00	14 00	18 00	Hopew. & Asbury..	25 00	25 00	25 00
Girdle Tree.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Marsh'ton & Stanton	20 00	20 00	20 00
Gumboro.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Mt. Lebanon.....	45 00	45 00	45 00
Holland's Island.....	8 00	8 00	8 00	Mt. Pleasant & Un.	40 00	31 00	40 00
Laurel.....	65 00	65 00	65 00	Newark.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Mardela.....	5 00	3 00	5 00	New Castle.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Marlon.....	12 00	12 00	12 00	Newport.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Millboro.....	20 00	6 00	20 00	Northeast.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	39 00	39 00	39 00	Perryville.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Mt. Vernon.....	52 00	20 00	52 00	Port Deposit.....	84 00	85 00	84 00
Nanticoke.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Port Penn.....	5 00	5 00	5 00
Newark.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Red L. & Glasgow..	15 00	12 00	15 00
Onancock.....	40 00	40 00	40 00	Rising S. & Sylmar.	30 00	30 00	30 00
Parsonsborg.....	35 00	15 00	35 00	St. George's.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Pocomoke City.....	40 00	30 00	40 00	St. John's.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Pocomoke Circuit.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	Wilm'ton, Asbury..	75 00	100 00	75 00
Powellville.....	10 00	10 00	10 00	Brandywine.....	50 00	60 00	50 00
Princess Anne.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	Cookman.....	10 00	10 00	10 00
Quantico.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	East Lake.....	5 00	5 00	5 00
Riverside.....	2 00	2 00	2 00	Elsmere.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Roxana.....	25 00	28 00	25 00	Epworth.....	264 00	600 00	264 00
St. Peter's.....	58 00	48 00	58 00	Grace.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Salisbury.....	85 00	85 00	85 00	Harrison Street.....	5 00	5 00	5 00
Selbyville.....	15 00	20 00	15 00	Kingswood.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Sharptown.....	15 00	20 00	15 00	Madeley.....	70 00	70 00	70 00
Smith's Island.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Mt. Salem.....	150 00	200 00	150 00
Snow Hill.....	48 00	50 00	48 00	St. Paul's.....	60 00	54 00	60 00
Somerset.....	48 00	24 00	48 00	Scott.....	20 00	20 00	20 00
Stockton.....	22 00	35 00	22 00	Silverbrock.....	160 00	130 00	160 00
Tangier.....	55 00	70 00	55 00	Union.....	15 00	15 00	15 00
Westover.....	12 00	12 00	12 00	Wesley.....	40 00	40 00	40 00
Whitesville.....	35 00	35 00	35 00	Zion.....	40 00	40 00	40 00

CONFERENCE ACADEMY DEBT.

Collections and Apportionments.

DOVER DISTRICT.			EASTON DISTRICT.				
NAMES OF CHARGES.	Amount Apportioned.	Amount Paid	Amount Due	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Amount Apportioned	Amount Paid	Amount Due
Beckwith.....	\$ 100	\$ 40	\$ 60	Bayside.....	\$ 40	\$ 40	
Bridgeville.....	250	250		Cecilton.....	200	200	
Burrsville.....	50	50		Centreville.....	250		250
Cambridge.....	400	400		Cheswold and Bethel..	150	150	
Camden.....	250	250		Chestertown.....	350	229	121
Canerbury.....	150	150		Church Hill.....	150	150	
Church Creek.....	50	50		Clayton.....	125	47	78
Crapo.....	200	200		Cordova.....	125	125	
Denton.....	250	250		Crumpton.....	100	100	
Dover, Wesley.....	2200	2200		Easton.....	500	400	100
" Armory.....	50	50		Fairlee.....	100	100	
East New Market.....	150	150		Galena.....	200	135	65
Ellendale.....	50	50		Golt's.....	35	35	
Elliott's Island.....	50	50		Greensboro.....	250	215	35
Farmington.....	150	150		Hillsboro.....	250	225	25
Federalburg.....	200	200		Ingleside.....	40	40	
Fenton.....	250	250		Kent Island.....	190	150	40
Frederica.....	300	85	215	Kenton.....	150	150	
Galestown.....	150	105	45	Marydel.....	150	25	125
Georgetown.....	500	425	75	Middletown.....	500	500	
Georgetown Circuit...	100	100		Millington.....	250	148	102
Greenwood.....	200	200		Neavitt.....			5
Harrington.....	300	48	252	Odessa.....	200	170	30
Hooper's Island.....	25	25		Oxford.....	75	75	
Hoopersville.....			5	Piney Neck.....	35	15	20
Houston.....	100	100		Pomona.....	150	150	
Hurlock.....	200	200		Queenstown.....	90	90	
Lakesville.....	25	25		Ridgely.....	200	200	
Leipsic.....	100	100		Rock Hall.....	50	50	
Lewes.....	500	500		Royal Oak.....	25	25	
Lincoln.....	150	105	45	St. Michael's.....	200	200	
Little Creek.....	100	100		Smyrna.....	800		800
Magnolia.....	150	118	32	Smyrna Circuit.....	200	200	
Milford.....	600	600		Still Pond.....	250	160	90
Milton.....	250	250		Sudlersville.....	225	225	
Nassau.....	150	150		Talbot Ct.....	50	50	
Preston.....	100	100		Tilghman's Island.....	100	70	30
Salem.....	100	68	32	Townsend.....	175	175	
Seaford.....	400	305	95	Trappe.....	100	100	
" Circuit.....	200	200		Wye and Starr.....	25	25	
Vienna.....	75	125					
Williamsburg.....	100	35	65				
Williston.....	200	200					
Wyoming.....	200	160	40				
Zoar.....	50	50					

CONFERENCE ACADEMY DEBT.

Collections and Apportionments.

SALISBURY DISTRICT.			WILMINGTON DISTRICT.				
NAMES OF CHARGES.	Amount Appor'ed	Amount Paid	Amount Due	NAMES OF CHARGES.	Amount Appor'ed	Amount Paid	Amount Due
Annemessex.....	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$	Bethel & Summit.....	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$
Asbury.....	450	320	120	Charlestown.....	100	50	50
Berlin.....	250	220	30	Cherry Hill.....	150	150	
Bethel.....	130	100	30	Chesapeake City.....	150	150	
Bisnoppville.....	300	300		Chester.....	150	107	48
Cape Charles City.....	130	73	57	Christiana.....	100	100	
Chincoteague.....	150	150		Claymont.....	50	50	
Crisfield.....	450	423	27	Colora.....	50	50	
Deal's Island.....	450	65	385	Delaware City.....	150	15	135
Delmar.....	300	100	200	Ebenezer.....	100	100	
Fairmount.....	450	135	315	Edge Moor.....	25	25	
Frankford.....	250	105	145	Elk Neck.....	100	74	26
Fruitland.....	100	100		Elkton.....	300	300	
Girdle Tree.....	200	140	60	Hockessin.....	100	100	
Gumboro.....	100	16	84	Hopew'l, Asbury.....	150	58	92
Holland's Island.....	500	350	150	Kirkwood.....	25	30	
Laurel.....	30	30		Marshall'n & St'n.....	100	100	
Mardella Springs.....	90	90		Mt. Lebanon.....	150	152	
Marion.....	120	120		Mt. Pleas't Union.....	150	180	
Millsboro.....	100	115	124	Newk & Wesley.....	200	200	
Mt. Pleasant.....	150	28		New Castle.....	250	250	
Mt. Vernon.....	300	300		Newport.....	200	200	
Nanticoke.....	100	100		North East.....	200	188	32
Newark.....	240	240		Perryville.....	150	150	
Onancock.....	150	109	41	Port Deposit.....	500	500	
Parsonsburg.....	200	200		Port Penn.....	25	25	
Pocomoke City.....	70	45	25	Red L. and Gl.....	100	100	
Powellville.....	70	70		Rising S. & Syl'r.....	200	200	
Princess Anne.....	150	67	83	St. George's.....	150	150	
Quantico.....	125	50	75	St. John's.....	150	150	
Riverside.....	5	5		St. John's-Asbury.....	500	500	
Roxana.....	150	150		Wilm'n-Asbury.....	300	300	
St. Peter's.....	300	100	200	Brandywine.....	125	125	
Salisbury.....	1365	1365		Cookman.....	40	10	30
Selbyville.....	110	110		East Lake.....	20		20
Sharptown.....	120	120		Elsmere.....	300	300	
Smith's Island.....	250	76	174	Epworth.....	2000		2000
Snow Hill.....	250	175	75	Grace.....	350	108	247
Somerset.....	150	60	90	Harrison St.....	100		100
Stockton.....	160	160		Kingswood.....	100	60	40
Tangier.....	450	100	350	Madeley.....	300	300	
Westover.....	60	60		Mt. Salem.....	550	550	
Whitesville.....	220	220		St. Paul's.....	250	250	
				Scott.....	150	50	100
				Silverbrook.....	500	220	280
				Union.....	100	20	80
				Wesley.....	225	225	
				Zion Circuit.....			

STATISTICAL

Dover District, No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership				Baptisms		Sunday Schools		Church Property				
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. Adults Baptized.	No. o. Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. o. Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.
											\$		\$
1 Beckwith.....	28	110	2	10	2	20	180	2	\$ 5000	1	\$1200		
2 Bridgeville.....	12	213	1	6	1	15	160	1	6000	1	1500		
3 Burrsville.....	1	150	1	75	8	45	150	3	3000	1	1000		
4 Cambridge.....	12	375	1	4	20	40	375	1	30000	1	3500		
5 Camden.....	20	355	1	10	3	41	275	3	9000	1	1400		
6 Canterbury.....	14	150	1	8	3	31	200	3	4000				
7 Church Creek.....	9	108	1	8	25	20	150	4	4000	1	1000		
8 Crapo.....	12	412	1	4	63	61	375	0	9500	1	1000		
9 Denton.....	20	156	1	6	1	25	140	1	10000	1	1500		
10 Dover—Armory.....	13	126	4	3	9	1	20	120	1	2500			
11 " Wesley.....	4	463	1	3	6	1	36	375	1	25000	1	6000	
12 East New Market.....	19	200	1	16	1	30	170	3	4000	1	2000		
13 Ellendale.....	11	240	3	2	4	42	225	4	4300	1	1000		
14 Elliott's Is.....	8	92	1	8	1	18	176	1	350	1	350		
15 Farmington.....	32	275	2	10	4	60	275	4	6000	1	1500		
16 Federalsburg.....	16	205	4	12	2	32	210	3	6000	1	1000		
17 Felton.....	2	198	1	12	1	40	236	3	7000	1	1500		
18 Felton Circuit.....	17	65	1	1	2	15	55	2	1200				
19 Frederica.....	65	355	5	3	2	42	330	2	9000	1	1500		
20 Galestown.....	13	359	2	6	4	61	372	4	6275	1	1200		
21 Georgetown.....	32	334	1	3	10	1	28	300	1	11000	1	1500	
22 Georget'n Cir.....	83	276	1	6	13	4	36	300	4	3000	1	800	
23 Greenwood.....	46	382	1	11	26	2	4	57	397	4	10200	1	1500
24 Harrington.....	12	250	1	5	7	1	30	190	1	7500	1	1500	
25 Hooper's Is.....	(23)	(180)	1	(7)	(41)	(4)	(36)	(190)	(4)	(4000)	(1)	(500)	
26 Houston.....	44	280	1	4	12	4	67	430	4	8700	1	1200	
27 Hurlock.....	14	127	1	2	16	2	25	225	2	7000	1	2000	
28 Lakesville.....	15	125	1	1	63	1	3	25	181	4	4000	1	1000
29 Leipsic.....	72	79	1	2	25	90	2	2	4000				
30 Lewes.....	39	324	1	16	4	1	30	312	1	11000	1	3500	
31 Lincoln.....	25	250	2	30	2	4	40	300	3	4000	1	900	
32 Little Creek.....	8	101	5	20	1	1	18	163	1	3000			
33 Magnolia.....	18	215	5	5	3	34	200	3	6500	1	2250		
34 Milford.....	11	400	6	12	1	2	65	525	1	22000	1	3000	
35 Milton.....	22	200	10	2	37	240	2	8000	1	2500			
36 Nassau.....	195	280	1	4	19	7	4	60	375	4	6800	1	800
37 Preston.....	12	118	2	3	30	150	3	3500	1	1200			
38 Sa'am.....	37	84	2	3	34	180	4	4500	1	800			
39 Seaford.....	12	479	3	7	39	2	6	400	2	12000	1	2500	
40 Seaford Cir.....	10	395	5	5	4	69	353	4	6500	1	1500		
41 Vienna.....	26	109	1	4	40	198	4	5200	1	900			
42 Williamsburg.....	8	160	1	6	4	45	200	4	5000	1	1000		
43 Williston.....	19	319	3	20	4	57	300	4	5000	1	1000		
44 Wyoming.....	35	260	10	4	4	56	410	4	7000	1	1800		
45 Zoar.....	20	120	2	4	25	36	240	4	3900				
Total.....	1166	10454	28	135	710	42	122	1734	11263	125	325425	39	61800

TABLES.

Dover District, No. 2.

Church Property	Paid for Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on Old Indebtedness on Church Property.	Present Indebtedness on Church Property.	Sunday Schools.												
				No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of All Grades.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members in the Home Department.	Officers and Teachers, 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. Members.	Junior Leagues.	Junior League Members.
1	535		200	2	1	180	100	20	20	35	1	68	1			
2	100			1	15	160	90	14	50	33	1	72	1			
3	50			3	45	150	100	40	75	50						
4	100			1	40	375	260	38	1	125						
5	40			3	41	275	175	41	50	12						
6				3	31	200	120	31	126	16						
7	30	20	400	2	20	150	50	20	2	25						
8	1170	25	1328	5	61	350	200	60	9	65						
9	400			1	25	140	112	25	70	20						
10	225			1	20	120	80	20	80	7						
11	1200		800	1	36	375	200	36	150	181						
12	60	150	650	3	30	170	105	28	60	60						
13	300			4	42	225	170	42	14	42						
14	60			4	18	176	76	18	50	30						
15	75	100	200	4	60	275	200	60	20	75						
16	2275			2	32	210	140	32	65	6						
17	40			3	40	236	160	40	40	91						
18	50			2	15	55	35	15	23	12						
19	300			2	42	330	200	42	48	65						
20	400			4	61	372	249	61	229	3						
21		100	1000	1	28	300	165	28	200	28						
22	175	40	74	4	36	300	150	36	29	30						
23	120	400	1100	4	57	397	280	57	160	17						
24				1	30	190	126	30	7	78						
25		(464)	850	(4)	67	430	350	67	85	8						
26	150			2	25	225	100	25	55	3						
27	32	43	150	3	25	181	90	181	25	11						
28	206	325	475	2	25	90	60	25		25						
29	800		250	1	30	312	175	30	30	150						
30	100			4	40	300	175	40	150	3						
31	180	30		3	34	103	60	17		20						
32	800	80		2	65	200	90	30	85	10						
33	60	75	500	2	65	525	315	51	56	200						
34	800	150		2	37	240	150		15	35						
35	300			4	60	375	250	60	200	131						
36	100			3	30	150	100	28	60	3						
37	45	25	75	3	34	180	95		40	38						
38	70			2	60	400	250	40	59	200						
39	113			4	69	353	220	69	242	5						
40	310		120	4	40	198	128	40	50	15						
41	1325		350	4	45	200	150	45		3						
42	18	15		4	57	300	185	55	200	3						
43				4	56	410	300	56	200	28						
44	400			4	36	240	125	36	30	20						
45		30	30													
Total.....	18124	1653	8956	122	1784	11263	7011	237	1645	3329	655	3037	43	2252	24	916

STATISTICAL Easton District, No. 1.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Church Membership.				Baptisms.		Sunday Schools.		Church Property.				
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. Children Baptized.	No. 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.....	90		4		1	2	23	110	2	2700			
2 Betterton.....	27				1	1	10	70	1	1500			
3 Cecilton.....	145		3		16	2	29	208	2	10500		2000	
4 Centerville.....	258		8		18	1	26	272	1	8000		3800	
5 Chestertown.....	260		2		12	1	38	260	1	16000		4000	
6 Cheswold.....	187		1		12	1	43	200	2	7500			
7 Church Hill.....	120		3		21	3	39	226	3	4000		800	
8 Clayton.....	159		2		16	1	22	175	1	3000		1500	
9 Cordova.....	100		1			3	35	200	3	3300		1200	
10 Crumpton.....	180		3		20	2	30	200	3	6000		1000	
11 Easton.....	315		2		6	1	36	252	1	14000		4000	
12 Fairlee.....	165		1			2	22	170	2	6000		1200	
13 Galena.....	169				26	1	25	135	3	10000		2000	
14 Goats.....	48		1		12	1	17	105	2	1500			
15 Greensboro.....	220		2		11	1	23	205	1	1000		2000	
16 Henderson.....	84		6			3	32	180	3	2500			
17 Hillsboro.....	196		2			3	39	200	4	7500		1500	
18 Kent Island.....	227		5		23	5	43	485	3	5500		2000	
19 Kenton.....	188		2		9	2	22	140	3	4500		1800	
20 Maryland.....	229		6		18	1	38	200	4	4500		1000	
21 Middletown.....	800		5		19	2	29	200	1	10000		3000	
22 Millington.....	167				4	1	19	142	1	8000		1800	
23 Neavitt.....	34				2	1	9	64	1	800			
24 Odessa.....	134		10		1	1	16	120	1	7000		2000	
25 Oxford.....	144		3		12	1	23	150	1	3000			
26 Piney Neck.....	45		1		2	1	16	110	1	1200		400	
27 Pomona.....	122				12	2	25	140	2	3500		1500	
28 Queenstown.....	185		1		6	3	35	225	3	6000			
29 Ridgely.....	144				1	1	18	151	1	6000		1500	
30 Rock Hall.....	117		1		2	2	46	316	1	9000		1500	
31 Royal Oak.....	73					3	20	140	3	4000		1500	
32 St. Michaels.....	300		10		8	1	40	400	1	15000		4000	
33 Smyrna.....	502		3		8	2	59	491	3	21000		2000	
34 Smyrna Circ.....	201		2		16	3	42	290	2	7900		1500	
35 Still Pond.....	115		1		1	1	20	200	1	7000		2500	
36 Sudlersville.....	215		2		12	3	35	195	3	10300		2500	
37 Talbot.....	140		2		20	2	30	185	2	6500		1000	
38 Tilghman's Is.....	125		2		13	2	20	175	2	3500		1000	
39 Townsend.....	250		1		2	7	3	290	3	14000		2000	
40 Trappe.....	185		3		18	3	32	125	3	4000		1500	
41 Wye.....	110		1		5	2	25	100	2	2500		1100	
Total.....	9306	975	12	123	531	23	84	1183	8092	83	289700	34	61600

TABLES. Easton District, No. 2.

	Church Property.			Sunday Schools.												
	Paid for Building and Parsonages Improving Churches	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.	No. of Members of Sunday School Converted During the Year.	Current Expenses—Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	No. -ppworth Leagues.	No. Ep. L. Members.	Junior Leagues.	Junior League Members.
1	175			2	23	110	75	23	75		50					
2	140			1	10	70	45	10	10		15			45	1	20
3	270			2	29	208	105	27	44	2	37			27	1	48
4	200	13		1	26	272	150	26	130	25	56			56		45
5	1200			1	38	260	150	38	260		55			80	1	45
6	300			2	43	200	125	43	200		255			107	1	50
7	100			3	39	226	113	39	226		60			60	1	35
8				1	22	175	70	22	175		44			27		
9		1000	465	3	35	200	125	35	200		50			64	1	40
10				3	30	200	150	30	200		75					
11		500		1	36	252	135	36	252		50			75	1	40
12	550	1200		2	22	170	80	22	170		300			100	1	60
13	80	650		2	25	185	75	25	185		60			15		
14				2	17	105	75	17	105		37			45	1	34
15			125	1	32	205	85	32	205		8					
16	102		200	3	32	180	130	32	180		15			60	1	40
17	150		400	3	39	200	120	39	200		68			19		
18	250		200	5	43	485	332	43	485		38			29		
19	275		662	3	39	150	80	39	150		75			56	1	52
20	85			4	22	140	90	22	140	24	80			40		
21	950	550		4	38	200	95	38	200		85			69		
22	133			1	29	200	125	29	200		11			60		25
23				1	19	142	74	19	142		5			40		
24				1	9	64	45	9	64		18			50		
25	85	60	270	1	16	120	70	16	120		5			45		
26				1	23	150	92	23	150	25	2			45		50
27				1	16	110	50	16	110		24			42	1	92
28				2	25	140	80	25	140		101					
29				3	35	225	140	35	225		30					
30	70	1400		1	18	131	50	18	131		41			120		
31	160	865	1750	1	46	316	190	46	316		60			50	1	40
32	160	175		3	20	140	100	20	140		130			86	1	32
33	100	2200		1	40	400	275	40	400		30			40	1	15
34	528			2	59	401	219	59	401		100			190	1	90
35	400		600	3	42	290	215	42	290		224			112	1	46
36	800			1	20	200	125	20	200		12			90	1	25
37	85			3	35	195	110	35	195		76			105	1	36
38	850	2000	200	2	30	185	170	30	185	20	60			65	1	60
39	80		200	2	20	175	150	20	175		50			65	1	23
40	3575	46	6875	3	32	290	200	32	290	25	40			75		
41	100		15	3	32	125	60	32	125		100			105	1	50
	125		275	2	25	100	70	25	100		48			20		
Total.....	11403	8669	14987	84	1183	8092	4935	178	1180	3077	496	2995	46	2294	23	1013

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS FOR 1903.

	THIS YEAR.	INCREASE.	DECREASE.
1 Church Membership.			
Probationers	4,005		867
Full Members	38,069		499
Deaths.....	506	12	
2 Sunday Schools.			
Number of Schools.....	388		6
Number of Officers and Teachers.....	5,800		43
Number of Scholars.....	44,437	174	
3 Church Property.			
Number of Churches.....	383		
Probable Value.....	\$1,694,625	\$21,725	
Number of Parsonages.....	148	1	
Probable Value.....	\$278,000	\$2,350	
Paid for Building and Improving			
Churches and Parsonages.....	\$54,534	\$4,295	
Paid on Old Debts	\$29,630	\$11,735	
Present Indebtedness.....	\$86,545		\$457
4 Ministerial Support.			
Paid Pastors and House Rent.....	\$145,636	\$3,392	
Deficiency	\$941		\$545
Paid Presiding Elders.....	\$7,551	\$73	
Paid Episcopal Fund.....	\$1,496	\$22	
Paid Conf. Claimants (collections only).....	\$6,549	\$416	
5 Benevolent Collections.			
Missions	\$25,089	\$1,407	
Church Extension.....	\$1,631	\$111	
Sunday School Union.....	\$375	\$22	
Tract Society.....	\$382	\$39	
Freedman's Aid and So. Ed. Society.....	\$1,061	\$78	
Conference Academy.....	\$2,737		
Children's Fund.....	\$736	\$243	
American Bible Society.....	\$537	\$73	
Woman's Foreign Missionary Society....	\$2,418		\$37
Woman's Home Missionary Society.....	\$2,599	\$519	
Conference Education Society.....	\$211	\$57	
Domestic Missions.....	\$813	\$54	
Philadelphia Hospital.....	\$267	\$56	
6 Epworth League.			
Number of Leagues.....	163		11
Number of Members.....	8,861		259
Number of Junior Leagues.....	88	11	
Number of Junior League Members.....	4,069	160	

W. R. MOWBRAY, *Statistical Secretary.*

LOCAL PREACHER'S DIRECTORY.

Local Elders.

Donoho, S. M.....	Cambridge, Md.	Dize, J. T.....	Tangier, Va.
Fryer, J. W.....	Wilmington, Del.	Dougherty, G. M.....	Wilmington, Del.
Harris, J. W.....	Wilmington, Del.	Downey, J. M.....	Rock Hall, Md.
Hodson, Jabez.....	Wilmington, Del.	Dunbracco, James.....	Wilmington, Del.
Simms, J. H.....	Wilmington, Del.	Ellegood, J. A.....	Ellendale, Del.
Strickland, G. W.....	Klej Grange, Md.	Faries, William.....	Smyrna, Del.
		Ford, Walter.....	Smyrna, Del.
		Gill, R. H.....	Viola, Del.
		Gray, Henry.....	Wilmington, Del.
		Hackett, L. K.....	Finchville, Md.
		Handy, S. L.....	Carpenter, Del.
		Hancock, I. B.....	Franklin City, Va.
		Harper, J. W.....	Still Pond, Md.
		Harris, W. V.....	Port Penn, Del.
		Hill, M. M.....	Delmar, Del.
		Huffington, J. W.....	Salisbury, Md.
		Hudson, W. H.....	Bayville, Del.
		Janney, N. C.....	Wilmington, Del.
		Jones, G. W.....	Galestown, Md.
		Johnson, W. W.....	Dover, Del.
		Kane, J. F.....	Summit Bridge, Del.
		Kelso, J. M.....	Onancock, Va.
		Lewis, Edward.....	Dover, Del.
		McCabe, H. K.....	Townsend, Del.
		McDowell, E. W.....	Georgetown, Del.
		McLaughlin, J. F.....	Wilmington, Del.
		Milman, Jesse.....	Ellendale, Del.
		Morris, F. P.....	Snow Hill, Md.
		Morgan, L. B.....	Seaford, Del.
		Nicholson, W. G.....	Willards, Md.
		Paradee, Thomas.....	Lebanon, Del.
		Purnell, James.....	Millington, Md.
		Pusey, S. B.....	Seaford, Del.
		Scholl, Charles.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
		Simonson, J. N.....	Crisfield, Md.
		Spaid, A. R.....	Wilmington, Del.
		Stedman, Wm.....	E. New Market, Md.
		Stephens, R. S.....	Dover, Del.
		Stimmel, W. E.....	Wilmington, Del.
		Terry, G. R.....	Hallwood, Va.
		Thornton, J. H.....	Wilmington, Del.
		Todd, N. S.....	Toddville, Md.
		Toner, Hugh.....	Wilmington, Del.
		White, John.....	Wilmington, Del.
		Wilkinson, J. W.....	Kimbleville, Pa.
		Wilmot, A. A.....	Wilmington, Del.
		Wilson, G. W.....	Georgetown, Del.
		Wilson, W. D.....	Lewes, Del.
		Winder, E. J.....	Seaford, Del.
		Wingate, W. H.....	Marshallton, Del.
		Wise, J. M.....	New Castle, Del.
		Wolfe, E. T.....	Wilmington, Del.

Local Deacons.

Brooks, A. G.....	Christiana, Del.
Cole, H. M.....	Boothwyn, Pa.
Cassaboon, S. P.....	Wilmington, Del.
Galloway, W. K.....	Wilmington, Del.
Green, Daniel.....	Newport, Del.
Hamilton, William.....	Wilmington, Del.
Kenney, J. L.....	Hynson, Md.
Northrup, C. L.....	Hurlock, Md.
Rodgers, R. L.....	Wilmington, Del.
Simmons, C. E.....	Wilmington, Del.
Stimmel, W. E.....	Wilmington, Del.
Talley, N. L.....	Wilmington, Del.
Tindal, W. J.....	Sycamore, Del.
Weldin, G. W.....	Wilmington, Del.
Wiley, J. H.....	Harrington, Del.

Licentiates.

Ake, F. J.....	Gumboro, Del.
Atwell, Alexander.....	Talleyville, Del.
Banks, W. W.....	Dover, Del.
Beauchamp, J. H.....	Upper Fairmount, Md.
Beets, W. H.....	Millsboro, Del.
Biddle, Isaiah.....	North East, Md.
Brown, A. R.....	Sylmar, Md.
Burdette, J. P.....	Smyrna, Del.
Clark, J. F.....	Delmar, Del.
Chapham, C. W.....	Laurel, Del.
Clark, D. S.....	Kenton, Del.
Cathers, A. W.....	Blake, Md.
Conaway, J. P.....	Bethel, Del.
Cooper, L. T.....	Sharptown, Md.
Davis, A. W.....	Wilmington, Del.
Dawson, Dr. E.....	Sharptown, Md.
Deakayne, E. T.....	New Castle, Del.
Dickey, T. M.....	Savage, Md.

35th Annual Report

OF THE
MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church, Within the Bounds of the Wilmington Conference, for the Promotion of Foreign and Domestic Missions.

IN ACCOUNT WITH ALFRED G. COX, TREASURER.
EASTON, MD., March 18th, 1903.

Dover District.

Beckwith.....	J. H. Wilson.....	\$ 75
Bridgeville.....	W. R. Mowbray.....	110
Burrsville.....	Harry Taylor.....	65
Cambridge.....	E. C. Macnichol.....	240
Camden.....	L. W. Layfield.....	100
Canterbury.....	H. K. Gill.....	70
Church Creek.....	J. H. Gardner.....	60
Crapo.....	W. P. Taylor.....	130
Denton.....	J. T. Richardson.....	115
Dover, Armory.....	B. F. Campbell.....	45
" Wesley.....	L. E. Barrett.....	500
East New Market.....	G. E. Wood.....	80
Ellendale.....	J. A. Buckson.....	75
Elliott's Island.....	J. W. Briscoe.....	65
Farmington.....	D. J. Givan.....	90
Federalsburg.....	T. S. Holt.....	100
Felton.....	E. H. Nelson.....	125
Felton Circuit.....	W. H. Hudson.....	5
Frederica.....	R. N. Joscelyn.....	167
Galestown.....	A. W. Goodhand.....	100
Georgetown.....	Adam Stengle.....	250
Georgetown Circuit.....	W. S. H. Williams.....	60
Greenwood.....	J. L. Johnson.....	204
Harrington.....	E. C. Atkins.....	150
Hooper's Island.....	20
Houston.....	J. D. Reese.....	100
Hurlock.....	G. P. Jones.....	110
Lakesville.....	T. S. Barrett.....	61
Leipsic.....	H. E. Truitt.....	27
Lewes.....	G. T. Alderson.....	290
Lincoln.....	V. E. Hills.....	70
Little Creek.....	R. H. Lewis.....	36
Magnolia.....	W. B. Guthrie.....	75

Milford.....	S. M. Morgan.....	475
Milton.....	L. P. Corkran.....	150
Nassau.....	C. W. Strickland.....	100
Preston.....	G. C. Williams.....	65
Salem.....	Howard Davis.....	50
Seaford.....	W. L. White.....	243
Seaford Circuit.....	J. M. Mitchell.....	155
Vienna.....	W. H. Kenney.....	55
Williamsburg.....	W. R. MacFarlane.....	35
Williston.....	J. W. Fogle.....	135
Wyoming.....	G. P. Smith.....	80
Zoar.....	W. N. Conway.....	50

Total..... \$5363

Easton District.

Bayside.....	F. I. Mumford.....	45
Betterton.....	Howard Jones.....	30
Cecilton.....	G. W. Townsend.....	200
Centreville.....	E. K. Creed.....	175
Chestertown.....	E. P. Roberts.....	250
Cheswold.....	Robert Roe.....	135
Church Hill.....	J. M. Lindale.....	90
Clayton.....	J. A. Arters.....	58
Cordova.....	A. W. Lightbourn.....	75
Crumpton.....	J. W. Prettyman.....	80
Easton.....	C. A. Grise.....	250
Fairlee.....	W. C. Poole.....	85
Galena.....	S. P. Shipman.....	150
Golts.....	A. C. Jones.....	32
Greensboro.....	E. L. Hoffecker.....	140
Henderson.....	O. T. Baynard.....	43
Hillsboro.....	C. W. Smith.....	125
Kent Island.....	Albert Chandler.....	100
Kenton.....	G. R. Ellis.....	85
Marydel.....	T. C. Smoot.....	150
Middletown.....	C. T. Wyatt.....	450
Millington.....	E. R. Sidell.....	100
Neavitt.....	W. E. Hubbard.....	30
Odessa.....	J. M. Arters.....	130
Oxford.....	L. I. McDougle.....	45
Piney Neck.....	C. K. Morris.....	25
Pomona.....	A. H. Covey.....	75
Queenstown.....	J. C. McCoy.....	80
Ridgely.....	W. O. Bennett.....	90
Rock Hall.....	J. W. Talley.....	95
Royal Oak.....	W. W. White.....	40

St. Michaels.....	G. W. Bounds.....	300
Smyrna.....	V. S. Collins.....	570
Smyrna Circuit.....	G. L. Hardesty.....	130
Still Pond.....	T. F. Beauchamp.....	125
Sudlersville.....	E. C. Wright.....	120
Talbot.....	B. F. Jester.....	80
Tilghman's Island.....	J. R. Cannon.....	80
Towansend.....	J. H. Beauchamp.....	130
Trappe.....	F. E. Bloxton.....	70
Wye.....	Daniel Wilson.....	50

Total..... \$5113

Salisbury District.

Annessex.....	J. W. Colona.....	60
Asbury.....	T. E. Terry.....	330
Berlin.....	H. G. Budd.....	100
Bethel.....	D. H. Willis.....	85
Bishopville.....	Milton McCann.....	60
Cape Charles.....	Edwin Gardner.....	85
Chincoteague.....	G. G. Senser.....	77
Crisfield.....	S. N. Pilchard.....	300
Crowsentown.....	J. F. Ayres.....	30
Deal's Island.....	F. F. Carpenter.....	260
Delmar.....	Z. H. Webster.....	200
Fairmount.....	R. T. Coursey.....	230
Frankford.....	Asbury Burke.....	151
Fruitland.....	C. H. Williams.....	60
Girdle Tree.....	J. A. Brewington.....	190
Gumboro.....	G. W. Hastings.....	100
Holland's Island.....	E. N. Cantwell.....	60
Laurel.....	H. C. Turner.....	230
Mardella Springs.....	W. F. Atkinson.....	20
Marion.....	W. E. Matthews.....	70
Mil'sboro.....	J. E. Gallagher.....	80
Mt. Pleasant.....	F. J. Cochran.....	100
Mt. Vernon.....	J. W. Gray.....	60
Nanticoke.....	E. H. Derrickson.....	210
Newark.....	W. R. Hirons.....	70
Onancock.....	J. P. Outten.....	165
Parsonsborg.....	D. F. McFaul.....	75
Pocomoke City.....	F. C. McSorley.....	118
Pocomoke Circuit.....	J. M. Collins.....	35
Powellville.....	H. B. Kelso.....	70
Princess Anne.....	I. G. Fosnocht.....	100
Quantico.....	O. L. Martin.....	100
Riverside.....	J. S. Bozman.....	7

Roxana.....	J. E. Graham.....	175
St. Peters.....	M. D. Nutter.....	260
Salisbury.....	C. A. Hill.....	500
Selbyville.....	F. N. Faulkner.....	90
Sharptown.....	E. H. Miller.....	75
Smith's Island.....	W. R. Gwinn.....	225
Snow Hill.....	Aloysius Green.....	200
Somerset.....	G. R. Neese.....	100
Stockton.....	J. F. Anderson.....	208
Tangier.....	W. W. Sharp.....	400
Westover.....	F. X. Moore.....	50
Whitesville.....	T. R. VanDyke.....	200

Total..... \$6371

Wilmington District.

Bethel.....	G. W. Dawson.....	80
Charlestown.....	J. T. Prouse.....	40
Cherry Hill.....	O. W. DeVenish.....	125
Chesapeake City.....	L. E. Poole.....	75
Chester.....	L. P. Karholson.....	110
Christiana.....	F. E. McKinsey.....	55
Claymont.....	G. R. Tomkins.....	25
Colora.....	J. H. Mitchell.....	45
Delaware City.....	V. P. Northrop.....	50
Ebenezer.....	T. B. Hunter.....	65
Elk Neck.....	G. S. Conaway.....	30
Elkton.....	R. K. Stephenson.....	400
Hockessin.....	J. D. Rigg.....	45
Hopewell.....	R. W. Todd.....	75
Kirkwood.....	S. O. Gibbons.....	8
Marshallton.....	G. W. Burke.....	75
Mt. Lebanon.....	E. H. Dashiell.....	70
Mt. Pleasant.....	W. T. Lewis.....	150
Newark.....	J. P. Otis.....	140
New Castle.....	W. G. Koons.....	145
Newport.....	W. O. Hurst.....	150
North East.....	W. A. Wise.....	65
Perryville.....	W. E. Greenfield.....	60
Port Deposit.....	A. S. Mowbray.....	250
Port Penn.....	W. V. Harris.....	15
Red Lion.....	T. N. Given.....	62
Rising Sun.....	H. A. G. Westerfield.....	150
St. Georges.....	J. H. Geoghegan.....	52
St. John's.....	E. H. Collins.....	80
Wilmington:		
Asbury.....	H. S. Dulaney.....	700
Brandywine.....	C. W. Prettyman.....	200

Cookman	J. W. Jones.....	45
East Lake.....	Presiding Elder.....	15
Edge Moor.....	J. S. Sharpless.....	10
Elsmere.....	Frank Gray.....	8
Epworth.....	Alfred Smith.....	75
Grace.....	W. W. King.....	1727
Harrison Street.....	J. W. Easley.....	355
Kingswood.....	W. T. Hammond.....	40
Madeley.....	E. E. White.....	80
Mt. Salem.....	T. A. H. O'Brien.....	520
St. Paul's.....	W. L. S. Murray.....	700
Scott.....	John France.....	250
Silverbrook.....	H. S. Thompson.....	65
Union.....	R. H. Adams.....	500
Wesley.....	W. F. Dawson.....	70
Zion.....	W. P. Compton.....	190
Total.....		\$8242

Recapitulation.**Dover District.**

Raised last year.....	\$5,159
Raised this year.....	5,363

Increase.....\$ 204

Easton District.

Raised last year.....	\$4,886
Raised this year.....	5,113

Increase.....\$ 227

Salisbury District.

Raised last year.....	\$5,724
Raised this year.....	6,371

Increase.....\$ 647

Wilmington District.

Raised last year.....	\$7,913
Raised this year.....	8,242

Increase.....\$ 329

General Summary.

Raised last year by all the Districts.....	\$23,682
Raised this year by all the Districts.....	25,089

General Increase.....\$1,407

MISSIONARY STATISTICS.**Dover District.****Beckwith.—J. H. Wilson, Pastor.**

Churches.....	\$ 65
Sunday Schools.....	10

Total..... 75

Bridgeville.—W. R. Mowbray, Pastor.

Church.....	70
Sunday School.....	40

Total..... 110

Burrsville.—Harry Taylor, Pastor.

Wesley Church.....	30
Wesley Sunday School.....	5
Central Church.....	10
Central Sunday School.....	10
Thawley Church.....	8
Thawley Sunday School.....	2

Total..... 65

Cambridge.—E. C. Macnichol, Pastor.

Church.....	40
Sunday School.....	200

Total..... 240

Camden.—L. W. Layfield, Pastor.

Camden Sunday School.....	60
Lebanon Church.....	20
St. Jones Church.....	20

Total..... 100

Canterbury.—Richard H. K. Gill, Pastor.

Canterbury Church.....	16
Canterbury Sunday School.....	9
Viola Church.....	13
Viola Sunday School.....	10
Woodside Church.....	9
Woodside Sunday School.....	3
Bro. Ridgeway.....	10

Total..... 70

Church Creek.—James H. Gardner, Pastor.

Churches	55
Sunday Schools.....	5
Total.....	60

Crapo.—William P. Taylor, Pastor.

Bethany Church.....	30
Bethany Sunday School.....	2
Ebenezer Church.....	36
Ebenezer Sunday School.....	10
St. Thomas Church.....	20
St. Thomas Sunday School.....	10
Wesley Church.....	6
Zion Church.....	12
Zion Sunday School.....	4
Total.....	130

Denton.—J. T. Richardson, Pastor.

Church	78
Sunday School.....	37
Total.....	115

Dover, (Armory), B. F. Campbell, Pastor.

Church	15
Sunday School.....	30
Total.....	45

Dover, (Wesley), L. E. Barrett, Pastor.

Church	120
Sunday School.....	380
Total.....	500

East New Market.—G. E. Wood, Pastor.

Trinity Church.....	50
Trinity Sunday School.....	5
Trinity Chapter Epworth League.....	5
Cabin Creek Church and Sunday School.....	6
Secretary Church.....	8
Secretary Sunday School.....	6
Total.....	80

Ellendale.—Jos. A. Buckson, Pastor.

Churches	75
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Elliott's Island.—J. W. Briscoe, Pastor.

Church	40
Sunday School.....	10
Epworth League.....	15
Total.....	65

Federalburg.—Thomas S. Holt, Pastor.

Churches.....	40
Schools.....	60
Total.....	100

Felton.—Edwin H. Nelson, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools.....	125
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Felton Circuit.—W. H. Hudson, Pastor.

Churches	5
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Frederica.—R. N. Joscelyn, Pastor.

Frederica Church	52
Frederica Sunday School.....	98
Epworth League.....	5
Junior League.....	5
Milford Neck Church.....	6
Milford Neck Sunday School.....	1
Total.....	167

Galestown.—A. W. Goodhand, Pastor.

Galestown Church.....	15
Galestown Sunday School.....	10
Wesley Church.....	25
Wesley Sunday School.....	5
Cokesbury Church.....	13
Cokesbury Sunday School.....	12
Woodland Church.....	15
Woodland Sunday School.....	5
Total.....	100

Georgetown.—Adam Stengle, Pastor.

Church	35
Sunday School.....	215
Total.....	250

Georgetown Circuit.—W. S. H. Williams, Pastor.

St. John's Church.....	10
St. John's Sunday School.....	5
Cokesbury Church.....	10
Cokesbury Sunday School.....	8
Sand Hill Church.....	10
Sand Hill Sunday School.....	4
Bethesda Church.....	10
Bethesda Sunday School.....	3
Total.....	60

Greenwood, John L. Johnson, Pastor.

Trinity Church.....	62
Trinity Sunday School.....	18
Chaplain's Church.....	22
Chaplain's Sunday School.....	5
St. Johnstown Church.....	13
St. Johnstown Sunday School.....	5
Greenwood Church.....	12
Greenwood Sunday School.....	65
Junior League.....	2
Total.....	204

Harrington.—E. C. Atkins, Pastor.

Church.....	62
Sunday School.....	88
Total.....	150

Hooper's Island.—M. B. Bullock, Pastor.

Church.....	20
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Houston.—J. D. Reese.

Churches.....	70
Sunday Schools.....	20
J. C. Wharton.....	10
Total.....	100

Hurlock.—G. P. Jones, Pastor.

Churches.....	35
Sunday Schools.....	75
Total.....	110

Lakesville.—T. S. Barrett, Pastor.

Bounds Church.....	16
Bounds Sunday School.....	6
Streets Church.....	15

Streets Sunday School.....	6
St. John's Church.....	10
St. John's Sunday School.....	4
Hargis Church.....	4
Total.....	61

Leipsic.—H. E. Truitt, Pastor.

Churches.....	21
Leipsic Sunday School.....	4
Raymond's Sunday School.....	2
Total.....	27

Lewes.—G. T. Alderson, Pastor.

Church.....	100
Sunday School.....	190
Total.....	290

Little Creek.—R. H. Lewis, Pastor.

Church.....	17
Sunday School.....	19
Total.....	36

Magnolia.—W. B. Guthrie, Pastor.

Barratt's Chapel Sunday School.....	7
Magnolia Church.....	18
Magnolia Sunday School.....	50
Total.....	75

Milford.—S. M. Morgan, Pastor.

Church.....	133
Sunday School.....	300
Chapel.....	42
Total.....	475

Milton.—L. P. Corkran, Pastor.

Church.....	9
Sunday School.....	131
Epworth League.....	10
Total.....	150

Nassau.—C. W. Strickland, Pastor.

Churches.....	75
Sunday Schools.....	25
Total.....	100

Preston.—G. C. Williams, Pastor.

Preston Church.....	30
Preston Sunday School.....	10
Choptank Church.....	15
Bethlehem Church.....	10

Total..... 65

Salem.—Howard Davis, Pastor.

Church.....	10
Sunday School.....	40

Total..... 50

Seaford and Blades.—W. L. White, Pastor.

Church.....	94
Sunday School.....	149

Total..... 243

Seaford Circuit.—J. M. Mitchell, Pastor.

Bethel.....	75
Wesley.....	55
Concord.....	18
Browns.....	7

Total..... 155

Vienna.—W. H. Kenney, Pastor.

Church.....	40
Sunday Schools.....	15

Total..... 55

Williamsburg.—Wm. R. McFarlane, Pastor.

Williamsburg Church.....	4
Williamsburg Sunday School.....	15
Hynson Church.....	6
Hynson Sunday School.....	5
St. Paul's Church.....	2
St. Paul's Sunday School.....	2
Friendship Church.....	1

Total..... 35

Williston.—J. W. Fogle, Pastor.

Concord Church and Sunday School.....	68
Harmony Church and Sunday School.....	24
Williston Church and Sunday School.....	22
Bloomery Church and Sunday School.....	21

Total..... 135

Wyoming.—G. P. Smith, Pastor.

Wyoming Church.....	30
Wyoming Sunday School.....	10
Union Church.....	20
Union Sunday School.....	5
Willow Grove Church.....	8
Asbury Church.....	7

Total..... 80

Zoar Circuit.—W. N. Conaway, Pastor.

Churches.....	50
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Easton District.**Bayside.—F. I. Mumford, Pastor.**

Wittman Church.....	15
Wittman Sunday School.....	10
Sherwood Church.....	10
Sherwood Sunday School.....	10

Total..... 45

Betterton.—T. H. Jones, Pastor.

Church.....	22
Sunday School.....	8

Total..... 30

Cecilton.—George W. Townsend, Pastor.

St. Paul's Church.....	27
St. Paul's Sunday School.....	48
Cecilton Sunday School.....	125

Total..... 200

Centreville.—E. K. Creed, Pastor.

Church.....	25
Sunday School.....	150

Total..... 175

Cheswold and Bethel.—Robert Roe, Pastor.

Churches.....	35
Cheswold Sunday School.....	60
Bethel Sunday School.....	40

Total..... 135

Church Hill.—J. M. Lindale, Pastor.

Churches	10
Sunday Schools.....	80
Total.....	90

Clayton.—J. A. Arters, Pastor.

Church	13
Sunday School.....	45
Total.....	58

Cordova.—A. W. Lightbourn, Pastor.

Church	50
Sunday School.....	25
Total.....	75

Crumpton.—J. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Crumpton Sunday School.....	32
Union Sunday School.....	32
Double Creek Sunday School.....	16
Total.....	80

Easton.—C. A. Grise, Pastor.

Church	50
Sunday School.....	200
Total.....	250

Fairlee.—W. C. Poole, Pastor.

Churches and Schools	85
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Galena.—S. P. Shipman, and A. P. Prettyman, Pastors.

Churches	121
Sunday Schools.....	29
Total.....	150

Greensboro.—E. L. Hoffecker, Pastor.

Church	5
Sunday School.....	135
Total.....	140

Hillsboro.—C. W. Smith, Pastor.

Church	62
Sunday School.....	63
Total.....	125

Henderson—O. P. Baynard, Pastor.

Churches	22
Henderson Sunday School.....	21
Total.....	43

Kent Island—Albert Chandler, Pastor.

Churches	67
Sunday Schools.....	33
Total.....	100

Kenton—G. R. Ellis, Pastor.

Kenton Church.....	15
Kenton Sunday School.....	30
Blackiston Church.....	17
Blackiston Sunday School.....	3
Central Church.....	19
Central Sunday School.....	1
Total.....	85

Marydel—T. C. Smoot, Pastor.

Churches and Sunday Schools.....	150
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Middletown—C. T. Wyatt, Pastor.

Church	100
Sunday School.....	350
Total.....	450

Millington—E. R. Sidell, Pastor.

Millington Church	16
Millington Sunday School.....	74
Millington Epworth League.....	5
Massey Sunday School.....	5
Total.....	100

Neavitt—W. E. Habbart, Pastor.

Church	20
Sunday School.....	10
Total.....	30

Odessa—John M. Arters, Pastor.

Church	35
Sunday School.....	95
Total.....	130

Oxford—L. I. McDougale, Pastor.

Church	20
Sunday School.....	25
Total.....	45

Piney Neck—C. K. Morris, Pastor.

Church	20
Sunday School.....	5
Total.....	25

Pomona—A. H. Covey, Pastor.

Mowbray School.....	9
Bond School.....	66
Total.....	75

Queenstown—J. C. McCoy, Pastor.

Church	50
Sunday School.....	30
Total.....	80

Ridgely—W. O. Bennett, Pastor.

Church	60
Sunday School.....	25
Junior League.....	5
Total.....	90

Rock Hall—James W. Talley, Pastor.

Church	33
Sunday School.....	62
Total.....	95

Royal Oak—W. W. White, Pastor.

Royal Oak Church.....	4
Royal Oak Sunday School.....	15
Ferry Neck Church.....	6
Ferry Neck Sunday School.....	10
Tunis Mills Church.....	2
Tunis Mills Sunday School	3
Total.....	40

St. Michaels—G. W. Bounds, Pastor.

St. Michaels Sunday School.....	300
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Smyrna—Vaughan S. Collins, Pastor.

Asbury Church.....	211
Asbury Sunday School.....	319
Asbury Epworth League.....	25
Smyrna Landing Sunday School.....	20
Total.....	575

Smyrna Circuit—G. L. Hardesty, Pastor.

Friendship Church.....	40
Friendship Sunday School.....	43
Severson's Church.....	22
Jerman's Sunday School.....	25
Total.....	130

Still Pond—T. F. Beauchamp, Pastor.

Church	7
Sunday School.....	118
Total.....	125

Sudlersville—E. C. Wright, Pastor.

Sudlersville Church.....	80
Dudley's Church.....	25
Barclay Church	15
Total.....	120

Talbot—B. F. Jester, Pastor.

Broad Creek Church.....	35
Broad Creek Sunday School.....	45
Total.....	80

Tilghman's Island—J. R. Cannon, Pastor.

Church.....	50
Sunday School.....	30
Total.....	80

Trappe—F. E. Bloxton, Pastor.

Churches	60
Sunday Schools.....	10
Total.....	70

Townsend—J. H. Beauchamp, Pastor.

Townsend Church.....	37
Townsend Sunday School.....	74

Blackbird Sunday School.....	16
Union Sunday School.....	13

Total..... 180

Wye—Daniel Wilson, Pastor.

Church	50
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Salisbury District.

Annamessex—J. W. Colona, Pastor.

Church	30
Sunday School.....	30

Total..... 60

Berlin—H. G. Budd, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School.....	100
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Bethel—D. H. Willis, Pastor.

Bethel Church.....	55
Sunday School.....	10
Mt. Zion Church.....	10
Sunday School.....	5
Epworth Church.....	5

Total..... 85

Bishopville—Milton McCann, Pastor.

Churches.....	20
Schools.....	40

Total..... 60

Cape Charles—Edwin Gardner, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	85
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Chincoteague—G. G. Senser, Pastor.

Church	25
Sunday School.....	52

Total..... 77

Crisfield—S. N. Pilchard, Pastor.

Church	10
Sunday School.....	290

Total..... 300

Crowsentown—J. T. Ayres, Pastor.

Church.....	35
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Delmar—Z. H. Webster, Pastor.

Church.....	93
Sunday School.....	93
Junior League.....	14

Total..... 200

Deal's Island—F. F. Carpenter, Pastor.

Church	223
Sunday School.....	27
J. W. Wilson Estate.....	10

Total..... 260

Fairmount—R. T. Coursey, Pastor.

Fairmount Church.....	19
Fairmount Sunday School.....	155
Union Church.....	7
Union Sunday School.....	49

Total..... 230

Frankford—Asbury Burke, Pastor.

St. George's.....	75
Other Churches.....	76

Total..... 151

Fruitland—C. H. Williams, Pastor.

Fruitland Church.....	30
Fruitland Sunday School.....	5
Siloam Church.....	16
Siloam Sunday School.....	4
St. Luke's Church.....	5

Total..... 60

Girdletree—J. A. Brewington, Pastor.

Girdletree Church.....	38
Girdletree Sunday School.....	45
Girdletree Epworth League.....	10
Girdletree Junior League.....	12
Connor's Church.....	8
Connor's Sunday School	40
Klej Grange Church.....	18

Klej Grange Sunday School.....	2
Goodwill Church.....	8
Goodwill Sunday School.....	9

Total..... 190

Gumboro—G. W. Hastings, Pastor.

Churches.....	80
Sunday Schools.....	20

Total..... 100

Holland's Island—E. N. Cantwell, Pastor.

Church.....	15
Sunday School.....	45

Total..... 60

Laurel—H. C. Turner, Pastor.

Church and School.....	230
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Mardela Springs—W. T. Atkinson, Pastor.

Churches.....	12
Sunday Schools.....	8

Total..... 20

Marion—W. E. Matthews, Pastor.

Quindocqua Church.....	23
Quindocqua Sunday School.....	37
Grace Church.....	10

Total..... 70

Millsboro—J. E. Gallagher, Pastor.

Churches.....	42
Sunday Schools.....	38

Total..... 80

Mt. Pleasant—F. J. Cochran, Pastor.

Churches.....	50
Sunday Schools.....	50

Total..... 100

Nanticoke—E. H. Derrickson, Pastor.

Churches.....	170
Sunday Schools.....	40

Total..... 210

Newark—Wm. R. Hiron, Pastor.

Church.....	10
Sunday School.....	60

Total..... 70

Onancock—J. P. Outten, Pastor.

Onancock Charge.....	165
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Parsonsborg—D. F. McFaul, Pastor.

Churches.....	49
Sunday Schools.....	26

Total..... 75

Pocomoke Circuit—J. W. Collins, Pastor.

Churches and Schools.....	35
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Pocomoke City—F. C. McSorley, Pastor.

Church.....	18
Sunday School.....	100

Total..... 118

Powellville—H. B. Kelso, Pastor.

Wango Church.....	8
Wango Sunday School.....	5
St. John's Church.....	11
St. John's Sunday School.....	6
Mt. Pleasant Church.....	13
Mt. Pleasant Sunday School.....	5
Friendship Church.....	10
Friendship Sunday School.....	2
Willard's Church.....	10

Total..... 70

Princess Anne—I. G. Fosnocht, Pastor.

Church.....	48
Sunday School.....	52

Total..... 100

Quantico—O. L. Martin, Pastor.

Church.....	70
Sunday Schools.....	30

Total..... 100

Riverside—J. S. Bosman, Pastor.

Church.....	7
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Roxana—J. E. Graham, Pastor.

Roxana Church.....	40
Roxana Sunday School.....	25
Bethel Church.....	60
Bethel Sunday School.....	28
Sound Church.....	14
Sound Sunday School.....	10

Total..... 175

St. Peter's—M. D. Nutter, Pastor.

St. Peter's Church.....	171
St. Stephen's Church.....	55
Bethel Church.....	34

Total..... 260

Salisbury—C. A. Hill, Pastor.

Church.....	145
Sunday School.....	355

Total..... 500

Sharptown—E. H. Miller, Pastor.

Church.....	20
Sunday School.....	50
Junior League.....	5

Total..... 75

Smith's Island—W. R. Gwinn, Pastor.

Church.....	100
Sunday School.....	125

Total..... 225

Snow Hill—Aloysius Green, Pastor.

Church.....	10
Sunday School.....	190

Total..... 200

Somerset—G. R. Neese, Pastor.

Churches.....	64
Sunday Schools.....	36

Total..... 100

Stockton—J. F. Anderson, Pastor.

Stockton Sunday School.....	15
Stockton Sunday School Anniversary.....	14
Remson's Sunday School.....	9
Young People's Society.....	10
Grace Sunday School (Franklin City).....	160

Total..... 208

Tangier—W. W. Sharp, Pastor.

Sunday School.....	400
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Westover—F. X. Moore, Pastor.

Westover Sunday School.....	30
Mt. Olive Sunday School.....	20

Total..... 50

Whitesville—T. R. VanDyke, Pastor.

Line Sunday School.....	85
Jones Sunday School.....	45
Melson's Sunday School.....	40
Bethesda Sunday School.....	30

Total..... 200

Wilmington District.**Bethel and Summit—G. W. Dawson, Pastor.**

Bethel Church.....	36
Bethel Sunday School.....	10
Summit Church.....	24
Summit Sunday School.....	10

Total..... 80

Charlestown—James T. Prouse, Pastor.

Church.....	28
Sunday School.....	12

Total..... 40

Cherry Hill—O. W. DeVenish, Pastor.

Church.....	50
Cherry Hill Sunday School.....	50
Epworth League.....	15
Big Elk Sunday School.....	10

Total..... 125

Chesapeake City—L. E. Poole, Pastor.

Church	50
Sunday School.....	25
Total.....	75

Chester-Bethel—L. P. Karholsen, Pastor.

Church	71
Sunday School.....	39
Total.....	110

Christiana—F. E. McKinsey, Pastor.

Christiana Church.....	24
Christiana Sunday School.....	13
Salem Church.....	11
Salem Sunday School.....	7
Total.....	55

Claymont—G. R. Tompkins, Pastor.

Church	5
Sunday School.....	20
Total.....	25

Delaware City—V. P. Northrup, Pastor.

Church	30
Sunday School.....	20
Total.....	50

Ebenezer and Wesley—T. B. Hunter, Pastor.

Ebenezer Church.....	12
Ebenezer Sunday School.....	37
Wesley Church.....	5
Wesley Sunday School.....	5
Milford X Roads Sunday School.....	6
Total.....	65

Elk Neck—G. S. Conaway, Pastor.

Churches	27
Sunday School	3
Total	30

Elkton—R. K. Stephenson, Pastor.

Elkton Church.....	30
Elkton Sunday School.....	330

Child's Sunday School.....	35
West Arnwell Sunday School.....	5
Total.....	400

Hockessin—J. D. Rigg, Pastor.

Church	10
Sunday School.....	35
Total.....	45

Hopewell—R. W. Todd, Pastor.

Church	20
Sunday School.....	55
Total.....	75

Marshallton and Stanton—G. W. Burke, Pastor.

Sunday Schools.....	75
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Mt. Lebanon—E. H. Dashiell, Pastor.

Church	19
Sunday School	51
Total.....	70

Mt. Pleasant—W. T. Lewis, Pastor.

Mt. Pleasant.....	100
Newark Union.....	50
Total.....	150

Newark—J. P. Otis, Pastor.

Church	17
Sunday School.....	101
Christian Endeavor.....	22
Total.....	140

New Castle—W. G. Koons, Pastor.

Open Door Emergency Fund by Congregation.....	15
Sunday School.....	130
Total.....	145

Newport—W. O. Hurst, Pastor.

Church	30
Sunday School.....	120
Total.....	150

North East—W. A. Wise, Pastor.

Sunday School..... 65

Perryville—W. E. Greenfield, Pastor.

Church..... 21

Sunday School..... 39

Total..... 60

Port Deposit—A. S. Mowbray, Pastor.

Church..... 90

Sunday School..... 160

Total..... 250

Port Penn—W. V. Harris, Pastor.

Church and School..... 15

Red Lion and Glasgow.—T. N. Given, Pastor.

Churches..... 21

Red Lion Sunday School..... 25

Bear Sunday School..... 12

Glasgow Sunday School..... 4

Total..... 62

Rising Sun and Sylmar—H. A. G. Westerfield, Pastor.

Rising Sun Church..... 70

Rising Sun Sunday School..... 60

Sylmar Church..... 16

Sylmar Sunday School..... 4

Total..... 150

St. George's—J. H. Geoghegan, Pastor.

Church..... 32

Sunday School..... 20

Total..... 52

St. John's—E. H. Collins, Pastor.

Sunday School..... 55

Epworth League..... 5

Junior League..... 5

For Native Teacher in India..... 15

Total..... 80

Zion Circuit—W. V. Compton, Pastor.

Churches..... 113

Sunday Schools..... 77

Total..... 190

Wilmington-Asbury—H. S. Dulany, Pastor.

Church..... 400

Sunday School..... 300

Total..... 700

Wilmington-Brandywine—C. W. Prettyman, Pastor.

Church..... 53

Morning Sunday School..... 129

Afternoon Sunday School..... 13

Junior Epworth League..... 5

Total..... 200

Wilmington-Cookman—J. W. Jones, Pastor.

Church..... 45

Wilmington-East Lake—F. B. Short, Pastor.

Sunday School..... 15

Wilmington-Epworth—Alfred Smith, Pastor.

Church and Sunday School..... 75

Wilmington-Grace—W. W. King, Pastor.

Church..... 661

Sunday School..... 1066

Total..... 1727

Wilmington-Harrison Street—J. W. Easley, Pastor.

Church..... 131

Sunday School..... 224

Total..... 355

Wilmington-Kingswood—W. T. Hammond, Pastor.

Sunday School..... 40

Wilmington-Madeley—E. E. White, Pastor.

Sunday School..... 80

Wilmington-Mt. Salem—T. A. H. O'Brien, Pastor.

Mt. Salem Church.....	57
Mt. Salem Sunday School.....	188
Riddle's Chapel School.....	155
"Holder Ups" in India.....	120
Total.....	520

Wilmington-St. Paul's—W. L. S. Murry, Pastor.

Church.....	254
C. E. Societies.....	96
Sunday School.....	350
Total.....	700

Wilmington-Scott—John France, Pastor.

Church.....	100
Sunday School.....	150
Total.....	250

Wilmington-Silverbrook—H. S. Thompson, Pastor.

Church.....	5
Sunday School.....	60
Total.....	65

Wilmington-Union—R. H. Adams, Pastor.

Church.....	100
Sunday School.....	400
Total.....	500

Wilmington-Wesley—W. F. Dawson, Pastor.

Church.....	10
Sunday School.....	60
Total.....	70